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THE MASTER’S FOREWORD



*As the longest serving head of house, the Master led the procession at the Honorary Degrees Congregation in June 2024 with Professor Dame Athene Donald, Master of Churchill*

One of the most common concerns alumni raise about Cambridge is the debate about freedom of speech. In recent years there’s been a torrent of media stories about free speech being challenged in universities in the UK and across the world; and Cambridge didn’t help itself by sending some mixed signals. There was a headline-grabbing ballot of academics which was superficially about whether we should ‘respect’ or ‘tolerate’ the views of others, but was in reality a challenge to a potentially restrictive approach to the issue by the Old Schools. Then there were examples of colleges giving in too readily to protesters who wanted to refuse platforms to speakers they disagreed with.

In truth, the situation was never as bad as some newspapers thought it was. The overwhelming majority of our students take a sensible stance. But there was still a battle that needed to be fought, and I’m personally delighted that the new vice-chancellor of Cambridge, Professor Debbie Prentice, shared that opinion. That is why she launched a series of dialogues on the most difficult issues of the day, with the express purpose of bringing into the debate the widest possible range of views and setting an example, as she put it, of ‘disagreeing well’. We were honoured to host the first two of these events at Selwyn, with me sharing the moderating duties with the VC, and there is every chance that we have found a durable format.

In the first dialogue, we discussed a matter of life and death: whether assisted dying is compassionate or dangerous for society. It was fascinating to see the way that people who take an absolute view on this issue could still grapple with their opponents’ case and find some common ground, and attendees were appreciative of the way a university expert clarified the facts and explained current practice. In the second event, we examined the future of democracy with speakers who welcome the populist surge and others who think we might be entering dark times.

There was admiration for Selwyn as the venue – which is made possible by the growing reputation of the Quarry Whitehouse auditorium and its ability to accommodate a good crowd in person and thousands more through live streaming. I used to find that the college was a little apologetic about its location, but that is no longer the case. As the university has spread itself across the city, we are now at its geographical heart; and we're somewhere people like to visit.

As a star-studded example of that, a major Hollywood movie used Selwyn as a location this summer during a week's filming in Cambridge. We saw Julia Roberts striding through the college gate, with what seemed like hundreds of crew members capturing the moment, though when the movie is released – with Andrew Garfield also starring – it will appear to be at Yale rather than Cambridge. British television shows have been here too: Hall was transformed into a court house for *Professor T*, and look out for Selwyn also in a future episode of *Grantchester*.

I'm able to share these diversions in this introduction to the *Calendar* because the fact is that the past academic year – which you will read about in much more detail in the pages which follow – has, thankfully, been straightforward. We haven't been able to say this for a while, but most things happened as they were supposed to do and the college is in fine form. The senior tutor will write about our academic performance, and it is now a reliable assumption that Selwyn students will perform well. As ever, we took great pride in the achievements reflected at General Admission – and I never fail to be impressed by the quality of our postgraduate cohort, which includes students from all over the world who find this to be an inspiring academic community.

Business as usual does, inevitably, mean that I must note the financial challenges which will be explained at greater length by the bursar. Like virtually all the colleges at Cambridge, we run a significant deficit. However, we have been buoyed by the philanthropic support from alumni and friends and we are particularly grateful for the substantial legacies that have been left to us. In the past five years, three bequests have been above the £1m mark – two of them in the past year. In the sad circumstances of losing former members we can be certain that their contribution to the future of the college is transformative, and thanks will be due to them from many generations of students.

As you may have heard, in the past year I became the longest-serving head of house in Cambridge. What was unusual about this was the relative shortness of my term to pass that milestone: my mere eleven years compare with two recently-retired heads of house who both did more than twenty. I'm sometimes asked what difference this perspective offers, and the answer is simple. I now have the privilege of seeing students who arrived early in my time, fresh-faced and showing the occasional signs of nerves, when they return for their ten-year reunions as remarkable young people – confident and clever and kind, and making their mark in the world. It reveals something simple but of enormous power: Selwyn works. Despite all the challenges of higher education, this college within this university is an amazing model, and we can have every confidence in its longevity. Thank you for taking the time to read about all our activities in this publication – and may the links between us grow ever stronger.

*Roger Mosey*

# Part one

## The Register



## THE MASTER, FELLOWS AND BYE-FELLOWS

\* denotes Directors of Studies

### THE VISITOR

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury

### THE MASTER (ELECTED 2013)

Roger **Mosey**, MA (Oxon, Cantab), Hon. DLitt (Lincoln), DUniv (Bradford),  
Hon. Fellow, Wadham College Oxford, Deputy Vice-Chancellor

### THE VICE-MASTER (ELECTED 2016)

1994 Janet Anne **O'Sullivan**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Private Law\**

### GOVERNING BODY FELLOWS

- 1984 James Henry **Keeler**, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Chemistry; Head of the Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry; Eric Walters Fellow in Chemistry\**
- 1986 James Michael Raistrick **Matheson**, MA (Cantab), *IT Business Manager, School of Technology\**
- 1987 Michael Joseph **Sewell**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Senior Tutor*
- 1988 David Lawrence **Smith**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Jim Dickinson Fellow in History; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of History\**
- 1995 Robert Stewart **Cant**, BSc (St Andrews), PhD (Cranfield), MA (Cantab),  
*Professor of Computational Engineering*
- 1998 [and 1992-5] Nicholas James **Butterfield**, BSc (Alberta), PhD (Harvard),  
MA (Cantab), *Professor of Evolutionary Palaeobiology\**
- 2000 Jack Oliver **Button**, MA (Cantab), *College Lecturer in Pure Mathematics; Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics\**
- Philip James **Connell**, BA (Liverpool), PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Literature and History\**
- Charlotte **Woodford**, MA, MSt, DPhil (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), *College Lecturer in German; Affiliated Lecturer, Department of German & Dutch\**
- Daniel Aaron **Beauregard**, BA, MSc (Auckland), PhD (Cantab), *College Lecturer in Chemistry\**
- Nikolaos **Nikiforakis**, PhD (Cranfield), MA (Cantab), *Professor of Computational Multiphysics\**
- 2001 Rupert John Ernest **Thompson**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *University Orator; University Associate Professor in Classics (Philology and Linguistics)\**  
[and 1992-7] Patrick Jacques Nicole **Baert**, DPhil (Oxon), PhD (Cantab),  
*Professor of Social Theory\**
- 2003 [and 1995-8] Sarah **Meer**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Nineteenth-Century Literature*
- Daping **Chu**, BSc, MSc (Nanjing), PhD (Warwick), MA (Cantab), *Nanjing Professor of Technology and Innovation\**

- 2006 Stewart Onan **Sage**, MA, PhD, ScD (Cantab), ALCM, *Professor of Cell Physiology\**
- James **Moultrie**, BEng (Loughborough), MA (De Montfort), MBA (Loughborough), PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Engineering Design\**
- 2010 Sarah Elizabeth Arwen **MacDonald**, MA (Cantab), FRCO, ARSCM,  
*Director of Music; University Organist*
- 2011 Christopher Daniel **Briggs**, BA (Oxon), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *University Associate Professor in Medieval British Economic and Social History; Michael Graves Fellow in History\**
- Stuart Michael **Eves**, BSc (Nottingham), MA, VetMB (Cantab), PgDip (Southampton), MRCVS, *Veterinary Surgeon\**
- Diarmuid Rodney **O'Donnell**, MBBS (St Thomas'), MA (Cantab), PhD (Imperial College London), MRCP, FRCPC, FFICM, *Consultant Paediatric Intensivist, Addenbrooke's Hospital; Associate Specialty Director in Ethics and Law, School of Clinical Medicine\**
- Heather Mariah **Webb**, BA (Middlebury), PhD (Stanford), *Professor of Italian Literature and Culture\**
- 2014 Chander Kathir **Velu**, BSc (Southampton), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Innovation and Economics*
- Michael Grant **Nicholson**, BA (Aberystwyth), *Director of Development and Alumni Relations*
- Marta **Halina**, BS, BA (Minnesota), PhD (California San Diego),  
*University Associate Professor in the Philosophy of Cognitive Science \**
- Bryan **Cameron**, BA (Indiana), MA, PhD (Pennsylvania), MA (Cantab),  
*University Associate Professor in Modern Spanish Literature and Culture \**
- Filipe **Carreira da Silva**, BA (ISCTE Lisbon), MPhil, Habilitation (Lisbon), PhD (Cantab), *College Lecturer in Sociology; Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Sociology*
- Lauren Beth **Wilcox**, BA (Macalester College, St Paul, Minnesota), MSc (London School of Economics); PhD (Minnesota), *Director, Centre for Gender Studies; University Associate Professor in Gender Studies*
- Alan David **Howard**, MA, MPhil (Cantab), PhD (King's College London), *College Lecturer in Music; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Music\**
- 2016 Dacia **Viejo Rose**, BA (Tufts), MA (Bath, City), PhD (Cantab), *Director, Cambridge Heritage Research Centre; University Associate Professor in Heritage and the Politics of the Past\**
- Oleg Ivanovich **Kitov**, BSc, MSc (Warwick), MPhil (Oxon), *Assistant Teaching Professor, Faculty of Economics; Robert Martin Fellow in Economics\**
- 2017 Elena **Filimonova**, MA, PhD (Moscow State), *Associate Teaching Professor in Russian\**
- Katharine Jill **Ellis**, BA, DPhil (Oxon), FBA, ARCM, Hon. Fellow, University College Oxford, *1684 Professor of Music*
- Jessica Pearsall **Gardner**, BA, MA, PhD (Leeds), MA (Cantab), *University Librarian; Deputy Vice-Chancellor*
- Victoria **Young**, MA (Cantab, London), PhD (Leeds), *Kawashima Associate Professor in Japanese Literature and Culture\**

Charlotte **Summers**, BSc, BM (Southampton), PhD (Cantab), FRCP, FFICM, *Dean; Professor of Intensive Care Medicine*

Shaun Thomas **Larcom**, BCom (Melbourne), MPhil (Cantab), PhD (University College London), *Professor of Law, Economics and Institutions\**

2018 Kirsty Elizabeth **McDougall**, BA, BSc (Melbourne), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *University Associate Professor of Phonetics\**

Sarah **Fraser Butlin**, KC, MA (Cantab), *David K P Li Fellow in Law; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Law*

Deepak **Venkateshvaran**, MSc (Sri Sathya Sai Institute), MTech (Indian Institute of Technology), PhD (Cantab), *College Lecturer in Physics; Royal Society University Research Fellow, Department of Physics\**

MyunGun **Kim**, BA (Korea), MRes, MA, PhD (Cantab), *College Lecturer in Economics*

2019 Robert **Lee**, BA (Columbia), MA (Heidelberg), PhD (California Berkeley), *University Assistant Professor in American History\**

Mathias **Nowak**, BSc (École normale supérieure Cachan), MSc (ISAE-SUPAERO Toulouse), MSc (Toulouse III), PhD (Université PSL, Paris), *Gavin Boyle Fellow in Exoplanetary Science*

Thomas David **Smith**, BA, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Keasbey Research Fellow in American Studies; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of History*

Charlotte **Reinbold**, BA, PhD (Cantab), MA (University College London), *College Lecturer in English\**

Jörg **Haustein**, MA (Leipzig), Dr theol., Habilitation (Heidelberg), *University Associate Professor in World Christianities\**

Ronita **Bardhan**, BArch (Shibpur), MCP (Kharagpur), PhD (Tokyo), MA (Cantab), *University Associate Professor in Sustainability in the Built Environment\**

Leonardo **Felli**, Laurea (Trieste), PhD (MIT), *Professor of Economics*

2020 Lynn Vanessa **Dicks**, MA (Oxon), MProf (Middlesex), PhD (Cantab) PGCERT (East Anglia), FHEA, *Professor of Ecology*

Grant Duncan **Stewart**, BSc, MBChB, PhD (Edinburgh), MA (Cantab), FRCSEd, *Assistant Dean; Professor of Surgical Oncology\**

[and 2003-11] Robert Charles **Tasker**, MA, MD (Cantab), MBBS (London), AM (Harvard), MD (Massachusetts), DCH, FRCPCH, FRCP, FHEA, *College Lecturer in Medical Sciences*

Nicole Monique **Hartwell**, BA (Western Australia), GCERT (Melbourne), MA (Australian National), DPhil (Oxon), *National Army Museum Research Fellow in Indian Military History*

2021 Joseph Robert **Bitney**, BA (Oregon), MA, PhD (Chicago), *University Assistant Professor in English\**

Carol Ann **Armitage**, BEng (Liverpool), PhD (UMIST), *Fellow in Engineering\**

2022 Anita **Balakrishnan**, BMedSci, BMBS (Nottingham), PhD (Harvard Medical School/Liverpool), FRCS Ed, FRCS Eng, CCT, *Consultant Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgeon, Addenbrooke's Hospital; Associate Lecturer, School of Clinical Medicine; College Lecturer in Medical Sciences*

James **Helm**, MA (Cantab), *University Director of Communications and External Affairs*

The Reverend Arabella Mary **Milbank Robinson**, BA, MSt (Oxon), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Dean of Chapel and Chaplain*

Zina **Al Azmeh**, BA (Queens University of Charlotte, North Carolina), MA (Conservatoire Nationale de Beirut), MA (Staffordshire), PhD (Cantab), *Centenary Research Fellow; Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Sociology*

Caroline Rachel **Soderman**, BA, MSc, PhD (Cantab), *Henslow Research Fellow*

Ernesto **Vargas Weil**, LLB, MPP (Chile), LLM (New York), PhD

(University College London), *Spencer-Fairest Teaching Fellow in Law*

Leonardo **Impett**, MEng (Cantab) MA PhD (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), MIET, *University Assistant Professor in Digital Humanities*

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2023 Weilong **Zhang**, BS/BA, MA (Renmin University of China), MPhil, PhD (Pennsylvania), *University Associate Professor in Economics*

Eloy de **Lera Acedo**, MSc, PhD (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), *University Associate Professor in Radio Cosmology*

Thomas **Hopkins**, MA, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *College Lecturer in Politics; Senior Teaching Associate, Department of Politics and International Studies; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of History\**

## EMERITUS FELLOWS

2000 Richard John **Bowring**, MA, PhD, LittD (Cantab), *Former Master*

1970 John Rason **Spencer**, CBE, Hon. KC, MA, LLB, LLD (Cantab), Hon. DDroit (Poitiers), *Emeritus Professor of Law*

1975 Kenneth Johnston **Coutts**, MA (Cantab), *Emeritus Assistant Director of Research, Faculty of Economics*

Robert Douglas **Harding**, MA, MMath, PhD (Cantab), *Former Director, Interactive Technologies in Assessment and Learning, Cambridge Assessment*

John Stephen **Morrill**, MA, DPhil (Oxon); PhD (Cantab); Hon. DLitt (East Anglia, Durham); DUniv (Surrey); FBA; Hon. MAcFin; Hon. MRIA; Hon. FTCD; Hon. Fellow, Trinity College Oxford, *Emeritus Professor of British and Irish History*

John Michael **Young**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former University Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology*

1976 Andrew Vernon **Jones**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former University Senior Lecturer in Music*

Jeremy Keith Morris **Sanders**, CBE, BSc (London), ScD (Cantab), FRS, *Emeritus Professor of Chemistry*

- 1977 Jean Kathleen **Chothia**, BA (Dunelm), PhD (Cantab), *Emeritus Professor of Drama and Theatre*
- 1978 Michael John **Tilby**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former College Lecturer in French*  
Thomas Robert **Hesketh**, MA (Cantab), *Former University Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry*
- 1979 John David **Ray**, MA (Cantab), FBA, FSA, *Emeritus Sir Herbert Thompson Professor of Egyptology*
- 1982 David William **Holton**, MA, DPhil (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), *Emeritus Professor of Modern Greek*
- 1986 Robert Henry **Whitaker**, MA, MD, MChir (Cantab), FRCS, *Supervisor and Demonstrator in Anatomy*
- 1989 David John **Chivers**, MA, PhD, ScD (Cantab), FLS, FZS, *Emeritus Professor of Primate Biology and Conservation*
- 1990 Sir Colin John **Humphreys**, CBE, BSc (London), MA (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), Hon. DSc (Leicester), FREng, FRS, *Emeritus Professor of Materials Science; Professor of Materials Science, Queen Mary University of London*
- 1991 David Frank **Ford**, Hon. OBE, BA (Dublin), MA, PhD (Cantab), STM (Yale), Hon. DD (Birmingham, Aberdeen, Dublin), Hon. DDiv (Bolton), Hon. DLitt (Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, India), *Emeritus Regius Professor of Divinity*
- 1994 Andrew Norman **Chester**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Emeritus Reader in New Testament Studies*  
William John **Clegg**, BSc (Manchester), DPhil (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), *Emeritus Professor of Materials Science & Metallurgy*  
Peter Kendrew **Fox**, BA (London), MA (Sheffield, Cantab, Dublin), AKC, Hon. FTCD, *Emeritus University Librarian*
- 1999 Michael John **Taussig**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former Head, Technical Research Group, The Babraham Institute, Cambridge*
- 2002 Nicholas James Anthony **Downer**, MA (Cantab), *Former Bursar*  
Haruko Uryu **Laurie**, MLitt (Cantab), *Former Senior Language Teaching Officer in Japanese*
- 2004 John Stephen **Dennis**, MA, MEng, PhD (Cantab), MBA (City), MIChemE, *Emeritus Professor of Chemical Reaction Engineering*
- 2023 [and 2008-22] The Reverend Canon Hugh David **Shilson-Thomas**, MA (Oxon, London, Cantab), *Former Dean of Chapel and Chaplain*

#### HONORARY FELLOWS

- 1992 Sir David Kwok Po **Li**, OBE, MA (Cantab), Hon. LLD (Cantab, Warwick, Hong Kong), Hon. DSc (Imperial College London), Hon. DLitt (Macquarie), Hon. DSocSc (Chinese University of Hong Kong), *Executive Chairman, Bank of East Asia*
- 1994 Gordon **Johnson**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former President, Wolfson College Cambridge*

- 1997 John Francis **Chown**, MA (Cantab), *International tax adviser*  
Sir Peter Michael **Williams**, CBE, MA, PhD (Cantab), Hon. DSc (Leicester, Nottingham Trent, Loughborough, Brunel, Wales, Sheffield, Salford, Staffordshire, City, Hull, Bedfordshire), FRS, FREng, FIC, FCGI, Hon. FICHEM, Hon. FIET, Hon. FCMI, Hon. FIMechE, *Former Chairman, Daiwa Anglo Japanese Foundation and Oxford Instruments plc*
- 1998 The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Baron **Harries** of Pentregarth (Richard Douglas Harries), MA (Cantab), Hon. DD (London; Graduate Theological Foundation, Mishawaka, Indiana), DUniv (Oxford Brookes, Open), Hon. DCL (Huddersfield), FKC, FRSL, FLSW, Hon FMedSci, HonFIBiol, *Former Bishop of Oxford*
- 2000 Ian **Clark**, MA (Glasgow, Cantab), PhD (Australian National University), FBA, FLSW, *Emeritus Professor of International Politics, Aberystwyth University*  
Sir John Stephen **Wall**, GCMG, LVO, BA (Cantab), *Former British Ambassador*
- 2002 Christopher David **Dobson**, MA, PhD (Cantab), CPhys, MInstP, *Chairman, Trikon Technologies Ltd*
- 2005 April Mary Scott **McMahon**, MA, PhD, Dr hc (Edinburgh), MA (Cantab), FBA, FRSE, FLSW, *Vice-President for Teaching, Learning and Students, University of Manchester*  
The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Baron **Sentamu** of Lindisfarne (Northumberland) and Masooli (Uganda) (John Tucker Mugabi Sentamu), PC, LLB (Makerere), MA, PhD (Cantab), DUniv (Open, York, Cumbria), Hon. DPhil (Gloucestershire), Hon. DLitt (West Indies, Sheffield), Hon. DCL (Northumbria), Hon. DD (Birmingham; Hull; Cantab; Nottingham; London; Aberdeen; Wycliffe College, Toronto; Sewanee University, Tennessee; Huron University College, London, Ontario; Durham; Liverpool Hope), Hon. LLD (Leicester, Teeside, Leeds), Hon. Dr (Birmingham City), Hon. DTheol (Chester), FRSA, *Former Archbishop of York*
- 2007 Ruth **Simmons** MA, PhD (Harvard), *Former President, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island*
- 2009 Vivian **Nutton**, MA, PhD (Cantab), FBA, Hon. FRCP, ML, *Emeritus Professor of the History of Medicine, University College London*
- 2011 Robert Dennis **Harris**, BA (Cantab), Hon. DLitt (Nottingham), *Author*  
James Hugh Calum **Laurie**, CBE, Actor, *director and author*  
General Sir Peter Anthony **Wall**, GCB, CBE, MA (Cantab), Hon. FREng, Hon. FICE, *Former Chief of the General Staff*
- 2012 Sir Adrian Frederick Melhuish **Smith**, MA (Cantab), MSc, PhD (London), Hon. DSc (City, Loughborough, Plymouth, Imperial, Ohio State), Hon. DLit (Queen Mary London), PRS, *President of the Royal Society*
- 2014 Robert Winston Humphrey **Cripps**, AM, *Former Director of Philanthropy, The Cripps Foundation*
- 2015 Thomas Anthony **Hollander**, MA (Cantab), Actor



- 2016 Sophie **Wilson**, CBE, MA, Hon. DSc (Cantab), FRS, FEng, DistFBCS, Hon. FIET, Hon. FIED, *Designer, ARM and BBC Microcomputer*
- 2017 The Right Honourable Baroness **Willis** of Summertown (Katherine Jane Willis), CBE, BSc (Southampton), MA (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), FGS, *Principal of St Edmund Hall Oxford; Professor of Biodiversity, University of Oxford*
- 2018 William Wynnewood **Park**, BA (Yale), JD (Columbia), MA (Cantab), *Professor of Law, Boston University*  
 Peter Raymond **Grant**, BA (Cantab), PhD (British Columbia), FDhc (Uppsala), Hon. DSc (McGill; San Francisco, Quito; Ohio Wesleyan; Toronto; Princeton), Dr sc hc (Zurich), FRS, FRSC, Foreign Member, Linnean Society of London, *Emeritus Professor of Biology, Princeton University*
- 2019 Nigel **Newton**, CBE, MA (Cantab), Hon. DLitt (Sussex), *Founder and Chief Executive, Bloomsbury Publishing Plc*  
 Zia Jaydev **Moddy**, BA (Cantab), LLM (Harvard), *Co-Founder and Managing Partner, AZB & Partners*
- 2020 The Right Honourable Baron **Deben** of Winston (John Selwyn Gummer), PC, MA (Cantab), Hon. DSc (East Anglia), *Former Chairman, Committee on Climate Change*
- 2021 David **Dabydeen**, BA (Cantab), PhD (University College London), FRSL, *Director, Ameena Gafoor Institute for the Study of Indentureship and its Legacies*  
 The Right Honourable Lord Justice **Lewis** (Sir Clive Buckland Lewis), BA (Cantab), LLM (Dalhousie), *Lord Justice of Appeal*
- 2023 Clive Stuart **Anderson**, MA (Cantab), *Writer and broadcaster*  
 Richard Gordon McBride **Budgett**, OBE, MA (Cantab), MB BS (Middlesex Hospital), Dip. Sports Medicine (London Hospital); DCH, DRCOG, MRCP, FISM, FFSEM, Hon. FRCP, *Medical and Scientific Director, International Olympic Committee*  
 Katherine Theresa Stewart **Mathieson**, BA (Cantab), MSc (Imperial College London), Postgrad. Dip. Information Sciences (City), Postgrad. Dip. Voluntary Sector (Cass Business School), *Director, Royal Institution*
- 2024 Tobias **Billström**, MPhil (Cantab, Lund), *Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs*

