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- ⊗ Ingmar Posner, MA DPhil (MEng Aston) (elected 2011), Fellow by Special Election
- ⊗ Alfons Weber, MA (Dr rer nat Dipl Phys Aachen) (elected 2012) Tutor of Physics, Rokos-Clarendon Fellow in Physics
- ⊗ Peter Claus, MA (BA Durh, MPhil Lond, PhD Open, Dipl Ruskin) (elected 2013) Access Fellow, Fellow by Special Election
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- ⊗ Andrew Baldwin, MA (MSci, PhD Camb), (elected 2013) FBA, Tutor in Physical and Theoretical Chemistry, Frank Buckley Fellow in Chemistry
- ⊗ Andrew Orchard, MA (PhD Camb), FBA (elected 2013) Rawlinson and Bosworth Professor of Anglo-Saxon
- ⊗ Timothy Woollings, MA (PhD Reading) (elected 2013) Tutor in Physics
- ⊗ Justin Jones, MA (BA, MPhil, PhD Camb) (elected 2014) Tutor in the Study of Religion
- ⊗ Guy Kahane, MA BPhil DPhil (BA Tel Aviv) (elected 2014) Tutor in Philosophy
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- ⊗ Henrietta Harrison, MA DPhil (BA Camb, MA Harvard) (elected 2015) Professor of Modern Chinese Studies and Stanley Ho Fellow and Tutor in Chinese
- ⊗ Anandi Mani, MA (BComm Bombay, PhD Boston) (elected 2015), Professor of Behavioural Economics and Public Policy, Fellow by Special Election
- ⊗ Damian Rössler, MA (Msc Zurich, PhD habil Paris) (elected 2015) Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics
- ⊗ Pramila Krishnan, MA (BStat MStat Indian Statistical Institute, PhD Florida) (elected 2016), Professor of Development Economics, Rokos-Clarendon Fellow and Tutor in Economics
- ⊗ Nick Hawes, MA (BSc, PhD Birm) (elected 2017) Tutor in Engineering Science
- ⊗ Alice Gosling, MA (BSc Illinois) (elected 2018), Strategic Development Director
- ⊗ Vidit Nanda, MA (BS MS Georgia, PhD Rutgers) (elected 2018) Professor of Mathematics and Fellow by Special Election
- ⊗ James Read, MA (M.A.St Camb, M.Phys.Phil, DPhil Oxf) (elected 2018) Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy
- ⊗ Roberto Salguero-Gómez, MA (BSc Cadiz, MSc Kingston, PhD Penn) (elected 2018) EP Ebrahim Fellow and Tutor in Ecology
- ⊗ Ushashi Dasgupta, MA MSt DPhil (elected 2019) Jonathan and Julia Aisbitt Fellow and Tutor in English Language and Literature
- ⊗ Kevin Talbot, MA DPhil (MB London, FRCP Royal College of Physicians) (elected 2020) Head of Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
- ⊗ Julie Saunders, (MA Camb, MSc LSE MBA INSEAD) CIMA (elected 2020), Bursar
- ⊗ Ana Namburete, DPhil / BAsc Simon Fraser Rokos Fellow and Tutor in Computer Science

## Advisory Fellows

- Michael Wagstaff, MA (elected 2010)
- Stephen Gosztony, BA (elected 2017)
- John Church, MA (MA Camb), CDip AF, ACIB (elected 2018)

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# In This Issue



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*At the end of an academic year like no other, Pembroke academic life has been remarkably resilient, marked by innovation, imagination and a lot of hard work...*  
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# Master's Notes



## The Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder

My first full year as Master of Pembroke has been invigorating, challenging and inspiring. I have met an array of talented and motivated students, engaged with academics working at the cutting edge of their disciplines, interacted with our dedicated professional staff, and been offered support and advice from alumni around the world. I have witnessed the joy of students achieving beyond their own expectations and watched the College's support network nurturing those who needed help along the way. There is, it seems to me, nowhere quite like Pembroke.

In October 2020 we welcomed a group of freshers, many of whom had gone through a hugely disrupted last year of school. No sooner had they settled into College than national covid restrictions were to return, leading to a hasty exit at the end of term for many. For some, there was no exit and for the first time in history our catering team served lunch in Hall on Christmas Day – those who couldn't return to their homes because of restrictions or vulnerabilities found safety and support at Pembroke. Hilary Term teaching was conducted remotely; some students returned at Easter, but it was May before the slow easing of national restrictions eventually allowed the return of all students to Oxford, and the rest of Trinity Term was far from normal. Finals and prelims were taken from bedrooms instead of at Exam Schools and leavers' celebrations were socially distanced.

Through all the changes, we adopted the mantra *Be Pembroke*, reminding ourselves to be thoughtful in our actions, patient with one another (and with government announcements) and kind, to ourselves and to others, in the face of continued uncertainty and anxiety. It wasn't easy for everyone to feel part of College life, indeed we had some one-year students who never made it to Oxford at all, but we encouraged sharing of news and experiences - students dreamed up increasingly inventive activities (staircase decoration competitions, online writing sessions to substitute for being in the library in person, yoga sessions on Zoom...) and our welfare team pulled out all the stops, with Teams coffee mornings, one-to-one support and even a sunflower growing competition.

Our alumni rallied round to support the College, not only sending gifts but arranging events and

giving online talks to encourage and inspire our students, as well as volunteering as ambassadors in all corners of the globe – more than 60 local networks now exist worldwide. The first ever virtual Carol Service attracted a global audience and has, to date, had nearly 2,000 views online, we heard a panel of experts debriefing on the US Presidential election, and our first Pembroke Women's Careers Mentoring event took place online with special guest speakers. Many of our events are now recorded and available on our website and we are working to improve our livestreaming and hybrid capacity so that we can continue to invite international audiences to lectures and events in future.

Our Fellows and academics continued to publish and to teach. There are so many achievements, but I must mention our Senior Research Fellow, Dr Scott Waddell, who was elected to a Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Sciences to our great delight. Thanks to the munificent support of alumnus Chris Rokos, the Governing Body was able to elect Dr Ana Namburete as our first Rokos Fellow and Tutor in Computer Science and we look forward to the arrival of undergraduates on our newest courses from 2022.

At the end of the year, Governing Body said farewell to Professor Alfons Weber who, having rebuilt Physics at Pembroke since his appointment as Rokos-Clarendon Tutorial Fellow in 2012, has moved to an appointment at Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz. Professor Mark Fricker has become an Emeritus Fellow and Head of the Department of Plant Sciences at Oxford. Mark's long and loyal association with Pembroke will, we hope, continue in this new way for many years to come.

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of a number of iconic Pembroke figures during the year. Later pages in this Record pay tribute to former Master Professor Robert Stevens, and to former Fellows Dr Zbigniew Pelczynski, Dr Peter Cuff, Professor Alan Jones and the Revd Colin Morris. In October 2021, alumnus, Honorary Fellow and long term benefactor, Dr Damon Wells died and an obituary will be published in next year's Record. Our thoughts have been with the families of these and all alumni who have died this past year at a time when it has been difficult or impossible to mark that occasion or share memories in person.

We continued to make improvements to our facilities, with the redevelopment project at the Sir Geoffrey Arthur Building to add graduate accommodation continuing throughout the year. We hope to report next year on the successful opening in autumn 2022 of 80 additional rooms. Our finances took a hit with losses on events income and accommodation charges as rooms stood empty, but our staff team worked hard to control costs and successfully bid for a covid emergency grant from the university which, with the help of donors, meant the College came through in good shape and able to help more students who needed individual support than ever before.

So this year, as I write, the College is looking ahead. We can't yet claim normality – after two meetings of Governing Body in person we had to move back online again at the end of Michaelmas Term. We crave a full return to our in-person community, but we have adapted and are managing well. In two years' time we will be on the brink of Pembroke's 400th anniversary celebrations and planning by our Fellows is well underway. Others are reviewing our ten year strategy in detail, considering the future challenges and how we will push ahead to continue to attract, inspire and challenge the brightest minds and to make the excellence of our community sustainable.

Our commitment to developing as a diverse community is stronger than ever. Our strategy for outreach activities is in place and OxNet continues to attract hundreds of applicants from schools across London and the North of England for our academic seminar programmes which now run in humanities, languages and sciences. The BlackPembroke group is pressing ahead with vital changes to improve the experience of black students and staff and to attract the cohorts of the future. There is always much more to be done, but these pages will give you a flavour of how the past year has been for your College, and I hope that you will feel proud of what you see and read.

More than anything else, let us celebrate the way Pembroke has demonstrated its strength in community, and our achievements as we look forward to using the lessons we have learned in the plans we are making for the next 400 years.

# Fellows Welcomes



## Julie Saunders

Julie Saunders joined Pembroke College as Bursar in the summer of 2021 and is responsible for management of the College's financial affairs. Julie is an experienced Finance and Operations Director and a social entrepreneur. Before joining Pembroke, Julie founded and ran Pepal, an international charitable

group which develops leaders to drive social change, connecting businesses with NGOs in Uganda, Tanzania and India. Julie has also worked at the forefront of the global HIV/AIDS response as Director of Finance and Corporate Services at the International HIV/AIDS Alliance and she has lived and worked in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Bulgaria and France. An economist by training, Julie has degrees from the University of Cambridge and the London School of Economics. She also has an MBA from INSEAD and is a qualified accountant.

Having now completed her first full term at Pembroke, Julie is excited about the opportunities ahead; building on the work of her predecessors, she is working with the Fellowship to further strengthen the College's finances, oversee a major review of the estate and develop the College's approach to sustainability.



## Professor Ana Namburete

Ana Namburete is a Rokos Fellow and the Tutor in Computer Science at Pembroke. She is also a Research Lecturer at the Department of Computer Science. Born in Mozambique, she has studied in the USA, Switzerland, Swaziland, and Canada prior to coming to Oxford to read for a DPhil in Engineering Science.

Ana holds a prestigious Royal Academy of Engineering Science Research Fellowship, and is the founder and principal investigator of the Oxford Machine Learning in NeuroImaging (OMNI) Lab at the Department of Computer Science.

In her research, Ana develops computational algorithms to handle large medical datasets. Her research team seeks to understand the spatial and temporal changes in the human brain at two stages of the lifespan: during pregnancy, and in late adulthood. She is particularly interested in using artificial intelligence (AI) to establish ultrasound imaging as a cost-effective tool for early assessment of brain development. This has the potential to improve prenatal care in low-income settings. Her research also addresses general challenges in the application of AI in medicine by designing algorithms that improve clinical interpretability, and fairness, of complex "black box" models.

At Pembroke, Ana will be adding Computer Science to the undergraduate course offerings. It is an exciting time to introduce the subject, as the impact of digital technologies is increasingly felt in all aspects of our lives.

# Fellows Farewells



## Professor Alfons Weber

Alfons was appointed to the newly-created Rokos-Clarendon Tutorial Fellowship in Physics in 2012. This followed the decision to re-introduce Physics as a subject within the College after an absence of more than 10 years. Alfons has since played the pivotal role in building up a thriving community of

Physicists at Pembroke in the years since, with students and academics alike appreciating his efforts to encourage interactions and to inspire greater achievements.

While in Oxford, Alfons has worked on and led huge international projects to investigate the properties of neutrinos to help develop understanding of how the universe works. He has also taken time to try to explain these mysterious particles to alumni and the less-scientific amongst us, always finding ways to express complicated concepts and cheerfully engaging his audience!

Alfons has been a College contributor in so many ways. He has met with alumni abroad while travelling for research, attended events in College, served as Library Fellow, and contributed extensively to the Academic and Standing Committees. Alfons will be much missed in Pembroke and we all wish him the very best for his future.



## Professor Mark Fricker

Mark became a Fellow by Special Election in 2015. He first joined Pembroke as an undergraduate (1981, Botany), and after completing his PhD and a post-doc at Stirling and Edinburgh respectively, he returned to College as Fellow in Biology in 1989. During his tenure, he served as Vicegerent, Dean, and as Senior Tutor from 2000 to 2003. Mark became the College's second Academic Director in 2008, a post he held until 2015.

Mark's work as Academic Director has been celebrated as highly strategic as well as creative, as all those who remember his famous "blobs" will testify. His analytical approach combined with his inherent passion for the College's future success inspired students, colleagues and donors alike. Among many other great contributions, he established the Tutorials+ concept, put huge effort into accelerating the College's innovative access and outreach work, and provided a thorough and detailed plan for future progress. Mark has always been a champion for excellence in research in the College, emphasising the value of the interdisciplinary environment. His clear vision for the impact of the College's new facilities in The Rokos Quad on our academic life was a compelling part of securing the funding to bring it to fruition.

We wish Mark all the best as he takes up the role of Head of the Department of Plant Sciences, and we look forward to his continuing association as an Emeritus Fellow.

# Pembroke People



## Joiners

Caroline Barnes, Deputy Academic Registrar  
 Ian Brown, Facilities Maintenance Assistant  
 Jan Trinder, Events Manager and Administrator  
 Photis Loizou, Regular Giving Officer  
 Cristoforo Sotgiu, Lodge Receptionist  
 Kate Bickerton, Student Officer: Recruitment, Experience and Events  
 Paul Brennan, Lodge Receptionist  
 Jake Campbell-Beattie, IT Officer  
 Elizabeth Dale, Events Coordinator  
 Patrick Walsh, Computing Technician  
 Ben Elliott, Graduate Trainee Librarian  
 Lama Alhelou, Communications Officer, Graduate Intern  
 Sarah Wells, Weekend Lodge Receptionist  
 Eleanor Coomber, Executive Support Intern  
 Spencer Solomon, Catering Assistant  
 Tommy Li, IT Officer  
 Tara Rai, Scout  
 Martina Stankovianska, Catering Assistant  
 Morgan Lewis, OxNet Access Programme Administrator  
 Sabrina Martin, Fixed term Fellow, Politics  
 Xiaojing Miao, JRF Chinese/ Stanley, HO  
 Saite Lu, SL, Economics  
 Anthony Blakeborough, SL, Engineering  
 Owain Salter Fitz-Gibbon, SL CD, Maths  
 Thomas Zielinski SL CD Maths  
 Javier Perez Sandoval, SL Politics CG  
 Eloise Davies, SL CD, History  
 Emily Qureshi-Hurst, JRF  
 Chris Wadibia, JRF  
 Sina Menrad Lecktor, German  
 Cesar Palacios-Gonzalez, Associate Philosophy  
 Pascal Marty, Associate Languages  
 Yuan Yi Zhu, Associate Politics  
 Chantelle Lewis, JRF Black British (History)  
 Anirudh Belle, SL CD Law  
 Bettina Wittneben, SL Management  
 Max Marcus, SL Chemistry  
 Jan Eijking, SL CD Politics IR  
 Gehan Gunatilleke, JRF  
 Kirsty McHugh, FT Fellow Bio Chem  
 Jennifer Redmond, SL Chemistry  
 Tarek Yusari Khaliliyeh, SL Law  
 Chinami Oka, JRF Tanaka  
 Sruthi Krishna Moorthy, JRF Smithsonian  
 Jack Amiry, SL Medicine  
 Alex Cook, JRF BioChem  
 Allie Hexley, SL CD Psychology  
 Meghan Campbell, Associate Law  
 Muhammed Meki, Associate Economics  
 Marco Molteni, Associate Economics  
 Tomoko Kitagawa, Associate History  
 Rafael Pascual, DL English  
 Samuel Snowden, SL Medicine

## Leavers

Felix Slade, OxNet Administrator  
 Chris Campbell-Kelly, EA to the Master  
 Derek Simmonds, Weekend Porter  
 Lara Avincola, Conference and Events Manager  
 Ashfaq Aslam, Lodge Receptionist  
 Kirsty Simpson, Academic Administrator (Admissions and Access)  
 Eleanor Mottram, Annual Giving Manager  
 Victoria Mills, College Nurse  
 Dennis Long, Maintenance Assistant  
 Dennis Green, Plumber/Handyman  
 Toni Dutson, Scout  
 Alison Franklin, Deputy Academic Registrar  
 Laurence Mann, JRF Tanaka, Japanese  
 Aurelio Carlucci, SLCD, Maths  
 Omer Gunes, JRF (Quill) (salaried), Quill  
 Rory Gregson, SLCD, Law  
 Ebrahim Patel, Stipendiary Lecturer - Career Development, Maths  
 Nicolo Crisafi, SL/RL, Italian  
 Anna Duncan, JRF, BioChem  
 Jenny Lemke, Lectorin, German  
 Yuan Yi Zhu, SLCD, Politics  
 Méadhbh McIvor, JRF, Religion and Frontiers  
 Michael Gilder, Stipendiary Lecturer, Medicine  
 Amos Golan, Senior Associate Economics  
 Dmitrii Pasechnik, Stipendiary Lecturer - permanent SRF  
 Katherine Ballantyne, DL History

## Long Service Awards

This year, the Long Service Awards were able to take place with an in-person celebration. With the Master and Home Bursar granting the awardees with commemorative gifts. The importance of all colleagues across the College was emphasised in enhancing the student experience and making Pembroke feel like a home away from home.