### BYE-FELLOWS

- Edmund **Birch**, BA, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *College Teaching Officer in French; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics\**
- Nicholas James **Brooking**, BEd (Manchester Metropolitan), *University Director of Sport*
- Uradyn Erden **Bulag**, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Social Anthropology*
- Ángeles **Carreres**, PhD (Valencia), *Professor of Spanish and Translation Studies\**
- Alexander **Cullen**, BSc (Western Australia), PhD (Melbourne), *University Associate Professor in Geography\**

- Jonathan **Duquette**, PhD (Montreal), *Bye-Fellow in South Asian Religions and Philosophies*
- Paul **Elliott**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Zoology*
- Sheila **Flanagan**, MSc (York), PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Psychological and Behavioural Sciences; Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Psychology\**
- William **Hornett**, BA (York), MA, PhD (Sheffield), *Bye-Fellow in Philosophy*
- Kai **Liu**, BS (Hong Kong), MA, PhD (Johns Hopkins), *Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics,*
- Richard **Riddick**, BA (University College London), MPhil (Cantab), MA, MPhil, PhD (Yale), *Teaching Bye-Fellow in Modern and Medieval Languages\**
- Julia **Riggs**, BA, VetMB (Cantab), Dipl. ECVS, MRCVS, *Bye-Fellow in Veterinary Medicine\**
- Chris **Russell**, BA (York), *Chief Operating Officer, University Information Services*
- Noel **Rutter**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Materials Science\**
- Matthew David **Smith**, MA, MSci (Cantab), PGCE, *Teaching Bye-Fellow in Mathematics for Natural Sciences*
- Paul David **Upton**, BSc (King's College London), PhD (Imperial College London), *Senior Research Associate, Department of Medicine*
- Richard Robert **Watts**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Computer Science\**
- Stephen **Watts**, BA (Cantab), MA (Sussex), *Bye-Fellow in Education\**
- Gareth **Wilkes**, MMath, DPhil (Oxon), *Henry Beker Bye-Fellow in Mathematics\**
- Peter **Wilkinson**, MA, MEng, PhD (Cantab), *Teaching Bye-Fellow in Engineering*

### VISITING BYE-FELLOWS

- Erin **Johnson**, BSc (Carleton University, Ottawa), PhD (Queen's University, Kingston, Canada), *Professor of Chemistry, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada*
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### COLLEGE TEACHING ASSOCIATES

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- Caroline Elizabeth **Matheson**, BSc (Manchester), *Engineering*
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Aidan **Starr**, MSci (Southampton), PhD (Cardiff)  
 Thorsten Bernd **Wahl**, MSc (Stuttgart), PhD (Technische Universität München)  
 Charles Robert Hastings **Walker**, MPhys (Southampton), PhD (Manchester)  
 Yue **Xie**, BEng (Hubei, China), MSc (Beihang, China), PhD (Adelaide)

### FRENCH LECTRICE

Solange **Chea** (École Normale Supérieure de Lyon)

### GERMAN LEKTORIN

Corinna **Heyde**, BA (Cologne)

### FELLOW BENEFACTORS

Thomas Hugh **Bartlam**, MA (Cantab)  
 Christina **Dawson**, Honorary Fellow (St Catharine's College Cambridge)  
 Peter **Dawson**, MA (Cantab)  
 Robert James **Dickinson**, MA (Cantab), MBA (Manchester)  
 Robin Edmund **Jeffs**, MA (Cantab), MBA (Santa Clara)  
 Robert **Martin**, MA (Cantab)  
 Gareth David **Quarry**, MA (Cantab), MBA (Henley School of Management)  
 Katya **Speciale**, MChem (Oxon)  
 Jill Yvonne **Whitehouse**, MA (Cantab)

## HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

*Catering Manager*  
*Conference & Events Manager*  
*Development Director*  
*Finance Manager*  
*Head of Buildings & Maintenance*  
*Head Gardener*  
*Head Housekeeper*  
*Head Porter*  
*HR Manager*  
*IT Manager*  
*Librarian*  
*Master's and Bursar's Assistant*  
*Nurse and Welfare Officer*  
*Operations Manager*  
*Tutorial Office Manager*

Sally Bird  
 Simon Gascoyne  
 Mike Nicholson  
 Sally Clayson  
 Jamie Secker  
 Alex Turner  
 Attila Guba  
 Helen Stephens  
 Liz Hewitt  
 Dave Johnstone  
 Sonya Adams  
 Vicki Crook  
 Lucy Turnell  
 Matt Rowe  
 Gina Vivian-Neal

## NEW MEMBERS IN RESIDENCE

### UNDERGRADUATES

Ahmed, Saqib, *St Paul's Way School, London*  
 Atherstone, Kate Ruth, *Bartholomew School, Witney, Oxfordshire*  
 Azouri, Romy, *Highgate School, London*  
 Bailey, Bruce Arthur, *Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, Greater Manchester*  
 Banas, Nicole Maria, *Loreto Grammar School, Altrincham, Greater Manchester*  
 Barber, William Angus Priestman, *Eton College, Berkshire*  
 Barrington, Alexandra Eve, *James Allen's Girls' School, Dulwich, London*  
 Baxendale, Joseph James, *Collyer's VI Form College, Horsham, West Sussex*  
 Bhayani, Zara Dina, *Notting Hill & Ealing High School, London*  
 Boardman, Juliet Ann, *St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School, Edinburgh*  
 Boote, Robert Paul, *Colyton Grammar School, Devon*  
 Brown, Henry Alan Robert, *Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh, Hampshire*  
 Chan, Jonathan, *St Paul's Co-Educational College, Hong Kong*  
 Chandler, Luca Thomas, *Bishop's Stortford High School, Hertfordshire*  
 Christou, Daniel Nicholas, *Goffs Academy, Chesthunt, Hertfordshire*  
 Chu, Hiu Tung, *Sha Tin College, Hong Kong*  
 Coldwell, Rebecca Louise, *Cottingham High School, East Yorkshire*  
 Conway, Madeleine Isabel, *The London Oratory School*  
 Corry, Barnaby Christopher, *Trinity School, Croydon, Surrey*  
 Darwin, Megan Grug Thompson, *Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, Barry, Glamorgan*  
 Davis, Eloise Mary, *Redmaids' High School, Bristol*  
 Dennis, Eleanor, *West Kirby Grammar School, Merseyside*  
 Dwight, Hana, *New College Pontefract, West Yorkshire*  
 Elankumaran, Jananee, *Newstead Wood School, Orpington, London*  
 Emery, Harrison Daniel James, *Bedford Modern School*  
 Evans, Thomas George, *Sir Thomas Rich's School, Gloucester*  
 Fenton, Sid Frederick, *King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, West Midlands*  
 Fink, Lea, *Roedean School, Brighton*  
 Fish, Thomas James, *Ashmole Academy, Barnet, London*  
 Ford, Joshua George, *Woking College, Surrey*  
 Fujiyoshi, Reiko, *Saint Maur International School, Yokohama, Japan*  
 Gallagher, Imogen Florence, *Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster, London*  
 Grandfield, Grace Rose, *All Saints Roman Catholic School, York*  
 Greening, Holly-Marie, *Coleg Gwent, Torfaen Learning Zone, Cwmbran*  
 Grey, Molly Hannah, *Winstanley College, Wigan, Greater Manchester*  
 Hardman, Sophie Olivia, *Edgbarrow School, Crowthorne, Berkshire*  
 Hong, Iroo, *Cheongshim International Academy, Korea*  
 Huang, Jinyoung, *Beijing Dulwich International School, China*  
 Huang, Darong, *Bristol Cathedral Choir School*  
 Hunt, Joseph Charles, *The Sixth Form College Farnborough, Hampshire*  
 Jackson, Leah Liberty, *De Lisle College, Loughborough, Leicestershire*  
 Jacques, Sophie Charlotte, *Sir John Lawes School, Harpenden, Hertfordshire*

James Batten, Cerys, *Sawtry Village Academy, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire*  
 Jarrett, Alexandra Isobel, *The Downs School, Newbury, Berkshire*  
 Jiang, Zheng, *Kang Chiao International School, Kunshan City, China*  
 Kantarek, Hanna Karolina, *Bournemouth School for Girls*  
 Katsumi, Haruna, *Lycée Français International de Tokyo, Japan*  
 Katz, Ariel Ilan, *Moriah War Memorial College, Sydney, Australia*  
 Kefford, Luna Jean, *Howard of Effingham School, Leatherhead, Surrey*  
 Khan, Faryal, *Sevenoaks School, Kent*  
 Khan, Manaal Suraiya, *Chelmsford County High School, Essex*  
 Khan, Mohammed Fazil, *Loreto College, Manchester*  
 Knowles, Eleanor Mary, *Winstanley College, Wigan, Greater Manchester*  
 Kwan, Vienna, *Harrow International School, Hong Kong*  
 Lalwani, Rishabh Rajesh, *Bangkok International Preparatory and Secondary School, Thailand*  
 Lane Williamson, Tiana Sophie, *Dubai College, United Arab Emirates*  
 Lee, Ian, *South Island School, Hong Kong*  
 Lester, Emma Charlotte, *The Judd School, Tonbridge, Kent*  
 Liu, Yancheng, *Shenzhen College of International Education, China*  
 Lleshi, Isabella, *Townley Grammar School, Bexley, London*  
 Logan, Daniel, *Ilkley Grammar School, West Yorkshire*  
 Lomax, Timothy Andrew, *Dr Challoner's Grammar School, Amersham, Buckinghamshire*  
 Loughnane, Bradley Michael, *Stanborough School, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire*  
 Maitreejit, Sirada, *The National Mathematics and Science College, Coventry*  
 Marriott, Anthony Peter, *Wirral Grammar School for Boys, Merseyside*  
 Mathialagan, Shanjeev, *Wilson's School, Sutton, London*  
 Mayhew, Eleanor Elizabeth, *Royal Masonic School for Girls, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire*  
 Maystrenko, Polina, *Woodford County High School, London*  
 Mehrotra, Pratham, *The British School of Bahrain, Bahrain*  
 Mellor, Josephine Elizabeth, *St Peter's Catholic School, Guildford, Surrey*  
 Misra, Aryan, *Shiv Nadar School, Gurgaon, India*  
 Montague, Ellie Louise, *Woodkirk Academy, Wakefield, West Yorkshire*  
 Muthu, Oliver Vivek, *City of London Freeman's School*  
 Newbery, Olivia Lesley, *Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School, Essex*  
 Nicholson, George William, *Oakham School, Rutland*  
 O'Hanlon, Louise Mary, *The Blue Coat School, Liverpool*  
 O'Keefe, Dylan Patrick, *Forge Valley School, Sheffield*  
 O'Shea, Dylan Michael Wilson, *Maidstone Grammar School, Kent*  
 Parker, Peter Benjamin, *Marling School, Stroud, Gloucestershire*  
 Patel, Jai Minesh, *Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, London*  
 Pelham Burn, Lily Catherine, *Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton, California, USA*  
 Pritchard, Evie Marie, *Coleg Sir Gâr, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire*  
 Qiao, Eric Zikang, *Greenhead College, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire*  
 Rajeeva, Medha, *Yarm School, North Yorkshire*  
 Rennie, Sophie Olive, *The Godolphin and Latymer School, London*  
 Rizvi, Zahra, *Bentley Wood High School, Stanmore, London*  
 Roberts, Kit William Sadler, *The Skinners' School, Tunbridge Wells, Kent*

Robertson, Holly May, *The Judd School, Tonbridge, Kent*  
 Rogers, Simisolaoluwa, *Dame Alice Owen's School, Hatfield, Hertfordshire*  
 Ruston, David Dunn, *Wilmington Grammar School for Boys, Dartford, Kent*  
 Simpson, Monica Charlotte, *Silverdale School, Sheffield*  
 Sivaraman, Kavita, *St Paul's Girls' School, London*  
 Skidmore, Benjamin Elliot, *The Nobel School, Stevenage, Hertfordshire*  
 Stephen, Medwin, *Colyton Grammar School, Devon*  
 Stuart, Amelia Judy, *Woodhouse College, Finchley, London*  
 Thompson, Joseph Darren, *Sir Harry Smith Community College, Peterborough*  
 Thorn, Jacob Elliott, *North Bristol Post 16 Centre*  
 Thornton, Charles Edward, *Bootham School, York*  
 Tsai, Jao-Yong Lucian Pepin, *Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, London*  
 Tyler, Imogen Eve, *Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Horncastle, Lincolnshire*  
 Vella, Max, *The Glasgow Academy*  
 Verwey, Melissa Jane, *Frome Community College, Somerset*  
 Voak, Eleanor Holly Magdalena, *Oxford High School Girls' Day School Trust*  
 Wallis, Luke Alexander, *City of London School*  
 Walsh, Callum Patrick, *Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School, Lancashire*  
 Wang, Youran, *Dipont Education Management Group, China*  
 West, Harry, *Durham Johnston Comprehensive School*  
 Williams, Joseph Michael, *Guildford County School, Surrey*  
 Yerifor, O'Tega Theodore, *Wolsey Hall Oxford*  
 Yeung, Angela, *British School of Guangzhou, China*  
 Yu, Jilong, *Harrow International School, Beijing, China*  
 Yuen, Audrey, *Harrow International School, Hong Kong*  
 Zgavardici, Cristina, *St Gregory's Roman Catholic Science College, Harrow, London*  
 Zhao, Ruicong, *Chongqing Nankai Secondary School, China*  
 Zhao, Yiwei, *Shenzhen Middle School, China*  
 Zhu, Andy, *St George's School, Vancouver, Canada*

## POSTGRADUATES

Ali, Rida, *University of Delhi, India: Social Innovation*  
 Banks, Alexander, *Ravensbourne University London: Writing for Performance*  
 Banks, Emma Jayne, *Applied Criminology and Police Management*  
 Basit, Abdul, *Manchester Metropolitan University: Applied Criminology and Police Management*  
 Baxter, Julian, *Newcastle University: Architecture and Urban Studies*  
 Baxter, Samuel John, *Selwyn College: Clinical Medicine*  
 Bell, Samuel Thomas, *Selwyn College: Music*  
 Berlanger, Roman, *Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium: Economic Research*  
 Bezuglov, Dmitrii, *Ural Federal University, Russia: Slavonic Studies*  
 Bhuyan, Leona Mainao, *University of Edinburgh: Conservation Leadership*  
 Bland, Lucy, *Robinson College Cambridge: Engineering*  
 Brockman, Florence Hannah, *Murray Edwards College Cambridge: English Studies*  
 Campbell, Jack William, *Durham University: Geography*

Campbell, Grayson James, *University of Kent*: Writing for Performance  
 Chang, Le Zhongshan, *Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China*: Digital Humanities  
 Charalambous, Melina, *University of Liverpool*: International Relations  
 Chow, Mei Mei, *Universiti Sains Malaysia*: Conservation Leadership  
 Clegg, Melanie Cara, *St Hilda's College Oxford*: Creative Writing  
 Collins, Phoebe Mila Coco, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine  
 Corcoran, James Russell, *Selwyn College*: Economic Research  
 Cox, Aimee Adeline, *Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand*: Law  
 Curtis, Matthew Daniel, *King's College London*: Classics  
 Dancey, Christopher, *University of Sheffield*: History  
 Darkwah, Doris Oppong, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine  
 Dash, Preeti Pratishruti, *National Law University Odisha, India*: Legal Studies  
 Davies, Amy Caitlin, *Imperial College London*: Biological Science at the Department of Pathology  
 Ding, Kewen, *King's College London*: Engineering  
 Dorey Rodriguez, Daniel, *University College London*: Economic Research  
 Edwards, Michael David, *Regents Theological College, Malvern*: Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion  
 Emanuel, Lucy Eleanor, *Newnham College Cambridge*: Assyriology  
 England, Chloe Louise, *University of Exeter*: History of Art and Architecture  
 Fairley, Damon, *Lancaster University*: Applied Criminology and Police Management  
 Fedida, Samuel Yves Lionel, *University College London*: Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics  
 Ferrante, Luca-Gabriel Martin Eugen Alouis, *Durham University*: Biological Science at the Department of Pathology  
 Ferrer, Sofia Grace, *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA*: Sociology  
 Flack, Jessica Lily, *University College London*: Theoretical and Applied Linguistics  
 Fox-Wiltshire, Ashley, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine  
 Fraser, James, Donald John, *Durham University*: Writing for Performance  
 Garziglia, Alexandre Verity Archibald, *Guildhall School of Music and Drama*: Theology for Ministry Examination  
 Geser-Stark, Melina Jade, *Selwyn College*: Politics and International Studies  
 Glennon-Farris, Patrick David, *London South Bank University*: History  
 Goldman, Lia Ines, *University College London*: Politics and International Studies  
 Gonia, Emily, *New York University, USA*: Anthropocene Studies  
 Halali, Dheeraj, *Goa University, India*: Zoology  
 Hardman, Maia, Angelina, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Veterinary Medicine  
 Harris, Jane, Margaret, *Colorado College, USA*: American History  
 Hart, Rhys Kristian, *University of Warwick*: Applied Criminology and Police Management  
 Hartmann, Alexander, *Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany*: Social Innovation  
 Hillery, Jonathan William, *University of California Berkeley, USA*: Pure Mathematics  
 Ho, Chung Ling Cherie, *Christ's College Cambridge*: Master of Law  
 Holland-Clarke, Andrea Ruth, *University of Portsmouth*: Applied Criminology and Police Management

Honnor, Elizabeth, *King's College London*: Heritage Studies  
 Hoven, Darius, *Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany*: Biological Sciences (BBSRC DTP)  
 Iqbal, Aisha Ansar, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine  
 J'afari-Pak, Cambyse Alexander, *University of York*: International Relations  
 Jerram, Gabriella, *University of the Arts London*: Writing for Performance  
 Keshav, Vijay Annand, *Selwyn College*: Philosophy  
 Khan, Hashmath Hayaat Xavier, *University of Exeter*: Applied Criminology and Police Management  
 Kilcullen, Matthew, *University of St Andrews*: International Relations  
 Kim, Yoon, *University of Suwon, China*: MBA  
 King, Julian, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA*: History  
 Kinkela, Ryan Sam, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine  
 Knezevic, Jovana, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA*: Plant Sciences  
 Knight, Alexander, Marcus, *Selwyn College*: History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine  
 Knutsson, Emily Louise, *University of Edinburgh*: Creative Writing  
 Kornmehl, Lia Frances, *Bowdoin College, Maine, USA*: Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion  
 Kroupa, Namu, *Peterhouse Cambridge*: Physics  
 Kulczykowska, Tara Lotus Camellia, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Veterinary Medicine  
 Levine, Marianne Michele Feldman, *University of Minnesota, USA*: Creative Writing  
 Li, Hang, *Grinnell College, Iowa, USA*: Economics  
 Li, Tian Ai, *University of the Arts London*: Sociology  
 Lin, Vivian, *Savannah College of Art and Design, Georgia, USA*: Creative Writing  
 Lines, Nadia, *St Catharine's College Cambridge*: Creative Writing  
 Litchfield, Sara Ai-Li, *St John's College Cambridge*: Creative Writing  
 Little, Olivia, Jean, *College of William and Mary, Virginia, USA/University of St Andrews*: Creative Writing  
 Liu, Wenying, *Selwyn College*: Theoretical and Applied Linguistics  
 Liu, Longxi, *Sichuan University, China*: Economics  
 Lo, Alexander, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine  
 Low, Lynne Soon Li, *University of Aberdeen*: Writing for Performance  
 Maidment, Thomas, *King's College London*: History  
 Malpas, Megan Elizabeth, *University of Bristol*: Earth Sciences (BAS)  
 Mandolini, Alessandro, *University of the Highlands and Islands Millennium Institute*: English  
 Marson, Cristina Nicola, *St Hilda's College Oxford*: Bioscience Enterprise  
 Memela, Sanelisiwe, *University of Cape Town, South Africa*: MBA  
 Mitty, James, *Christ Church Oxford*: Economic Research  
 Mól, Wiktoria Alicja, *Selwyn College*: European, Latin American, and Comparative Literatures and Cultures  
 Mulholland, Niamh, *Harvard University, USA*: Physical Sciences: Nanoscience and Nanotechnology  
 Ninham, Katharine, *Durham University*: Physical Sciences: Nanoscience and Nanotechnology



Nivsarkar, Ananya, *University of Dehli, India*: Development Studies  
 O'Neil, Megan, *Falmouth University*: Writing for Performance  
 Panopio, Czarina Constantino, *University of the Philippines*: Conservation Leadership  
 Parker-Ward, Jamie Callum, *Fitzwilliam College Cambridge*: Medieval History  
 Pendleton, Jeffery Robert Lee, *Arizona State University, USA*: Psychology (Science)  
 Rae, Evelyn, *Selwyn College*: Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies  
 Ronaghyon, Daniel, *University of Birmingham*: History  
 Rowse, William, *University of Edinburgh*: Engineering  
 Russell-Jones Robyn-Ann, *University of Essex*: Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion  
 Sahlegiorgis, Yeabsira Kebede, *Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia*: Archaeology  
 Sapsford, Robert Alan, *University of Warwick*: Economics  
 Sasakawa, Moe, *Nagoya University, Japan*: Asian and Middle Eastern Studies  
 Saunders, Alexander William Boswell, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine  
 Schwartz, Lee, *University of Pennsylvania, USA*: Creative Writing  
 Sears, Scott Lewis, *Boise State University, Idaho, USA*: International Relations  
 Simons, Jaylen, *King's College London*: English Studies  
 Sinclair, Richard, *University of Liverpool*: Criminology  
 Song, Ruoci, *Università di Bologna, Italy*: Italian  
 Stam, Paul Nathan, *Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada*: Applied Criminology and Police Management  
 Stamenov, Bogdan, *Queen Mary University of London*: Data Intensive Science  
 Strachan, Frederick Maxwell, *Girton College Cambridge*: History  
 Swystun, Francesca, *Durham University*: Physics  
 Sykes, Matilda Silver, *University College London*: English Studies  
 Taghaddosinejad, Iman, *Queen Mary University of London*: Economic Research  
 Tan, Xiaoling, *Keele University*: Development Studies  
 Tarhini, Mohamad Hussein, *American University of Beirut, Lebanon*: Creative Writing  
 Tuck, Molly Grace, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine  
 White, Alexandra, *Regent's Park College Oxford*: Applied Criminology and Police Management  
 Wighton, Melissa Lee, *Fanshawe College, Ontario, Canada*: Applied Criminology and Police Management  
 Williams, Ella, *Trinity Hall Cambridge*: Film & Screen Studies  
 Wolter, Millicent Eglantyne, *Pembroke College Oxford*: English Studies  
 Xu, Songzan, *Guangxi University, China*: Divinity  
 Xue, Ningbing, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Veterinary Medicine  
 Zarkoon, Kamran Khan, *University of Punjab, Pakistan*: Applied Criminology and Police Management  
 Zhang, Xueqing, *Communication University of China*: Asian and Middle Eastern Studies  
 Zhao, Congcong, *Tsinghua University, Beijing, China*: Planning, Growth and Regeneration

### EXCHANGE STUDENT

Arnoult, Tiphaine Marie Domitille, *École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France*

## SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

**In 2023 the following students were either elected to the title of Scholar (T), elected to a Scholarship (S) or re-elected to a Scholarship (R):**

Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic Archaeology Architecture	N E Vienne Bannan (S) I A Bunting (S) A Aliev (S) J A Ayers (S) S Handa (T) S Izaki-Lee (R)
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Classics	J D S A M Sisowath (R) H A Barraud (S) N Egan (T) H T Batchelor (R) L Choteborsky (S) D Hazra (S) B T J Harper (R) D A E Lawrence (R)
Computer Sciences	J Li (S) S Mohammed (S) J Chen (S) Y Hao (R) P W McCartney (R) A P Saravanan (R) A Sharma (T) S Tao (S) A S Vernekar (R) Q Ye (S)
Economics	J Chong (S) E G Heatherington (S) S-H Lee (S) O S Norman (T) E Slater (T) L K Barwell (R) A C Petrie (T) E J Watters (T) J J Betts (S) K E Higgins (T) E C Rae (T) J M Evans (T) K K Dosanjh (S)
Education	N A N Choudhury (T) M H K Hole (S) S Mulji (R)
Engineering	
English	
Geography	
History	
History of Art History and Modern Languages	
History and Politics	
Human, Social and Political Sciences	