## 15 years

Catherine Beckett, Comms  
 Gian Chand; Kitchen Porter  
 Charlie Harris; Deputy Home Bursar  
 Alba Casal; Café Supervisor

## 10 years

Malgorzata Plewa, Scout  
 Shila Gurung, Scout  
 Veranice Pernica, Scout  
 Chun Feng Xia, Kitchen Porter  
 Cristiane Zambianco, Scout  
 Roger Charles, Deputy Head Porter

Top (L-R): Joiners - Ben Elliott, Chris Wadibia, Kate Bickerton  
 Leavers - Chris Campbell-Kelly, Felix Slade, Alison Franklin

## The 2020-21 Hall Portraits installation featured a selection of our high-achieving alumni:



**Hope Oloye**

2015, *Biological Sciences*

Hope is a DPhil student at UCL, and is enrolled on the Leverhulme Doctoral Training Programme for the Ecological Study of the Brain. She was recently awarded second place in Powerful Media's Future Leaders Award, an annual publication profiling the top 100 outstanding students and new graduates of African and African Caribbean Heritage from across UK universities. This award recognises her major impact on Pembroke's outreach and access work in establishing the Afro-Caribbean Tyler Prize at the College, which seeks to recognise exceptional writing and build networks between high-achieving students across age groups. She also served as President of the Junior Common Room from 2016-17.



**Katie Hickman**

1979, *English: authors of novels and history books*

Katie is a bestselling author whose books include two best-selling works of nonfiction and a best-selling novel. Her first novel, *The Quetzal Summer*, got her shortlisted for the Sunday Times Young British Writer of the Year Award. Since then, she has also been shortlisted to the Thomas Cook Travel Book Award, and had one of the Independent's Books of the Year.

*Daughters of Britannia* (HarperCollins, 1999) was published to great critical acclaim and the paperback became an instant bestseller, reaching No. 2 in the *Sunday Times* lists, and remaining in the Top 10 for five months. This was followed by *Courtesans* (HarperCollins, 2003) which was also a bestseller.



**Duncan Wilson**

1975, *PPE*

Duncan is currently the Chief Executive of Historic England, a position he has served in since May 2015 when the organisation was founded. He joined Historic England from the Alexandra Park and Palace Trust where he was Chief Executive from 2011 to 2015. From 2002, Duncan was Chief Executive of the Greenwich Foundation for the Old Royal Naval College, and before that Director of the Somerset House Trust. Duncan began his first chartered accountant role in 1987 as a Senior Management Accountant at English Heritage. Before accountancy he worked as a professional archaeologist in Oxford and Herefordshire, following post graduate research in European Archaeology.



**Danielle Ivory**

2005, *MPhil History: NY Times journalist*

Danielle is a reporter for The New York Times, covering the intersection of business and government, including contracts and regulation. She has written on a wide variety of topics, and previously worked as a reporter for Bloomberg News and the Huffington Post Investigative Fund, and was a Senior Fellow at Bill Moyers Journal. Danielle was a recipient of a 2016 Sidney Award for her reporting on Wall Street's push into 911 services. She also received the 2014 Scripps Howard award, the 2014 Society of Business Editors and Writers award for investigative reporting and the 2015 Deadline Club award for business investigative reporting.



**John Krebs**

1963, *Zoology President British Science Association*

John is a zoologist researching in the field of behavioural ecology of birds. After receiving his DPhil he held posts at the University of British Columbia and the University College of North Wales before returning to Oxford as a Lecturer in Zoology, holding a Royal Society Research Professorship from 1988 to 2005. From 2000–2005 he was the first Chairman of the British Food Standards Agency, delivering the Royal Institution Christmas Lectures on *The Truth About Food* in 2005. He later became the Principal of Jesus College, Oxford from 2007 until 2015. For his scientific research and leadership he has been awarded honorary doctorates by 16 universities, and was knighted in 1999.



**Samra Turajlic**

1996, *Medicine: Oncologist*

Samra is a Consultant Medical Oncologist at The Royal Marsden specialising in the treatment of kidney cancer and melanoma. She gained a PhD from the Institute of Cancer Research in 2013 in the field of melanoma genetics and targeted therapy resistance, and was awarded a Cancer Research UK Clinician Scientist Fellowship to study at the Francis Crick Institute the following year. In addition to this, Samra is an Associate Honorary Fellow at the Institute of Cancer Research, a Senior Editor at Macmillan Cancer Support and a Trustee of the Kidney Cancer Support Network.





# Computer Science Launched with Election of Dr Ana Namburete

Dr Ana Namburete has joined Pembroke's Governing Body as our first Rokos Fellow and Tutor in Computer Science. Ana is an internationally known expert in the use of machine learning to collate and analyse neurosonographic data. She will lead the introduction of Computer Science to our undergraduate course offering from 2022.

On Ana's appointment, Sir Ernest Ryder, Master, commented: 'It is our privilege to welcome Ana to Pembroke. She is an immensely impressive academic who is clearly fully committed to teaching undergraduates and contributing to College life as well as carrying out ground-breaking research. We are enormously grateful to alumnus and Foundation Fellow Chris Rokos for providing the funding to allow us to appoint Ana and to offer these important undergraduate courses in Computer Science.'

Ana is founder and Principal Investigator of the interdisciplinary NeuroImage Analysis Group, which will be based in the Department of Computer Science at Oxford University. This research group aims to establish ultrasound as a cost-effective tool for early assessment of brain maturation during pregnancy. Ana and her team develop computational algorithms to enhance the diagnostic value of ultrasound. This will make a particularly significant impact in low-income settings where a shortage of suitably trained sonographers presents a barrier to the delivery of reliable prenatal care. Her team is addressing general challenges in the application of artificial intelligence in medicine by designing algorithms that improve clinical interpretability of complex "black box" models, and that remove inherent biases to patient populations.

Ana said: "I am honoured to join the vibrant and diverse Pembroke family as the first Rokos Fellow in Computer Science. It is an exciting time to introduce this subject, as the impact of digital technologies is felt in all aspects of our lives. I am delighted to work with Pembroke's inspiring researchers and educators against the backdrop of the College's beautiful historic buildings and gardens, and I look forward to tutoring and preparing students for a fast-paced technological future."

Originally from Mozambique, Ana took the International Baccalaureate at the United World College of Southern Africa in

Swaziland. She then moved to Canada where she obtained a BAsC in Engineering Science from Simon Fraser University. Having won a Commonwealth Scholarship, she read for a DPhil in Engineering Science at the University of Oxford. Following a postdoctoral fellowship funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, she secured a Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng) Research Fellowship to establish her independent research group at Oxford's Department of Engineering Science. She also became an Associate Research Fellow at St Hilda's College.

Ana is an active member of the medical image analysis community. She serves as a Program Chair of the Medical Image Understanding and Analysis (MIUA) conference (2020 and 2021). She is part of the Organising Committee of the 2021 Workshop on Advances for Simplifying Medical Ultrasound (ASMUS) at the Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Interventions (MICCAI) conference. She has been on the Management Committee of the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Biomedical Imaging, run jointly between the University of Oxford and University of Nottingham.

Ana is passionate about diversity and inclusion in academic research, and is a representative of Oxford in the trans-European NeurotechEU alliance for promoting excellence in brain research. She has received a number of awards, including best paper prizes and a Springboard Award from the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2020.

Nancy Braithwaite, Academic Director, said: "This is an exciting time for Pembroke as we add Computer Science and Maths and Computer Science to our course offering for undergraduates. Ana is the ideal person to pioneer this new area for us, bringing expertise, energy and commitment. We hope she will feel at home in a College where many of our academics have interests in fields related to her own research, including machine learning and practical applications of algorithms."

*During our Virtual Open Days in September, Ana delivered a short live talk about the development of AI in healthcare, and how computer science can make the world a better place. This was followed by a Q&A where prospective students were given the chance to ask Ana questions about the course.*

# Religion and the Frontier Challenges

We are hugely grateful to an anonymous foundation for providing the philanthropic funding for the Religion and the Frontier Challenges postdoctoral fellowship programme. Based at Pembroke College, the Religion and the Frontier Challenges (RFC) is an ambitious and interdisciplinary research programme that brings Theology and Religion into dialogue with other academic disciplines. It seeks to enrich discussion of how contemporary religious traditions and ideas might provide, or are providing, knowledge and leadership in facing the major challenges currently confronting humanity. Taking its title from the words of a Catholic theologian who called for religion to meet the 'frontier challenges' of our time, RFC supports research projects that explore the intellectual and practical responses that any religion might make to these frontier challenges, including:

- The challenges of human knowledge, including contemporary ideologies and epistemologies (e.g. secularism, liberalism, atheism), or changes in forms of access to or dissemination of knowledge (e.g. new communications, media, or digital technologies).

- The challenges of the fight for justice, including struggles against all forms of inequality, discrimination and marginalisation in human societies.

- The challenges of the modern sciences, including the new questions and opportunities raised by advances in technological, medical, biological, environmental and other sciences, and the challenges of sustainability.

Though the centre was established in 2019, it truly took off in 2020-21, bringing together researchers with different interests and backgrounds. Among these are:



**Professor Justin Jones**

*Project Coordinator*

Justin is the coordinator of the Religion and the Frontier Challenges Programme. He is Associate Professor in the Study of Religion in the Faculty of Theology and Religion, and is Pembroke College's tutorial fellow in Theology and Religion. He is a historian by training, and works in the social history of modern Islam, with particular reference to the Indian subcontinent. In recent years, he has been exploring contemporary Islamic family law. Drawing upon law and anthropology as well as history and Islamic studies, he is examining how Shariah-based family laws are adjudicated in South Asia, both by courts and by community organisations. He has also worked on Islamic discourses of women's rights, and has worked with grassroots Muslim women's rights groups. Separately, he has interests in Muslim laws in comparative minority contexts, including in Britain and Europe. He has published a number of books, journal articles and other publications.



**Dr Barnabas Aspray**

*Junior Research Fellow*

Barnabas is a philosophical theologian interested in the way religious belief & practice interact with contemporary society. His PhD from the University of Cambridge explored human finitude and transcendence in the work of French philosopher Paul Ricœur. Barnabas also holds Masters degrees in Christian Theology and Biblical Studies from the University of Cambridge and Regent College. Before studying theology, he read computer science at the University of Exeter and worked as a software engineer for the BBC website.

Some of his recent work includes running an introduction course on Christian refugee ethics and hosting a podcast that faces the toughest challenges to the Christian faith with hope.



**Christopher Wadibia**

*Junior Research Fellow*

Christopher Wadibia is a scholar of the politics of modern Pentecostalism. His doctoral research studied the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), one of Nigeria's most popular and socio-politically influential indigenous Pentecostal churches. He explored how the politics of the RCCG underpins investment in Nigerian development causes, and his next project will study the nexus between political Pentecostalism and racism in the UK. Prior to joining the programme, Christopher completed a BA in Government at Georgetown University (2016), an MPhil Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies at Trinity College Dublin (2018), and a PhD Theology and Religious Studies at Selwyn College, Cambridge (2021). Alongside his Junior Research Fellowship, Christopher serves as the Assistant Editor of the academic journal *PentecoStudies* and is an Affiliated Researcher at the Cambridge University Woolf Institute. Christopher's research interests include global Pentecostalism; religion, politics, and global development; religion, society, and public policy; and Muslim-Christian relations. Christopher is passionate about bridging academic research with public engagement, and welcomes opportunities to supply consultative solutions to problems related to his expertise.



### Dr Emily Qureshi-Hurst

*Junior Research Fellow*

Emily read Philosophy and Theology at Pembroke College as an undergraduate and was involved with Oxnet, Pembroke's Access programme, during her studies. Before taking up this fellowship, Emily completed her DPhil at the University of Oxford (funded by AHRC) under the expert supervision of Alister McGrath. Her thesis examined the theoretical support for a B-theory of time provided by special and general relativity, and re-interpreted Paul Tillich's doctrine of salvation in light of this metaphysical temporal model.

Emily Qureshi-Hurst is a philosopher whose research focuses on the philosophical questions raised by interactions between science and religion, particularly physics and Christianity. Emily has written on issues in the philosophy of religion, the philosophy of time (including issues in special and general relativity, quantum mechanics, and temporal experience), the philosophy of physics, and the philosophy of social media.



### Dr Tobias Cremer

*Junior Research Fellow*

Tobias' research focuses on the relationship between religion, secularisation and the surge of ethno-nationalist populism throughout western societies. In his doctoral research (University of Cambridge, funded by the ESRC), Tobias explored how right-wing populist movements in Germany, France and the United States employ Christianity as a cultural identity marker, and how believers and church authorities are reacting to such references. Tobias holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge, an MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School where he was a McCloy Fellow, an MPhil in Politics and International Studies from Cambridge University, and a BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Sciences Po, Paris. Across his career, he has worked in the German Parliament, the German Federal Foreign Office, and as a management consult. Recently, Tobias has co-written a new book titled *Faith, Nationalism, and the Future of Liberal Democracy*, published by the University of Notre Dame Press. The book explores 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 by incorporating democratic values into their institutions. It has received considerable praise since its release in May 2021, with American author Robert D. Putnam hailing the work as 'A timely, constructive, and empirically grounded exploration of the tensions among religion, identity, and liberal democracy in the United States and around the world'.



### Dr Imen Neffati

*Junior Research Fellow*

Imen is a historian of modern France and the 'Francophone world' with broader interest in the histories of religion, secularism, and modernity.

Imen finished her PhD in 2019 with the History Department at the University of Sheffield, on the history of the French satirical magazines *Hara Kiri* and *Charlie Hebdo*, and their discourses on religion, secularism, race and gender. Prior to that, she completed the Fulbright FLTA programme, the Erasmus Mundus Masters programme *Crossways in Cultural Narratives*, and holds an MA from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan in Gender Studies, an MA from the University of Sheffield in Cultural Studies, and an MA from Université de Perpignan in *Approches Hétérologiques du Monde Anglophone*.

Recently, Imen has been awarded two research grants to undertake research in Tunisia. She hopes to use these grants to produce several individual and collaborative research outputs, and hopefully extend the research to other Muslim countries, as well as covering other themes related to family law and gender equality.



### Rasangi Prematilaka

*Project Administrator*

Rasangi joined Pembroke in early 2020 to manage the newly established Religion and the Frontier Challenges Programme together with Professor Justin Jones. She has been with the University of Oxford for many years, has a background of research facilitation/senior management and joins us from the Department of Politics and International Relations.

# Academic Year 20/21

Nancy Braithwaite

Academic Director



Let other pens dwell on pandemic and lockdown; I shall write about the usual extraordinary things that happened to Pembroke's academic community in 2020/21 – though from a distance as, in common with most academic colleagues, I was able only to spend a very few days physically in college.

In October we welcomed what was probably our largest cohort of undergraduate freshers ever to Pembroke. Following a series of virtual introductory sessions, our freshers joined us on schedule and took part in a full freshers' week – while it was re-organised by the day as restrictions changed, our new students got to meet their tutors, visit the library and even attend freshers' dinners, while our graduate students arrived from across the world. We were particularly pleased that we had Visiting Students in residence – a testament to the strength and value of our partnerships and the commitment of our visiting students to their Oxford experience. Teaching mixed on-line and in person, with tutorials taking place in ventilated rooms with face coverings, or scheduled on-line to accommodate students in different time zones.