Land Economy	A Chockkalingam (S) E T Sheppard (T)
Law	A Singh (S) F-D Crâznic (S) N E O'Shaughnessy (T) J M M Saunders (R)
Manufacturing Engineering Mathematics	F Baroni (R) R A C Conway (S) K Song (S) C A Telfer (S)
Medical Sciences	A S Ali-Patel (S) A M Barrell (R) T J Croft-Senior (S) S Gupta (S) H S Miller (R) A L Synowiec (S)
Modern & Medieval Languages & Linguistics	O Blydenstein (R) T L Masters (S) E A Mumford (R) A C Sheth (S) A C Field (S) N S Gawley (S) C E M Stewart (S) P A Collins (R) B Csakany (R) O Dai (S) B A Hollingdale (T) R C Incley (S) T J Kehoe (R) W K A Lam (S) J A Long (S) A Psalidopoulos (T) J Qiao (S) L G M Rooney (S) T X Stangroome (S) S Wang (S) C D Williams (R) N Xue (T) S Li (T)
Natural Sciences	A L Pettecrew (S) M G Tuck (T)
Psychological and Behavioural Sciences	

#### Elected to an Exhibition 2023

Modern & Medieval Languages & Linguistics

W F Fleury  
F Jenkinson

#### Tripes Prizes

Architecture  
Computer Sciences  
Economics

Education  
Engineering

English

Geography  
History

History and Politics  
Human, Social and Political Sciences

Land Economy  
Law

Linguistics  
Modern & Medieval Languages & Linguistics

Music  
Natural Sciences

Philosophy  
Theology, Religion & Philosophy of Religion

#### Named Prizes

Abraham (Modern Languages)  
Adams (Engineering)  
Ball/1987 Fund (Engineering)  
Baxter (Natural Sciences)  
Borradaile (Natural Sciences)  
Braybrook (Natural Sciences)  
Carr

I V Synek Herd  
M W Handley  
T C Allin  
J R Corcoran  
A J Parker  
C Y Lam  
N M E Adriano  
D Chin  
K E Baxter  
A Mahtani  
R Mercer  
E Robinson  
E G Mills-Thomas  
G Bastos Gonçalves Martin  
S E Hsu  
E M Lomas  
A M Reeves  
C W S Cheung  
G M Mifsud  
M J Geser-Stark  
I N Murkumbi  
S A Faheem  
K B Armour  
L J Balon  
W Liu  
W A G Reith  
J A Shanahan  
E G Simpson  
S T Bell  
R E Ackland  
S M Ahmed  
J R Burri  
J M Knight  
A W B Saunders  
V Keshav  
D M Vucevic

T L Masters  
N M E Adriano  
D Chin  
S M Ahmed  
C D Williams  
B Csakany  
E T Sheppard  
M G Tuck

Chadwick (History)  
 Cross (Economics)  
 Davis (Natural Sciences)  
 Fairest (Law)  
 Frost (Mathematics/Computer Science)  
 Gilbert (Modern Languages)  
 Hargreaves (Medicine)  
 John and Myra Harris

Harrison (Engineering)  
 Haworth-Gray (Theology)  
 Jagpal

Christopher Johnson

Lyttelton  
 Melbourne

Morrill (History)  
 Powrie Scholarship (Engineering)  
 Sanders (English)

Scruby  
 Searle (Mathematics)  
 W Selwyn

Siddans (Natural Sciences)  
 Sing (Classics)  
 Steers  
 Tallow Chandlers

Bill Turnbull (Clinical Medicine)  
 Whitehead (History)

### College Prizes

Engineering

Natural Sciences  
 Clinical Veterinary Medicine

### Postgraduate Prizes

Clinical Medicine  
 Clinical Veterinary Medicine

L K Barwell  
 A J Parker  
 N Xue  
 N E O'Shaughnessy  
 H T Batchelor  
 J A Shanahan  
 A W B Saunders  
 R E Ackland  
 S M Ahmed  
 A Psalidopoulos  
 E G Simpson  
 J Chen  
 D M Vucevic  
 R C Incley  
 J A Long  
 C F Telfer  
 M L Brown  
 E F Kitchen  
 I Murkumbi  
 I V Synek Herd  
 E J Watters  
 J E Evans  
 A P Saravanan  
 J Chong  
 E Robinson  
 S Wang  
 C A Telfer  
 M H K Hole  
 J Li  
 P A Collins  
 N Egan  
 L J Balon  
 E M Aspin  
 T J Kehoe  
 S J Cadman  
 G Bastos Gonçalves Martin

M R Davis  
 C D Wordsworth  
 L C B Debaig  
 O D Kicek

S J Cadman  
 J W Oliver  
 N S Saideman

### Named Prizes (Non-Tripes)

Edith Ray (Vocal Award)  
 Roe (Musical Performance)  
 Williamson (Musical Performance)

R Hayes  
 K J Mann  
 J Ellis

## MUSIC AWARDS

### Percy Young Senior Organ Scholar

A C Field

### Assistant Organist

S M Hart

### Choral Exhibitions

*New elections*  
 G W Nicholson  
 L M O'Hanlon  
 J-Y L P Tsai  
 J Chan

*Re-elected*  
 A C Bolster  
 A C Brow  
 M N Budack  
 N S Gawley  
 K J Mann  
 M N Owusu  
 C E M Stewart

### John Sweet Postgraduate Choral Scholar

*Re-elected*  
 V M Salenius

### Instrumental award

*Re-elected*  
 J Ellis (oboe)

## UNIVERSITY AWARDS

The following awards were made in the academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23:

Architecture	Kettle's Yard Fund	M E Gurdal
Business and Management	MSt in Social Innovation Studentship	V K Lambetis
Chemistry	Outstanding Thesis Award	E Bassey
	Postgraduate Travel Grant	C Cafolla
Earth Sciences	Harkness Prize	R E Ackland
Engineering	Part IIb Div D Project Presentation Prize	E Pang
	Lego Project Prize	D A Warwick
English	Members' English Prize	A R Gunn
Geography	Conservation Leadership Prize	N Z Ko
	William Vaughan Lewis Dissertation Prize	E Slater
History of Art	MPhil Highest Distinction Prize	N C Yazikov
Human, Social and Political Sciences	Audrey Richards Prize	A Y Y Leung

Land Economy	EMDF Prize	E Sheppard
Law	Rebecca Flower Squire Fund Scholarship	K Armour
		L Balon
		J Saunders
Modern & Medieval Languages & Linguistics		
	Fieldwork Funding Award	O Petocz
		Z Wang
Natural Sciences	Drewitt Prize	C D Williams
Winifred Georgina Holgate-Pollard Memorial Prize		I N Murkumbi
Mary Euphrasia Mosley Travel Award		B-U Haq
		A Ivanova
		D Shah
		A Moogan
Worts Travelling Scholars Grant		

## DEGREES CONFERRED

The College congratulates the following members who have been awarded Cambridge degrees between August 2023 and July 2024.

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

F A Amery  
J Beunat  
C T Cafolla  
A J Calder  
B N Cragoe  
J Cumner  
T R Elliott  
M Evans  
A Fleming  
C J Gilfeather  
T I Gonzales  
G R Harris  
S C P Hughes  
L Ives  
H R King  
M Nikodemou  
J T Pürstl  
S L Raza Mejia  
R Roy  
Y Sautin  
R E R Schumacher  
H A Sheikh  
O Singh  
Z N J Staniaszek

L J Weatherdon  
B W Wood  
Z Xiang

### Master of Arts (MA)

M V Allen  
R Badev  
M P Barton  
K J Bassil  
S M A Besson  
K E R Bonner  
M A Boyle  
Z E Bull  
G I Burns  
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 M S Dastbaz  
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 A De Sousa  
 C L England  
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 M Kantharupan  
 P W McCartney  
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 P Shah  
 S Tao  
 L N R Wilkinson

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 B Csakany  
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B R Hayes  
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 N E Campbell  
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 T Tanakulthorn  
 A R Toumbas  
 G E Wedge

**Bachelor of Medicine (MB)**

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 M S Doherty  
 D C J Oh

**Bachelor of Surgery (BChir)**

A Arora  
 E M Bagg  
 R E Bell  
 M S Doherty  
 L E G Ettinghausen  
 L E Oakes  
 D C J Oh

**Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (VetMB)**

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**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**

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 J M M Saunders  
 J J Saville  
 L S Sefton  
 J Sesay  
 I V Shah  
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 T D J Shanahan  
 P Sivakumar  
 E N Smith  
 M R Statham  
 C E M Stewart  
 H Surana  
 J N Thakur  
 H Wang  
 J Yang

# Part two

## The Fellows

## NEW FELLOWS



**Tom Hopkins** is a Fellow in Politics and Director of Studies in History and Politics. He is a senior teaching associate in the Department of Politics and International Studies, where he has taught since 2015, and an affiliated lecturer in the Faculty of History. He read History at Sidney Sussex College, before taking a PhD in History at Christ's. He has previously held positions at Queen Mary University of London and the University of Helsinki, and was a Bye-Fellow at Selwyn from 2019 to 2023. His research interests are in the history of political and economic thought since the eighteenth century, with a special focus on pre- and post-revolutionary French political thought, the Scottish Enlightenment, and the history of liberal and socialist economic ideas in nineteenth-century Europe.



**Eloy de Lera Acedo** joined Selwyn in October 2023. He leads the Cavendish Radio Astronomy and Cosmology research group in the University's Cavendish Astrophysics. His research work, funded by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) of UK Research and Innovation, the European Research Council (ERC) and the UK Space Agency, focuses on pioneering studies of the dark ages, cosmic dawn and the epoch of reionisation via observations of the 21-cm line from atomic hydrogen. As a member of the Kavli Institute for Cosmology in Cambridge, he is actively involved in several radio astronomy projects, including the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), the Hydrogen Epoch of Reionization Array (HERA) and CosmoCube, where he serves as principal investigator. His work also emphasizes the practical applications of astronomy-inspired technology in societal development, particularly in ultra-fast digital communications and electromagnetic metrology. Eloy holds a prestigious STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowship and serves as the principal investigator of the REACH experiment, a groundbreaking initiative in the field of 21-cm cosmology. His commitment to advancing the field of cosmology was recently recognized with an ERC Consolidator Grant for REACH\_21, which aims to deepen our understanding of the universe's earliest moments through innovative radio astronomy techniques. In addition to his academic pursuits, he is a co-founder, with two colleagues, of Cambridge Electromagnetic Technology Ltd. Established in 2019, the company offers a diverse range of products and consultancy services, supporting technology businesses globally. This venture underscores his dedication to bridging the gap between cutting-edge scientific research and commercial technology applications.

## FELLOW-ELECT



**Alex Jenkins** is a theoretical physicist who joins Selwyn in October 2024 as Gavin Boyle Fellow in Cosmology. He was previously a postdoctoral research fellow at University College London. Alex completed his PhD in Theoretical Physics at King's College London, having read Natural Sciences at Trinity Hall as an undergraduate. His research focuses on the first moments after the Big Bang, combining astronomical observations, numerical simulations and analogue experiments in the laboratory to investigate the physics of the early universe. In 2023 he was awarded a Buchalter Cosmology Prize for his work on gravitational-wave detection.

## NEW HONORARY FELLOW



**Tobias Billström** (SE 2001) has been the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden since October 2022. Previously he served as Group Leader and Chief Whip of the Moderate Party in the Riksdag from 2017 to 2022 and as First Deputy Speaker of the Riksdag from 2014 to 2017. From 2006 to 2014 he also served as Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy and briefly as Minister for Employment in 2010. He has been a Member of the Riksdag since the 2002 general election, representing Malmö Municipality (2002-2022) and Stockholm County (since 2022). He studied at Selwyn for an MPhil in History in 2001-2 during which time he was President of the MCR. Extracts from the lecture he gave in Selwyn in April 2024 can be found on page 48.

## PROMOTIONS

We congratulate the following Fellows whose promotions, from 1 October 2024, have been announced by the University: to professor (grade 11) **Dr Jörg Haustein** (Divinity); to university associate professor (grade 10) **Dr Kirsty McDougall** (Theoretical and Applied Linguistics); to associate teaching professor (grade 10) **Dr Elena Filimonova** (Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics). In Selwyn, **Dr Daniel Beauregard**, **Dr Alan Howard**, **Mr Oleg Kitov**, **Dr David Smith** and **Dr Charlotte Woodford** have been promoted to college associate professors, also from 1 October.

## DEPARTING FELLOWS

**Professor Heather Webb** has left to take up an appointment as Professor of Italian Studies at Yale University and two other Fellows came to the end of their fixed-term fellowships: **Dr Nicole Hartwell** as the National Army Museum Research Fellow and **Dr Mathias Nowak** as the Gavin Boyle Fellow in Exoplanetary Science.

## NEWS OF FELLOWS



*The Master, Vice-Master and the artist Beka Smith (centre) are seen here at the unveiling of the Master's portrait in November 2023.*

**The Master** has confirmed that he will stand down from his role in September 2025 in line with the College's statutory retirement age. His future loyalties will remain firmly with Selwyn, but he was recently elected as an Honorary Fellow of Wadham College Oxford, where he studied as an undergraduate. He has also become a member of the Advisory Board for the School of Arts and Creative Industries at the University of East London, which is close to where he worked on the 2012 Olympics. Roger's writing has included commentary on the media coverage of the general election for the *New Statesman* and the *Independent*, and he defended current affairs broadcasting at the time the BBC was imposing cutbacks on *Newsnight*. In Cambridge, he moderated the first two of the Vice-Chancellor's dialogues designed to safeguard freedom of speech.



*Dr Al Azmeh (in green) with participants at the workshop for the Syrian Academics and Researchers' Network*

**Dr Zeina Al Azmeh** published two papers in the *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society* in March 2024, in *Theory and Society* in May 2024, and a book chapter in *The Politics of Silence, Voice and the In-Between: Exploring Gender, Race and Insecurity from the Margins* (London: Routledge, 2024). She presented her work on exiled academics at the British Sociological Association Virtual Annual Conference and her work on 'Persecution Capital' at the British Journal of Sociology conference, and was an invited speaker at the University of Sussex and the Alice Salomon Hochschule in Berlin. She secured an Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) grant which will support her ongoing research and networking activities, and she used part of this grant to co-organise a workshop at Selwyn that brought together Syrian exiled academics and artists from across the UK and Ireland with the aim of exploring interdisciplinary collaborations and generating a number of research clusters.





The fifteenth-century accounts of the royal escheator in the National Archives contain valuable information about goods and chattels forfeited to the crown.

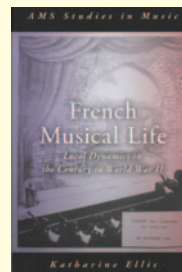
**Dr Filipe Carreira da Silva** has published an article on the connection between soil, empire and anticolonial revolt, entitled 'Decolonising the earth: anticolonial environmentalism and the soil of empire', in the journal *Theory, Culture & Society*, May 2024.

**Dr Jean Chothia** contributed a piece on, 'O'Casey and Modernism', to a collection of essays on Sean O'Casey for an upcoming publication by Cambridge University Press. She was also filmed discussing Eugene O'Neill's sea plays and John Ford's 1940 film *The Long Voyage Home* (which includes John Wayne in a minor role) for introductory material to ViaVision's Blue Ray reissue of Ford's film. Her current research, into the earliest radio drama, has involved a complete reading of the *Radio Times* for the 1920s.



**Professor Daping Chu**, as the Academic Director, hosted the LED Display Technology Innovation Forum at the Cambridge University Nanjing Technology and Innovation Centre in May 2024. Nearly a hundred guests in the fields of the industry, research and investment gathered by the Yangtze River to discuss trends of the industry and innovative pathways. The forum focused on the research and development of raw materials, breakthroughs in key technologies, exploration of application scenarios and mass production in the LED display field. In June, as a co-general-chair, he opened the Light Conference 2024 at Changchun, China, and hosted the award ceremony of the 2023 Top 10 Social Impact Events in China's Optics (Light10). He also gave a keynote talk entitled 'Immersive driving with AR head-up displays (iHUDs)' at the conference.

**Dr Chris Briggs's** research on the goods and chattels of the late medieval peasantry has appeared in a co-authored open-access monograph entitled *The Material Culture of English Rural Households c.1250-1600* (Cardiff University Press, 2023). At the 2024 Medieval Canterbury Weekend, organized by the Centre for Kent History & Heritage, he gave a lecture on 'The material culture of some Kent rebels, 1450-51'. He has also been elected to the Council of the Economic History Society.



**Professor Katharine Ellis** returned from sabbatical leave in Michaelmas Term 2023 to receive two pieces of good news: the award of the American Musicological Society's Kinkeldey Prize for her book *French Musical Life* (Oxford University Press, 2022) and acceptance of her application for a Major Research Fellowship from the Leverhulme Trust to work on 'Catholic Music of the French Concordat, 1801-1905'. This new book will examine the fate of liturgical music across France as its composers, conductors, organists and singers navigated between the requirements of the French state (they were effectively state employees) and musical aesthetics driven by monastic and Vatican reformism. The project stems from material that could only be hinted at in *French Musical Life* because there has been so little primary research on the subject. The sources are fragmented and conserved in private archives. More research trips to regional France are required, alas!

**Professor David Ford** has co-authored, with Ashley Cocksworth, *Glorification and the Life of Faith* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2023), has been consulting editor to the fourth edition of Ford's *The Modern Theologians. An Introduction to Christian Theology since 1918*, edited by Rachel Muers and Ashley Cocksworth (Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, 2024), and has published articles on the Gospel of John. He has led a Rose Caste Foundation project, 'A Christian Wisdom of Reconciliation: Twelve Habits', involving teams from the universities of Aberdeen, Cambridge, Durham and Oxford (2023-24). He served on the four-person task group that co-authored the report for the Church of England's General Synod, *Trust and Trustworthiness within the Church of England* (2024). He has continued to serve: as chair of the Trustees of the Cambridge Friendship Trust; as co-chair of the Trustees of the Rose Castle Foundation, whose programmes training people in reconciliation across divisions and conflicts (especially inter- and intra-religious ones) have been in more demand than ever; as a vice-president of the British and Foreign Bible Society; and on academic boards in China, USA, UAE, and Israel.



Portrait of the 'Earl Bishop' by Pompeo Batoni

**Peter Fox** has published *Building and Collecting: The Correspondence on Art and Architecture of Frederick Herve, Bishop of Derry and 4th Earl of Bristol* (London: Walpole Society, 2023). This is an edition of the letters to and from the 'Earl Bishop', the eccentric Church of Ireland prelate who built three grand houses, Downhill and Ballyscullion in County Londonderry and Ickworth in Suffolk, which he planned to fill with the vast number of works of art that he collected over his lifetime. The correspondence includes a long series of letters from his architects, Michael Shanahan and Placido Columbani, together with others from Antonio Canova, Jacob More and Alexander Day. Peter was also commissioned by the National Trust to act as a consultant on the Trust's conservation management plan for Ickworth.

**Dr Marta Halina** published *Animal Minds* (Cambridge University Press, 2024) and, with colleagues, a paper in *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* showing how the evolution of cognition is best understood as a series of major transitions (in the same way that the evolution of DNA and multicellularity are viewed as major transitions). She also wrote several pieces critically assessing the methods used by cognitive scientists to study non-human animal minds, including 'The future is computational comparative cognition' (*Comparative Cognition & Behavior Reviews*) and 'Methods in comparative cognition' (*Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*). She served on a panel at the Responsible Research Summit at the Cambridge Judge Business School in June 2024 addressing questionable research practices in science, gave invited lectures in the UK (Cambridge, York), Germany (Berlin, Bayreuth, Erlangen), the United States (San Diego) and Australia (Canberra, Sydney), and co-organised a conference on philosophy of AI and science in Cambridge.

**Dr Jörg Hausteine** has completed a research project on religion and urban conflict in Ethiopia, commissioned by the Rift Valley Institute and funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. The project has yielded four research reports from Ethiopian collaborators, all of which have been edited and published. As a key capacity-building measure, Jörg is now collaborating with his Ethiopian partners to transform these reports into a special journal issue. Additionally, he has produced an extensive historical overview and a synthesis report. His expertise on religion in contemporary Ethiopia continues to garner widespread interest. He has presented papers on this subject at the Cambridge Interfaith Programme, the University of Miami and the Deutsch-Äthiopischer Verein (German-Ethiopian Society). In February 2024, Jörg was featured as an expert on contemporary Ethiopian religion in an episode of the BBC World Service programme *The Inquiry*.

**Professor David Holton** organised and chaired an event at the British School at Athens (BSA) commemorating the 1923 compulsory exchange of populations between Greece and Turkey. The event focused on the Greek-speaking Muslims of Crete, who were forced to relocate to Turkey. In April 2024 he retired from the Council of the BSA and its Committee for Society, Arts and Letters after seven years' service, the last four as chairman of that committee. In the course of the year he spoke at a symposium in Nicosia and a book launch in Athens (via Zoom), and published an article on the origins of Standard Modern Greek.

**Dr Thomas Hopkins** appeared on BBC Radio 4's *In Our Time* with Melvin Bragg in January 2024 as part of a panel discussing the eighteenth-century mathematician and philosopher, the Marquis de Condorcet. Condorcet played a leading role in the French Revolution, ultimately dying during the Revolutionary Terror, but he also made important contributions to the development of probability theory and its application to the social sciences and was an early and prominent advocate for the rights of women and the abolition of slavery.

**Oleg Kitov** was nominated by the Faculty of Economics for the Pilkington Prize for excellence in teaching; the European Economic Association Award for Exceptional Teaching and the EEA Award for Innovation in Teaching; the National Teaching Fellowship Scheme for individuals who have made an outstanding impact on student outcomes; and the Central European University Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Social Sciences and Humanities. He was also nominated by his students for the Cambridge Students' Union Student-Led Teaching Awards in three categories: Best Lecturer, Innovative Teaching and Best Supervisor in Social Sciences.



**Sarah MacDonald** marked twenty-five years since her appointment as Director of Music in Chapel at Selwyn. She published several compositions for choir and/or organ with a variety of international publishers and celebrated the commercial release of her first-ever solo recording (J S Bach's *Goldberg Variations* on the Steinway-D in Ely Cathedral) on the Regent label. In July 2024 she became President of the Royal College of Organists.

**Dr Kirsty McDougall's** research project, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, 'Improving Voice Identification Procedures' (IVIP) has continued to produce publications and conference presentations. These include a co-authored article 'Time to reflect on voice parades: the influence of reflection and retention interval duration on earwitness performance' in *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. In September 2023 Kirsty and the IVIP project team hosted a Knowledge Exchange Event for lawyers, police officers and forensic practitioners in the Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium at Selwyn. Here they shared findings from the IVIP project and discussed proposed revisions to the current guidelines for conducting voice parades in England and Wales. Kirsty gave a keynote address entitled 'Probing the phonetic bases of voice similarity: implications for voice parades' at the SpeakVar Workshop in Budapest in October 2023. She was also an invited speaker at the Criminal Law Solicitors' Association Annual Conference in York in November, where she gave a talk on voice identification evidence.

**Professor John Morrill** had another busy year (ten years on from retirement) with the appearance of his volume in the *Oxford History of British and Irish Catholicism (1641-1745)* and a dozen public lectures hither and yon in the British Isles, mainly on that man Oliver Cromwell. A 35,000 word biography of Owen Chadwick has been completed for the British Academy website and a link to it, once published, will be on the College website. There is a tailback worthy of the M11 in the publications department at the Academy hindering early publication, and since John was so late delivering it he is in no position to complain. More dramatically he was accepted (it needed a special dispensation from Rome!) for ordination to priesthood in the Catholic Church on 21 September 2024. He has not been given a parish but will support sixteen parishes within twenty-five miles of his home in a variety of ways (covering for sickness, holidays, etc.). So a new life begins at seventy-eight!