At the end of the term, rather than the college being turned upside down and overwhelmed with nervous interviewees, candidates presented themselves for interview from their schools and homes, with tutors joining remotely from their

offices and homes. Students stayed in their college rooms, prevented from travelling home. Excellent planning and good IT, together with the daily 'tech checks' organised by the JCR and the academic office team, meant that fewer than 10 of the 700+ Pembroke interviews had to be rescheduled, and all offers were made on time. Online interviewing has its advantages – it's much more sustainable; candidates can sit interviews in a familiar and supportive environment and there are fewer last minute changes and disruptions. But there is also much to be said for the adrenalin rush of the usual process giving candidates a taster of college life. Watch this space for some heated debate on the future of admissions!

Hilary and some of Trinity saw the college in lockdown again. Some of our students hadn't been home for over a year by then; others were finding life in cramped conditions at home particularly challenging. College had to try to manage increasingly complex and ambiguous rules about travelling and residence, while keeping academic life on track. And we had our first ever virtual scholars' induction and lecture, with slices of Pembroke coloured cake making their way across country to our scholars' doors in place of the traditional dinner.

We were making a record number of academic appointments, including eight new Junior Research Fellows and tutors in six different

subjects, together with our new Fellow and tutor in Computer Science. Again, Teams helped level the playing field as we interviewed candidates from across the globe and our new cohort of JRFs increases Pembroke's diversity in many different ways, already leading to new research projects and events in college. We are so grateful to our very generous donors for making these posts possible, alongside a wide range of graduate scholarships.

During Trinity, as the UK began to open up, our students had another hurdle to negotiate – taking open book exams in college rooms. Some exceptional results and university prizes are celebrated elsewhere, but this year more than ever we recognise the many students who achieved their goals through particularly difficult circumstances and have been able to progress into jobs and further study. Two to note are Emily Qureshi-Hurst, who is now a JRF at Pembroke, having started here as an undergraduate, and Catherine Ashworth, holder of the RG Collingwood scholarship in Philosophy to undertake her BPhil in college after being our first graduate in Physics and Philosophy.

At the end of an academic year like no other, Pembroke academic life has been remarkably resilient, marked by innovation, imagination and a lot of hard work – exactly what you would expect from this college!



**Catherine Ashworth**

2016, *MPhysPhil Physics and Philosophy*

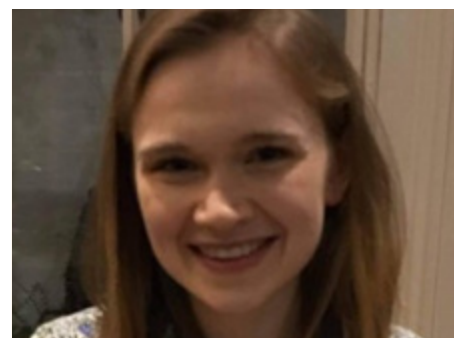
After completing her Master's degree in Physics and Philosophy and earning second place in her cohort across the University, Catherine Ashworth was awarded Pembroke's Levick Prize for Philosophy. She is excited to stay at Pembroke for a BPhil in the same field, having won the RG Collingwood Scholarship to continue her studies.



**Allie Hexley**

2018, *DPhil Experimental Psychology*

In recognition of her article, 'Demonstrating a multi-primary high dynamic range display system for vision experiments', Allie was awarded the Emerging Researcher Best Paper Prize for 2020 by the Journal of the Optical Society of America A. The article was chosen for meeting the criteria of being scientifically significant, well presented, and high quality research.



**Emily Cresswell**

2018, *Medicine – Preclinical*

Emily Cresswell successfully applied for a fully funded DPhil in Inflammatory and Musculoskeletal Disease at the Kennedy Institute through the University's OxKen programme, a brand new initiative. The OxKen studentship provides the opportunity for medical students to enter into a full MD/PhD programme, which has never been available before.

# Academic Achievements



**Professor Scott Waddell elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences**

Professor Scott Waddell, Senior Research Fellow in Neurobiology at Pembroke, was elected to a fellowship at the Academy of Medical Sciences in May 2021. These prestigious fellowships are awarded in recognition of exceptional contributions to the advancement of medical science through innovative research discoveries, and for translating scientific developments into benefits for patients and wider society.

Scott was recognised for his work in furthering understanding of neurobiology through his group's pioneering study of how dopaminergic neural circuit mechanisms control memory and motivation. His cellular-resolution discoveries of neural network mechanisms in the fruit fly brain have wide-reaching potential applications across neurological conditions including amnesia, Alzheimer's Disease, addiction, and more.



**Professor Nick Hawes appointed as MPLS Academic Champion**

Professor Nick Hawes, Fellow and Tutor in Engineering, was appointed Academic Champion for Public Engagement with Research (PER) at Oxford's Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division (MPLS). Nick is tasked with using his expertise and academic experience to refresh and update the division's strategic plan for PER, encouraging more opportunities to expand and develop the research culture of the MPLS.

Nick comments that "this new role gives me the chance to work across the incredible MPLS community, sharing my views on these benefits [of public involvement in research], and helping to provide opportunities to others to engage the public at all stages of their research."



**Revd Dr Andrew Teal is co-author of book on Christian collaboration**

Pembroke Chaplain, the Revd Dr Andrew Teal, has co-written and published a book titled *Inspiring Service*, born of a collaboration between influential speakers and members of various Christian traditions. The book records and celebrates increased dialogue, reconciliation and understanding among Christian denominations around the world. Partially inspired by conversation with Pembroke students, *Inspiring Service* contains a theological exploration of these various denominations, as well as an encouragement to work towards reconciliation and build relationships to support humanitarian work and the common good. Andrew sees the book as "the beginning of a profound and meaningful series of friendships and collaboration in the academy, churches and the world."



**Dr Annette Idler's award-winning paper**

Senior Research Fellow and CONPEACE Programme Director Dr Annette Idler has won two prestigious awards for an article exploring the relationship between armed conflict, organised crime, and unstable regions. Titled 'The Logic of Illicit Flows in Armed Conflict' and published in the *World Politics Journal*, the paper examines how the location and structure of illicit flows of drugs, weapons, or money influence cooperative arrangements between groups. Annette was awarded the American Political Science Association's Best Article Award in the International Security section, as well as a prize for the Best Article or Edited Volume Chapter by a Section Member in the Latin American Studies Association's 2021 Section Awards.



**Professor Andrew Baldwin awarded prestigious ERC Grant**

The end of 2020 saw Fellow and Tutor in Chemistry Professor Andrew Baldwin awarded a €2 million grant by the European Research Council (ERC) for his work studying protein assemblies within human cells. The research project, for which Andy also received the prestigious Normal Heatley Award from the Royal Society of Chemistry earlier in 2020, seeks to deepen understanding of membraneless organelles – protein aggregates that form in our cells at different times to perform a range of biochemical duties. The project's hypothesis represents a considerable departure from the current understanding of molecules within cells, and could lead to significant new discoveries.



**Dr David Zakarian releases new book on Armenian History**

In January 2021 Dr David Zakarian, Associate Fellow in Armenian Studies at Pembroke, released a book titled *Women, Too, Were Blessed: The Portrayal of Women in Early Christian Armenian Texts*. The book provides the first extensive study of the representation of women in fifth-century Armenian literature and historiography, exploring the lives and portrayal of women in early Christian Armenia. David's research highlights the tendency of authors at the time to empower Christian women and promote them as role models to assist with the growth and preservation of the new religion.

# Academic Achievements



**Joe Pollaco**

*2017, Physics*

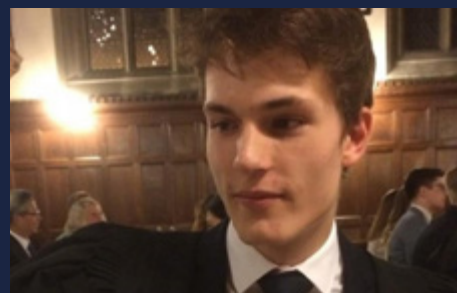
Joe obtained a first in his final exams and placed third in his cohort across the university. Joe also won the Pembroke College Cleobury Prize, an award given to students who perform exceptionally well in their science finals. Sharing his next steps in academic Joe comments: “None of this would have been possible without the support I’ve received at Pembroke.”



**Kathleen Wang**

*2018, Jurisprudence*

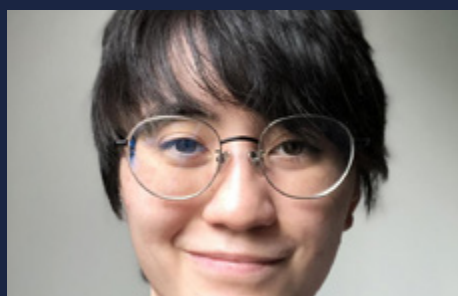
Kathleen excelled in her university final exams by achieving a first, ranking 5th in her cohort and receiving the Falcon Chambers Prize for best performance in land law. Kathleen says: “As an international student, the thought of adjusting to a new country and teaching system seemed daunting at first, but looking back, the past three years at Pembroke have been some of my best.”



**George Cull**

*2017, Mathematics*

George achieved a first in his final exams and won the Pembroke College Cleobury Prize, an award given to students with exceptional performance in sciences. Reflecting on the last four years George comments: “I have loved my time at Pembroke. I have been able to immerse myself in both my Mathematics degree and the friendly and supportive community that is the college.”



**Nicole Sze-Yi Doyle**

*2018, History and Politics*

Nicole excelled in her University final exams and ranked 5th in her cohort. Nicole’s thesis, ‘Seeing Through Their Eyes: Drawings by Hibakusha of the Women and Children of Hiroshima’ was awarded the Olwen Hufton Prize for best thesis on gender history.



**Anna Xue**

*2018, History and Politics*

Anna achieved a first in her final University exams. During lockdown, she obtained a mark of 80 on her History thesis titled ‘A study of student journalism in 1930s China’. Anna says: “I’ve met amazing tutors and friends [here at Pembroke] from all over the world who constantly inspire me.”



**Chimdinma Okpalauko**

*2020, Theology and Religion*

Chimdinma achieved high marks in her first year exams and was appointed Vice-President of the Oxford Afro-Caribbean Society. Looking back at her experience of starting university during the pandemic, Chimdi says: “... the people at Pembroke honestly make it the amazing atmosphere it is - from staff to students and tutors.”



**Josh Kirkhope-Arkley**

*European and Middle Eastern Languages, 2020*

Josh excelled in his first year exams and won the David Gibbs prize for the best performance in Joint Schools with Modern Languages across the whole of the university. Josh says: “with the pandemic, my first term was not like everyone else’s, but we were still able to have some celebration, and we largely adapted to the new rules as they came and went.”



**Pete Rae**

*2020, Medicine – Clinical*

Pete placed in the top 10% of students in the Royal College of Ophthalmology’s annual Prize Examination. Pete was one of 501 participants in the exam, drawn from 40 different medical schools throughout the UK and Ireland. He was one of just five Oxford Clinical Medical students to finish in the top 10% of candidates, and the only fourth year student to do so.



**Rhiannon Durant**

*2020, MBiochem Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry*

Rhiannon earned a distinction in her prelims and ranked first in her cohort across the university. Having enjoyed a very successful first year, she has also taken over the role of JCR President for the 2021/22 academic year. Rhiannon says: “my passion for Biochemistry has been allowed to flourish here. It is so wonderful to hear everyone talk about their subjects with such excitement and vigour.”

# BlackPembroke

This year, the College's racial equality Working Group, BlackPembroke, has continued to meet with the aim of improving the academic success and wellbeing of Black students, staff, and applicants. Chaired by alumna Angela Daniel (2017, MSc Major Programme Management), the Group seeks to provide a safe, comfortable environment for members from across the College community to share experiences and ideas, to listen, and to collaborate. The aims of the Group are twofold: to improve the experiences of Black students and staff already at Pembroke, and to increase the long-term participation of Black students in Oxford admissions.

At meetings, students, staff, and Fellows have given feedback about admissions trends and access initiatives, as well as sharing personal experiences of their time at Pembroke and Oxford. These inform discussion about how the student experience might be made both more inclusive for current students and more accessible to prospective applicants, and help to establish practical next steps.

Within the College, the Group has sought to influence policies to promote Black student welfare and wellbeing; to further education

and raise awareness among the Pembroke community; and to encourage the recruitment and achievement of Black staff. The last year has seen the appointment of three Black academics at Pembroke as well as two new funding agreements for Black scholarships with Black Academic Futures and with the Law Faculty. During the Virtual Open Days in June 2021, the Academic Office ran a live Q&A event for Black applicants and produced video resources for future use. In a bid to reach much younger Black school students, plans are underway for an art competition and celebration day at Pembroke in collaboration with the JCR.

Over the last year, a general change in mindset has been noted in the College, with greater emphasis placed on diversity and training, and active efforts made to be more thoughtful and inclusive in all we do. The Welfare and Equalities Committee and the Academic Office played a central role in setting up BlackPembroke, and have since provided invaluable support, forging links and following up on action points.

Looking outwards, the Group seeks to work collaboratively with others in Oxford and

beyond with a shared interest in securing the academic success and wellbeing of Black students and staff. BlackPembroke has developed partnerships with other influential institutions, student groups, Black-led organisations, and schools. Among these is the Oxford African and Caribbean Society (ACS), who are already doing significant work to support students and attract new talent. Working with Pembroke Undergraduate and ACS Vice-President, Chimdi Okpalauko, BlackPembroke arranged for the College to sponsor the ACS Annual Oxford Conference, and is seeking more ways to support the society.

A formal partnership has been established with Thinking Black, a social enterprise founded by alumna Hope Oloye which supports Black British students to develop key academic, communication, and leadership skills. Outreach events are planned with schools in London, and the Group is exploring more ways to encourage young Black talent. It is hoped that a growing connection with a research project at the University of Texas will help to identify the best ways to achieve the aims of BlackPembroke going forward.

## Access and Outreach

### Pembroke Youth Scholars Launch

In November 2020, the OxNet Access Initiative launched the Pembroke Youth Scholars programme. Designed and taught by Pembroke's former OxNet Co-ordinator, Felix Slade, and jointly funded by Pembroke College and The Challenge Academy Trust in Warrington (TCAT), the Pembroke Youth Scholars course aims to develop lateral, incisive thinking skills in disadvantaged Year 10 pupils from TCAT schools. The course, which currently accommodates 25 students, hopes to transform pupils' academic trajectory by sowing the seeds of academic ambition at an earlier stage of their education than other university outreach programmes. The first cohort of students on the programme were nominated by teachers and then selected by the team at Pembroke who considered various factors affecting access-to-education. The course was split into five sessions spread throughout the year and all on the theme of 'Thinking about Thought'. The first of these, 'The History of Thought' was given at the launch event by Pembroke's Access Fellow and Senior Research Fellow in History, Dr Peter Claus.

### Global Film Discussion Seminars

From January to March 2021, OxNet ran a weekly global film discussion series for pupils in OxNet's link network. Every week, students watched one film before taking part in a seminar which gave them an opportunity to discuss and reflect on what they had watched. The series aimed to highlight the breadth of international film making, featuring productions from a range of genres, styles and cultures. Over 160 pupils took part over the course of the series. One commented that "it was a fabulous opportunity to experience all different styles and cultures of film making and explore the political, social and economic context of their creation", while another shared that "I liked the selection of films and it was an engaging approach to learn about other countries, cultures and languages."

### Congratulations to OxNet Alumni on Top University Offers

In the first half of 2021, Year 12 students who participated in OxNet's academic initiatives and courses during the 2019-20 academic year received university offers for Oxford and Cambridge, as well as other top universities including Durham, Warwick and Newcastle. Having completed the OxNet programme, the students have gone on to pursue a wide range of academic disciplines, from Physics to Geography, Medicine or Languages. The College was particularly pleased that a number of OxNet graduates from our hub schools across the UK chose Pembroke for the next stage of their academic journey, and we have been delighted to welcome them this year.