**Professor Janet O'Sullivan** combined her new status as Professor of Private Law in the Faculty of Law with continuing her roles at Selwyn as Vice-Master and Director of Studies for the undergraduate Law students. Highlights this year have included delivering the manuscript for the eleventh edition of her OUP textbook on the *Law of Contract*, which was published in June 2024, and speaking at a seminar in May for the Commercial Court, chaired by Lady Chief Justice Carr, as well as publishing case commentaries in the *Cambridge Law Journal*. She enjoyed a much-needed term of sabbatical leave in the Easter Term, spared from the demands of revision teaching and examining but, with the permission of the College Council, continuing as Vice-Master so as to undertake the hugely important role of chairing the ongoing mastership election.

**Dr David Smith** has been elected a vice-president of the Cromwell Association. During the year he lectured at several schools and colleges, including Forest School, St Paul's Girls' School, Uppingham, Laurus Cheadle Hulme School and Cambridge Arts and Sciences, as well as giving talks to a diverse range of other audiences, including several branches of the Historical Association (Essex, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire and North London); various branches of the U3A (Bishop's Stortford; Hertford and Welwyn); the Cambridge University Monarchists' Society; and the Cromwell Association (the last two made an interesting contrast!). In June 2024 he gave a paper at a conference at King's College London organised by **Dr Alex Loktionov**, a Selwyn alumnus and former Bye-Fellow and now a Research Fellow at Christ's, and in September David gave the Cromwell Day address in St Ives, talking about how Cromwell treated his Cavalier enemies when he was Lord Protector. His latest publication is a co-authored article, 'Royal funerals and coronations: an anthropological overview from "the Gold Falcon has flown to his Akhet" to "London Bridge down"', in *International Journal of Anthropology*, 39 (2024).



**Professor John Spencer**, in collaboration with a French colleague, has written *Le système de justice pénale de l'Angleterre et du Pays de Galles* (Aix-en-Provence: Presses Universitaires d'Aix-Marseille, 2024) as well as three articles on jury trials for *Archbold Review*. Having given up supervising four years ago, in Lent Term 2024 he rose briefly from his academic grave to give some criminal law supervisions as an emergency stand-in for an academic colleague.

**Professor Grant Stewart** has been busy leading a series of guideline and policy developments in his field of kidney cancer. He has chaired the 'Getting It Right First Time' (GIRFT) kidney-cancer pathway development which has set out what an excellent clinical service looks like for patients, so that NHS trusts across the country can emulate it. GIRFT has been introduced across all medical specialities and is making a real difference to care. Secondly, with the charity Kidney Cancer UK, he successfully persuaded NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) to produce a kidney-cancer guideline; he has been appointed as clinical lead for the guideline, which sets out for patients and doctors the gold standard for managing kidney cancer. He is also clinical director for the National Kidney Cancer Audit, which uses routinely collected patient data to assess outcomes from the treatment of kidney cancer in England

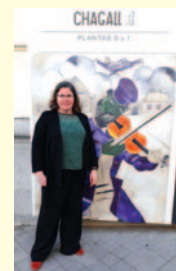
and Wales, the aim being to reduce unwanted variations in care across the nation, as it is known that this results in poorer outcomes for patients. So, three buses have come along at the same time!



**Dr Michael Tilby** attended this year's Nineteenth-Century French Studies colloquium hosted by Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. His paper explored the representation of temptation in Wagner's *Tannhäuser* and Flaubert's *La Légende de Saint-Julien l'Hospitalier*, advancing the thesis that the phenomenon of temptation is central to the aesthetics of both composer and writer. He has since been engaged in further research leading to a much expanded version for publication. He is seen here at the unveiling of his portrait by the photographer Fran Monks in February 2024. The portrait now hangs in the Harrison Room.



**Professor Chander Velu** has published a book entitled *Business Model Innovation: A Blueprint for Strategic Change* (Cambridge University Press, 2024). The book covers a breadth of topics that illuminate the theory and concepts that underpin business models. It outlines current models and directions for future research in business model innovation, and global business cases are applied throughout to illustrate key issues. Topics covered include market creation, leadership, digital technology adoption, small- and medium-sized enterprises, start-ups, sustainability, socio-economic development and conduct risk. Also discussed are the principles of the architecture of economic systems, the role of government in influencing business models design, and how organisational structures must adapt in the context of business model innovation.



**Dr Dacia Viejo Rose** was appointed as Director of Research for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences charged with leading on its research framework. The initial phase of this work has involved collaborating with software developers to create an interactive mapping of research taking place across the School. She has also been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Instituto Catalán de Investigación sobre el Patrimonio Cultural (ICRPC). Dacia continues to work with the Trust Fund for Victims on assessing the implementation for the Reparations Order of the International Criminal Court in relation to crimes against cultural heritage in



Timbuktu. She gave a public lecture at the Mapfre Foundation in Madrid in relation to their Chagall exhibition. She is also leading on a project entitled 'Researching Legacies of the Past' and co-authored an article about the heritage landscape along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) dividing the Korean peninsula (*Korea Journal*, 63 (2023)).



**Dr Vicky Young** has published *Translation and the Borders of Contemporary Japanese Literature: Inciting Difference* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2024), which examines contemporary debates on such concepts as national literature, world literature and the relationship of each of these to translation, from the perspective of modern Japanese fiction. The book brings together a series of essays and works of fiction that are normally kept separate in distinct subgenres, such as Okinawan literature, zainichi literature written by ethnic Koreans, and other 'trans-border' works.

## NEWS OF BYE-FELLOWS, COLLEGE TEACHING ASSOCIATES AND TREVELYAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

**Dr Sheila Flanagan** gave an invited talk about her ongoing work investigating hearing development in children at the inaugural Auditory Development Workshop, Université Paris Cité, in November 2023. Her talk was entitled 'Cocktail parties and classrooms: the development of binaural temporal fine structure sensitivity'. She won the Association for Research in Otolaryngology meeting travel award towards presenting her work at the midwinter meeting in Anaheim, California, in February 2024, and secured grant funding of £3,000 from the charity Guarantors of Brain towards a two-day conference, Auditory Science Meeting 2024, held in Cambridge in September. In June she spoke at the Hearing Across the Lifespan conference at Cernobbio, Italy. Sheila has authored or co-authored six publications during the current academic year on developmental psychology, specialising in phonological, motor and brain responses to sound, language acquisition and development in typically developing infants and learning impaired children.



**Dr Ruohan Qin** presented his research, 'Attack, defend, and produce', at the 10th annual conference 'Contests: Theory and Evidence' at the University of Reading in June 2024. This study investigates the effects of networks on player behaviour and conflict outcomes in networked conflict. Currently,

Ruohan is developing a game theoretical framework to investigate the causes of the Neolithic Revolution. Additionally, he was featured on a news broadcast by China Global Television Network (CGTN), discussing the development of China's e-sports. Ruohan was also awarded the Wrenbury Scholarship in Political Economy to support his ongoing research on the economics of conflict.



**Dr Charles Walker** published a paper in *Astronomy & Astrophysics* in March 2024, entitled 'The dispersion measure contributions of the cosmic web'. He obtained a travel grant to present this work, examining the effects of the ionised Universe on Fast Radio Burst signals (FRBs), at the 'Baryons in the Universe' meeting at Kavli IPMU in Tokyo in April 2024. He has also joined the team behind the Cavendish Laboratory's *People Doing Physics* podcast, appearing in his first episode as a host in June 2024.



**Dr Yue Xie** organised a workshop entitled 'Embodied Artificial Intelligence and Evolutionary Soft Robotics' in Selwyn in March 2024. The workshop explored the intersection of Embodied AI (the confluence of AI, robotics and bioengineering) and Evolutionary Soft Robotics (the integration of evolutionary algorithms with the mechanical sophistication of robotics).

## NEWS OF HONORARY FELLOWS



**Professor David Dabydeen** has published *Sweet Li Jie* (Leeds: Peepal Tree Press, 2024). Set in around 1876, the novel has two story-tellers, the landlord Wang Changling, writing about the last years of imperial China, and a travelling textile merchant, Jia Yun, who leaves Wuhan to join the great exodus of migrants fleeing poverty, most of them indentured to work in the canefields of Demerara, Guyana. What links them is Sweet Li Jie, one as protector and the other as suitor.

**Lord (Richard) Harries** has published *Wounded I Sing: from Advent to Christmas with George Herbert* (London: SPCK, 2024), in which he introduces the devotional poet and reflects on twenty-four of his greatest poems for the four weeks of Advent, drawing out spiritual insights for the reader to consider as they prepare to celebrate Christ's coming. Richard also focuses on human rights issues in the House of Lords and takes services at St Mary's Barnes.



Nigel Newton with Her Majesty Queen Camilla

**Nigel Newton** has had a lively year on the family front, with six small grandchildren, and on the job front in his thirty-eighth year of running Bloomsbury Publishing, which he started in 1986. Publishing has its ups and downs but is going well. He was invited to open the London Stock Exchange, where Bloomsbury is listed,



and was President of the Publishers Association, which lobbied hard for the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill, which was finally passed on 23 May 2024, just after the general election was announced. Hopefully it will ensure a more level playing field between huge tech platforms and their suppliers. Her Majesty Queen Camilla visited the Brixton warehouse of Book Aid International, of which Nigel is President. Book Aid sends one million volumes of publishers' overstocks to Africa every year.

**Professor Vivian Nutton** published the third edition of his *Ancient Medicine* (London: Routledge, 2024) and gave lectures in Louvain, Lisbon and Toledo. He has also become the organist at Sandridge, succeeding, as a younger man, his 93-year-old predecessor. He participated in peals to mark his and his wife Christine's golden wedding in August 2023 and his eightieth birthday in December.



**Sir Stephen Wall** describes his main occupation 'as I get well into my late seventies' as volunteering three or four days a week on a ward at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, helping with the meal service to patients. Under a pen name he writes novels, of which the latest, *The Gay Diplomat*, published in 2023, is (very approximately and with a lot of wishful thinking) based on his own experience as a closeted gay man in HM Diplomatic Service at a time when to be gay was a sackable offence.



**Dr Sophie Wilson** gave the keynote speech at the Python programming conference EuroPython in Prague in July 2023 and received the 2024 IEEE Masaru Ibuka Consumer Technology Award award in Edinburgh for the design of the 32-bit ARM RISC microprocessor. She is seen here with her joint-winner Steve Furber and (centre) Thomas Coughlin, President and CEO of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)

## NEWS OF FORMER FELLOWS

**Canon Nicholas Cranfield** (Fellow 1992-99) was appointed the Keene Lecturer at Chelmsford Cathedral in autumn 2024 with the topic 'Will there be a Church of England after 2034?' He was also the select preacher for the Leathersellers' Company for Colfe's School.

We note with regret the death of **Dr Bill Morton** (Fellow 1981-89).

# Part three

## The College at work

## FEATURE ARTICLES

### WHY SWEDEN JOINED NATO



*On 16 April 2024 Tobias Billström, the Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs and a former president of Selwyn's MCR, spoke about the 'paradigm shift in Sweden's foreign and security policy'. These are extracts from his lecture, given in the Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium at Selwyn.*

Over 200 years ago, in 1812, the soon to be Swedish King, Karl XIV Johan, laid out the foundation of neutrality and non-alignment for our country. Few political decisions have been so fundamental in defining Sweden's modern history and identity. Since then, this choice of direction has formed the roots of our foreign and security policy.

Even though the history of Sweden's policy of neutrality and military non-alignment is long and well-known, it has not been linear. Sweden's stance has often been tested in times of turmoil and changing conditions. During the Crimean War in 1853-6, for example, Sweden let the British use parts of the island of Gotland as a naval base in the conflict with the Russian Empire. In the initial stages of the Second World War, the Swedish coalition government made concessions to Germany. In its final stages, Danish and Norwegian units were trained in Sweden. In the former case, Sweden considered itself forced to deviate from neutrality; in the latter case, we wanted to do so. When the Cold War took hold of Europe, the idea

of a Scandinavian defence union was suggested, but Norway and Denmark chose – based on *their* geographical positions and *their* past experiences – to join NATO. Sweden chose – based on *our* geographical position and *our* past experiences – non-alignment in peacetime with a view to neutrality in war. Consideration of Finland's situation weighed heavily, both then and later on.

The fall of the Soviet Union fundamentally changed Sweden's situation, and the development of Swedish security policy for a new era began. Sweden joined NATO's Partnership for Peace in 1994 and became a member of the European Union in 1995, leaving our policy of neutrality. That same year, Swedish troops served under NATO command for the first time, in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Becoming a NATO member is a paradigm shift in Swedish foreign and security policy, but it is also the natural and final step of a journey Sweden has made in recent decades. Sweden's NATO accession is the culmination of a long farewell to the policy of neutrality and non-alignment.

Two years ago, Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine – an irreversible turning point, for Swedish, British, European and global security. Although Sweden's cooperation with NATO began decades earlier, the Swedish membership of NATO is a direct result of Russia's illegal, unprovoked and indefensible war of aggression. Russia's objective with its war of aggression is to control Ukraine, recreate an empire and violently overturn the European security order – to replace right with brutal might.

In December 2021, prior to the invasion, Russia issued demands amounting to ultimatums for new agreements on Europe's security. The Russian Secretary of State, Sergei Lavrov, sent a letter where he said that Sweden and Finland would never be allowed to join NATO and that we should accept our position in a Russian sphere of influence. This would have restricted Sweden's self-determination and security in crucial ways, as well as strengthening Russia in its attempts to deny every state its right to independently make its own security policy choices.

Russia has for a long time demonstrated its willingness to use military force for political objectives. In Georgia in 2008, in Ukraine since 2014, in Syria since 2015 and by using the Wagner Group in a number of countries on several continents. We must plan and prepare for a prolonged confrontation with Russia. We must counter Russia's expansion of power by constraining its influence, its freedom of action and – ultimately – its ability to do harm. At the heart of our efforts is our firm commitment to standing up for Ukraine's freedom and sovereignty. This is and will remain the top priority for Sweden's foreign policy. Ukrainian soldiers are not only fighting for their own security, their sovereignty, their territorial integrity and their freedom. They are also fighting for our security and our values. The outcome of the war will shape Ukraine and Russia, but also Europe, for decades to come. No one desires peace more than Ukraine, whose people suffer the consequences of Russia's brutal aggression. But peace at any cost would only invite further aggression. It is up to Ukraine – and Ukraine only – to decide if and when the moment is right to negotiate. And let us not forget that Russia could end the war at any time, by simply withdrawing its troops. But it doesn't.

Some argue that supporting Ukraine is costly. Let me be clear: not doing so will incur a far greater cost.

Our greatest responsibility today, therefore, is to provide Ukraine with all the political, financial and military support necessary to win the war. Sweden is also a driving force within the EU for harsher sanctions and for restricting Russia's opportunities to fund its war of aggression. The UK and Sweden are amongst the most prominent donors to Ukraine. Sweden will do what is needed to provide as much support as possible. We need both endurance and a strong sense of urgency. Sweden works closely with the UK, for everything from the training of soldiers to providing artillery, and I applaud the solid and long-term UK support for Ukraine – politically, financially and militarily. This also reflects the very strong public support for helping Ukraine in both countries.

Forty days have now passed since Sweden became NATO's thirty-second member. The moment Sweden's instrument of ratification was handed over to the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, in Washington marked a new beginning. A future for Sweden as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty. As an ally. Sweden will be safer in NATO and NATO will be stronger with Sweden as an ally. Unity, solidarity and cohesion will be guiding lights for Sweden as a NATO member. To safeguard this unity is to safeguard the strength of the Alliance. Within NATO, Sweden will stand for fair burden-sharing. Sweden's defence spending will exceed two per cent of GDP this year, and this should be considered a minimum level. We Europeans need to take greater responsibility in transatlantic relations, thereby creating a stronger Europe in NATO.

All countries around the Baltic Sea, except Russia, are now members of the Alliance. This fundamentally redraws the security map in our part of Europe. Sweden and Finland will allow an increase of NATO's operational depth and tie the high north, the north Atlantic and the Baltic regions more closely together. Sweden's geography and military assets can significantly strengthen the Alliance's ability to carry out operations in Northern Europe. We will work with our allies to make the best possible use of these assets in support of NATO's deterrence and defence. We fully embrace the possibilities for considerably facilitating the collective defence of our neighbouring countries.

The Swedish defence industry is an important asset and will contribute to NATO. It is also an area where cooperation with the UK is strong, and in our bilateral strategic partnership we set out to substantially strengthen our joint defence industry collaboration to ensure that NATO and its partners continue to generate a strategic advantage. This includes defence innovation in vital strategic areas such as space and underwater technology, cyber and security.

Sweden is joining NATO at a time when emerging technologies lie at the core of geopolitical competition and play an important role in the defence of Ukraine. We want to contribute to maintaining NATO's technological edge and countering threats in the cyber domain. Swedish strategic assets include an advanced private sector – not least in telecommunications – a strong defence industry and a national space capability in the making.

A strong transatlantic link is indispensable for Europe's security. However, it must never be taken for granted. It is therefore fundamental that we maintain and intensify relations with the United States, as Lord Cameron and I argued for in a joint op-ed in *Foreign Policy* two weeks ago. The US standing tall in an alliance with

over thirty nations will increase the safety of both Americans and Europeans. Sweden will contribute to the security of NATO as a whole in accordance with the Alliance's 360-degree approach and act resolutely and in a spirit of solidarity in the fight against terrorism. Our broad geographical commitment extends to NATO's engagement with global partners – not least in the Indo-Pacific region.

That brings me right up to the present, from 1812 to 2024. I would just like to say a few words on the future.

No matter whether we look forty days, two years, twenty years or 200 years ahead, I am certain that the values of Cambridge and its ability to generate knowledge and spread enlightenment all over the globe for the benefit of all will endure. I believe the same could be said for the strong relationship between Sweden and the UK. However, neither will do so undefended.

In rain or shine, we must protect what we believe in, and I acknowledge that there seem to be plenty of rainstorms in the forecast. We live in a time when a lot is at stake. Things we might have taken for granted are no longer so certain; there are powers that want to reshape the world in a way that greatly differs from the values of this university and our two countries. Powers that also seek to sow and exploit division among friends. This will place great demands on us: on me as a policy-maker of today and on you as the policy-makers of tomorrow. Great demands also mean great opportunities to make a difference. Many alumni of Selwyn College are proof that this is a place of possibilities and great deeds. So, I want to take the opportunity, as I believe is also my responsibility, to encourage you to make a difference. Because it will be needed.

I hope I have in some way been able to inspire you in this direction today. Rest assured, there will be plenty of tasks for you to dig into.

### THE INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

*Sarah Fraser Butlin KC is a Fellow of Selwyn and a practising barrister. She writes here about her experience as counsel to the Infected Blood Inquiry over the last five and a half years.*

As part of a team of three senior barristers, led by Jenni Richards KC, alongside a huge team of junior barristers, solicitors and paralegals, we worked to investigate and present the evidence in what has been called 'the worst treatment disaster in the history of the NHS'. The report of the Inquiry, published on 20 May 2024, found systemic, collective and individual failures to deal ethically, appropriately and quickly with the risk of infections being transmitted by blood and blood products, with the infections when the risk materialised and with the consequences for thousands of families.

The numbers are horrifying: around 1,250 people with a bleeding disorder were infected with HIV, including about 380 children. Most of those people were also infected with Hepatitis C, and some with Hepatitis B and Hepatitis D. Three-quarters of these people have died. Between 2,400 and 5,000 people with bleeding disorders were not infected with HIV but were infected with, and have developed, chronic Hepatitis C. The numbers of those infected through blood transfusions are



even larger. Between 80 and 100 people were infected with HIV after a blood transfusion and approximately 26,800 were infected with Hepatitis C. A significant number of people are at an increased risk of vCJD.

But the numbers do not do justice to the individuals involved in this scandal. As witnesses told their stories – in oral evidence, through a written statement or confidentially to intermediaries – the scale of the suffering they and their loved ones have faced over many, many years became clear. The Inquiry heard from individuals infected as children, who have lived their whole lives under the shadow of the physical and mental realities of infection; from parents as they told how they had watched as their child(ren) died because of treatment they as parents had administered, believing that it was safe; from children who had lost their parents; and from so many others. Because haemophilia is an inherited bleeding disorder, the infections had a catastrophic impact on whole families.

It was a huge privilege to play a small part in the process of taking witnesses through their oral evidence. For many, this was the first time that they had spoken about their experiences and the catharsis of finally breaking the silence was clear. There are people and stories that will stay with me: the haunting wail of a woman as she told of the abortion that she was told she had to have because she was HIV positive, infected through her husband who had received infected blood products; a mother telling of the death of one young son knowing that her other son would be next; a father of a seven-year-old boy explaining how they woke one day to find 'AIDS DEAD' painted in huge letters on their house and on another, crosses scratched on their front door; a woman who spent decades being fobbed off as a hypochondriac when she had been infected with Hepatitis C from a transfusion when giving birth.

The Inquiry reviewed millions of documents exploring a wide range of issues: looking at clinical practice, the actions of pharmaceutical companies, the regulatory regime and governmental decision-making across the four nations from 1970 onwards. The report made numerous findings of failures, including in the licensing regime by allowing the importation and distribution of blood products carrying a high risk of hepatitis; in blood donor selection; delays introducing screening tests; failures to take more conservative approaches to treatment of both bleeding disorders and in the use of blood transfusions; falsely reassuring the public and patients about the risks of HIV and Hepatitis C; conducting research without informed consent; and significant delays in conducting an incomplete lookback in relation to Hepatitis C. And on that note, the Inquiry report recommends that anyone who thinks they may have had a blood transfusion before 1996 should be offered a Hepatitis C test; the lookback exercise did not identify everyone.

Another significant element was whether there had been a cover-up by government. This included consideration of the 'lines to take' that were used by the government over the years: that people had received the 'best treatment available', that screening for Hepatitis C was introduced as soon as it could be and that the harm that had been caused was 'inadvertent'. The report found that these 'lines to take' were inaccurate, defensive and misleading. Having resolved against any form of compensation at an early stage, the government wrongly described the infection of thousands of people with fatal viruses as the unavoidable adverse effects of medical treatment. It thought at the outset that no one could or should be

held responsible and that nothing had been done wrong. When considering whether there had been a cover-up, the report found that there had been: 'Not in the sense of a handful of people plotting in an orchestrated conspiracy to mislead, but in a way that was more subtle, more pervasive and more chilling in its implications. To save face and to save expense, there has been a hiding of much of the truth.'

The determination of many of those who had been infected and affected, relentlessly pressing for answers and challenging civil servants and those in government, was evident throughout the years. Sadly, many of those people did not live to see the Inquiry opening; many of those who had been at the Inquiry opening were not with us on the final day.

Ultimately for me it was the people involved in the Inquiry that made the last five years some of the most rewarding of my career: working with people who were passionate about finding the truth and alongside people who had suffered greatly but lived so determinedly and who taught me a lot about courage and resilience.

### ON THE FRINGES OF EXOPLANET SCIENCE

*Dr Mathias Nowak, Gavin Boyle Fellow in Exoplanetary Science*



*The Paranal Observatory in the Chilean Atacama Desert*

Exoplanets are planets that orbit stars other than the sun and thus exist outside our solar system. Young exoplanets are thought to hold the key to distinguishing between the two predominant scenarios explaining the formation of giant planets: 'disc instability' and 'core-accretion'. The former is a rapid mechanism, somewhat



similar to the mechanism of star formation, in which a fraction of a circumstellar disc becomes dense and cool enough to collapse under its own weight. In this scenario, it takes only a few thousand years to create a planet which can be several times more massive than Jupiter. In the second scenario, the planet is formed from the slow and steady accretion of smaller bodies, providing a continuous influx of material to grow the planetary core, until it becomes massive enough to capture a giant gaseous envelope and clear a gap in the circumstellar disc.