# Pembroke Undergraduate Scholars and Exhibitioners

## 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
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

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

Melissa Alexander	DPhil English	Lydia Mugambe	DPhil Law
Marianne Aspbury	DPhil SABS DTC	Jose Nino Barreat	DPhil Zoology
Marcus Bailey	MSt Theology	Grace Oliver	MSt English
Federico Battisti	DPhil Particle Physics	Flaminia Pischedda	Flaminia Pischedda DPhil Oriental Studies
Nik Baya	DPhil Genomic Medicine and Statistics	Sarah Puetzer	DPhil Oriental Studies
Cillian Brophy	DPhil Biochemistry	Marc Rigter	DPhil Engineering Science
Charles Buchanan	DPhil Chemistry	Angita Shrestha	DPhil Interdisciplinary Bioscience DTP
Siyun Chen	DPhil Chemistry	Steven Spadijer	DPhil Law
Yuliya Dubianok	DPhil SABS DTC	Ella St George Carey	DPhil History
Steven Firmin	DPhil Theology	Warren Stanislaus	DPhil Oriental Studies
Daniel Grimmer	MSt Philosophy of Physics	Klaudia Wegschaider	DPhil Politics
Allie Hexley	DPhil Experimental Psychology	Kathryn White	DPhil History
Yixuan Hu	DPhil Chemistry	Lingyi Yang	DPhil Industrially Focused Mathematical Modelling
Siddharth Kumar	DPhil Maths	Suzanne Zaccour	DPhil Law
Jingdi Li	DPhil Zoology	Irene Zeitler	DPhil Biochemistry

## University Prizes

Sam Pace	Medicine	George Pickering Prize
Joshua Kirkhope-Arkeley	EMEL	Gibbs Prize (joint school prelims)
Samuel Ponting	EP	Best Psychology Research Project Prize
Kathleen Wang	Law	Land Law Prize
Barbara Francik	Biology	Prize for Excellence in the Biology Preliminary Examinations
Ben Jacob	HENG	Gibbs Prize
Nicole Doyle	HPOL	Herbert Prize
Rhiannon Durant	Biochemistry	Olwen Hufton Thesis Prize
Pranav Shyam Prasad	E&M	Gibbs Prize (Prelims)
Millicent Wolter	ELL	Gibbs Prize (Performance in Economics) E&M
Harrison Kaye	OS Chinese	Gibbs Prize (Prelims)
Miriam Segai	Theology and OS	Dudbridge Junior Prize
		Best Theology and Religion Thesis

## Scholars Event 2020



Due to public health restrictions and the changes brought about by the pandemic, Pembroke's 2020-21 Scholars' Lecture and Dinner was held virtually in Hilary term, on 4th March 2021. Around 100 students and their tutors attended the event, which was an occasion to celebrate those who had achieved exceptional results in their exams and to confer their new statuses as Scholars and Exhibitioners.

To fuel the celebrations, each student received in the post a specially commissioned Pembroke College cake inspired by the colours of the College scarf, along with a Pembroke postcard. Students were also invited to wear their scholar's gowns during the ceremony. The event began with a welcome from the Master, who introduced the guest speaker, Harriet Dedman. Harriet is an Emmy-nominated filmmaker, documentary photographer,

international lawyer and Pembroke alumna (2002, History) known for her work on VICE News Tonight, the cinematic feature documentary Refugee, and as the inaugural Gordon Parks Foundation 2017 Fellow. She spoke to the students about her varied and high-flying career and explained how her time at Pembroke had prepared her for it, before taking questions at the end of her talk.

The lecture was followed by a formal induction, in Latin, from the Master, which officially admitted the students as Scholars and Exhibitioners. This was recognised with a new Scholars Board in College which lists the names of all Scholars and Exhibitioners.

# JCR Report

Ariff Castronovo (2019, Medicine)

In *An Ideal Husband*, Oscar Wilde’s devious and duplicitous dandizette Mrs Cheveley, quietly frustrated, quips “To expect the unexpected shows a thoroughly modern intellect”. She understood the power of the unexpected to shock and to disarm, for how better to win against (or to win over) an opponent than with the element of surprise?

I doubt any of us, leaving college at the end of a trying Michaelmas term, were expecting 2021 to begin with a strict national lockdown: do we all lack that “thoroughly modern intellect”? I remember pleading with assorted higher powers in Week 8 that the forthcoming Hilary term would be more positive and *normal*. Let the record show that the only normal the JCR came to expect in the academic year 2020–21 was the swirling, ever-changing backdrop of the pandemic against which we had to contend: in a word, the unexpected.

Pembroke truly is home for many of us — not simply an institution we attend or isolated rooms that we rent. Government guidelines prevented many from returning at the beginning of both Hilary and Trinity terms (alongside travel restrictions for International students throughout the year) and I’m sure far more of us would have wished to come up sooner, or indeed applied to. Hearing your pleas to return to college accommodation affirmed to me just how important our Pembroke community is in supporting each of us.

In the face of a daunting year, the whole Pembroke community has sustained its spirit of generosity, which I have been privileged both to witness in interactions across the college, and to receive from those close to me. For example, College Officers took great care to consider permitting students to return onsite on a case-by-case basis. Staff took the challenge in their stride, and it is worth acknowledging that each member of the catering team who delivered food to students in isolation volunteered to do so. The Junior Common Room remains extraordinarily grateful to all members of the college community that worked so hard during the year. More fundamentally, we have had to be kinder to each other and to ourselves, being mindful of the variety and volume of difficulties we each may be facing. That enhanced kindness shall persist.

The way we provided support to each other continued to evolve, restoring the treasured in-person interactions of college life by moving them outside and into smaller groups. I am particularly proud of how the JCR Committee adapted to the varying levels of statutory restrictions on socialising — which persisted

right to the end of the academic year. The committee focused on bringing the Common Room together: a programme for 12 days of Oxmas, Welfare Weeks that ran both virtually and in-person (with Welfare Reps reliably making themselves available for chats at near-any hour), Halfway Hall in smaller groups, socialising under the Rule of Six with the inaugural PembMatch for Freshers’ Week, and a brand new Diversity Formal that amplified the experiences less often heard in Oxford, among many other examples.

The Committee also developed policy more collaboratively despite not having any in-person General Meetings, and the JCR put together a working group to target living costs, discussing accommodation and food in college. As a result, the JCR put together a set of concrete proposals to the Governing Body based on empirical data and a unified voice making clear: this is what we want. Hopefully, this collaborative model of work that better includes Members will endure.

It has been an absolute privilege to work with a committee of such diverse interests and priorities, united in advancing the welfare of our Common Room. It was an honour to champion the work of committee members: the Environment Rep, Philip Hutchinson, developed a decarbonisation policy with college to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2030 and opened discussions on disinvestment from fossil fuels; the Secretary, Daisy Meade, adopted a working group model to collaboratively revise our JCR Constitution to be more flexible and better cope with unknown future challenges.

It has been difficult to lose sight countless times during the year of the promised light at the end of the tunnel. However, amidst such extraordinary times, I strongly believe the Junior Common Room have achieved the extraordinary as individuals and as a community — save those moments of strength and grit from this year. I close with a quotation from someone in whose company I have spent much of 2021:

“Just when we think we figured things out, the universe throws us a curveball. So, we have to improvise. We find happiness in unexpected places. We find ourselves back to the things that matter the most. The universe is funny that way. Sometimes it just has a way of making sure we wind up exactly where we belong.” – Meredith Grey, *Grey’s Anatomy*

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# MCR Report

Kathryn White (2018) and Hannah McIntyre (2017)

Typically, the physical space of the MCR is one of Pembroke's greatest assets for our community of graduate students. The warm, welcoming spaces of the Wood Room and Blue Room, nestled in the heart of the college in Old Quad, were carefully refurbished in the summer of 2018; and host the vast majority of our events, from BOPs to Academic Symposia, from committee meetings to second desserts. This year, however, we had cause to regret the cosy dimensions of the space, as social distancing became the norm and almost all of our activity transferred online.

In the early weeks of Michaelmas 2020 we did what we could to meet in person and held a hybrid Welcome Week, greeting new members through socially distanced evenings in the Chapel Quad marquee and on walks around the city. We were able to move other events, like our traditional MCR Families pub quiz, online, allowing us to connect with members both across Oxford and those joining the term from around the world.

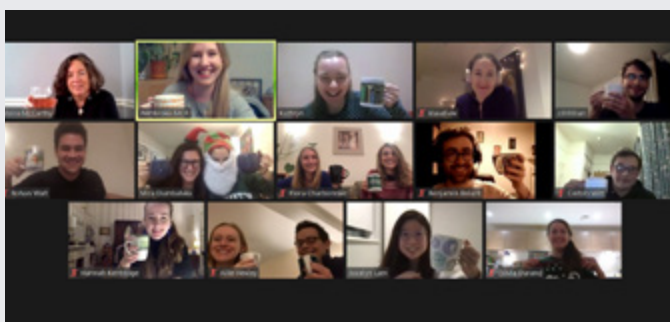
As restrictions tightened, our community rose ably to the challenge, showing huge adaptability as we sought to offer support and entertainment to all of our members. From welfare teas to craft-alongs and online games, there was something for everyone. Amid second lockdown, we even celebrated our first Virtual Oxmas with over 50 members joining with their mulled wine and mince pies.

Given the severity of the impact of the pandemic on research and the wellbeing of students, the priorities of the MCR shifted accordingly. MCR treasurer Allie Hexley was instrumental in setting up a Covid Relief scheme that continued into this year, and financial schemes such as the MCR Fun Fund, and the college's own Dean of Graduates Fund, were adapted to fund activities and research that could be undertaken remotely. The MCR welfare reps Shiwon Li and Sara Sabha should be particularly commended - despite both joining the MCR in 2020 they provided exceptional support and enthusiasm through a difficult period.

Online events were many and varied, with some exciting collaborations with local companies, including a 360° virtual tour with Uncomfortable Oxford, and an online beer-tasting with Oxford-based social enterprise Tap Social, who delivered beer across the UK to participating members. We were very grateful, though, for the return of warm weather and outdoor events in Trinity Term, beginning with drinks on Chapel Quad where many students were able to meet Sir Ernest - and each other! - in person for the first time. Members note that they spent more time sitting on Chapel Quad in 2020/21 than any other year, as it became the site of welfare picnics and many more events. We are also particularly indebted to the college hall staff, and our home bursar Mike Naworynsky, who worked to provide a return to formal dining, culminating in a socially-distanced Collingwood Banquet with over 80 MCR members in attendance.

At the banquet, we were thrilled to mark the contributions of three exceptional longstanding Pembrokiens. Tsvetomira Dumbalska and Olivia Durand were awarded the W.H. Pembroke Prize for Service to the Community, noting especially Mira's contribution as designer of the MCR website, and Olivia's work as treasurer in setting up the Fun Fund. Meanwhile, Anna-Katharina Hauperich was the recipient of the R.G Collingwood Prize for Academic Achievement, recognising her research in Experimental Psychology and also her subsequent work as a graduate-entry medic.

This strangest of years was marked by a combination of low and high points, but we're happy to say that the community spirit of the MCR was preserved for the new arrivals of 2021. As we return to a more typical Michaelmas Term, we have been delighted to see faces both old and new gathering once again in the MCR, while still making use of the pandemic's technologies to continue to engage with our international community.



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# Sports & Arts

## Sports Report

Oluwamayowa Ayanbadejo  
(2019, Economics and Management)

### Netball:

Last time you heard from Pembroke College Netball Club we had ended the 2019/2020 season with the Division 1 title, making us the best college netball team at the University. With the world entering lockdown, PCNC lost some familiar faces, and the balls were for most of the season left untouched on the court. However, on the first week of MT21 we had a tremendous turnout of new faces who were keen to continue the legacy. The team spirit, too, has continued to sparkle through team socials, and with lots of wins (and some losses) in the league in Trinity, it became clear PCNC was to be revived in its ultimate form. We look forward to seeing PCNC take to the court again for the next season!

### Cricket:

Going into the 2021 season, expectations for Pembroke College Cricket Club were high. New kit was ordered, coronavirus restrictions were slowly starting to disappear, and the golden generation was starting to assemble.

This was spearheaded by our 4th years, namely Tom McDonald and Harry Clark, who put in some performances we'll all be telling our grandkids about. St Anne's away, always a tricky fixture, was heading towards a Pembroke loss, but the stalwarts fought till the end and clinched the win off the very last ball. But PCCC is more than a club of individuals, it's a brotherhood. With the likes of Jacques Maurice who turned up to every game willing to play any role given, it was clear that this was one Pembroke club where egos were put aside to achieve some silverware. New additions such as Guy 'Guido' Howland Jackson, Marcus 'Tarantino' Tarrant and next year's skipper Joshua 'Josh' Jee were all vital to the team's semi-final run in the T20 cup, and I hope these three will lead PCCC to the very top this coming year. Special thanks must also go to Ben Broughton for his leadership and maiden 50 against Lincoln to send us to the semis, and Gary 'Harry' Lyons for bowling an over so expensive it's now on Forbes top 100 rich list. With 10 games played, 8 wins and 2 losses, PCCC can hold our heads up high. Don't cry because it ended, smile because it happened boys.

### Rugby:

The 2020-21 PCRFC season was limited to Trinity Term. Competing with cricket and football forced PCRFC to form a productive alliance with Jesus College and, for the first time in recorded history, we had an appearance from a Christ Church student. We played a few friendly matches, showcasing our elite tackling ability that underpins the side, and competed in the 7s coppers competition admirably. Our physical style of pick and go 7s gave established teams a good fight, but ultimately the season was another rebuilding year after losing many influential players and struggling for rhythm with constant COVID-related issues.

### Rowing:

Lockdowns meant there wasn't much rowing in Michaelmas and Hilary. In Trinity, however, PCBC were getting out on the water over 12 times a week. Four crews raced across the two Isis Summer League time trials, which led to Pembroke eventually entering 5 crews for the end-of-term bumps racing, Torpeights (a portmanteau of the two annual Oxford bumps competitions, Torpids and Summer Vllls). The Pembroke men's and women's first boats each came second across all the Oxford Colleges. The men's second crew remained the fastest of the second boats on the river. The men's third crew achieved "blades" (bumping the crew in front every day of racing). Overall, there was a lot to be celebrated, but greater heights to aim for next year!

### Football:

PCFC had a relatively quiet season compared to the heartbreak of last year's second place in the premier league and Cuppers final loss. With COVID destroying any chances of revenge, PCFC were left to compete for the first ever Cuppers 5-a-side tournament with a strong team spearheaded by captain Tom McDonald and veteran members of Legget, Frey and Festa. Despite the lack of fitness stemming from the near year long hiatus on sport. As a result, Pembroke won all but one game that season, losing to a last-minute goal in a 2-1 loss to Worcester that knocked us out of the competition. In Summer we were able to return to full pitch 11-a-side and begin to establish future members of the team that will leave us in good stead for next season.

## Art Report

Lucien Whitworth (2019, English  
Language & Literature)

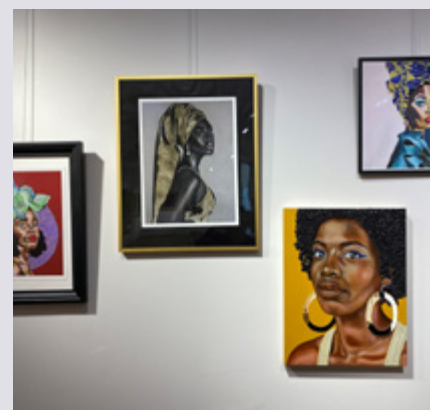
Despite the frustrations wrought by the pandemic, the Pembroke JCR Art Fund has enjoyed a exciting year of both online and in-person activity. The year began with a continuation of the Collection Favourites exhibition, with the college community welcoming the opportunity to visit the gallery after six months of closure. Given the uncertainties regarding Covid-19 restrictions, it was agreed with Haffendi Anuar - winner of the 2020 Emery Prize - that his exhibition would use a gallery space in West London.