One interesting avenue of investigation which is actively being explored to determine by which scenario these giant planets are formed is to measure the relative abundances of atomic elements, such as carbon and oxygen, in their atmosphere. The premise is that in circumstellar discs, the solid material tends to be oxygen-rich, mainly due to the presence of water-ice, while the gas tends to be oxygen-poor. Depending on how and in which ratio these two ingredients are mixed when forming the atmospheric cocktail, the final carbon to oxygen (C/O) ratio will vary. In a disc-collapse scenario the two tend to be well mixed and in stellar proportions. In a core-accretion scenario the two ingredients can be segregated, with most of the solid either trapped in the core or injected into the atmosphere after its formation, leading to large deviations of the C/O from the stellar value.

As potential imprints of the formation history, abundance ratios are important quantities. But measuring those in the atmosphere of faraway worlds is challenging. It requires high-quality spectroscopic observations to determine the abundance of the main molecular carriers of the different elements, such as water (H<sub>2</sub>O), carbon monoxide (CO) and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), for the C/O ratio. Unfortunately, high-contrast imaging instruments, which have been used so far to detect young giant planets orbiting nearby stars, offer only low spectroscopic resolution from which it is difficult to estimate these abundances.

This is where my research comes in. Over the past few years, I have worked on the development of an alternative technique to directly detect young giant exoplanets, in which the four 8-metre telescopes of the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope Observatory (situated on the summit of Cerro Paranal in Chile) are combined using an instrument called GRAVITY, a interferometric beam-combiner. The method relies on interferences created between the four beams of light that reach the beam combiner via each of the four telescopes of the observatory. Since these four telescopes are located some 100 metres apart, the light coming from a star does not travel exactly the same distance before reaching the instrument, which, in principle, should give rise to interferometric fringes in the beam-combiner. However, in the case of GRAVITY, a dedicated sub-system (a 'fringe-tracker') is used to determine the difference in the optical path travelled by the star-light and to adjust it via a system of underground optical delay lines – a set of mirrors on rails, between which the light is reflected back and forth. The delay lines adjust the optical path in such a way that the four beams coming from the star always travel exactly the same distance to the combiner, thereby flattening out the stellar fringe pattern. The four beams of planet light, however, come from an ever so slightly different position in the sky and will therefore still experience some amount of optical delay, and produce fringes. This creates a

structural difference between the stellar signal and the planet signal, which can be used to disentangle one from the other. The result is an exquisite measurement of the position of the planet around its star and of its spectral properties.

This new technique was first introduced in 2019 and 2020, at the very beginning of my Fellowship at Selwyn. With colleagues in France and Germany, I demonstrated that it could be used to measure, among other things, the C/O ratio in the atmosphere of giant exoplanets. This pioneering work has led to the creation of an international team to carry out a large observing programme, in which more than a dozen giant planets were observed between 2020 and 2023, to finely characterise their orbits and atmospheres. These young planets turned out to be of all sorts and shapes: beta Pictoris b, a famous 20 million-year-old giant, turned out to be oxygen rich; its sister, beta Pictoris c, was only known from indirect measurement until we managed to obtain a direct confirmation of its existence with this new method; HR8799 b, c, d and e form a family of four giants orbiting around their parent star in a cosmic choreography never seen before at this level of precision; HD 206893 c seems to be at the edge of the deuterium burning limit, with part of its atmosphere undergoing the highly exoenergetic reaction fuelling its unusually high luminosity; the two planets of the PDS system are so young that they are still embedded in the disc in which they were born, a true cosmic nursery.

This work demonstrates how much astronomy progresses when a new observational window is opened. We certainly did not expect such a success when we first pointed GRAVITY at an exoplanet and we certainly did not expect our observations to raise so many questions. Why would HD 206893 c be undergoing deuterium burning while its mass is only about twelve times the mass of Jupiter? Are the four planets in the HR8799 system four of a kind or are there significant differences between their atmospheres? Why is the C/O ratio in the atmosphere of beta Pictoris b significantly sub-solar? Does this trace a peculiar evolution of the system, or is it simply evidence of our poor understanding of the chemical processes involved?

Developing the technique and carrying out the observation was the easy part. Answering these questions will be the hard one.

### EXPLORING THE WORLD OF THE POLITICAL NOVEL

*Dr Charlotte Woodford, Fellow and College Lecturer in German*

What makes a novel 'political'? Can we look to the novel for solutions to the problems we are facing today? These are some of the questions underpinning the project 'The Cartography of the Political Novel in Europe' (CAPONEU), funded by UK Research and Innovation and the EU's Horizon Europe programme from 2023 to 2027. The Cambridge team, led by Professor Sarah Colvin and myself, is part of a group of six European institutions, coordinated by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Zagreb, working in a consortium including two think tanks. Together the researchers are examining from an interdisciplinary point of view the role of the novel in European public life and political education, as well as the contribution to European heritage of the many novels which have shaped the political imagination.

Of course, what constitutes the political is itself a political question. The history of the novel in Europe is intimately connected to the emergence of forms of collective consciousness. The history of politics, on the other hand, casts light on the narratives that help shape identities and decision-making. The idea of the political novel might immediately call to mind George Orwell's *1984* or the *Tin Drum* by Günter Grass, novels which engage powerfully with the consequences of political structures and ideologies. We could add works like Kafka's *The Trial*, Herta Müller's *The Hunger Angel*, and more recently *Time Shelter* by Georgi Gospodinov, winner of the 2023 International Booker Prize. What do such novels do to us as readers? What kind of a political intervention do they make? *Time Shelter* may be unlikely to result in a wave of disillusioned Europeans fleeing the present to inhabit a decade of their choice in an attempt to escape the problems of the day. But Gospodinov's novel is effective in the way it makes us think about political popularism and its use of the past. All the novels mentioned above, in one way or another, engage in thought experiments and give us forms of language ('Kafkaesque', 'Big Brother') to think differently about society. Through artistic means, novels can alter our perception. They introduce us to new perspectives and allow us to travel to other worlds.

It is not for nothing that the meaning of 'novel', after all, is connected to 'new' and 'news'. In an age when algorithms present users of social media with more and more 'content' to reinforce existing preconceptions, the novel finds the means to take us out of our comfort zone. These are above all connected to how novelists continually experiment with ways of telling a story, adapting the form of the novel and making us want to keep reading. The team based in Cambridge has a focus on 'Travelling knowledge and global epistemologies', novels which cross cultural contexts and take their characters and readers on journeys. We are investigating the 'global political novel in Europe' – which novels are written or circulate in Europe by authors whose own background or whose family history connects them to other parts of the world. Such novels play a role in shaping a space in public life for new conversations about citizenship and belonging. In October 2023, the project PhD student, Chalo'a Waya, interviewed the prize-winning author Sharon Dodua Otoo whose novel in German, *Ada's Realm*, had recently appeared in English translation. At the workshop 'The political novel in reading groups', held in Selwyn in March 2024, and organised by the postdoctoral researcher, Dr Tara Talwar Windsor, the Cambridge team was joined by the novelist Shida Bazzyar, author of *Sisters in Arms*. The workshop brought together experts in the delivery of community and prison reading groups and will lead to resources to be used in future by book clubs. In a political context in which views are increasingly polarised, works of art facilitate the communication of individual stories that are lost in the dehumanising language which often dominates media coverage. That in turn can help shape the conversation in the public sphere.

My own work for the project started out by examining the German colonial novels written by Frieda von Bülow at the end of the nineteenth century. These novels, drawing on the author's own travels to Zanzibar and German East Africa (now Tanzania), were influential in shaping the imperial imagination in Germany. But what kind of view of Europe in the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries do we gain from women who travelled in the other direction? German memoirs

by Emily Ruete, born Sayyida Salme, Princess of Zanzibar and Oman, which have been newly translated by her great-great-granddaughter, Andrea Emily Stumpf, remind us that migration is not a recent phenomenon. The writings, especially *Letters to the Homeland*, not published in her lifetime, reveal how, on her arrival in Hamburg, Emily Ruete confronted stereotypes and preconceptions, while offering an alternative perspective on European history and customs.

For those who would like suggestions for summer reading, the CAPONEU researchers are collaborating on a digital platform, produced by Slobodna domena, which already features a wide range of profiles of European novels. Which novels will be best placed to help us get to grips with the current direction of European politics?

*The following short articles are based on student contributions to the three-minute thesis competition. The photograph shows Edith Charlesworth, Jaylen Simons and Joel Kandiah, three of the winners in 2024, whose articles are printed below.*



**CRAFT FOR CRAFT'S SAKE:  
THE GOLD DRAWINGS OF EVELYN DE MORGAN**  
*Edith Charlesworth, undergraduate, Department of History of Art*

Choosing a subject for an undergraduate dissertation can often seem like a bit of a lottery. I certainly felt that way when I stumbled upon an undated, unattributed *Salvator Mundi* languishing in the depths of the Fitzwilliam Museum, as the topic for my first-year research project. Fast forward a year and I was at another loose end. But that was until Monday 3 April 2023, when I wandered into a darkened,



*Evelyn De Morgan, Mercy and Truth Have Met Together*

cuboid room at Leighton House in London exhibiting eleven mimetic, opulent, glittering artworks. The artist was Evelyn De Morgan and the works were her gold drawings: my dissertation had chosen itself.

The exhibition at Leighton House was a rare find – some of these gold drawings had not been displayed since 1889, when the Fine Arts Society invited De Morgan to show ten studies alongside the leading (male) practitioners of the day. Misunderstood at the time as ‘curious’ and ‘peculiar’, scholarship on the gold drawings is not much better 135 years later, with only one dedicated book chapter from 2022.

De Morgan did in fact enjoy a prolific forty-year career as an oil painter, yet for much of the twentieth century art history neglected her. Despite more recent interest, the scholarship, like much nineteenth-century British art historiography, takes a biographical approach, where speculative meanings are read into her works from scant details of her life. By signing a handful of suffrage declarations and through her preference for depicting women, De Morgan has gained the exaggerated label of ‘feminist force’. Or, by dabbling in automatic writing, she becomes a ‘spiritual medium’ in scholarship. Even artistically, she has been connected to the Aesthetic Movement by limited analysis of her works as inherently gold and beautiful.

Instead of focusing on the biography of De Morgan, my dissertation is ‘Craft for Craft’s Sake’, directing attention towards method and materials, through the lens of her eighteen gold drawings. No other artist worked as consistently in the difficult

medium of gold, where erasure was impossible, or with such unique techniques, as De Morgan manufactured her own gold paints and crayons. By prioritising the making of art and an object-first approach, De Morgan can be reappreciated as a multifaceted craftswoman working in a rare medium in *fin de siècle* Britain.

She was a craftswoman who never forgot her academic craft training at the Slade School and throughout her career exploited the possibilities of her materials, as the gold drawings, including *Mercy and Truth*, highlight. Set against a minimal background, De Morgan directs attention to the personifications of Mercy, Truth, Righteousness and Peace who interact in the foreground. The artist combines thick slashes of gold paint for the illuminated draperies with a burnished crayon to illustrate the figures’ heads, producing a mottled effect. The enticing beams of light emitting from the mirror of Truth draw the viewer further into this sensorial world. For when one looks at the object first, there are no distractions of suffragism, or spiritualism, or ‘trailblazing’ feminism. There is only the gold drawing, the hand of the artist and her pioneering craft.

### BERMUDIAN SLAVE NARRATIVES

*Jaylen Simons, MPhil student, Faculty of English*

Growing up in Bermuda, I was uninformed about the intricate details surrounding slavery in our 400-plus-year history as the oldest British Overseas Territory, although certain historical figures like Mary Prince always stood out. As an undergraduate, I was reacquainted with *The History of Mary Prince*, an autobiography of her life as an enslaved woman born in Bermuda in 1788. The text, published in 1831, significantly contributed to the campaign for the abolition of slavery in the British Caribbean and, today, Prince is a Bermuda national hero for bravely sharing her story and exposing the horrors of slavery she and others experienced.

Prince’s narrative was long believed to be the only one of its kind showing what life was like for enslaved Black Bermudians in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. In recent years, however, another narrative detailing the experiences of Benjamin Benson, born into slavery in Bermuda in 1818, has come to light. *A Narrative of the Life of Benjamin Benson* (originally published in 1847 and reprinted in 2017), like Prince’s text, offers details of what life was like for Black Bermudians born into slavery, through accounts of the period after Prince’s narrative; it even offers a first-hand account of emancipation on the island. This biography of Benson’s life also reveals Bermuda’s links with the enslaving United States, as Benson was illegally re-enslaved as a free man whilst working on ships sailing the Atlantic.

My dissertation primarily involves a comparative reading of *The History of Mary Prince* and *A Narrative of the Life of Benjamin Benson*. Reading the two texts together not only deepens our understanding of the lives of these formerly enslaved Bermudians, but it also highlights the differences in their experiences, despite them sharing the same birthplace. A comparative reading also enables the construction of these texts to be further examined and for questions to be raised about how their respective experiences of slavery were represented.





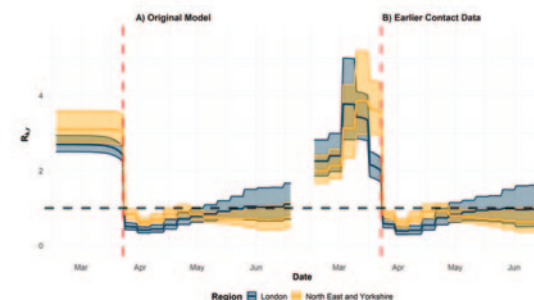
*'The Market Square, St. George's' with Esten House (circled), believed to be the birthplace of Benjamin Benson. (From an album of original watercolour paintings and sketches of Bermuda made by Johnson Savage between 1833 and 1836 and now in the National Museum of Bermuda.)*

As my research is based in the Faculty of English, I am particularly interested in how these texts came to be, because these are not self-written accounts. Instead, Prince and Benson's experiences of slavery were transcribed and subsequently edited by abolitionists who then shared them with English readers. The transcribing of their experiences poses issues with understanding their own points of view and becomes political, as we know that these texts were written and published to further the abolitionist cause. As such, the ways in which Prince and Benson were presented in them were skewed.

For a Black Bermudian researcher such as myself, the politicisation of their experiences of slavery is somewhat unsettling. Even though the work of these transcribers and editors contributed to the abolition of slavery in the British Caribbean, the way in which Prince and Benson's identities as formerly enslaved Black Bermudians were used and manipulated is problematic. One area that I am particularly interested in is the treatment of their voices within these texts. Transcribers and editors seemed to have intervened, interrupted, and even omitted elements of their life-stories to make the texts more persuasive and engaging. In my research, I am questioning how Prince and Benson's experiences of slavery are represented and looking particularly at what we can regard as traces of what they originally said to these transcribers of their experiences. This is exciting, as these traces can be thought of as the beginnings of a proto-Black Bermudian identity and subjectivity.

## CONTACT DATA IN THE TIME OF COVID: A RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF PANDEMIC MODELLING AND LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE

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Plots of the R number over time for two regions of the UK. Plot A does not use the time-varying contact data before the first lockdown and plot B includes this data.

In 2020, the world grappled with the unfolding Covid-19 pandemic. The UK was no exception: life became dominated by terms like 'R number' and 'hospitalisations'. Behind these terms were teams of researchers, including myself, working to provide accurate predictions to guide critical decisions by policymakers. As the Delta-wave arose in summer 2021, I joined one of the groups contributing to the Cambridge/Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency) Real-time Model. This model was used to estimate the daily number of infections, deaths and hospitalisations and to predict the changes to come over the following weeks.

Since the UK state of emergency expired in 2022 and the number of hospitalisations due to infection started to decline, questions began to arise in academic communities about whether better predictions were possible and whether we could use what we know about this pandemic to improve our models to better prepare for future outbreaks of any disease. One important feature of the Covid outbreak was the increased volume of data and range of data sources compared with historical outbreaks.

To understand how the rate of infection changed over time, one key data source is the contact data. These are data which help us to understand how often individuals have an interaction which could lead to an infection. This involved combining historic studies such as POLYMOD, which described how many unique contacts people had by age, with mobile-phone data from Google, which showed how people changed the types of activities they did, such as commuting or shopping, over time during the pandemic. Age is a crucial factor for understanding transmission of SARS-CoV-2 as Covid showed different likelihoods of severity by age.

The time-varying portion of the contact data was only included in the model once the first lockdown in the UK was implemented. This raised two key questions for our re-evaluation. Firstly, how did people's interactions change in the weeks leading up to the lockdown and therefore how did this influence the infection rate? Secondly, does this affect whether or not we understand whether the lockdown was required to stop the epidemic from growing?



The R number describes how many future infections are expected to be caused by an individual infected at the time it is estimated. This means that the epidemic should be shrinking if each infection leads to (on average) fewer than one infection. I found that including the contact data shows that, in spite of people's changing behaviour, the R number remained above one until the lockdown was implemented. Additionally, including this data showed that some parts of the UK saw an increase in infection pattern in the weeks leading up to the lockdown, with some regions (like London) seeing a decreasing rate of infection in the week before the lockdown.

The pandemic taught us valuable lessons. This retrospective analysis shows the importance of diverse data and what we may miss without its inclusion, tools that will be vital for understanding the early period of any future outbreak.

### HUNTING FOR EVIDENCE OF THE FIRST GALAXIES

*Billy Hayes, MSci student, Institute of Astronomy*

The launch of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has enabled us to peer deeper into cosmic time than we ever have before, giving glimpses of the earliest stages of galactic evolution. The light from these galaxies spilled into a universe still permeated with clouds of neutral hydrogen from the Big Bang itself. This light was produced by stars which in their death throes seeded the universe with elements like carbon and oxygen, essential for life. This light then travelled over thirteen billion years before encountering the giant hexagonal mirrors of the JWST in orbit around our planet, an amalgamation of elements only possible through the life and death of many generations of stars.

The question I faced with my Master's project was how to understand what it was like inside these early galaxies. What type of stars do they host and in what environments do they form? We can look for answers in the spectrum of a galaxy. If you have seen a prism split visible light into its constituent colours, or a rainbow, you have seen a spectrum. JWST can split infra-red light into its rainbow of 'colours'. We can look for emission lines – when one such 'colour' is much brighter. These correspond to specific wavelengths determined by the quantum nature of matter and tell us what elements are present and how energetically extreme the object illuminating them is. The general shape of this spectrum also provides information on the population of stars within. A young star-forming galaxy, for example, would have a strong ultra-violet component in its spectrum from short-lived but extremely luminous stars.

You might notice a discrepancy in the above – young stars are bright in UV, but JWST is sensitive to infra-red. As the universe expands, the light travelling through it loses energy and so 'redshifts' to longer wavelengths. This makes a young blue galaxy look red but retain the same spectrum. By determining this redshift we know precisely when in cosmic time the light was emitted. We can stack the spectra of many high redshift galaxies to understand the nature of the 'typical' early universe galaxy as shared features are maintained, whereas random noise cancels out.

I developed code to arrange these observed galaxies into groups based on their local neutral hydrogen environment, then stack them. The most striking feature of these results is that, within the first 400 million years of the universe, emission lines from elements like oxygen, carbon and neon are present ubiquitously – suggesting that a generation of stars must have already lived, and died, within this short time frame. The stars making up these galaxies are themselves young, however, suggesting that these galaxies are in their infancy and still starbursting. They are metal-poor but not metal-free and some even appear to bear signatures of accreting supermassive black holes. I have been awarded funding to expand this analysis to larger galaxy samples, the outcome of which should reveal subtler spectral features and give further insight into some of the first galaxies on the cosmic stage.





## THE RAMSAY MURRAY LECTURE 2024

*Nick Bryant: All politics is history: America in the age of Trump*



We give our lecturers a challenging brief. They should simultaneously speak to an academic audience on a topic that also has popular interest. We have been fortunate that our speakers have done such a good job of rising to that challenge, none more so than the 2024 lecturer, Nick Bryant.

Speaking on a potentially controversial topic deeply relevant to the 2024 US presidential election, he engaged the audience with his command of telling quotations and anecdotes, his store of personal reminiscences and a wide vision of the sweep of the nation's history. The popular appeal was clear. Nick was also successful at pleasing a more specialist audience. My own assessment, as the person who guided Nick through his first steps in American history as an undergraduate, was that this was excellent stuff. It was not just me being loyal to my pupil. A very senior American historian (in both senses of the phrase) complimented the College on arranging 'the best lecture I've heard in a long time' and deemed it 'brilliant'.

The fact of violence and extreme polarisation or intolerance in American political history is not a new discovery. Nick Bryant placed recent and current developments in their historical context the better to understand what is novel about them. He also showed how they reflect recurrent historical themes. Quoting JFK on 'voices preaching doctrines unrelated to reality', he showed how today's rhetoric resonates with what historian Richard Hofstadter famously called 'the paranoid style' sixty years ago. A question Nick posed, amongst others, was whether the politics of storming the Capitol or unrestrained polemic might actually be 'normal', a form of politics as usual. Implicitly, he asked whether the decades of the mid-twentieth century against which today's scene is commonly juxtaposed, may be an aberration, not the norm. I am tempted to suggest there would be some truth in an affirmative answer. Trump and his critics can be seen as playing out similar existential battles to those of the early republic, the civil war era, the fights a century and more ago over immigration or, even in the alleged heyday of consensus, the McCarthy years. Bryant also teased out the deep historical roots of anti-majoritarian politics in the US, inherent in the nation's founding and subsequent history. Fear of majoritarian tyranny dates back as far as that of an over-mighty executive or dominant federal government.

One of the many insights offered was that of what Nick Bryant described as 'the disremembering' of negative aspects of the American past in a country that has not found a way to close out debates over race and ethnicity, or of federal power versus localism. That produces bitter contests over the political meaning of the past. Contests over identity politics and the framing of the events of 6 January 2021 as a 'historical passion play' which simplifies debates were characterised as demonstrating an 'alarming historical illiteracy' that reinforces polarisation. All this led our speaker to very mixed emotions as he left the country after decades



living there and to a tendency to see a decline over that period towards bitterness, violence and intolerance.

In that judgement, as in the rest of the lecture, Nick Bryant showed deft self-awareness. His declinist frame might, he suggested, be no more than his recasting of youthful optimism and positivity in the light of social and cultural change. Deploying the combined skills of the professional historian and those of the high-level journalist, he left us with the best of both approaches – a sometimes provocative, always well-informed, accessible and erudite presentation of the complex texture of connectedness between the American past and present. He also demonstrated for this listener the continuing relevance 120 years after it was coined of George Santayana's aphorism that '[t]hose who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it'. One was left hoping that the repetition may be limited by political elites rediscovering a desire for common ground and a willingness to rein in rather than promote polarisation lest they repeat the tendencies of the 1850s. In all, a sobering and thought-provoking lecture about America's 'seasons of fury' demonstrated a popular touch in presenting deep historical knowledge. Just what the donor ordered.

*Dr Mike Sewell, Senior Tutor*



*Welcome desk for interviews*

## REPORT FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR

When I wrote a year ago we had yet to receive a significant proportion of our Tripos results because of the marking and assessment boycott called by the University and College Union. Thankfully, the academic year 2023-24 was not disrupted by such action. Nor has it been marred by any strikes disrupting teaching. For the first time since 2018-19 we have had a normal year with no academic or pandemic disruption. Of course, new issues constantly arise. The current ones causing widespread discussion have been the impact of generative AI on how we admit, teach and assess and, more strategically, a University-wide review of teaching and learning.

The academic performance of Selwyn's students remains strong. Once all the results for 2022-23 were in, we found that we had had a good year. The proportion of our students obtaining 'good honours' (i.e. a 2i or a first) was again above the University average, as was the share achieving firsts:

	Selwyn	University-wide
Proportion obtaining first-class honours	30.2%	28.9%
Proportion obtaining 'good honours'	84.2%	82.3%

A hundred and twenty-six students achieved firsts and distinctions. The Office for Students and, in consequence, the University highlight the issue of attainment gaps, where students with particular characteristics tend to perform less successfully than their peers. At Selwyn this was emphatically not the case in 2022-23. We were one of only three colleges whose students' results produced no 'gap' of that sort, both for students categorised as minority and those counted as female. Such students at Selwyn did marginally better than the average and much better than across the whole University. Problems with the University's capture of data have prevented a similar analysis by school type. However, our own data suggest that here too we can be well pleased with the similarity of grade profile between students from different types of school backgrounds. Were we favouring certain characteristics over others at the point of admission that would not be the outcome. The College admits around 80% of its UK students from maintained schools and remains a regular user of the intercollegiate pool; it is punching well above its weight academically without producing results that would indicate systemic biases.

2023-24 was a good year academically. Selwyn ranked fifth amongst the colleges overall and was the college with the highest proportion of candidates achieving 'good honours', i.e. a 2i or better, with 88.1% of our students in that group (against a University average of 83.2%). We were comfortably in the top ten by the proportion of firsts – 31.4%. No-one failed and we were the college with the lowest proportion of results below a lower second. The students and those who teach and advised them are to be congratulated on their excellent performance.

That results are consistently good is in significant part a result of the hard work and dedication of my Director of Studies and Tutor colleagues. They do a superb job of supporting their charges and I am fortunate to have such a good team with whom to work. It is also a product of the excellence of our Outreach and Admissions team. Once again, they have broken records for the number of



*Undergraduate matriculation*



*Postgraduate supper*

applications (860 in the October 2023 round). It is noteworthy that we are one of the top two colleges in terms of attracting students from schools with little or no strong tradition of sending students to Oxford or Cambridge. That is a statistic of which the Admissions team can be justifiably proud. The work of our two Schools Liaison Officers, one based in Cambridge and one in West Yorkshire, supports the Admissions Tutors superbly. Selwyn in recent years has become a net contributor to the intercollegiate pool rather than a net recipient. Once pool offers were taken into consideration, between one in four and one in five of our applicants was successful with a Cambridge application. We attract excellent candidates and other colleges benefit where we cannot fit in everyone who deserves an offer. Our decision to return to in person interviews has not had a detrimental effect on applicant numbers nor the quality of our field. The same was generally true of the other colleges that moved as we did in 2023. More are now following. In addition, led by Dr Tom Smith, we are about to run our first Bridging Course, aimed at easing the transition to Cambridge for students from widening-participation backgrounds.

On the postgraduate side a similar pattern emerges. We have record numbers of students choosing Selwyn as their preferred destination within Cambridge and we are attracting more and more excellent students. One of the notable moments of the year was the departure of Professor Heather Webb. A world-leading scholar of Italian literature and a major figure in her department, Heather has also been a quite splendid postgraduate Admissions Tutor. Her mastery of the complexities of the funding scene across Cambridge has benefitted both a large number of students and the College through the triggering of matched funding between Selwyn and the University or the Cambridge Trust. The complicated system baffles even experienced postgraduate tutors. Not Heather. We will miss her in many ways now that she has gone to Yale, but not least in this area of our operations. That said, and in the spirit that no one in College is completely indispensable, she has been replaced by Dr Jörg Haustein, who is already showing himself an excellent choice.

More broadly, the College is in a good state. We are over-regulated, like the rest of the sector. That encompasses the over a hundred official agencies with which colleges and the University have to deal. Additionally, and increasingly, we are held accountable by insurance companies who resist cover unless policies and procedures are to their liking. This privatisation of governmental functions is hardly limited to higher education but it does add yet another onerous layer to the regulatory burden for a small institution like a Cambridge college that can cope with it less easily than an institution with the size of bureaucracy necessary to support tens of thousands of students. Over-regulated we may be. We are also, I like to think, well run. The Master, Bursar and Senior Tutor are fortunate indeed to have a strong team of capable staff as well as a Fellowship that works harmoniously and effectively. I am especially grateful to the Nurse, the Tutorial Office team, the Chaplain and others around the College for the invaluable support they provide to our students and also to the tutors in helping ensure the smooth running of our pastoral provision. Well-run or not, there is always a turnover of personnel. This summer we bid farewell to Matthias Nowak and Nicole Hartwell as they take the next steps in their careers. James Matheson's retirement is also a noteworthy moment. He has given the College excellent service over four decades as a



supervisor, director of studies, tutor and enthusiastic member of Council and other committees. He carries my thanks and good wishes as he moves into the class of Emeritus Fellows.

For institutions as well as individuals the esteem of one's peers is a good measure of success. The year just ended produced a moment that made me think we are getting a good deal right. Another college approached me to ask whether we might make a room temporarily available to one of their students who was feeling that the highly politicised atmosphere of their own college was making them profoundly uncomfortable. Selwyn is home to some of that student's friendship circle. They felt that the atmosphere of toleration and mutual respect here was such that they would welcome having a home away from home during the exam term, a bolt hole where they could find respite from polemics and uncomfortable arguments. Alongside record applications, excellent academic performance (though there is always room for aiming yet higher) and a well-run establishment, to enjoy such a reputation is a notable success for the College and its students. Long may it remain so. In conversation with the recruitment consultants who are helping us with the search for a new Master to succeed Roger Mosey, that anecdote went a long way, I felt, to sum up something of what is special about Selwyn.

*Dr Mike Sewell, Senior Tutor*



*Part of the College's new signage.*

## REPORT FROM THE BURSAR

Firstly, conferences are back! Selwyn is dependent on conferences and events for around one sixth of its income, increasing over time as the regulated home-student tuition fee (close to flat now for a decade) reduces the proportion of our academic fee-income year on year. The first challenge for Simon Gascoyne, appointed as our new Conference Manager back in September 2022, was to encourage customers back. The second was to ensure that pricing was at market levels across the blend of historic and modern spaces offered. He has achieved both over the last eighteen months, and in 2023-24 we expect the final accounts to show that we have equalled the pre-pandemic heights for conference income. Inflation in the interim means there remains more to do, but this recovery makes a huge difference to the College's financial stability. It also, just occasionally, builds our profile. In the mix of those getting a 'taste of Selwyn' through these bookings, a handful of film makers have added a little glamour to the usual round of summer schools, dinners and conferences that underpin most of this income.

Secondly, donations. As alumni, I hope you know how grateful the College is for each and every contribution. We have been lucky enough this year to receive



*Sir David Harrison's son Michael addressing the audience at the event in support of the David Harrison Fund at the Drapers' Hall in February 2024*

some significant legacies which will help rebuild the financial solidity eroded by Covid, and we hope to recognise the legators in some way around College – a discussion for the College Council in early 2024-25. The fundraising I have found most inspiring through the year has been that for the Harrison Fund, focused as it is on the teaching of science. The value of the supervision system and its uncompromising, but extremely effective, transmission of knowledge and – more importantly – understanding and insight to students, is obvious to those taught within it. We believe it also quickly becomes obvious to every employer that benefits from a Cambridge-educated employee, fuelling growth and innovation in the roles and industries our graduates move into. It has been a huge boost to realise that many alumni recognise the same as well as to see the long-held debts of gratitude to Sir David for his admissions, teaching and magisterial influence over many decades.

Staffing has stabilised. I am pleased to have all of the same heads of department in post this June as I did when I wrote in 2023. After the rollercoaster of change that followed the pandemic, it is good to feel Selwyn settling back into strong staff relationships. One key member is Matt Rowe, for his positive energy and indefatigable drive in bringing the operational teams together. Matt was promoted to Operations Manager in March 2023 after two decades supporting the College from increasingly senior positions within the Selwyn catering team. Matt now leads or helps co-ordinate many of the staff that have directly supported the growth in conferencing. Those staff have also supported a return to the normal seasonality of life for academics and students – and our thanks go to all of them, for working together so effectively. It is a truism that we could not do without them.

Buildings are always a feature in these reports, and last year I reported on completion of the three hostels refurbishment. Postgraduates are now happily ensconced in these much improved buildings and feedback remains very positive. By the end of September 2024 we will have had four quarters of consistent occupancy and hence utility data, giving us the chance to look at whether the heat pumps, underfloor heating and improved insulation are working as advertised, and reducing our carbon footprint without raising our energy bills. In turn, this year's project will be to add roughly 50% to the solar panel capacity on the Cripps building. 44,000kWh from an extra seventy panels (with 164 in place already) should meet around a third of the needs of occupants, and the battery installation (in an external enclosure, to keep the insurers happy) will support its effective use. We are grateful to the Cripps Foundation for funding just over half of the cost of this project. In this new world of higher energy pricing, other improvements to building control systems around the estate by our head of Buildings and Maintenance, Jamie Secker, are allowing tighter control of utilities. A 'shoulder season' for heating in late spring and autumn has been implemented, with student support and indeed advocacy from the Sustainability Working Group. Whilst we are ironing out the niggles, we especially appreciate that support from student members – as, whilst all rooms in College are heated equally, some may be more equal than others. Alumni who once lived in north-facing Old Court rooms with ageing glazing may remember this! Glazing is consequently our next research target for thermal improvement to buildings. In the grade II-listed Old Court, a project for 2024-25 is

to improve understanding of what we can do whilst remaining sensitive to the building's heritage.

A final word is due to our catering team. Life in a college kitchen is relentless. The team feed hundreds of people daily, sometimes to impress, but more often to balance student budgets with nutritional needs. Staffing change here too has led to the promotion of internal candidates, who have innovated and managed their way through various challenges this year, from the cost of living situation generally and its impact on affordability; student-led initiatives in nudge tactics to encourage (but, importantly, not impose) meat-free options; and all whilst maintaining a brunch offer fit for the hardest training sessions of the VIIIs, XIs and XV's (and all the men's and women's boats climbed several places in May Bumps 2024, so something is working...). As Bursar I continue to bemoan the deficit in our catering accounts, but I cannot criticise the energy and effort that has gone in to trying to reduce it – whilst keeping dining within reach for everyone. As ever, in a final thank you, the ability to offer our bursary-holding students some free Formal Hall tickets through the Elgar legacy is a lovely part of the student support initiatives the College runs as we try to get this balance right.

All the above are signs that Selwyn is recovering confidence post pandemic and facing the future in upbeat terms. Whilst the finances remain a significant challenge, it is hard not to believe in the ongoing success of this exceptional institution. I look forward to continuing to be part of it.

*Jennifer Phillips, Bursar*



now Secretary of State for Health and a former JCR Ents Officer, who wrote of his 'fond memories of organising the Snowball and countless ents in the Diamond' with Bill.

We note with regret the death, on 29 November 2023, of Bill Simmonet, the former Conference and Catering Manager. Bill retired in 2017 after twenty-six years' service to the College. He is seen here on his retirement with Nick Downer, the then Bursar. Bill was well known to generations of students, including Wes Streeting,



## REPORT FROM THE ADMISSIONS TUTORS

It has been a year of change and of new challenges and opportunities for the Admissions team at Selwyn. Two features in particular stand out about the most recent admissions round. One is that we handled 860 applications, comfortably beating the College's previous record of 769. The other is that, for the first time since 2019, we returned to interviewing our UK-based applicants in person. While there were many processes to be re-learned and many logistical challenges to surmount, we all felt that it was something worth doing. The experience seems to have been a positive one for applicants and interviewers alike.

We made 157 offers for entry in 2024, which we calculate will bring around 120 new students into Cripps Court in October. Measured against the widening participation targets included in the University's Access and Participation Plan agreed with the Office for Students, Selwyn continues to do well. Around 79% of our offer-holders come from the maintained sector (target 67.6%). 22.6% of them come from the bottom 40% of UK postcode areas in terms of progression to higher education according to the POLAR4 metric (target 16.6%). 19.5% of them come from postcode areas that rank in the bottom 40% according to Indices of Multiple Deprivation (target 21.2%).



*Visit by students from Reigate School*

We are proud both of our growing application numbers and our continuing success in meeting widening participation targets. Crucial to both of these achievements have been the outreach efforts of our Schools Liaison Officers (SLOs). Through their hard work in particular, we continue to make good use of the University's Area Links Scheme. In this programme, each college is associated with two or more regions of the UK, with the aim of building relationships and

working closely with schools and colleges in a given geographical area. We have found this system mutually beneficial in allowing us to provide a good level of support to schools and high achievers in our assigned areas of West Yorkshire and East Berkshire, while also gaining a greater understanding of the particular challenges that institutions in these regions encounter.

Sadly, this academic year we had to say goodbye to two SLOs: Amelia Grigg, who worked from Selwyn with particular responsibility for outreach in East Berkshire; and Joe Stanley, the inaugural holder of our 'Northern SLO' post – a position generously funded by an alumnus to allow us to embed a Selwyn representative in West Yorkshire and increase the face-to-face work that we do there. While it is always sad to see hugely popular and successful staff members move on, we are extremely lucky to have two SLO roles at Selwyn and can reflect

positively on the opportunities and skills that this role allowed Amelia and Joe to showcase, making them highly desirable to other institutions. We are, in many ways, victims of our own success in recruiting and developing such talented colleagues.

Between them, Amelia and Joe had to adapt to a way of working that was new to us all, thinking about how to split what had previously been one role into two and about how best to distribute the efforts of the three Admissions Tutors and two SLOs in this new landscape. The transition occurred seamlessly, and utmost praise must go to Amelia and Joe for their dedication to getting this right. Joe, while being based in West Yorkshire, was a frequent visitor to Selwyn with school groups. He could often be found having toast with his dedicated 'breakfast club' in the Hall. Over their tenures, it became very apparent to the Admissions team that Amelia and Joe were having significant influence in their respective areas. New schools and colleges were getting involved with our programmes and our more established connections were discovering new ways in which we could provide support.

Both Amelia and Joe were offered new roles outside Cambridge, representing good career progression for them, and we wish them well. Losing them in quick succession left us with a challenge on our hands but, as the saying goes, with every crisis comes an opportunity. At the other end of the corridor from the Admissions Office is our Tutorial Office, where Stuart Wren had been working for a number of months at the point of Amelia's departure. The Admissions Tutors recognised the skillset Stuart had at his disposal. His many years on local radio coupled with his teaching experience led us to lure him down the corridor to provide some cover as our Cambridge-based SLO. We are grateful for his enthusiasm in taking on this role and how effortless he has made the transition appear. This has been no mean feat – Stuart has been working to support schools across both our link areas while we have been recruiting for the Northern SLO post. We hope that he will have fewer plates to spin once our new colleague joins us in August 2024.

Planning is also well under way for a major new College initiative to be piloted in September 2024 – a Bridging Course to support incoming students from widening participation backgrounds in making a successful transition to life at Cambridge. Building on successful initiatives at other colleges and generously supported by the Isaac Newton Trust's Widening Participation and Induction Fund, this course will introduce students to life at Cambridge, to its styles of teaching and learning, and to some of the core academic skills they might need. We hope that it will become a key part of our Widening Participation activities and that we will see positive effects on students' confidence and sense of belonging by the time they matriculate in October.

Through a very busy academic year, a wide range of people have worked tirelessly to meet the expectations we have for ourselves and those of our partner institutions. We are grateful to both our current and former SLOs, to Stephanie Pym in the Admissions Office, and to the many students and members of College staff who make running so many events both possible and enjoyable.

*Daniel Beauregard, Stuart Eves, Tom Smith*

## THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

This has been another year of consolidation in the Library and Archives, as we settle back into the familiar rhythm of day-to-day working life after the hustle and bustle of the Bartlam Library and Old Library projects and all that they entailed. We are enjoying making use of the greater opportunities provided by these spaces, some by design and some that we are discovering and developing as we go.

Our focus this year has mostly been on the essential behind-the-scenes work required to make the Library operate as efficiently as possible and provide a seamless user experience. This includes adapting workflows to the new spaces, reviewing operations and responding to ongoing feedback. Whilst it is not the most thrilling work to try to highlight here, it is very much something you notice when it is not happening, and it behoves us to acknowledge the time and effort involved in making something complex operate smoothly. We have been working on the library collection, reviewing subject coverage and consolidating the modern book collection and our older, rare and special collections titles across the two Library spaces. This work allows us to ensure the most effective support for undergraduates and to highlight potential research material for students and academics in Cambridge and beyond.

In Lent Term, Selwyn's Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections participated in the Cambridge Dissertation Fair alongside other archives, libraries and museums showcasing primary source material to students considering research options. This event opens up the many collections held within Cambridge to students from all colleges and studying a wide variety of subjects. The information presented at the fair was also displayed in the Bartlam Library to widen its reach within Selwyn. This promotion of our historical collections for undergraduate and taught postgraduate use dovetails with our outreach work with Selwyn's Schools Liaison Officers and our participation in public events such as Open Cambridge, giving a wider range of people the opportunity to interact with the wealth of material we hold. The expansion of this work is facilitated by our



new space in the Old Library, and is a key aspect of our ongoing work with our historical collections.

Visitors to the Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections display and research area in the Old Library now walk past the bust of Bishop Selwyn in the hallway, where it was moved from the Harrison Room last summer. They can also see some items of College furniture which have been relocated to furnish the room, including an additional display case, the large table that had been situated in the entrance to the building when it was the College Library, the wooden spoon from 1906 that used to hang in the Library staircase, and a set of shelves made from the May Boat of 1907 (see the photograph on page 76).

We have welcomed many visitors this year, including those attending College and Development events and reunions. The Archivist has curated displays of matriculation photographs, iconic images from College history, material on Arthur and Kathleen Lyttelton for those attending the Lyttelton Dinner, a display on Jerry Agelasto (SE 1925) for a family visit, and selections of items on the Selwyn family, Bishop Patteson and Melanesia for various visits by speakers on climate change in the Pacific, visitors from Lichfield Cathedral and members of the Melanesian Mission. A display of Sara Rawlinson's photographs of the Old Library in its previous incarnation as the College Library was in place for summer 2024 events.

Elsewhere in College, displays featuring Snowball posters, for the winter, and designs for buildings from the first fifty years of Selwyn, for the spring and summer, were set up in the Bartlam Library. An expanded display on Arthur Lyttelton was arranged in the Christopher Dobson Building to accompany the temporary relocation of his portrait.

Essential tasks such as updating catalogue entries on the joint Cambridge archives catalogue, ArchiveSearch, continue behind the scenes, and we have recently begun a project to include digital images in catalogue entries where available. Requests for photographs remain the focus of many enquiries. The Archivist has assisted alumni and relatives researching their family and College history as well as those who have consulted records of student societies and the papers of Percy McQueen, Bishop Selwyn and Bishop Patteson. In addition, we have completed a project to re-sort and catalogue the large collection of correspondence by several Masters and other officials and individuals which charts the development of the College in the early days. All 400 letters will be available to access digitally after being digitised at the University Library. This follows on from the digitisation last year of the four College entry books from 1882 to 1928.

The Archivist continues to liaise closely with the Development Office on various projects including consolidating the College photographic collections, as well as providing information and images for a webpage on the Ramsay Murray Lecture and for a video of Fred Honey (SE 1946). She has also assisted the Chaplain with enquiries about the Chapel, College history and living.

We would like to express our gratitude for all the donations received by the Library and Archives this year. The Archives received material relating to Sir David Harrison, booklets from John Sweet's family, Boat Club photos from the Astley family and other alumni, volumes from the Barham family, letters written by Jeanne Forster, wife of Leonard Forster, and choir material.



We are always pleased to hear from current members and alumni about photographs and memorabilia from their time at Selwyn. Print and digital photographs are welcome and copies can be made and originals returned. All enquiries should be directed to the Archivist at [archives@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:archives@sel.cam.ac.uk) or by telephone on +44 (0)1223 762014. Donations of books to support current undergraduate study are welcome and are accepted subject to the Library's collection development policy. We also welcome donations of books written by or about Selwyn alumni. Offers of book donations should be sent to [library@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:library@sel.cam.ac.uk).

If you would like to visit the Bartlam Library or the Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections in the Old Library, please contact the Librarian or Archivist to enquire about making an appointment. We would be pleased to welcome you wherever possible.

*Sonya Adams, Librarian*

*Elizabeth Stratton, Archivist*

## THE CHAPEL

Overheard on the lips of a finalist after the packed leavers' service in graduation week: 'well, I feel thoroughly blessed'. When the end of term choir quiz also featured the question, 'How many items has the Dean of Chapel blessed in Chapel this year?' I began to see a theme emerging.

The business of thorough blessing is in a way what Chapel and chaplaincy in Selwyn are all about. To bless, *benedicere* in Latin, well known from our College grace 'Benedic, Domine, nobis et donis tuis...', is literally to speak well of. So here is a report on Chapel in terms of blessings!

Commemoration of Benefactors, a speaking well of those who have done well for Selwyn since 1882, begins the Chapel season at the end of September. Chapel was full of alumni of varied date and our preacher was the Reverend Ben Cahill-Nichols (SE 2005). Chapel gleamed thanks to the summer restoration and cleaning of our brass and silverware. This included the transformed high-altar cross, given by Bishop George Augustus Selwyn's widow, Sarah Selwyn, and featuring mother-of-pearl gathered by her on the beaches of New Zealand and carved with the symbols of the four evangelists.

In my second year as Dean of Chapel and Chaplain I really felt the collective heart-lift with the new intake of undergraduates, who filled Chapel for the freshers' service on their first Sunday in College. The first 'ordinary' evensong of term saw the first object blessed: an oak relief-carved cupboard for the choir keyboard. The original design for this was made some years ago and the cupboard has now been finished to an exceptional standard by Mark and Andrew Hoskins. It can be admired to the east of the war memorial on the north wall of Chapel.



*Choral compline in Chapel*

Over 120 gathered for choral compline – sung entirely in Latin, a tongue with a legacy of overcoming difference and distance as the spiritual and intellectual language of the western Church for more than 1,000 years. Students from very diverse backgrounds spoke to me of being transported and moved and of finding much-needed peace in this powerfully contemplative context. This was particularly needed, coinciding as it did with the unfolding horrors of violence in Israel and Gaza, a situation which has not left our prayers in Chapel since.

Our Remembrance Service, with interfaith readings, featured the Hebrew poem ‘L’chol Eesh Yesh Shem’ read by recent graduate Benjamin da Almeida Newton and a stunning chanting of a surah of the Qur’an by first-year undergraduate Fazil Khan. It has been a joy this year to see diverse faith communities flourish in College, the continuation of the role of JCR Faith & Beliefs Rep, and the freshly-founded Islamic Society and Jewish Society. These are extremely important complements to our Selwyn Christian Union and of course Chapel life.

The final week of October saw more than 300 gather in the University Church of Great St Mary’s for a service to commemorate Sir David Harrison’s wonderful life. Our preacher was the now Bishop of Lincoln, The Right Reverend Stephen Conway (SE 1983). It was then fitting that in November we blessed brass plaques in the antechapel commemorating the Reverend Professor Owen Chadwick and Canon John Sweet. With David Harrison, these formed a triumvirate of individuals of huge faith, intellect, heart and vision who formed our contemporary College. Members of both Chadwick and Sweet families were present for the service and dinner, including John’s widow, Mary. Thanks to a generous donation from Professor Eric Nye, we also now have two John Sweet Postgraduate Choral Scholars,

Our preachers are always a blessing, and an angelic theme for Michaelmas included sermons from Father Paul Keane, Chaplain of Fisher House, Dr Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe and Akeem Adagbada, Selwyn doctoral candidate. This segued us neatly into the angelic hosts of our carols and readings for Christmas: four full services in Chapel and one in St Barnabas Pimlico. An inaugural family carol service was led by a host of choir angels in surplice and tinsel and featured readings, prayers and assistance from children of staff, Fellows and alumni.

Lent Term began with our Epiphany carol service: chalk was blessed to dedicate dwellings (staircases, flats or otherwise) as places of light and hospitality in the year to come. The Candlemas procession around College, with more blessing of candles, took place again thanks to our honorary assistant chaplain, the Reverend Jonathan Collis (SE 1985).

We had a superb inaugural Patteson talk (honouring Chapel and College’s shared legacy of history with the Anglican Church in the Pacific) from Marie Schlenker (PhD candidate at the University of Southampton) and the Reverend Kate Pwaisiho (assistant curate, St Wilfrid’s Grappenhall). This raised awareness about the rising sea-levels, coastal hazards and adaptations in the Solomon Islands, including on Kate’s own family island of Fanalei. Kate then preached in Chapel in a way that fully and with interest returned the gift of faith and love she described as having been brought by key figures in our Chapel foundation: Selwyn himself and John Coleridge Patteson, his successor in Melanesia, killed in 1871 on the island of Nukapu.