Whilst January brought another national lockdown, the Art Fund enjoyed a busy Hilary term conducting the Black British Art Acquisition project that had been agreed on by the previous committee. In what was an exciting few months, the Fund ran a selection panel that included members of the Oxford African & Caribbean Society and the Pembroke undergraduate community in advisory roles. Fourteen new pieces were acquired - including work by Chris Ofili, Lina Iris Viktor and Silvia Rosi - of which a few were exhibited at the end of Trinity Term, alongside the winners of the 2021 JCR Photo Competition, during the

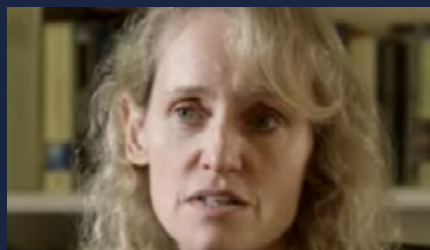
short period when national restrictions were relaxed; the acquisitions were on show under the gallery exhibition *Late Entry | Early Doors*

In the spirit of the year's online focus, the Fund opened submissions for the Collection blog to students, staff, and Fellows at Pembroke. Along with a virtual tour of the gallery, we were able to publish several submissions ranging from art to poetry and articles. As always, the Fund provided financial support to undergraduates in the form of hardship grants. With global travel restrictions still in place, we repurposed our travel grant budget to continue the temporary Covid hardship fund that was established last year.

The year's conclusion saw the committee judge and award the Emery Prize for 2021 which was won by MFA finalist Deshna Shah. As a multi-media artist, her work questions the residual impacts of relocation, judgement and the unspoken especially within the South Asian diaspora. We look forward to working with Deshna in the coming year to exhibit her winning collection.



# Event Highlights



## Helen Small: The Function of Cynicism at the Present Time

Lecture

Professor Helen Small, the current holder of the Merton Professorship of English Language and Literature at Oxford, talked about her latest book: *The Function of Cynicism at the Present Time* (published last year, during lockdown).



## Dr Annette Idler: Uncertainty in War and Peace: The Security Impacts of Changing Orders

Lecture

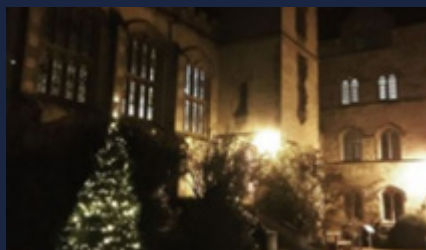
In this talk, Dr Annette Idler discussed her work as Principal Investigator of the multi-year AHRC-ESRC funded project "The Changing Character of Conflict Platform: Understanding, Tracing, and Forecasting Change across Time, Space, and Cultures." The Conflict Platform promotes dialogue across methodologies and epistemologies, bringing together large data analysis with ethnographic fieldwork, complexity science, visualisation techniques, visual arts, and historical tracing back to the Thirty Years War.



## Dr Nicholas Cole: How was the American Constitution written and why does it matter?

Lecture

Dr Nicholas Cole, Senior Research Fellow at Pembroke College Oxford and the director of the Quill Project, gave a talk to compare modern understandings of the historical process that wrote the Constitution of the United States to the theories of interpretation favoured by America's politicians and jurists.



## Virtual Carol Service

Performance

The Pembroke College community hosted a virtual Carol Concert for readings and music in a festive event. This was also live streamed on YouTube.

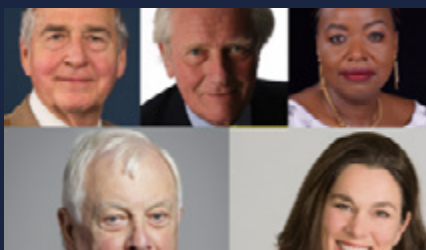


## Tolkien Lecture 2021 - Online

Lecture

For the second year running, Pembroke's Tolkien Lecture on Fantasy Literature was held as an online event. Award-winning and best-selling fantasy author Guy Gavriel Kay delivered this year's lecture.

Kay has published fourteen novels which have been translated into 30 languages and have appeared on bestseller lists around the world. He is also the author of the poetry collection, *Beyond This Dark House*. His most recent work is *A Brightness Long Ago*.



## Democracy in Crisis

Lecture

A panel of experts: Graham Allison, Lord Heseltine, Monica Juma, Lord Patten, and Tanya Beckett discussed the prospects for democracy in a post covid-pandemic world. They all gave their insights to answer the questions of where the balance of international power now lies and how relevant the traditional model of western government is for future generations.



## Professor Lynda Mugglestone - Writing a War of Words: Andrew Clark and the Language of WWI

Art Exhibition

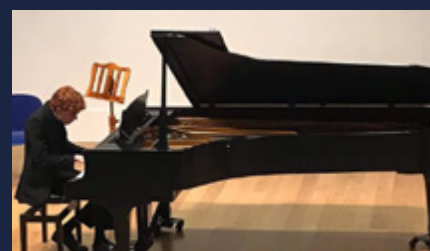
Fellow and Tutor in English, Professor Lynda Mugglestone delivered the annual Friends of the Bodleian talk, titled *Writing a War of Words: Andrew Clark and the Language of WWI*. The talk was based on Lynda's upcoming book, which was released in October by Oxford University Press.



## US Post-Election Discussion

Lecture

An online panel discussion between Pembrokeians: Phil Lader (BCL, 1967), Former U.S. Ambassador, Court of St James; Stuart Stevens (BA English, 1972), Political Correspondent and member of the Lincoln Group; Angus King, Political Independent, US Senator from Maine since 2013; Tom Herman (DPhil Politics, 1971), lawyer and former Deputy National Issues Director of the Dukakis for President campaign; and Tanya Beckett (Materials Science 1984), presenter at the BBC.



## Lunchtime Recitals with Pembroke College Music Society

Performance

Organised by Dr Guy Newbury, lecturer in Music, and the Pembroke College Music Society, weekly recitals were held for free during term in the Pichette Auditorium. They featured students from various college and students, staff and members of the public are all welcome to attend.

# Alumni Achievements



**Imogen Hobby (2015, PPE)**

Imogen Hobby was awarded a Kennedy Scholarship for postgraduate study at Harvard University, giving her a place on the Master of Public Policy programme at the Harvard Kennedy School for the 2021-22 academic year. Having worked as a teacher with Teach First since graduating from Pembroke, Imogen has developed an interest in education policy, particularly around the attainment gap affecting children from disadvantaged backgrounds. She commented: “I am delighted to have the opportunity to attend Harvard and hugely grateful to the Kennedy Memorial Trust for supporting me. I am particularly looking forward to studying some of the problems I have seen first-hand in my time as a teacher, but from a policy perspective. I am hoping to put my studies of public policy both at Pembroke and Harvard to good use on my return, as I plan to build a career working to tackle educational inequality.”



**Dr Michael Joseph (2011, BA History)**

Dr Michael Joseph has become the first academic to hold the new position of Lecturer in Black British History at the University of Cambridge. This exciting new role follows his tenure as M.G. Brock Junior Research Fellow in History at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Michael specialises in the history of the British and French Caribbean and has published articles on gender, the military and racial thought in the region. He is currently working on a comparative study of anti-colonial political thought in the Caribbean c. 1884 – 1939. Michael commented on the appointment: “I’m absolutely thrilled. We’re at such an important moment in the history of Black British history as a field, and I’m excited to have the opportunity to help shape its development at Cambridge.” His lectureship has expanded the Cambridge History Faculty’s teaching and supervision on Caribbean history, Black British History, and the history of the Black diaspora more widely.



**Cian Wade (2012, Medicine)**

Cian Wade won a Fulbright Scholarship to study a Masters in Public Health at Harvard University in 2021-22. Selected for the highly competitive scholarship, Cian hopes to develop research collaborations with academic colleagues in Boston. He is particularly interested in understanding why some patients are at higher risk of harm from healthcare than others, and how high-quality leadership, strategy and evidence can contribute to reducing those inequalities. Cian said: “I am absolutely delighted to have received a Fulbright scholarship. It will enable me to expand my professional horizons and skillset in order to contribute more meaningfully to addressing the major public health challenges facing the UK over the coming years. I am passionate about understanding how to empower healthcare systems and professionals to drive improvements in individual and population level health.” The US-UK Fulbright Commission provides the only bilateral, transatlantic scholarship programme in the UK, striving for a world where there are no obstacles to learning, understanding, and collaboration.



**Marianna Spring (2014, French and Russian)**

Alumna Marianna Spring has been featured on the Forbes ‘30 under 30’ 2021 list in the Media and Marketing category, in recognition of her work as the first Specialist Disinformation and Social Media Reporter for the BBC. The role involves reporting and investigating the human impact and real-world consequences of viral falsehoods and conspiracies, particularly the impact of online anti-vaccine and COVID-19 conspiracy theories and disinformation. Marianna has written, interviewed and presented extensively on these topics over the course of the pandemic, reporting for BBC Panorama’s ‘Vaccines: The Disinformation War’, among others. Reflecting on her achievement, Marianna commented: “I am delighted to have been named in Forbes 30 under 30, after what has been a very important year of investigating the real world consequences of online disinformation and conspiracy theories. I’m very grateful to all of those who have trusted me with their stories that expose the human cost of what’s happening on social media.”



**Dr Becky Smethurst (2013, DPhil Astrophysics)**

In late 2020, Dr Becky Smethurst was awarded the Mary Somerville Medal and Prize by the Institute of Physics in recognition of her efforts to increase accessibility to science through her YouTube channel, *Dr Becky*. She was praised for ‘engaging a diverse, global audience with complex astrophysical ideas presented at an accessible level with a large dose of enthusiasm’. Becky began publishing regular astrophysics videos in 2018, since then uploading over 170 weekly videos and gaining more than 350,000 subscribers. She is also the author of *Space: 10 Things You Should Know*, a book which explains the fundamentals of our universe. Reflecting on her YouTube journey and continuing passion for bringing accessible content to a wide audience, Becky shares: “I started the channel so I could share my enthusiasm for what I do as an astrophysicist. I want to inspire young people to think about following a career in science and I want to make the science that I study accessible to all.”



**Inaugural Women’s Mentoring Event**

In February 2021, the first event for Pembroke Women’s Mentoring Group took place. Initiated by Fellows Alice Gosling and Linda Flores, the premise behind the group is for current Pembroke students to benefit from the experience and advice of previous generations. Both students and alumnae have been enthusiastic about the initiative, the latter eager to help however they can. The event, held on Zoom, involved a Q&A session with alumnae from a wide range of fields and career paths (including Vivienne Artz OBE, pictured) as well as breakout rooms where students could speak to an alumna working in a field they were interested in and hear personal advice and honest experiences. The event also featured a talk during which some of the first women to study at Pembroke in 1979 gave their own advice to students.



**Dr Hassaan Shahawy (2016, Islamic Studies and History)**

Dr Hassaan Shahawy was elected President of the Harvard Law Review in January 2021, becoming the first Muslim president in the Review’s history. Dr Shahawy, who came to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, is currently a second year Law student at Harvard Law School and served as a general editor for the Law Review in 2020. Reflecting on his time in Oxford and his ambitions in his role as president, Dr Shahawy commented: “I remain deeply impacted by the time I spent in Oxford studying Islamic law, as well as the traditional study of Islamic law that I was doing at the same time. When I returned to the US to begin law school, I missed the truly international intellectual discourse that I experienced at Oxford and felt that American legal debates could do more to include and learn from international voices and other legal traditions. I’m so humbled to have been elected for this wonderful position, and hope it’s part of a broader trend of American legal academia appreciating the importance of diversity, as well as the value of engaging with international and historical legal traditions.”



**Pete Buttigieg (2005, PPE)**

Pete Buttigieg, who came to Pembroke as a Rhodes Scholar and graduated with a first in PPE, was appointed US Secretary of Transportation by President Joe Biden in early 2021. Prior to this, Pete served two terms as the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, taking a seven month leave of absence in 2014 to serve with the US Navy Reserve in Afghanistan. In 2019, he began an impressive campaign to secure the Democratic Party nomination for the 2020 US Presidential Election, before withdrawing in March 2020 and endorsing Joe Biden. His new role makes him the first openly gay Cabinet secretary in US history, the youngest Cabinet member in the Biden administration, and the youngest person ever to serve as Secretary of Transportation.

# In Numbers

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

	2021	2020
Income	£'000	£'000
Charitable activities		
Teaching, research and residential		
Tuition fees - UK and EU students	1,780	1,559
Tuition fees - Overseas students	1,124	1,042
Other fees	434	609
Other Office for Students support	102	90
Other academic income	2,562	1,432
College residential income	2,179	2,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,181</b>	<b>6,824</b>
Other trading income	382	971
Legacies and donations	4,891	2,978
Investment income	3,077	3,049
Other income	300	345
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,650</b>	<b>7,343</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>16,831</b>	<b>14,167</b>
Expenditure		
Generating funds		
Fundraising	480	537
Trading expenditure	200	831
Investment management costs	345	526
	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,894</b>
Charitable activities		
Teaching, research and residential		
Scholarships, prizes and grants	480	523
Bursaries and hardship awards	111	87
Other teaching, research and residential costs	7,938	7,801
Support costs	2,885	2,412
	<b>11,414</b>	<b>10,823</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>12,439</b>	<b>12,717</b>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	4,392	1,450
Investment gains/(losses)	15,815	(4,809)
Net movement in funds for the year	20,207	(3,359)
Fund balances brought forward	87,094	90,453
<b>Funds carried forward at 31 July</b>	<b>107,301</b>	



# In Numbers

Consolidated balance sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	35,386	33,679
Property investments	3,360	3,508
Other investments	94,053	75,585
	<b>132,799</b>	<b>112,772</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks	204	224
Debtors	1,602	2,096
Deposits and other short term investments	9,274	12,000
Cash at bank and in hand	7,786	4,480
	<b>18,866</b>	<b>18,800</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: falling due within one year	2,434	2,163
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>16,432</b>	<b>16,637</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>149,231</b>	<b>129,409</b>
Creditors: falling due after more than one year	40,048	40,047
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	1,882	2,268
<b>Total Net assets</b>	<b>107,301</b>	<b>87,094</b>
<b>Funds of the College</b>		
Endowment funds	74,006	58,870
Restricted funds	8,695	7,275
Unrestricted funds		
Designated funds	16,090	1,504
General funds	10,392	21,713
Pension reserve	(1,882)	(2,268)
	<b>107,301</b>	<b>87,094</b>

A full set of the financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2021 is available on request to the Bursar.

## 2020-21 Donations

	20/21	19/20
Annual Fund	629	504
Restricted Gifts	802	1,772
Endowment	2,617	342
Legacies	84	12
Research Centres	759	348
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,891</b>	<b>2,978</b>

## BURSAR'S COMMENTARY

Julie Saunders

The College has once again weathered the Covid storm.

During the year to 31 July 2021, the College's net income before investment gains was £4.4m, £3.3m higher than in 2019/20. Operational income was lower than planned due to the loss of residential income during the lockdown in the Hilary Term 2021. However, with careful management of costs, the return of conference income in July 2021, donations of £4.9m (2020: £3.0m) and the support of a £1m grant from Oxford University's College Contribution Emergency Fund, the College was able to record a healthy surplus.

Total income in 2020/21 (excluding unrealised investment gains) was £16.8m. Once again, the importance of donations, accounting for 29% of income before investment gains, was evident and the College is extremely grateful to alumni for continuing to enable it to reach its objectives. During the year, we received a generous and transformational donation from Chris Rokos of £2m to endow a Computer Science Fellow and to support graduate scholarships. Our research activities continued to grow from strength to strength with three research centres, led by Pembroke academics, together bringing in £2.2m of income. Tuition fees accounted for £3.4m (20%) of income in 2020/21.

Total expenditure during 2020/21 was £12.4m. This represented a £0.4m reduction compared to 2018/19, the last pre-Covid year, excluding exceptional one-off items. Staff costs, at £6.5m represented 52% of the total, with investment in the estate, at £0.8m, restricted to only essential items. Construction work on the £14m Geoffrey Arthur Building (GAB) re-development started in November 2020. This major project is expected to be completed in August 2022, 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 £4.4m operational surplus, together with significant investment gains during the year of £15.8m, meant that overall net income in 2020/21 amounted to £20.2m. As a result, the total funds of the College and its subsidiaries increased in the year to £107.3m from £87.1m on 31 July 2020. Endowment funds increased from £58.9m in 2019/20 to £74.0m on 31 July 2021, with total restricted funds of £8.7m (2020: £7.3m) and the College's unrestricted funds amounting to £26.5m. After deducting £19.0m for the book value of fixed assets less associated funding arrangements and the pension reserve of £1.9m, the College's free reserves amount to £5.6m.

At the year end, the College's long-term investments, combining securities and property investments, totalled £97.4m (2020: £79.1m). After outperforming the benchmarks return in the last five financial years, the annualised total investment return was 23.0% compared to the College's strategic benchmark return of 7.34% (RPI + 3.5%). This strong performance is primarily attributable to the bounce back of markets following the Covid-19 lockdowns. 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.

With the impact of Covid on day-to-day operations reduced, the College is once again looking to the future. Our finances will remain tight in 2021/22 with an increase in conference income, albeit at levels below those seen in 2018/19, together with a full year of accommodation rents expected to be more than offset by significant cost pressures due to a backlog of maintenance works, College graduation events, and cost inflation. Employer contributions to the University Superannuation Scheme (USS) will increase from October 2021 from 21.1% to 21.4%, adding further to costs and an expected increase in the USS deficit recovery contributions could lead to a significant pension provision charge in 2021/22. However, the College hopes to continue recording financial surpluses from 2022/23 onwards which, together with the ongoing support of its alumni, will allow it to invest in its ambitious strategy.

## STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S THANKS

## Alice Gosling

As the world dealt with a pandemic, Pembroke's alumni and friends continued to step up and help the college ensure it could care for, educate, enrich, and nurture our whole community in 20-21. Record-breaking support for student hardship and financial assistance, extra-tutorial activities, and graduate scholarships, as well as more alumni engaged on committees, with student mentoring, and as global ambassadors than ever before, has meant a busy and extremely rewarding year. We have truly seen how Pembroke's famed "friendliness" translates into a community that works together for the benefit of all, even when faced with the greatest of challenges.

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# Remembering Robert Stevens

Professor Robert Stevens  
Former Master and Honorary Fellow  
1933 – 2021



The College is deeply saddened to announce the death of former Master and Honorary Fellow, Professor Robert Stevens, on 30th January 2021.

Born in 1933, and educated at Oakham School, Robert Stevens first came to Oxford to read Law at Keble College as an undergraduate. He was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1956 but much of his subsequent career was spent in the United States. Pembroke Emeritus Fellow in Law, John Eekelaar, fondly described him as "at heart a Pembroke man who had somehow got lost and [had] wandered the world in search of his true home".

The Mastership at Pembroke was not Professor Stevens' first position as a Head of House. Following graduate work at Yale University, where he ultimately became Professor of Law, he went on to hold the positions of Provost of Tulane University and President of Haverford College. In 1987 he became Chancellor of the University of California in Santa Cruz.

Professor Stevens held Honorary degrees from the Universities of Pennsylvania, Villanova, Haverford

College and the New York Law School, as well as Honorary Fellowships at Keble College, Oxford and Oxford University's Centre for Socio-Legal Studies. In addition to this, and prior to his arrival at Pembroke, he attained a variety of visiting appointments, most notably at the University of Texas, at Stanford University and at the London School of Economics, as well as serving on a variety of significant bodies in the United States, including as Chair of the Research Committee of the American Bar Foundation.

Professor Stevens' written contribution to the field of law was extensive. He was an expert in Constitutional Law, with a particular interest in the changing role of the judiciary over the second half of the 20th Century. He brought an objective and refreshingly sceptical eye to bear on the workings of the English legal system, including in his books *The Independence of the Judiciary* (1992) and *The English Judges* (2002), both based on meticulous historical and archival research, and both benefiting from the breadth and length of his American experience.

Robert Stevens came to Pembroke in 1993, taking up residence in the Master's Lodgings with his wife, Kathie Booth, and their daughter, Robin. Reportedly, he was immediately struck by the overwhelming esteem in which the College was held by the alumni community, and, indeed, the students, staff and Fellows. He came to the College at what was an especially challenging time for higher education in general, and for Pembroke, in particular financially. His Master's Notes throughout his eight year tenure make constant and non-partisan reference to governmental changes to Higher Education Funding, and specifically to the significant reduction in College Fees to support the tutorial system.

Professor Stevens was a vocal and ardent campaigner for Pembroke and initiated a sea change in the way in which funds were sought. Under his Mastership, the Century 5 Campaign doubled the endowment, significantly strengthening the College finances. Professor Stevens, along with Kathie, developed links with American alumni and friends established by his predecessor, Sir

Roger Bannister, and created new ones: notably the introduction of the Visiting Student (Junior Year Abroad) Programme.

Professor Stevens was tireless in his championing of the tutorial system and commitment to the College. Governing Bodies and meetings under his direction were memorably robust, but frequently relieved by humour. On his retirement he willingly acknowledged, "I was told that some of you have been suffering from donor fatigue and others thought we had not asked for enough funds for the future. I am sorry if you suffer from the former; I am happy to remedy the latter."

In the years since his retirement from the Mastership, Professor Stevens retained an active interest in the College and continued to support Pembroke activities and events. He will be much missed by the Pembroke community.

The College flag flew at half mast in tribute to Professor Stevens.



Robert Stevens with Roy Jenkins. Taken by Stuart Bebb.



Robert Stevens with John Platt



Professor Alan Jones

1933 – 2021

It is with great sadness that the College has learned of the death of Emeritus Fellow Professor Alan Jones.

Alan moved to Oxford in 1955 to study Turkish, having read Classics, Arabic and Persian at Cambridge. Two years later, he was appointed lecturer in Turkish and Islamic Studies, eventually focusing most of his time on Arabic.

He was very much involved with the establishment of both Wolfson and St Cross Colleges, becoming a Fellow of the latter, as well as Vice-Master and Senior Tutor between 1965 and 1980. Alan joined Pembroke in 1980 as our first Tutorial Fellow in Arabic, and remained here until his retirement in 2000.

Professor Jones' impact on the College was considerable. He was responsible for Pembroke taking a significant portion of Oxford's undergraduates in Arabic; he successfully handled negotiations that led to a Tutorial Fellowship for Japanese, making Pembroke the only undergraduate college with three orientalist fellows (Chinese being the third); and he was Senior Tutor at least twice.

Alongside his work in the College, Alan served the University on the General Board, was Chairman of the Oriental Faculty Board and of the University's Computing Services Committee, and was Vice-Chairman of the governing body of the Hebrew Centre at Yarnton.

In a speech at his retirement, James McMullen commented that 'Alan has been passionately loyal in his service of both University and College. He has brought a special combination of energy, intensity and a high sense of justice, together with great warmth, resilience and humour.'

A leading scholar in Quranic Studies and in pre-Islamic and early Islamic Arabic, he authored numerous books, producing ground-breaking work on the language and history of the Qur'an as well as editions and translations of pre-Islamic poetry. His linguistic skills extended to several other languages, enabling his later study of the stanzaic poetry of Muslim Spain.

Alan is remembered for his vast scholarly achievement, his humour, and his kindness. He remained connected to the College throughout his retirement, attending events, offering advice and staying in touch with many of his former students directly. He will be much missed by the Pembroke community.

## Recollections

I was incredibly fond of Alan - his dry humour, his masterfully understated (but biting!) criticism, his intolerance of pointless academic theory, his utterly unpretentious style, and his extraordinary kindness. Alan's scholarship on pre-Islamic poetry and his unraveling of the grammatical mysteries of the Qur'an were particularly ground-breaking and brilliant. He was consumed by his research almost up to the end, and would still send me blood-curdling poems by early Islamic warriors whenever he stumbled across them (alongside updates on his cat). There's still so much I want to run by him. This feels like the end of an era.

Elisabeth Kendall, Senior Research Fellow in Arabic and Islamic Studies.

Alan's translation of the Qur'an (2007) is the one I regularly quote, unlikely to be surpassed as representing the understanding of the Qur'an in around 900. (Our Nicolai Sinai is working on the Qur'an as it was understood in the 630s, but it may be another generation before we see a full translation based on his work and allies.) I invited him [Alan] to the first Arabic subject dinner in 2012, where he was able to chat with current undergraduates. I am proud to say he told me afterwards it made him think Arabic was in good hands at Pembroke...

Christopher Melchert,  
Oriental Institute



## Dr Zbigniew Pelczyński

1925 –2021

It is with great sadness that the College records the death of Dr Zbigniew Pelczyński OBE, Emeritus Fellow and former Fellow in Politics.

Dr Pelczyński taught at Trinity, Balliol, and Merton before he joined Pembroke in 1957, first as a Lecturer and then, in 1961, as Fellow in Politics at the College. He served in a number of key roles in the college, including Vicegerent, Acting Master, Dean, and, in the office that gave him particular enjoyment, as Dean of Graduates for seven years. He taught hundreds of students during his time in Oxford, by whom he was variously known as Zbig, Zbyszek, or ZAP. Many of those he taught went on to make their mark on the world, including seven Government Ministers, a US senator, and former US President Bill Clinton. He retired in 1992, and was elected to an Emeritus Fellowship.

During his time as a Fellow he gained an outstanding international reputation as a political philosopher and academic, especially as a scholar of the German philosopher Georg Hegel.

He lived in Pembroke Street for many years with his wife, Denise, daughters, Wanda and Tonton, and son, Jan.

Born in Poland in 1925, Zbigniew fought in the Warsaw Uprising in September 1944, before being captured by the German army. Following his liberation at the end of the War and having subsequently served under the British command in Germany in the First Armoured Division of the Polish Army, he arrived in Britain in January 1946.

He began his studies at St Andrews, earning first class honours in Economics and Political Science upon graduating in 1949. He

then moved to Oxford where he completed a DPhil at The Queen's College on the study of Hegel's constitutional writings in 1956. As a scholar of Hegel, at a time when this was unfashionable, Dr Pelczyński argued against the interpretation of Hegel as totalitarian, instead arguing that a civil society of educational, religious, and other institutions, along with shared traditions, standards, and loyalties, would preserve personal liberty, rather than stifle it. His writings on Hegel became influential and admired, and led to a number of visiting professorships at prestigious universities across the world, including Yale and Harvard.

Dr Pelczyński often spoke on the subject of the communist government in his home country, and, in 1982, delivered the highly influential McCallum Lecture on 'The Polish Road from Communism'. That same year, he proudly set up the Oxford Colleges Hospitality Scheme, which permitted hundreds of Polish scholars to spend time in Oxford to study, and proved that the art of skilled argument could be successful in persuading the Communist authorities to allow scholars to travel to the West. After the transition to democracy in Poland, Dr Pelczyński regularly advised the post-Communist Polish government, including as an advisor to its Constitutional Committee, and he eventually established the School for Leaders of Civil Society in Warsaw.

Following his extraordinary academic career, a retirement dinner was held for him in Washington in 1993, attended by leading politicians, diplomats, academics and many of his former students. President Clinton, his former student, welcomed Dr Pelczyński to the Oval Office whilst he was in Washington.

By the time of his retirement, Dr Pelczyński had been awarded a succession of medals and honorary degrees from institutions around the World including Poznan, Krakow, Warsaw, and Wroclaw. He was appointed OBE in 1993, in recognition of his contributions to British-Polish relations, and awarded a decoration by the first post-communist President of Poland, Lech Walesa.

In honour of his 80th birthday in 2005, Pembroke hosted a birthday party at the Polish Embassy in London. Over 100 students were able to attend and His Excellency Mr Zbigniew Matuszewski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland, opened the evening. A decade later, the College hosted a formal dinner to mark his 90th birthday, with over 40 guests in attendance including the Polish Ambassador to the UK, Witold Sobkow, and former Masters, Sir Roger Bannister and Giles Henderson.

Zbigniew will be remembered with great affection by the College community, and many others here in Oxford and around the world.

## Recollections

In 1967 I came up to Pembroke having been accepted to read PPE but, doubting my own suitability for that course, having transferred to read Geography. I found myself without a geography tutor in college but was 'adopted' by Dr Pelczyński and made to feel part of a college community. I will always be to be grateful to him for his kindness to this exile from the North.

John Smith, 1967

I was a student of Dr Pelczyński from 1961 to 1965, and attended a number of gatherings subsequently at which he was present, most notably his 80th birthday celebration. I remember Zbyshek with affection, not least because when he told me of my finals results, he added with a smile that my poor performance in economics "augurs well for your proposed career in business". Fortunately, I had specialised in politics, and with his guidance had squeezed a Second...

Robert Lyons, 1961

I have very fond memories of Zbigniew as the man who helped me to make sense of Machiavelli as part of my Politics Paper in my Modern History schools, now a scarcely credible 50 years ago. He had an incisive mind which was disciplined and very, very sharp. I used to look forward to our tutorials and developed a lifelong interest in politics and political thought. When I eventually came to teach, having sworn I never would, I taught American Politics and was proud of the fact that one of my tutors was Dr Zbigniew Pelczyński and I mourn his death

and the deep loss he must be to his family. I send them my sincere condolences and thanks that Pembroke College had such a talented Fellow.

Chris Harrison, 1969



## Revd Colin Morris

1928 - 2021

It is with great sadness that the College has learned of the death of Emeritus Fellow and former Chaplain Revd Colin Morris.

Born in 1928, The Revd Colin Morris graduated from Queen's College, Oxford in 1948 and 1951, having read Modern History and Theology. In 1953 he was ordained as a deacon, and a year later as a priest.

Morris joined Pembroke in 1953 as Chaplain and Fellow in Medieval History. He became a popular and well-respected figure during his sixteen years at the College, and the chapel community flourished under his ministry. Revd Dr John Platt, his successor, wrote of him in the Pembroke Record: 'I can speak at first hand of the great respect and affection in which we held his wise and yet unobtrusive guidance.'

In 1969 he was elected Supernumerary Fellow of Pembroke after leaving Oxford to take up a new appointment at the University of Southampton. Here he was Professor of Medieval History (1969 - 1993) and Emeritus Professor from 1993. He was elected as an Honorary Fellow at Queen's College, Oxford in 2009.

Morris was President of the Ecclesiastical History Society (1998 - 2000), and was awarded Fellowship of the British Academy (2007) and of the Royal Historical Society. He wrote extensively about medieval England, with a focus on the ecclesiastical and social history of the Middle Ages; the Crusades; and the influence of the Holy Sepulchre on the culture of Western Europe.

## Recollections

I much admired Colin for his 'two-minute homilies' at the 8am Sunday Communion: he could say more in those two minutes than most clergy pack into half an hour. There is one throw-away line that I will never forget: 'Pontius Pilate must have been posthumously amazed to find himself included in the Christian Creed'. What a wonderful person: I am so glad to have known him.

Lionel Pike, 1959

I was saddened to learn of the death of the Revd. Colin Morris. I owe a good deal to him, as he interviewed me for entrance to Pembroke (matriculated 1960, but I think the interview was in 1959), when he obviously forgave me fibbing on who my favourite 19th century Prime minister was. He took me through early classes in Medieval History and I always felt he had a genuine and friendly interest in my subsequent academic progress...

Dr. Atis V. Antonovics, 1960

I remember Colin Morris with much affection unaffected by the fact that I was [am] actively Jewish and thus not part of his religious constituency. I felt equally appreciated and an admirer of his calm, always kind personality.

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, 1961

I read History at Pembroke 1966-1969 and so knew Colin as Tutor and Chaplain. I remember the kindness of Piers Mackesy and Colin at my interview as I had an appalling cough and just about made it through to the finish before another outburst.

I well remember his tutorials in his study at the South east part of the Main quad. He always sat with a standard lamp, so to look at him one was looking directly into this light. He was of course totally unaware of the torture he was imposing on us! They were in other ways most enjoyable and created for me an abiding interest in Mediaeval History...Towards the end of my time at Pembroke, people asked vulgar questions about what I was going to do when I came down. On a friend's advice I told Colin that I was attracted to being an Archivist. He immediately contacted an ex pupil and I was starting on my career of over 50 years as an archivist.