We owe so many thanks to our Chapel team and were sorry to lose from it Tom Niblett (SE 2021), who goes on to a year including a placement in the Solomon Islands funded by a Patteson grant. Alongside Medomfo Owusu (SE 2021), Tom was an inaugural recipient of the new Shilson-Thomas Dwyer Awards for contributions to Chapel life. Our team has also been growing substantially and it was a joy to baptise two of our new Chapel wardens, Lucy Thorne (N 2022) and Melissa Verwey (SE 2023), at the end of Michaelmas Term. Following a course over Lent and Easter Terms looking at the Apostles’ Creed through art and Chapel retreat in the immense tranquility of Launde Abbey in Leicestershire, we had Pentecost confirmations also including Dominic Dale (SE 2021) and students from three other colleges: a joyful service taken by Bishop Graham Kings, assistant bishop in the Diocese of Ely and a very good friend to the Chapel.

The third larger object to be blessed in Chapel was a beautifully handcrafted oak hymnboard by Steven Burgess, the carpenter behind many an improvement to our Chapel fabric, with letterpress hymn numbers by Gordon Chesterman of St Edmund’s College. This will help us towards our goal of becoming a little less paper-reliant in Chapel as we consider our ecological footprint.

We bade farewell to our leavers in style at the end of the term, with a packed final service of the term and running out of Pimms (twice). We wish our hugely-valued Frost and Gosden Scholars, the Reverend Mike Edwards and the Reverend Alex Garziglia, immensely well as they go on to their parishes of St Peter’s Bengeworth and St Christopher’s Walworth.

The blessings of this year have been so many, but I re-echo our anonymous finalist in saying that I too feel thoroughly blessed in this role, and hope all those who have played a part in our Chapel life this year would say the same.

*The Reverend Arabella Milbank Robinson, Chaplain and Dean of Chapel*

## THE CHAPEL CHOIR

The choir has had a busy and successful year. At the heart of what we do is singing the liturgy in Chapel, with three services each week during term. It is that frequent and regular routine which allows the choir to build sound, ensemble and repertoire, whilst also providing a few hours per week where worries and stresses can be released into the sacred space by singers and congregation alike.

Michaelmas Term began with the Commemoration of Benefactors, when the ‘new choir’ gathered to sing evensong before they knew each other’s names. A week of pre-season training followed, which included a few days in Ely Cathedral recording a new CD for Regent Records for our ongoing series of single-living-composer discs (the composer in this instance happened to be me!). Particular highlights of Full Term included the memorial service for Sir David Harrison in Great St Mary’s (GSM), choral evensong in Ely Cathedral and singing for the University’s Commemoration of Benefactors service in GSM. At the end of term, we travelled to Bury St Edmunds for our annual Christmas concert in St Mary’s





*Friends of the Choir dinner to mark twenty-five years since Sarah Macdonald's appointment. But what was the joke...?*

Church, to a packed audience – and we sang no fewer than five carol services, in Selwyn and in London. The term ended with the inaugural family carol service, complete with 'Little Donkey' and a crib scene made up by about forty children. It may not surprise readers to know that the choir enjoyed that service the most.

In the Lent Term, we sang Michael Tippett's extraordinary oratorio *A Child of our Time*, jointly with the choirs of Jesus, Clare and Caius, in King's Chapel with the University Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Martyn Brabbins. We hosted a group of singers from the University of Delaware for a full week of joint services, and the term ended with a joint service with the choir of Sawston Village College (their director of music is Arwen Gilbert (SE 1993)). After term, we gave premieres of music by six living composers in a John Armitage memorial concert in London.

The Easter Term began with a live broadcast of choral evensong on BBC Radio 3 and a joint service in Clare Chapel with the Clare choir marking twenty years since the Reverend Dr Philip Raymont (SE 2000) was ordained deacon. It was wonderful to see Philip and to mark this anniversary with him. The undoubted highlight of term was in May, when we welcomed back over 200 alumni and Friends of the Choir to mark twenty-five years since my appointment. We sang Howells' *St Paul's Service*, 'Upon your heart' by Eleanor Daley and my Responses.

The crowning glory was the introit: Thomas Tallis' epic 40-part motet 'Spem in alium' with 153 singers. It was exhilarating (and a little deafening) to conduct representatives from every matriculation year since I began.

We reconvened after May Week to record a CD of liturgical works by Jonathan Bielby, former director of music at Wakefield Cathedral. The now-annual Singing in the Gardens attracted record numbers, and the arrangement of 'Bare Necessities' went down particularly well with younger listeners. The London summer concert in St Bride's Fleet Street coincided with the general election. The polls closed as we returned to Cambridge and I enjoyed hearing the choir's excitement about the first election in which any of them had voted. The next day we sang evensong in the College living of Longstowe. Although the much-anticipated choir-versus-village cricket match was rained off, the match tea and fellowship after evensong was very enjoyable. Family Day afforded the opportunity to sing plenty of lighter music, including jamming with a jazz trio in the bar (thanks to more rain). We then travelled to Lichfield Cathedral to pay homage at the tomb of Bishop Selwyn and to sing a joint service with the cathedral's senior school youth choir (which consists primarily of former choristers). The school's director of performance music is a former supervisee of mine, and we have a former Lichfield chorister in the choir currently (a Newnham Choral Scholar). Many College alumni and friends came to the service and reception, including the widow of Percy Young (SE 1934), former organ scholar and Honorary Fellow, whose ashes are interred at Lichfield and in whose memory the Senior Organ Scholarship is named.

The next morning we flew to Italy for the annual tour, where the sunshine was very welcome, though the 35°C-plus temperatures were a shock to the system. We sang concerts and services in the provinces of Umbria and Perugia. The highlight was singing on 11 July in the Benedictine Abbey of Norcia, the birthplace of St Benedict, on his feast day (St Benedict is widely known as the father of western monasticism). It was a Tridentine Latin Mass, for which the choir sang the entirety of Willam Byrd's iconic *Mass for Four Voices*, including the Credo (a first in my career). The tour was a great success, musically and socially, and was only slightly marred by Ryanair delays which returned us to College several hours late at 02:55. The porters and housekeeping staff were typically wonderful though, despite the late (early) hour.

Fond farewells were said to our leavers after the tour. They have been an extraordinary group, arriving as they did in the height of the pandemic: their auditions took place on Zoom, and their first experience in College involved singing two metres away from each other, which is a very difficult way to build ensemble, either musical or social. I am very proud of the musicians they have become and am grateful for the friendships that they have forged with each other since their arrival. A particular mention must go to Adam Field (SE 2021), Percy Young Senior Organ Scholar, who has been an exemplary holder of that role. I will miss him enormously, but I know that he is in good hands as he moves to Exeter Cathedral, where his line manager is Michael Stephens-Jones (SE 2018).

*Sarah MacDonald, Director of Music*



## THE GARDENS

The wet, mild spring provided perfect conditions for the establishment of the new plantings that went into the borders beside the Chapel over the winter. There is now a mixture of interesting and beautiful plants, many of which are from New Zealand. Now visitors who notice the 'nova zelandia' on the foundation stone at the College entrance can be directed to that part of Old Court to see an expression of a historical link. Some plants that were elsewhere in the gardens have been gathered here, including some of the *Griselinia littoralis* (kapuka, NZ broadleaf) that were around the Fellows' garden.

Two new orchids have appeared in Selwyn; one is *Ophrys apifera* (bee orchid), a gift from Murray Edwards gardens, where they are abundant. It came with a clump of earth, and so we will have the right mycorrhizal fungi in the site where it has been planted near the Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium. After flowering, it has produced plump seed pods that are a promising sign of a potential population increase in coming years. While strimming the long grass under the West Bye Lane cherry trees to prepare the area for the graduands' procession, the head gardener spotted a lone *Anacamptis pyramidalis* (pyramidal orchid). This one is pollinated by butterflies and moths rather than bees, and it is to be hoped this pioneer will like its situation and proliferate. The *Prunus Tai-haku* walk is complete, thanks to generous donations, and the intention is to plant edible cherries in the remaining spaces beside Ann's Court this winter.

In the main gardens the rejuvenated rose borders are a delight for the senses and both the metal-framed bower and the oak 'gazebo' structure are starting to be well covered with rambling and climbing roses. The rose border *Ilex crenata* hedging is an excellent replacement for *Buxus sempervirens*. Nearly all of the *Buxus* in Selwyn, whether hedging or grown-up bushes, has now succumbed to boxwood blight. Any new green shoots that appear soon die off. The two tall *Calocedrus decurrens* (incense cedar) beside the Chapel, an essential part of the view from the Porters' Lodge archway, have in recent years become rather lopsided. After the one on the right lost one of its three main leaders in a storm, it seems to be growing upward and outward, while the one on the left continues to grow vertically and is noticeably shorter and thinner. They appear to be in good health, and so we chose to appreciate their diversity of form rather than do any interventional pruning. The large *Pinus strobus* (Weymouth pine) in the lower corner of the Master's garden died and has been felled. It was very lopsided, with a rope that held the side trunk onto the main trunk and it also had lightning scars. The tree was almost exactly 100 years old (from counting rings), which means that it was planted between the wars, probably when John Owen Farquhar Murray was in the Master's Lodge. Its disappearance had surprisingly little impact and now there is more light so the beech hedge will grow properly. There is a smaller, better Weymouth pine nearby in the Master's garden that will grow up over time. The Victorian border and the student borders are ever-changing and always worth visiting at any time of year. The bananas have recovered from the recent cold winter and have thrown up many more smaller stems.



*Singing in the gardens*



In Ann's Court the borders have filled out and look great from late spring through to late winter. The 'stubble' period of a month or two when the old stems are cut down before the new year's growth starts is not the most beautiful and this is to be addressed by underplanting with bulbs that will appear in that window. The trees in Cripps Court are now maturing and when in leaf they mostly obscure the Cranmer Road railings. The court is quieter, as there are no longer ball games on the grass, and resident students appreciate the quiet and views of treetops from their windows. The old system of barrier chains to discourage walking on the grass in winter was removed because the border plants are large enough to discourage shortcuts – many of these are large rosemary bushes that provide a ready supply of garnishes for student cooking.

The Friends of Selwyn Gardens is an initiative set up by the Alumni Relations and Development Office that is very popular with alumni and their families as well as visitors who have no other connection to Selwyn than that they enjoy the use of the gardens, which are effectively freely open to visitors all year round. Selwyn's Victorian founders perhaps had some romantic ideals because the College is built into its gardens, unlike the older establishments where the design has grassed courts with 'the gardens' located somewhere apart from the buildings. The gardens were then and are today an amenity to be enjoyed by all College members and visitors. The primary aim is to maximise aesthetics and practicality, ideally with an educational element. The level of donations has reached the point that we can consider some larger projects in the coming years which will bring changes to the appearance of some parts of the estate. These changes will need to be decided by the gardeners and the Gardens Committee in termly meetings. The reports go to College Council, which sometimes requires amendments to plans. Until now the funds have helped with smaller projects including the edibles border, which is growing extremely strongly. The kitchens make use of what is in season so if you are dining in College it may be the case that some of the ingredients have come from the gardens. Sometimes last-minute adjustments mean there is no credit given on the menu cards, but the zero-food-miles redcurrants and other additions to the table are definitely fresher and brighter than those from the outside suppliers.

*Dr Daniel Beauregard, Chair of the Gardens Committee*

## JUNIOR COMBINATION ROOM

During such a tumultuous time, nationally and internationally, the JCR committee has worked together, as a truly cohesive unit, to support our student body. Key to this has been the work of the welfare team, Olivia Newbery and Sid Fenton (Welfare Officers), Soumya Agrawal (BME Officer), Benjamin Skidmore (LGBTQ+ Officer) and Barnaby Corry (Disabled Students' Officer). Following in the footsteps of the then Prime Minister (revealed as a Taylor Swift enthusiast), the team organised a friendship-bracelet-making session alongside karaoke nights, movie nights and mindfulness sessions in collaboration with Gender Agenda.



*JCR committee dinner with College officers*

It was a pleasure to continue the JCR's close relationship with the MCR this year. I have to say a massive thank you to Ashley Fox-Wiltshire (MCR President) and her committee for all of their support, especially with the revered JCR-MCR pub quiz in Selwyn bar and the three-minute thesis competition, led by Vienna Kwan (Development and Education Officer) from the JCR.

A priority for this year's JCR committee was tackling the cost of living crisis. Jamie Chong (Vice-President) spearheaded these efforts, setting up the Cost of Living working group to gather and compare data across different colleges. Jamie and I ensured that financial support available from the College and the University was explicitly signposted and Soham Chakravarty (Treasurer) and Joseph Hunt (Computing Officer) worked to re-evaluate JCR funds and make them more accessible, creating a new form which is far easier to navigate.

The JCR has also continued to distribute the charities fund to student-nominated charities, which have included Medical Aid for Palestinians and Amnesty International. It has been a pleasure to work with Saqib Ahmed (Faiths and Beliefs Officer), to officially set up the Faiths and Beliefs subcommittee. I want to thank him for all of his work in liaising with the subcommittee to produce the JCR's statement in solidarity with Palestine.

Matt Rowe (Operations Manager) and I have worked to create a more efficient laundry service. Circuit Laundry machines have been upgraded to a simpler interface and a tap and go payment. Ben Colliver (Accommodation Officer) has been key to tackling this issue, stocking up all of our laundry rooms with JCR-funded laundry tablets. For those who have experienced the joys of dealing with Circuit Laundry, please join us in celebrating such a milestone. For those who have not, the JCR extends its collective envy.

Ellie Montague and Holly Greening (Access Officers) have continued to promote a more accessible Selwyn for current students, providing open days, taster

sessions and advice to potential students. A massive thank you is due to all the student volunteers who also have contributed their time and energy to help widening-participation efforts this year. For all students, whether prospective or current, a comfortable social space is extremely important. Euan Aspin (Clubs and Societies Officer) and Ari Katz (International Officer) have worked to clean out the JCR, with Katie Molyneux (Green Officer) collaborating with Selwyn's Environmental Society at the end of each term to set up a clothing swap.

At the start of next Michaelmas Term, we are looking forward to meeting the new cohort of freshers; Sophie Jacques and Kit Roberts (Freshers reps) are planning a range of events to cater to all interests. Much of the committee will be involved in delivering talks and offering support to the new students to smooth the gap between life before and at university. Our Ents Officers will also help to plan freshers' week, continuing their excellent work throughout the year. Holly McNicoll and Martha Weavers have kept us all entertained with the various movie nights, bops, halfway hall for second years and the JCR dinner.

It has been a pleasure to work with such an incredible committee this year. To be able to make changes to an institution which I never thought I would exist in, is truly a privilege. If you would like to keep up with Selwyn JCR, follow our Instagram, redesigned by Jennifer Chen (Communications Officer): @selwyn\_jcr.

*Oketa Zogi Shala, JCR President*

#### *JCR Committee 2024*

Access Officers: Ellie Montague and Holly Greening; Accommodation Officer Ben Colliver; BME Officer: Soumya Agrawal; Clubs and Societies: Euan Aspin; Communications Officer: Jennifer Chen; Computing Officer: Joseph Hunt; Development and Education Officer: Vienna Kwan; Disabled Students' Officer: Barnaby Corry; Entertainment Officers: Holly McNicoll and Martha Weavers; Faiths and Beliefs Officer: Saqib Ahmed; Freshers Reps: Kit Roberts and Sophie Jacques; Gender Equality Officer: Lea Fink; Green Officer: Katie Molyneux; International Officer: Ari Katz; LGBTQ+ Officer: Benjamin Skidmore; Treasurer: Soham Chakravarty; Vice President: Jamie Chong; Welfare Officers: Olivia Newbery and Sid Fenton.

## MIDDLE COMBINATION ROOM

Over the past year the MCR committee has continued its hard work in supporting the social, pastoral and academic lives of postgraduate students at Selwyn. We were able to hit the ground running in January 2024 because of the strong foundations established for us by the previous committees and our work has been made easy by Selwyn being such a friendly community.

A key component of the MCR calendar are the termly themed formals, which are keenly attended and provide a deserved break from everyone's hard work. These are organised by our Secretary and Dinners Officer, Jeffrey Pendleton, who has led a team in hosting dinners for Valentine's Day and St Patrick's Day. Jeffrey



*MCR annual dinner*

has also been integral in strengthening our relationship with Keble, our Oxford sister college. He arranged our annual visit where we were able to have a tour of the city and college before joining postgraduates studying at Keble for a formal dinner. This was a lovely opportunity to develop friendships and we were fortunate to host Keble at our own formal the following term.

Ananya Nivsarkar, the vice-president, and I thoroughly enjoyed organising the annual MCR garden party, where we hosted 130 guests in the Chapel garden, accompanied by a string quartet, before moving on to a dinner in Hall and live jazz in the bar. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate the end of the academic year. Ananya has also played a key role in organising development events for MCR members, such as the three-minute thesis competition and dissertation writing workshop. These have supported students' academic welfare alongside preparing them for careers after graduation.

Our MCR Green Officers, Chloe Balhatchet and Czarino Panopio, have done a fantastic job in making College a more sustainable space. Their projects have included yoga in gardens, organising a swap & share, and setting up a bee hotel. All of these activities helped minimise our impact on the environment but also improve student welfare, something our Welfare Officer, Austin Swift, has been focused on this year. He organised for every MCR student to receive a free scoop of ice cream from Jack's Gelato during exam term. He has also been working closely with our Entertainment Officers, Samuel Fedida and Iman Taghaddosinejad,

to organise weekly events. Friday-night socials in the MCR, board-game nights or watching the Euros together gave opportunities for more casual socialising throughout the terms and allowed us to prove Selwyn's reputation as Cambridge's friendliest college. The MCR room is the heart of our community and our Common Room Officer and Treasurer, James Corcoran, has been working on making it an even more welcoming and comfortable space for everyone to use. He also has been handling our finances, ensuring that we stick to the budget and setting up reimbursement schemes for student safety such as bike lights, emergency taxi use and anti-spiking drink covers.

Our Publicity Officer, Vivian Lin, has been doing a wonderful job of keeping our student community engaged online and the Part-Time Students Officer, Emily Knutsson, has been hard at work to ensure part-time students feel included and represented by the MCR. Andy Wright, the Alumni Officer, has been working alongside the Development Office to keep in touch with alumni and helped organise an event in London for current students to meet with alumni. Keeping these connections strong is a very important aspect of the MCR and Andy has been doing a wonderful job so far. Our International Officer, Preeti Dash, has been organising events in collaboration with our BAME Officer, Clara Ma, for international festivals and holidays, such as Chinese New Year, so that students from all backgrounds can feel a sense of community. This has also been the case with our LGBTQ+ Officer, Macsen Brown, who, despite being late to join our committee, has been dedicating himself fully to ensuring that the College is an open and inclusive space, especially during pride month in June. The Sports Officers, Lucy Wilkinson and Mathush Kantharupan are organising sports-themed welfare activities for the summer months for those of us who will be staying in Cambridge. They also have lots planned for our Freshers' Month in October to encourage new students to get involved with rowing and other college sports. The entire committee is also at work to ensure that freshers will feel welcomed and can settle easily into life at Selwyn.

*Ashley Fox-Wiltshire, MCR President*

#### *MCR committee 2024*

Ashley Fox-Wiltshire, President; Ananya Nivsarkar, Vice-President; Jeffery Pendleton, Secretary and Dinners Officer; James Corcoran, Treasurer and Common Room Officer; Austin Swift, Welfare Officer; Samuel Fedida and Iman Taghaddosinejad, Ents Officers; Andy Wright, Alumni Officer; Emily Knutsson, Part-Time-Students Officer; Macsen Brown, LGBTQ+ Officer; Preeti Dash, International Students Officer; Chloe Balhatchet and Czarina Panopio, Green Officers; Clara Ma, BAME Students Officer; Vivian Lin, Publicity Officer; Lucy Wilkinson and Mathush Kantharupan, Sports Officers.

# Part four

## Clubs and societies



## CLUBS

### BOAT CLUB



The 2023-24 academic year got off to a great start with a win for the women's first novice boat at Fairbairns as the fastest women's novice crew, with successful results also for our senior and alumni crews. Bad weather affected the Lent Bumps, with the cancellation of the lower divisions. Sadly, this meant that our women's second VIII+ and men's third VIII+ crews were unable to compete. The men's first VIII+ earned their blades by bumping Churchill I, Christ's I, Caius II and Lady Margaret II, and the second VIII+ did likewise with Churchill II, St Catharine's II, Lady Margaret III and Clare Hall I. The women's first VIII+ had a tough campaign ahead of them and very narrowly missed bumping a fast Homerton crew ahead of them. Overall, the club gained ten places, making this one of their most successful campaigns to date.

The men's first VIII+ travelled to London at the end of the Lent Term to compete in the Head of the River Race. After a successful term, we were looking forward to seeing how they would match up against the rest of the country. They overtook a good few crews before reaching Hammersmith, giving the crew a huge boost to finish in a time of 18:40, gaining over eighty places.

Finally, Easter Term saw five Selwyn crews qualify for May Bumps with the second women's VIII+ succeeding for the first time since 2017. The men's first and third VIII+s went up three places, the men's second and women's first VIII+ went up two places and the women's second VIII+ gained no places. Overall, the boat club went up ten places, another great Bumps result, rounding off an incredible year for the Boat Club, coming in second place for the Mitchell Cup (awarded to the best club over the year).

I would like to thank the men's and women's captains: Freya Jenkinson, Freddie Albrighton, Hebe Miller and Nicola James and the whole committee for their hard work this year. And I wish Hebe the best as 2024-25 President.

*Joel Kendall*

### FRIENDS OF SELWYN COLLEGE BOAT CLUB



The Boat Club's report provides the details of what has been another highly successful year, not only on the Cam but with fine performances elsewhere including the Head of the River Race on the Thames. There is enormous enthusiasm for rowing amongst the current students, but their successes would not be possible without support from the Friends, which is of course in turn made possible by the generosity of alumni. Very many thanks!

Our focus this year has been on maintaining and where necessary refurbishing the Selwyn 'fleet', which has been very well used in the year given the number of outings and events entered into by the club. In other areas the Friends increased support for the Boat Club's coaching programme and provided funding towards the cost of the Easter training camp, which provided an important foundation for the May Bumps. As last year, we were also able to maintain subsidies for students who would otherwise be unlikely to be able to afford membership of the Boat Club.

Once again there was a fine alumni turnout for the Fairbairn Cup in December 2023. It was hard work but a fun event for those participating. Former rowers, including all supporters of the Friends, were also invited to a drinks reception at the Houses of Parliament in April 2024. It was an excellent evening; many thanks are due to Graham Stuart MP for facilitating the event, to the College Development Office for their excellent organisation and to all the alumni who attended, many of whom increased or began regular donations to the Friends following the event.

We thank all of you for your continuing support, which is vital if we wish to keep Selwyn rowing at its current fine level and enable the club to offer the experience of rowing to any Selwyn student who is interested, regardless of their financial circumstances. Please do get in touch if you would like to hear any more about our activities.

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*Treasurer:* Emily Hopkinson (ejhopkinson@googlemail.com)

*Secretary:* Hal Mutton (hrmutton@gmail.com)

*Brian Hornsby*



## FOOTBALL CLUB



The team started the year with promising showings in the inter-collegiate pre-season tournament, managing to secure a 2-0 victory against neighbours Robinson, partly thanks to the summer acquisition of two grizzled MCR pros. However, the club was brought back to reality with brutal losses to Sidney Sussex and Trinity. Difficulties with availability mounted, preventing Selwyn from

proceeding in the Cuppers competition, yet this did not dampen the spirits of the injury-ridden squad, who managed to salvage a 2-1 win against St Catharine's, albeit in a friendly with some of their players completing the Selwyn XI. Fortune was not on the side of Selwyn in the Plate either, with a strong first half against Gonville and Caius unravelling in the second half. With one of their subs proclaiming that they had not tested our keeper at half time, they soon realised that Selwyn did not have an actual goalkeeper between the posts, so began shooting on sight to make the scoreline a lot less flattering. The rest of the season highlighted a series of interesting goalkeeping techniques across the squad, including the best performance by a McCartney since the Beatles.