James Collett-White, 1966



## Dr Peter Cuff

1925 - 2021

After completing his PhD at Oxford in 1955, Peter joined Pembroke as Fellow of Ancient History in 1961. Alongside his Fellowship, Dr Cuff was Bursar of the College from 1966 to 1969, then Estates Bursar for the following ten years, before serving a period of Vicegerency.

Dr Cuff's contribution to Pembroke during his twenty-five years here was invaluable. As Bursar and Tutor, he brought to his devoted management of the College's finances the same sharp mind that he brought to his study of inflation in the Roman world. Sir Geoffrey Arthur (Master, 1975 - 1984) credited him with carrying the College through more than a decade of rapid expansion and financial uncertainty, as he nurtured a successful investment policy and tirelessly sought external sources of funding to support the development and building programme.

Dr Cuff went on to serve as Vicegerent between 1982 and 1984, and as Acting Master immediately following Sir Geoffrey Arthur's death.

In 1986, he took early retirement and moved to Australia, at the same time receiving his election to an Emeritus Fellowship from Pembroke College.



## John Drysdale, 1947

1925 – 2021

John was the elder son of John Mortimer Drysdale (S.H. and E.B.M. 1900-1905), a classicist who joined the R.F.C. during the Great War and then established the very successful Apex Garage by the A1, Great North Road at what has become Apex Corner in Northwest London. Born 21st of May 1925, John's formative years were spent in a house by Hendon Hall, handy for the garage. John developed his lifelong love of animals, particularly dogs, very early. His early education was at Mill Hill. He went to Shrewsbury in the Lent Term of 1939. He was placed in Oldham's under S.S. Sopwith; his brother Richard (1941-1945) followed. John's cerebral and physical energy, formidable all-round abilities, confidence and marked tendency to give socially were evident from early on. He was well able to cope academically, studying mathematics and science in his later school career. He was R.S.S.B.C. Secretary, in the 1943 first VIII, a member of the Sports Committee and Captain of Swimming. He played in 1st XI football games, although not listed as a member of the team in the Register. His musical development was demonstrated by being a cornet player, to solo standard, in the band and trumpet in the orchestra. He went into the R.A.F. in 1943 training for Bomber Command on the (huge) British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, as a navigator and bomb aimer in Canada, on Avro Ansons, after a horrible and sea-sickness stricken Atlantic crossing, becoming a flight-sergeant navigator and being demobilised from a desk job in 1947. He then went to Pembroke College, Oxford, where he coincided with his brother, rowing adjacent to him in various College crews, notably in two events at Henley in 1949, had a tremendously good time, married his wife Ann, and achieved a first class degree in Chemistry. He worked for I.C.I. as an industrial chemist from 1951 to 1957 and moved to the Shell Chemical Company in a similar but more senior capacity until 1965. By this date, boredom with industrial chemistry had set in and he trained for the Bar Examinations in his spare time, qualifying as a barrister in 1965 and practising initially from chambers in the Temple and later Gray's Inn, through which he had qualified for the Bar, with a specialization in patent law. He was

appointed to a judicial post as Chairman of the Industrial Tribunal in Bedford in 1984, from which he retired in 1995. Among publications, he took a particular pride in "Passing Off", written with Michael Silverleaf, which deals with an important aspect of the law. John and Ann had four children, Elizabeth (Libby), William, Catherine (Katy) and Robert and they all had a lot of fun as a family, despite his very demanding career. After shortish stretches living in Welwyn Garden City and Marske in Yorkshire, John settled at Harpenden in Hertfordshire, easy for access to town, his father's home and garage and, later, Bedford. The children have the happiest recollections of outings with John's hair-raising driving of a Land Rover from the Apex garage, holidays together, ski-ing trips and trips to town. His reading away from work was consistently voracious and, combined with his powers of recall, often enabled him to answer obscure questions from the family and others off the cuff. He read and appreciated poetry. He loved musical performances (jazz, Stan Getz was his favourite performer, verged on being an obsession), he supported opera, and, at home, he accumulated one of the finest collections of golfing gadgetry imaginable, golf being his continuing main sporting activity. His continuing interest in rowing was demonstrated by being in the Stewards' Enclosure at Henley most years. Among his masonic activities, John joined the Old Salopian Lodge, the London-based body associated with the School, and was a great and entertaining stalwart of that, being Master twice as well as Secretary for several years. He achieved high masonic preferment. He is remembered as a wonderful dinner-companion after meetings and his love of lunching, dining and chatting whenever the opportunity arose is firmly in the minds of friends and family. Sadly, Ann died of breast cancer in 1996 after a wonderful marriage of forty-six years. In 1997 he married Rosalind, who remained a very caring wife until she succumbed to Covid 19 in November 2020. He suffered a broken hip at the end of 2019 and, with repair and Covid 19 restrictions, spent much of the time in suitable accommodation near Libby in St. Albans. There was a brief return to Harpenden, but it became clear that John would be better in specialist accommodation, so he moved to Fonthill Care Home in St Albans, where he died, peacefully and very well cared for, on 2 May 2021.

Daughter: Libby Chaplin



## Richard Stopford, 1952

1932 – 2021

Richard (Dick) Stopford went up to Pembroke from Northampton to read law in 1952, having completed 2 years of National Service in the RAF, finishing as a Flying Officer, although later promoted to Flight Lieutenant, and narrowly avoiding the call up to Korea.

He had a gift for making life-long friendships, and Pembroke was a place where he made many. On his first day, he met Dick Williamson, and that friendship ultimately passed down a generation to their youngest sons. On the same day he also met Jim Bratton. As they filled out forms on arrival in Hall, he noticed that it was Jim's 21st birthday, and so he invited the young American law student to celebrate with a pint, the first of many shared good times together. Through the years he continued to meet up and stayed in touch with so many of his Oxford contemporaries, even visiting many of those living in far flung corners of the globe.

Together with Jim Bratton, Dick Williamson and others, Dick was fortunate to study law under the tutelage of the inspirational Bobby Heuston.

Pembroke was a formative experience for Dick. His fondness for the College was infectious, and ultimately led his younger son, John, to follow him there 34 years later.

Dick was known for his sense of humour, his prodigious memory and encyclopaedic knowledge, his sporting prowess, and his poor time keeping, which often made him late, but above all, the description that resonates most clearly with those who knew or met him was that he was a gentleman, a truly kind and gentle man.

Sport was a passion, and he had a gift for almost any activity that involved a ball and a stick, bat or racket. He represented Oxford at badminton in the Blues matches in his second and third year, first as a player, and later as captain. He also played cricket, tennis, hockey, real tennis and squash at various levels while at Oxford. After university he went on to play cricket for the Northamptonshire 2nd x1, national league hockey for St Albans, county tennis for Northamptonshire, and

even league table tennis for the village of Evenley, his home for 50 years.

After leaving Pembroke, he moved into Personnel management, working for amongst others, Hawker Sidley, Mobil Oil, KCA, Brown & Root, Devonport Dockyards, and finally the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermarston, hanging up his hat on his 65th birthday in 1997. In retirement, he remained active on the board of the local health authority and applying his experience to adjudicating on workplace tribunals.

The seminal event of his life occurred 60 years ago this year, when Dick met his wife, Terry. They were married in London 3 years later in 1964. Theirs' was a love that defied the tests of time, from the smitten young couple in the photobooth snaps that still sit on his chest of drawers, to the many photos of a proud couple surrounded by their 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

In later life, when arthritis and age made other sports more difficult, he took up golf, getting up early every Saturday morning to play in his regular fourball. It must have been the friendship and banter that made it enjoyable, because for someone so phenomenally talented at virtually any ball game, he had finally found one at which even he struggled.

As well as playing sport, Dick was a passionate supporter of the Northamptonshire County Cricket team and the mighty Northampton Saints rugby team. An obsession he passed on to his older son, Charles, sharing many wonderful Saturdays together watching their teams win, lose or draw, in all weathers.

He also loved to travel, enjoyed reading and listening to classical music, continued to accumulate knowledge, but above all he doted on his growing family and relished spending time in the company of his many good friends, joyfully attending gaudy and reunions well into his eighties.

In the last few years, as his health deteriorated and the years caught up with such a vital man, his wife, Terry, was by his side throughout making sure he was loved and looked after, and his many wonderful carers all chose that familiar term to describe him, he remained a "gentleman" even in adversity, never complaining.

Dick loved life, lived it to the full and made lots of great friends along the way. He will be greatly missed by many, not least by the love of his life and wife of 57 years, Terry, by his 2 sons, Charles and John, and their 5 children.

Son: John Stopford 1985

## George Lilley, 1957

1936 – 2021

George was born in Banbury, Oxfordshire, in 1936 to parents who fled to Britain to escape Nazi Germany. In gratitude to the country that had given them refuge they gave their son the name of England's patron saint, St George. Behind them his father had left a flourishing legal career, having just been made a Supreme Court judge, as was his own father, at a little over forty. George's father Dolf died early in the war and it was to his mother Doris that he owed being exposed to classical music; it was she who suggested that he learn to play the violin, the instrument that would be his lifelong delight. Following National Service in the artillery, spent in Germany, George went up to Pembroke in 1957 to read English.

Daughter: Sarah Tolson, 1994

## Dick Bradnum, 1959

1939 – 2021

Born and raised by kind-hearted, loving and attractively ordinary parents in Hessle, East Yorkshire, Dick attended Hymers College in nearby Hull. Before taking up a place at Pembroke to read Theology in 1959, he was required to embrace (at Her Majesty's pleasure and expense) two years of 'the real world' of National Service, which included an extended posting in Germany. He completed his Service, earthed and prematurely experienced in living in a world and among people beyond Academia - beyond even Hymers College, Hull. A few years ago Dick wrote to me that he had always felt 'ill at ease about being in Oxford. If truth be told,' he continued, 'I always felt I was a fraud being there at all.' But there he was, and there I was, two frauds on the same course, in the same college in 1959. How fortunate I was to discover such a man, a real man of integrity and honesty, self-deprecating and with an infectious, booming laugh (often directed at himself, never at others). In private, he displayed a remarkable gift for mimicry, particularly of the idiosyncrasies and characteristic phrases of our revered tutors and lecturers. Dick was a living proof of his deep Christian convictions, a man enjoyed, respected and confided in by so many of us (Chris, Peter, John, Bob, myself, others. . .) on our staircase, the old and spartan 15 on Pembroke Street - provided we did not interrupt his daily ritual of cleaning and polishing his shoes, a wholesome reminder of his National Service days. He also was an influence for good in St Aldate's church next door and the Oxford Pastorate, where he was to meet his beloved wife of over 55 years and fellow Theology graduate, Margaret Cresswell. What of Dick's

other activities in Oxford? Much to his own (and our) amazement and amusement, an occasional call up to Pembroke's 3rd X1 (football), a place in Pembroke's 4th rowing V111 - and (no amazement here) one of only two Firsts in the 1962 Oxford Honours Theology list. Sadly, mine was not the other - no amazement here either. A further pre-ordination training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, after ordination itself and a curacy with Canon Brian Green at St Martin's-in-the Bullring, Birmingham, Dick finally returned to 'the real world' and his real calling (as he perceived it), this time in West Yorkshire, in the housing estates in and around Halifax, in Gawthorpe and Mixenden. Here he cared lovingly for the physical and spiritual needs of countless people, who quickly grew to love him as we did - but not, of course, love on the same scale as the love of Margaret, of his beloved children, Anna and Stephen, and of his grandchildren. And certainly not on the same scale (a constant theme of Dick's preached and taught message) as God's love for him and for all of us, love shown in Forgiveness, the recurring theme of his one and only published book - again, one more than me.

Revd David Hay, 1959

## Bill Shardlow, 1960

1940 – 2021

William Drayton ('Bill') Shardlow (1960) Died 12 January 2021 aged 80 Bill came up to College, from Ludlow in 1960 to read PPE. He always expressed pride in having had Dr Z. Pelzynski as his Tutor. The subject proved to be ideal to develop his interests, both personally and professionally. Bill, who was naturally gregarious and energetic made many friends at College. If there was a party, Bill would know! He thoroughly enjoyed his time at College where he worked and played hard. He was equally productive in his professional life: early days were spent amongst petrol stations in Wolverhampton... much later he was to be found in the giant Grand Metropolitan (or Diageo, as it came to be known) where he headed up the HR function reporting direct to the Chief Executive. He was confident in his own abilities, not needing to rely too much on others. His personal life was likewise full and varied: he and his wife Phyl lived in Sussex, not far from their daughters and had holiday homes in Cardigan and in Florida, where they would meet up with their son. Bill relaxed with tennis, golf and a good book. He and his wife would often join two old Pembrokeians for a holiday abroad: Bernard Hopkins and Richard Leman. We would meet for lunches in a London club and more lately Bill and I would enjoy long telephone exchanges. Bill's great assets were the warmth and kindness beneath his bonhomie - with his consideration for others and loyalty in

friendship. The 18th century poet, Alexander Pope, also a political realist, might well have written of him: Foe to loud praise, Friend to action and ease, ...Calmly he looked on either Life and here saw Nothing to regret, or there to fear; From Nature's temperate feast rose satisfied, Thanked Heaven that he had lived - and nothing belied. Bill was a voracious reader: matters of all kinds would be discussed with verve but without unseemly dissent. He was always good company and fun to be with. He is much missed by his friends and will be long remembered.

Dirk FitzHugh

### Kenneth MacKenzie, 1961

1943 – 2020

Kenneth came up in 1961 to read History. Following his graduation in 1964, and another year's study at Stanford University, USA, he returned to his native Scotland to enter the Scottish Office. For a period in the 1990's, he was seconded to London, and where his duties at one stage included taking minutes at John Major's cabinet meetings. He served with distinction, reaching the highest level of the service, and in 1996, his reward came with the honour of the CB. Following retirement in 2001, Kenneth's administrative skills were called upon in countries which were emerging from Communism, including the Baltic States and Kosovo. In 1975, he married Irene, and in 1977 and 1979 respectively, their children Mary and John were born. He is also survived by seven grandchildren. They were a united family, coping well with his out-of-hours and London-based duties. He was a dedicated member of the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert (Presbyterian), in which he served as Session Clerk from 1977-1991. His sincere Christianity pervaded his Civil Service work, his family life, and indeed his whole life. His many interests included amateur dramatics. I watched him play the part of a Pharisee in an open air production of *The Life of Jesus* at Dundas Castle. Kenneth was a regular and generous benefactor of the college. He was frequently to be seen at our annual dinners. In 2001, he was our after-dinner speaker, when he spoke modestly of his experiences and rapid rise. In 1996, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, leading to a remorseless decline in both his physical and mental faculties. The burden of care placed upon Irene in his final years was born with unbelievable love and devotion. Kenneth's life of service, marked by integrity, honesty, reliability, and his Christianity will be long remembered and valued. He died on November 27th.

Irene Mackenzie

### Jak Kissell, 1961

1941 – 2021

My father, Jak Kissell, who has died aged 80, trained more than 5,000 teachers over the course of a 40-year career in education. His passion for teaching English was fired by his love of literature, linguistics and languages. He had a good knowledge of French, Italian, German, Ancient Greek, Latin, Anglo-Saxon (Old English), and a smattering of Old Norse. He was born James Kissell in Buckhurst Hill, Essex, the son of George Kissell, a lab technician who had made gyroscopes for Spitfire planes in the second world war, and his wife, Elizabeth (nee Anderson). After leaving St Ignatius College, Enfield, Jak joined the Royal Air Force reserve. He received his pilot officer commission in 1964 and intended a career in the cockpit, but government cutbacks meant he would not be able to fly, so he chose university instead, and went to Queen Mary College, University of London to study English. Graduating with a first in 1961, he went on to take his BLitt from Pembroke College, Oxford, and in 1968 became a lecturer at La Sainte Union College of Higher Education (now part of the University of Southampton). While there, he took an MSc in linguistics from Reading, which proved a tipping point for his career and led him to focus on language as well as literature. Jak married Roslyn Keller in 1965, and they had two sons. They moved a short way east in 1972 when Jak joined West Sussex Institute of Higher Education, now the University of Chichester. As a senior lecturer in English language, literature and drama, he shaped courses that built its reputation, attracting students from Saudi Arabia and China. He also taught extensively at Open University summer schools and was an invigilator and marker for the Cambridge examination board. He retired in 2004 but continued to lecture part-time for the Open University and the University of Portsmouth until 2012. Outside classroom and lecture hall, Jak was a patron and performer in the arts scene of West Sussex, directing and acting in summer Shakespeare productions at Chichester's West Dean Gardens, playing his violin in the Hayling Island orchestra and singing with Felpham community singers. His appetite for life and language was arrested only by the onset of dementia and supranuclear palsy in 2019. Even after moving into a nursing home, he still enjoyed having Proust read to him by his carers. He is survived by Ros, Robert and me, and his grandchildren, Matthew, Alex and Alexa

James Kissell (son) via the Guardian

### Peter Johnson, 1964

1945 – 2020

Peter came up to the College the year after I had come down. We first met some years later at a job interview; he was a solicitor with the Costain Civil Engineering Group looking for overseas opportunities. I was a Legal Director at Tarmac International at the time. Given his relevant experience and engaging personality, we soon agreed terms for his appointment. We enjoyed working together in London and after he had met Caroline, my wife and I were delighted to attend their wedding in the wilds of Shropshire. In due course, Peter moved to a financially more rewarding post, as an expatriate in Bahrain, where sadly his marriage broke up. Both were, however to remain long term friends. Later Peter came back to the UK, rejoining Tarmac on their Oil and Gas Sector. Peter was now living in a handsome Georgian Rectory in Ditton Priors, Shropshire. His next step was to set up on his own as a legal consultant in his new specialist field. Initially, he moved to Windsor, near London, but then found a permanent home down in Devon. He was also able to afford an elegant holiday residence in Normandy, which later he reluctantly relinquished. During this period, Peter ventured a second marriage but this proved short lived. Peter had a natural gift of making friends, wherever he was - and keeping them - not only socially but also with colleagues and clients. He was a loyal son, who devoted much time to visiting his ageing father in the North West where he had been brought up. When Peter was diagnosed with stomach cancer, he fought at length with typical energy and optimism, seeming to be successful at keeping it a bay. As I had been living the last 35 years in the West Midlands, we did not manage to meet much, but still kept in touch. In the spring of 2018, however, I was down South visiting country houses, whilst my wife and sons were on holiday in Peru. I invited Peter out to lunch and he arranged for me to stay overnight. On my arrival, he opened the door, in his white flannel dressing gown, to say "sorry can't make today had an upset stomach last night and I have to go to hospital now, my neighbour is coming round to take me there." I helped him pack and into his neighbour's car. The following month Peter had recovered sufficiently to return home and arrange a repeat visit. He was in fine form as we enjoyed an excellent lunch, nearby Gidleigh Park as originally planned. It was sad to then hear from a mutual friend that Peter had finally succumbed. He was always the best of company, even when he was beset by his renewed attacks of illness. He remained boyish in his manner, even at the age of 70, cheerfully unchanged from his youthful days. His loss will be much felt by all those who knew him.

Dirk FitzHugh, 1960





### Nigel Parsons, 1968

1950 – 2020

Nigel was born in Oldham and attended Hulme Grammar School there. He won a Scholarship to read Physics at Pembroke College 1968 - 1971 where he gained an Upper Second. He transferred to Glasgow University to study for a Ph.D. in Theoretical Particle Physics 1971 - 74. He met his wife Eileen there during this time. There then followed several post-doctoral Research Fellowships, first at Glasgow, then back to Oxford, then to Columbia University, New York, before taking up a Science Research Council Advanced Fellowship back at Oxford. His two daughters were born there during this time. In 1986, he transferred to work in Industry, first at Racal Decca in Surrey, then finally to Ferranti (eventually Thales) at Stockport, Manchester, from where he retired in 2013. He did not have long to enjoy his retirement unfortunately before ill health overtook him as he was diagnosed with a Stage 4 brain tumour in 2016 which he battled for four and a half years. Nigel always had a positive attitude and terrific sense of humour and lived life to the full, with many interests - cycling and bike maintenance, hill walking, music (he had a vast collection), making music (he started teaching himself Irish Fiddle at the age of 40), car maintenance, beer making(!), reading, film, theatre, and Eastern Philosophy and Religion. In 2017, about a year after completing treatment for his brain tumour, he was ordained in France as a Zen Buddhist Monk. Quite a Polymath! He leaves behind a wife, two children and their partners, and two grandchildren, who all miss him very much as do his extended family, many friends, neighbours and colleagues. 70 years well spent!

Eileen Parsons



### Professor Peter Wright, 1971

1953 – 2020

Professor Peter Anthony Wright (1971) 14 April 1953 - 30 December 2020 Peter Wright, who conducted significant research into polyphonic music of the late Middle Ages and early Renaissance, went up to Pembroke College in 1971, gaining a BA Honours in Music (1974) and BMus in Musical Composition (1975). En route he won the John Lowell Osgood Memorial Prize for Musical Composition (1973). He chose to pursue the academic route and went on to gain a PhD from the University of Nottingham, embarking on the field that was to become his life's work. He was appointed lecturer in music at Nottingham in 1988, was advanced to a readership in 2000 and a personal chair in 2007, retiring in 2014 as Emeritus. In 2011, he held a British Academy Senior Research Fellowship, and was a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford in 2012. He chaired the British Academy Committee for the series Early English Church Music from 2011 to January 2020. In 2018, he was made an Honorary Senior Research Fellow of the University of Bristol. In the published version of his dissertation and in a fine series of articles, he published fundamental work on the compilers, scribes, contents and structure of the earlier Trent codices (vital sources for both English and continental 15th-century music.) He made key contributions on Austrian and eastern European repertories, edited two fine volumes of English 15th-century Mass music for Early English Church Music and co-authored a detailed study and facsimile of the early 15th-century St. Emmeram manuscript together with a book on the same manuscript and its context. His long-running work on the Aosta manuscript is, alas, incomplete, but will be evaluated for at least partial completion. His work won him the Westrup Prize (1995) and Centenary Competition Prize (2018), both of Music & Letters, and (with Ian Rumbold) the C. B. Oldman Prize of the International Association of Music Libraries (2011) for outstanding work in music bibliography. He was a person of the highest integrity, kind, caring, and with a dry sense of humour. Four years ago, he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. He endured his illness with dignity and stoicism, continuing his research and professional service until the last moment. He leaves his mother Gretl, his wife Joanne (an Renaissance art historian) and two daughters, Jessica and Miriam whom he adored.

Professor Ian Bent

### Paul Bunnage, 1974

1955 – 2021

I met Paul in about 1982 when our stockbroking firms merged at J & A Scrimgeour as an account executive. He was a diligent, amusing colleague with something of a flair-tinged with some cynicism for stock markets. Post 'Bog Bang' Paul left CitiCorp and worked for Morgan Stanley for some years before eventually joining with a few friends in a private wealth management organisation away from the rather frenetic city environment. Despite the intense pressure during much of his career, Paul retained a great love of literature - in particular poetry - music, and an interest in politics and current affairs. He was a voracious reader and had kept a record of every book he had read since the age of 14. His personal life was not particularly conventional. In football parlance, he was a keen Manchester City supporter, befitting his own town, the score was 2-2. His last marriage to his wife Alyson, who he met through the local church in Richmond, resulted in a joyous time of gardening, visiting village churches, and good lunches with old friends. His early death at 65 followed a period of declining health with Alyson by his side, helping him to a peaceful end in love and faith.



### Rob Lees, 1975

1957 – 2020

Although born in Birmingham, Rob grew up in North West London and went to St Paul's School, Barnes, in 1970. It was on the lengthy journeys to and from school that he became a voracious reader, devouring everything from Dickens to the further reaches of science fiction. Having fallen under T.S. Eliot's spell during his A-Level studies, he came up to Pembroke in 1975 to read English. After three very happy years he emerged with a degree, a relentless curiosity, a keen appreciation of good beer, and a group of friends and kindred spirits that was never to stop expanding. Rob was rare in being both creative and logical, an intellectual and a 'doer'. So when it came to choosing a career, there were plenty of options. He decided to launch himself into the business world, focusing on the relatively new discipline of IT. This soon led to him working on many technological innovations we now take for granted, from barcodes to SMS texting. After gaining experience with a number of firms, Rob

joined Vodafone in 1995 and found a natural home there. Among the many highlights of his 15-year stay was the tense New Year's Eve of 1999, when he spent all night navigating the company through the infamous Millennium Bug. Later, having moved into procurement while at Vodafone, Rob gained Chartered status in the field and turned with great success to consultancy. Among those who benefitted from his services were the Ministry of Defence and several City of London institutions including the London Metal Exchange. Wherever Rob worked, his teams came to know him as an outstanding boss and mentor: unfailingly sharp, often challenging, yet always generous with his time and advice. Most importantly, he never played politics or held grudges – and once away from the office, no-one was better company. Music was one of his many passions – both his knowledge and his record collection were formidable. Sport, not least in the form of Warwickshire cricket and Aston Villa, was another. He took a lifelong delight in model car 'slot racing', relishing the opportunity it affords to wield a soldering iron and engineer 'stuff that works'. And this proud Oxonian never missed early December's Varsity Match at Twickenham, hailing it as the official start of Christmas festivities. Above all there were, and are, his wife Sonia and their three children. A chance meeting in Devon initiated Sonia and Rob's life together. Adam, Katy and Tom's arrival soon followed, as did countless happy times shared across Cornwall, Somerset and Wiltshire. Throughout the children's schooldays, the imposing 'big man' was a familiar figure beside rugby and hockey pitches, cheering them on whatever the weather before retiring for some well-earned match tea. Another passion acquired over the years was for cycling. Rob was rarely happier than when pounding the country lanes on his bike – and it was on these rides that he first became aware something wasn't right. He was diagnosed with cancer, which sadly overpowered him in October 2020 after a short but intense battle, very bravely fought. It was typical of Rob that he continued to look ahead and make plans until his last day. He even specified a 'final overture' of voice recordings for his funeral – culminating in a sentiment that perhaps helps explain why his memory will be so cherished. "It'll be alright in the end. And if it isn't alright, it's not the end."

Hugo Kondratiuk



### Dr Arnold Cohen, 1944

1927 – 2020

Arnold Cohen was born in April 1927 to Rose and Nathan Cohen, the youngest of 3 children. Arnold went to Archbishop Tennyson's Grammar school, and then onto Pembroke, aged 17, to study medicine. On qualifying, he spent 2 years doing national service in the RAF followed by 2 years in a house job in Tunbridge Wells. He spent a lot of time in the maternity ward. Following his house job, he became a GP in London but he liked his home comforts and particularly disliked being disturbed at night, so (after a short while) moved into academia and obtained a position at University College Hospital, firstly working on finding a cure for influenza and then moving in to virology research. He completed a PhD and wrote a reference book which for quite a while was used by countless medical students as the go to book on virology. Arnold was a religious and righteous man. He was a long standing member of Golders Green synagogue, attending regularly until the walk became too much. There were two women who were an enormous influence in Arnold's life. He was devoted to his mother, Rosie. He lived with his mother until 1985 when she passed away. For the last 10 years or so of her life she was quite immobile; she suffered ill health and he became her carer at the same time as working full time. He put his mother's interests ahead of his own. In the early 1960s, he met Ruth Sommerfeld and they became lifelong friends. They had many common interests-Judaism, Zionism, music, opera, theatre, literature and travel. They maintained their own lives but had fun together. They enjoyed travelling, and over Pesach would holiday in Israel, Switzerland and elsewhere. Ruth retired at the age of 65 and very shortly afterwards became ill. Arnold spent many years on and off caring for Ruth during her various illnesses. They, nevertheless, managed to carry on travelling, going to operas, concerts, and theatre. Ruth passed away suddenly in 2006. Arnold was devastated by her loss. This was probably the beginning of Arnold's own health decline. Without a companion to travel and enjoy theatre with Arnold became more and more reclusive and his interest in music waned. Looking back on his life he might have said "I had a long life, there were many good times and a few bad times but I enjoyed it" and he would be proud that he had an influence on so many people and on medical science. - Extracts from his Eulogy supplied by his nephew Gerald Cohen

### Professor Nicholas Round, 1956

1938 – 2021

Nick was a distinguished scholar of Hispanic studies, holding the Hughes Chair at Sheffield between 1994 and his retirement in 2003, and the Stephenson Chair in Glasgow from 1972 to 1994. He was awarded the Office of the Order of Isabel la Catolica by the Spanish Government in 1990, and elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1996. In his private life he was a passionate Cornishman, a committed political activist, and an accomplished poet.

John Hewitt, 1962

### Deaths Notified

Dr Arnold Cohen	1944
Dr Peter Cuff	1947
Christopher Tanner	1947
John Drysdale	1947
Gerald Everett	1948
Richard Drysdale	1948
Guy Willson	1949
Richard Deeble	1949
Donald Gillis	1951
Richard Stopford	1952
Raymond Gladwell	1952
Professor Robert Stevens	1952
Peter Harbidge	1954
Steve Shipley	1954
Colin Taylor	1955
Stanley Todd	1955
Dr Michael Enser	1956
Professor Nicholas Round	1956
Dr George Lilley	1957
Dr Grant Lee	1958
Tony Davis	1958
Douglas Edmonds	1959
The Revd Richard Bradnum	1959
William Shardlow	1960
Dr Damon Wells	1961
James Kissell	1961
Kenneth MacKenzie CB	1961
John Bateman	1962
Charles Hill	1966
John Dixon	1967
John Hays	1967
Laurence Steel	1967
David Scrase	1968
George Robinson	1968
Professor Peter Wright	1971
The Revd Martinus Parmentier	1971
Alan Cave	1972
Christopher Bunnage	1974
Robert Lees	1975
Anthony Blackwell	1976
Ms Philippa Courtney-Sutton	1981
Dr Katharine Sinclair	1982
Dr Elizabeth Maughan	1985
Dr Gurpreet Khraund	2005
Yulian Dragoslavov	2016
Deepak Singh	2018

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Robert Gordon

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## New Honorary Fellows

### Professor John Armour FBA

Professor John Armour matriculated at Pembroke in 1991 (MA, BCL), studying Jurisprudence here before going on to Yale Law School (LLM). He is now Hogan Lovells Professor of Law and Finance at Oxford University and Fellow of Oriel College, as well as Fellow of the British Academy and of the European Corporate Governance Institute.

He has previously held positions at the University of Cambridge, where was Senior Lecturer in Law, Fellow of Trinity Hall, and a member of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Business Research. He has also held visiting posts at institutions including the University of Auckland, the University of Chicago, Columbia Law School, the University of Frankfurt, the Max Planck Institute for

Comparative Private Law in Hamburg, the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and the University of Sydney.

Professor Armour has published widely in the fields of company law, financial regulation, and corporate insolvency. He serves as an Executive Editor of the *Journal of Corporate Law Studies* and the *Journal of Law, Finance and Accounting*, and has been involved in policy-related projects commissioned by the Department of Trade and Industry, the Financial Services Authority, and the Insolvency Service, among others. He served as a member of the European Commission's Informal Company Law Expert Group from 2014-19.



### Professor Robert Gordon FBA

Since matriculating at Pembroke in 1984, Professor Robert Gordon has gone on to become one of the world's leading specialists on the literature, cinema, and cultural history of modern Italy. After graduating with a First-Class Honours in Modern Languages (French and Italian) in 1988, Professor Robert Gordon was Fellow in Italian at Pembroke between 1990 and 1997, and at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge from 1998. In 2012 he was elected Serena Professor of Italian at Cambridge University, where he is also co-chair of the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2015.

Professor Gordon has written and published widely on Pier Paolo Pasolini, Primo Levi, and more broadly on post-war cultural responses to the Holocaust and Fascism. He is the author and editor of over a dozen volumes as well as articles and essays written on Holocaust cinema, early film and literature, and censorship. He has also published a general account of modern Italian literature, *A Difficult Modernity: An Introduction to Twentieth-Century Italian Literature*. Professor Gordon is former Senior Editor of *Italian Studies* and member of the Council of the British School at Rome.

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