Barring the injury crisis (which demonstrated that the squad had the weakest knees in Cambridge) and the abandonment of two crucial fixtures thanks to waterlogged pitches, the football team may have been looking at another season in Division Two, but it was not meant to be. After the team found time in the Easter Term to 'bottle' a two-goal lead against Emmanuel, the season, once again, ended in an unfortunate relegation for the side. The academic year was capped off by an infamous 4-0 loss to the Selwyn staff, in the first game of its kind since the pandemic.

This summer will see the departure of the many veterans of the legendary Jake Berry 2021-22 First Division promotion campaign. Whilst the players failed to return to those heights, their commitment to Fulbrooke football cannot be questioned and the club will miss them. Honourable mentions must be given to the Player of the Season, Andrew Rutherford, for his consistency throughout the season, to Tovi Wen, who captured the minds of his peers with his dazzling feet, and of course to the captain, John Sesay, who as usual performed impressively on and off the pitch, particularly in the club's karaoke social.

We wish the best of luck to the next captain, Piotr Sokolinski. If anyone can awaken the sleeping giant that is Selwyn Football Club, it is he. With the arrival of some eager freshers to fill the ranks, I am sure he will lead a beautiful Renaissance.

*Samuel Jessop and John Sesay*

## SAILING CLUB



Over the past two years, Selwyn has seen a large influx of sailors who have taken part in the University sailing teams (under the club name Cambridge University Cruising Club). The current members include Tim Hire (third-year Engineering) on the University first team, and Joseph Ayres (third-year Architecture), Blake Tudor (second-year Engineering) and Max Vellar (first-year Medicine) on the University third team. All Cambridge dinghy sailing takes place at Grafham Water, which is a large lake thirty-five minutes' drive from Selwyn.

The University sailing team has competed at many universities over the last year, including Birmingham, Warwick, Nottingham, Oxford and Southampton. Highlights this year have included the Cambridge first team winning the British Universities and Colleges Sport gold at the British Universities Sailing Association's Team Racing championships held over Easter. Tim Hire also received the Rose Bowl in July 2023 for the best contribution by a newcomer in his first year of sailing. Varsity sailing took place in Lymington in the first week of July 2024, with Tim Hire and Blake Tudor selected to take part in our bid to recapture the trophy.

Tim Hire is the new sailing captain for next year, in charge of selecting the University sailing teams and running training sessions, Blake Tudor is the new bosun in charge of the upkeep of the twelve Firefly dinghies owned by the club, and Max Vella is in charge of organising Royal Yachting Association training sessions throughout the year.

Selwyn sent three teams to participate in the annual Sailing Cuppers held on the Tuesday of May Week. The first team competed in the Gold league and battled at

the top of the leaderboard, unfortunately falling short of winning the overall trophy. The second and third teams also sailed well and had a fun day on the water, despite many people having been at a May Ball until the early hours of the morning! This is the first year of Selwyn College Sailing Club, which subsidised some of the Cuppers entry costs. With the large number of sailors present in Selwyn, there was record interest from Selwynites wanting to represent their college this May Week, with the joint highest number of teams entered from a single college.

As well as sailing for the College and University, Selwyn also has members who have participated in national and international sailing events throughout the year. These include Sophie Rennie (first-year MMLL) who is part of the RYA Youth Performance Squad for kitefoiling, aiming to be selected for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Blake Tudor is competing in the RS800 nationals this summer and has previously taken part in the RS Aero 7 Europeans. Tim Hire is looking forward to competing at the RS Aero 7 Worlds this August in Hayling Island.

We are grateful to Hermes and Sirens, whose sports fund has helped to support some of the sailing that has taken place by Selwyn sailors over the last year. If anyone has any questions about how to get involved with sailing while at Selwyn, please feel free to email Tim Hire (tph41) who can point you towards all the opportunities offered throughout the year.

*Timothy Hire*

### SELWYN SEALS (COLD WATER SWIMMING SOCIETY)

This society is new this year. It has been set up with the aim of covering the costs of using our local lido on Jesus Green, bringing together members of the College to experience the mental and physical health benefits of cold-water swimming. Whilst we were off to a very slow start, with only a few College members being willing to brave the icy temperatures of 5 degrees at the Jesus Green lido, by the beginning of May we had quite a group of members attending, and even our own Instagram. The society provided a much needed one- or two-hour-long feeling of relief during exam term and we had a lovely celebratory swim once people were finished with exams. There was also an opportunity for members to participate in the inter-collegiate water polo Cuppers at the end of Easter Term.

We hope that next year the society will continue to grow and more members will brave the icy temperatures of the winter. This is something I have full faith that our next president and dev squad swimmer Ben Domb will be able to accomplish.

2023-24 *president*: Lisa Sefton

2024-25 *president*: Ben Domb

*Lisa Sefton*

### TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Selwyn Table Tennis Club had a successful and busy year, with two teams entered into the College League. Selwyn 1 was placed in Division 2 during Michaelmas Term and although the team fought hard with many close matches we were eventually demoted to Division 3 during Lent Term. The team scored very well during Lent, winning nearly all matches and were placed first in the division. Selwyn 2 was placed in Division 4 during Michaelmas Term and was promoted convincingly to Division 3 during Lent, with excellent results.

Both Selwyn teams also participated in Cuppers this year, held at the beginning of Easter Term. Despite being down one player due to sickness, Selwyn 1 narrowly clinched a spot and progressed from the knockouts to the quarter finals and, although producing many great games against Christ's (a hot contender for the cup), were unable to proceed further. Selwyn 2 played equally well, but had worse luck in a strong division during the knockouts and just missed a place to progress.

A notable and very special event this year was the World Table Tennis Day Doubles Tournament, which celebrated diversity within the table tennis community. The doubles teams had to be of different nationalities; Oliver Dorn and Oliver Dai from Selwyn teamed up for this tournament, with many memorable matches.

Overall, this was a great year for Selwyn table tennis. The team spirit has been very strong and bonding between team members has been excellent, both in matches and during practice sessions. This has also been marked by the increasing number of socials that we have been hosting. Selwyn players have begun to represent the University as well: congratulations to Oliver Dorn on his selection into the Cambridge University Table Tennis Varsity team. I am confident that we will begin to see more Selwyn table tennis players competing at higher levels and the expansion of this friendly and diverse club in future years, and wish Harrison Emery all the best in leading the club next year.

2023-2024 *captain*: Oliver Dai

2024-2025 *captain*: Harrison Emery

*Oliver Dai*

## SOCIETIES

### CHRISTIAN UNION

This year the Selwyn College Christian Union (SCCU) has been filled with joy, community and spiritual growth. We started in style at Ledbury House for 'Freshaway', a University-wide event for incoming freshers to get to know their college's Christian Union representatives before the Michaelmas Term began. A mix of games, talks, seminars, prayer and worship helped give freshers a strong sense of community with other first-years and feel ready for a bright term ahead. The fun did not stop there though, with the University Christian Union (CICCU) Freshers' Banquet at the start of Michaelmas Term giving freshers another great bonding opportunity.

As freshers started to settle into both CICCU and local churches, SCCU experienced an even greater sense of community supported by weekly Bible studies and prayer meetings and a Formal Hall. Rounding off the term were two Christmas-themed events: a festive crafts night with the Christian Unions at Clare, Fitzwilliam, Lucy Cavendish, Robinson and Murray Edwards and a gingerbread-decorating event with an evangelistic talk on the meaning of the Christmas story.

The SCCU bonded further shortly before Lent Term on 'Big CICCU Getaway', a University-wide retreat for the different colleges' Christian Unions to grow closer, whilst enjoying biblical seminars and lots of good food and fun. The Getaway also prepared us for Events Week: five days of evangelistic talks organised by CICCU. This year's theme was 'Light for a dark world'. Shortly afterwards, SCCU hosted 'Ping-a-pancake' which gave students in Selwyn an opportunity to ask any question they had regarding Christianity and get a pancake as well. We ended the term with a Formal Hall joined by the Christian Unions from the Grange Road colleges.

In the Easter Term, despite the busy nature of the exam season and a change in reps, we were still able to come together as a college group with weekly Bible studies in Selwyn gardens and prayer meetings accompanied by the Chaplain. At the start of the term we continued our evangelistic events with 'Dial-a-donut'. We welcomed questions ranging from how Christianity informs our approach to exams to the relationship between gender and God. As the term drew to a close the fun only increased in SCCU with our very own CU Olympics event bringing the 2024 summer of sport to Selwyn.

It has been a blessed year in SCCU in which we have seen so much growth in our spiritual lives as individuals and as a group. A huge thanks are due to Brianna Kwami and Sarah Akande for all their work as reps in Michaelmas and Lent Terms, as well as to the Chaplain for leading prayer meetings and offering both unending support and the space of her office. We greatly look forward to the next academic year and all that God will do through SCCU.

*O'Tega Yerifor*

### CINEMA SOCIETY

After hard work by the committee to lay the foundations, our genesis finally came at the end of Michaelmas Term when we marked our inauguration with a screening of *Citizen Kane*. That done, we swiftly moved on to show a plethora of great movies, screening in turn *Vertigo*, *Cléo from 5 to 7*, *The Firemen's Ball* and *Eight and a Half*. Easter Term saw more films, with *Ran*, *The Remains of the Day* and a cinema trip to see *Lawrence of Arabia* at the centre of our itinerary. We set up this society in the belief that the College community would benefit from regular showings of fantastic films and our audience reciprocated wonderfully. Everyone who came enjoyed themselves immensely and we are extremely grateful to our core supporters for consistently being the engine which drives this society forward. I would also like to heartily thank the committee for all their work this year, in making our publicity, handling the audio-visual equipment and spreading the word. Next term we intend to cement further the place of the Cinema Society in Selwyn by engaging with the new freshers and collaborating with the other clubs and societies which enrich the life of this College. I shall continue to serve as president and Dominic Dale as vice-president.

*Magnus Hole*

### ENGINEERING SOCIETY



The Engineering Society continued to support engineers in College with a full programme of events and socials. At the AGM in Michaelmas Term new students were introduced and a new committee was elected. Ball Fund recipients gave presentations on how they had used College funding over the

summer, from working at a furniture-tech startup in New York to building a belt-sander for knife making.

Our annual dinner took place at the end of Lent Term. For the first time this year, 'first person view' drone-flying in the Diamond was organised as pre-meal entertainment (see the picture). We welcomed Dr Kevin Shaw, who matriculated at Selwyn in 1981, as our guest of honour. He recounted his varied career through the ranks of the Royal Navy and his recent involvement in the UK Space Agency, all facilitated by foundations laid in the Engineering Tripos. Emphasising the importance of moral conviction in engineering, he closed with encouragement to take responsibility and effect change in the world.

Easter Term was characteristically busy, with a few society formal swaps between revision and project work. The sun came out just in time for our end-of-term garden party, providing an excellent close to the year.

It has been a pleasure to lead the Engineering Society and I am grateful to all those who have contributed. We are always eager to hear from alumni doing interesting things, so please do get in touch.

*Dominic Dale*



## HISTORY SOCIETY

The Selwyn College History Society has enjoyed a fantastic year of both academic and social events. The year began with a fresh new committee, inheriting the excellent work of previous presidents rebuilding our society after the Covid pandemic. Our mission was to reach out to the student body, engaging with Fellows, students and alumni through our shared interest in the subject of history. Our membership this year has expanded, with an exceedingly encouraging level of engagement from our new freshers (some of whom have done fantastic work on the committee itself). I can only hope that the society will continue to go from strength to strength next year, reaching out to the Selwyn community and continuing to establish our status as a flourishing academic society.

This year we have had the privilege of welcoming a variety of excellent academic speakers to our society from across the University. Particular highlights include a fascinating talk given by Dr Lewis Defrates on the metaphor of the Victorian Internet. We have also been delighted to welcome guests from outside the University. Notably, having launched her new book in May 2024, the Reverend Fleur St Clair Houston gave a deeply engaging talk on the life of the Christian theologian John Wood Oman. A high point of the year was our final academic talk of the term, given by the celebrated British historian and author, Mark Galeotti, setting Putin within Russian history (the video of which can be found on the College YouTube channel).

Our society has also had an excellent social year. Our Socials Officers organised two well-attended and undeniably entertaining pub quizzes. In February 2024 we held our annual dinner, with a speech given by our Senior Treasurer, Dr David Smith. The evening was one of conviviality for the society, with the previous two committees, sitting aside a packed table of Fellows, society members and a large group of our new members: an encouraging sight for the future of the society. In May Week, the society and its members gathered for the annual garden party, enjoying food, drink and conversation.

I would like to extend an enormous thank you to all the members of the committee this year for all the time they have given up ensuring the success of the society. This year the committee was comprised of both second-years and first-years in equal proportion. I thank the second-years for all their hard work and hope they continue to engage next year. I also would like to thank our first-years, who will undoubtedly take the society to new heights next year, continuing the work of this year's committee. I would finally like to thank the History Fellows (particularly our Senior Treasurer, Dr David Smith) who have generously given their time and resources to the society this year. I look forward to seeing how the society progresses and develops next year, and I wish all the best to next year's committee.

*Stefan Wilkinson-Hill*

## ISLAMIC SOCIETY

For many Muslim students, moving to Cambridge is a daunting task. Academic matters aside, the fear of being surrounded by alcohol or a religiously intolerant social scene is a significant concern. This is why the Selwyn College Islamic Society (ISoc) was created: to serve the social, spiritual and welfare needs of Muslim students within the College. Founded in Easter Term 2023, Selwyn College ISoc is part of the larger Cambridge University Muslim community, focusing on more intimate, college-level engagement.

After electing our inaugural committee, the society aimed to host various social and welfare activities for Selwyn Muslim students throughout the year. During Michaelmas Term we focused on integrating freshers into College. We had our first social event, bonding over our unique journeys to Cambridge, playing board games and relaxing over Halal food. Shortly after Freshers' Week, the society concentrated on advocating for peace in the Holy Land of Palestine. We focused on tackling misconceptions surrounding the horrific events in Gaza as well as offering welfare support for members of all faiths and none. In the midst of these troubling times, Selwyn ISoc collaborated with CU ISoc to host the annual Charity Week Quiz Night in the Diamond to raise money for Islamic Relief, supporting the most vulnerable and impoverished groups around the world.

After the winter vacation, the College hosted an alumnus, Shehab Khan, ITV's political correspondent, for a talk titled 'Faith, Television and Me', which included a screening of his film *The Hajj: A Journey through Mecca*. It was great to interact with previous Muslim alumni and engage with a diverse audience from across the University. The Lent Term also saw the College host various events as part of CU ISoc's Believe and Do Good (BADG) campaign, led by Selwyn's Sahar Mulji. One event involved gathering in the Chadwick Room on a cold February night to create resource packs for rough sleepers in the city centre.

As Lent Term drew to a close, we welcomed Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. In partnership with the JCR, Selwyn ISoc organised welfare taxis for members to travel to and from the Cambridge Central Mosque for their night prayers. The Selwyn ISoc team also created Ramadan welfare packs for Muslim members of the College, including sweets, accessories and tips to make the most of the holy month. Experiencing Ramadan at university was truly special, from communal iftars to night prayers, fostering a deep sense of community and spiritual growth among students.

It has been a truly amazing first year for Selwyn College ISoc. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our committee: Sahar Mulji (Secretary), Ayesha Karim (Treasurer), Vaneeza Butt (Events) and Sobaan Mohamed (Welfare) for their hard work and dedication. Above all, we thank Allah for His countless blessings and pray that He continues to strengthen the Muslim community at Selwyn, the University and the world more broadly.

*Umar Moufeed*

## JEWISH SOCIETY



*Members at the screening of The Prince of Egypt*

This year marks the first full academic year of Selwyn's Jewish Society, aka JSoc, and it has proved to be a fun one!

In Michaelmas Term, particularly in the aftermath of 7 October, our focus was on welfare events, with the society forming a crucial supportive community for

students in Selwyn. Throughout this term, in what would turn out to be a theme for the year, our JSoc was well represented at university-wide Jewish society events, including at weekly Friday night dinners. Michaelmas Term culminated in a Selwyn JSoc Hannukah party, where all students were invited to come and enjoy doughnuts, chocolate coins and other traditional snacks, as well as play dreidels. This was our first large event and was lots of fun.

Lent Term included one of our most successful events, the screening of DreamWork's *The Prince of Egypt*. The film tells the story of the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt, aptly watched in the run-up to the Passover festival, and the event was held in collaboration with St John's College Jewish Society. This again had a large attendance and we watched it at St John's Picturehouse.

Finally, in Easter Term we attended a garden party hosted along with the main University Jewish Society. This was a lot of fun and a great way to celebrate the end of exams. Plus, there was amazing food.

Overall, this Selwyn JSoc have had a hugely successful first full year, and it has been a lot of fun to host a range of events both large and small. I look forward to seeing what next year brings.

*Ben Domb*

## LAW SOCIETY



It has been a pleasure to welcome to the Selwyn College Law Society the seven incoming freshers who join us with a variety of perspectives and interests in law. We were also eager to welcome non-law students into the society and elected a non-law officer to the committee to help facilitate the integration.

We are proud to have continued the tradition of hosting termly dinners and are grateful to Slaughter & May, Freshfields, Hogan Lovells and Debevoise & Plimpton, who have sponsored our dinners this year. Alongside the more formal occasions, the society has hosted events that bring Selwyn's lawyers together, including a movie night social with

Clare Law Society and a formal hall with Downing Law Society.

The society has also hosted several moots throughout the year. The Freshers' Moot offered a chance for Selwyn's first-year lawyers to gain valuable experience arguing legal issues, and we are grateful to Selwyn Law Fellow and practising barrister, Sarah Fraser Butlin KC, for judging the moot. Selwyn also hosted the final of an inter-collegiate moot competition and the Varsity Moot with Keble, Selwyn's sister college at Oxford.

We would like to pay tribute to the hard work of the entire committee and extend our thanks to the Law Fellows and alumni who have so generously given time to assist the society. We wish Ayana Shah and Vaneeza Butt, who have been elected as co-presidents of the society, every success in the coming academic year.

*Conor Hall and George Ponton*

## LINGUISTS' SOCIETY



*Linguists' Society Dinner*

This year has been a positive continuation of the previous committee's dedication to the Linguists' Society at Selwyn. By holding frequent events such as weekly café sessions and film nights, we were able to encourage language practice and discussion of vast areas of culture across year groups whose relationship is often disturbed by the year abroad. Alongside these activities within College, we collaborated with the linguist societies of other colleges to organise formal swaps with St John's and Queens', and a brunch at Selwyn with Newnham's linguists society. These were particularly beneficial in fostering communication and building relationships with students from various language areas.

The highlight of our year was the annual Linguists' Dinner, an evening the committee endeavours to deliver each year. In Lent Term we were delighted to be joined by our guest speaker and Selwyn alumnus, Francis Scarr, for a drinks reception and dinner. He gave us a captivating talk on his experience reading Modern and Medieval Languages, his year abroad, and the fascinating application

of his skills to journalism amidst international conflict. This dinner, open to students across all language areas, was an opportunity to maintain the strong relationship between students and Fellows of languages and linguistics at Selwyn.

Finally, we wish to express our gratitude to the Fellows for their support and contributions to this enriching evening, and we extend our best wishes to the next committee in promoting Selwyn as a motivating environment for languages in the upcoming academic year.

*2023-24 committee:* Will Fleury and Joe Betts (Co-Presidents), Daniel Moreton (Treasurer), Reya Hossain (Secretary), Csenge Szabo (Social Media Officer), Tom Masters and Niamh Vienne-Bannan (Events Officers).

*Daniel Moreton*

## MEDICAL AND VETERINARY SOCIETY



*SCMVS Lent Term dinner*

Selwyn Medical and Veterinary Society (SCMVS) has hosted a wide array of events over the past year. Many of these had an academic focus, featuring keynote speakers or society-led educational support. Others had a broader welfare focus and helped to foster a sense of community amongst the medical and veterinary students and Fellows.

Michaelmas Term started off strongly, as we invited the newly-arrived freshers to a social event during which they could meet peers in the older years and gather valuable insights for the year ahead. In this term we also debuted the weekly SCMVS Study Café. This was a resounding success and provided a clear platform for students across all academic years to come together for focused work and regular support. Naturally, the refreshments that were provided also served as a great motivator for students to attend. This year, we aimed to offer a wider array of talks from speakers to pique the interests of students in various niches within

medicine. We were delighted to host Selwyn's very own Professor Robert Tasker, who gave an inspirational account of his journey in medicine and how he ended up working with both Cambridge and Harvard. Later in the term we hosted our first dinner of the year, which began with an inspirational talk from our keynote speaker Dr Mariam Mourad, a paediatric oncologist who works in Addenbrooke's. It was a great privilege to hear about her own journey in medicine and her experiences as a clinician working in hospitals both in the UK and abroad.

With the success of Michaelmas Term under our belt, we wanted Lent Term to be an even more exciting one. Our co-president Namra Ansar managed to arrange for productivity guru and Cambridge alumnus Ali Abdaal to come to give a talk. Due to enormous demand, we decided to upgrade the venue to a lecture theatre within the Law Faculty. The event was a tremendous success, with an impressive turnout and a vibrant atmosphere. Later on in the term, we hosted our second and final dinner of this academic year. The drinks reception began with an engaging talk from Dr Shadi Basyuni, a maxillofacial surgeon. He explored a variety of fascinating clinical cases and his own experiences within his speciality. The dinner itself was, as usual, a pleasant evening filled with enjoyable company and delicious food.

The start of Easter Term saw a natural shift in society activities from social events to academic and welfare support across all the years. Welfare services like 'Text-a-treat' never failed to brighten the faces of medics and vets during the strenuous exam season. Following the exams, SCMVS hosted its beloved annual garden party and newly established sports day between the different year groups. This event saw the election of the new committee, with Apurva Bhattacharyya and Namra Ansar as Medic presidents and Alice White as Vet president. We look forward to making next year as amazing as this one has been!

*Apurva Bhattacharyya*

## MUSIC SOCIETY

This year's committee were excited to be building on the long-standing Sunday evening recitals tradition and the newly-formed Thursday lunchtime organ recitals. We have hosted a huge variety of solo recitals from current Selwyn students: Katherine Mann (soprano), Jessical Ellis (oboe), James Cozens (piano), Nicholas Gawley (bass), Medomfo Owusu (alto), Emily Bretz (oboe) and Adam Field (organ), this year's winner of the Williamson Prize for Musical Performance. It has also been a great pleasure to be able to host several alumni, notably Teresa Wells (soprano) and Trio Sweet Ayres at the beginning of Michaelmas Term, Kenneth Wilson (cello) in Lent Term, Lynn Arnold and Ian Tindale (piano) accompanying two of our solo performers, and Brendan Musk (Baroque trumpet) in the first concert of Easter Term. Joining our Director of Music, Sarah MacDonald, Assistant Organist, Shanna Hart, and Senior Organ Scholar, Adam Field, we have had an excellent programme of organists from across the University and beyond to perform for us on Thursdays, including James Thomas (formerly St Edmundsbury Cathedral), David Rice





*'A Baroque Celebration' in Chapel, April 2024*

(St Alphege Solihull) and Stanley Godfrey (Ely Cathedral).

Amongst the variety of fabulous musician-ship, we have carried forward the traditional staple events of each term, including Freshers' Squash, an outstanding freshers' recital in Michaelmas Term and an evening of choir solos in Lent Term. Another new and successful tradition has been 'Jazz in the bar', which publicity officer Stefan Wilkinson-Hill and I have enjoyed putting together as a piano-vocal duo. We have enjoyed various large-scale collaborative events throughout the year, including 'Night at the movies' and 'Night at

the theatre', which were wonderful evenings for performers and audience alike.

Hosting the Cambridge University Trumpet Ensemble for a joint organ-and-brass recital in Chapel made for an afternoon to remember. We are grateful to our Senior Treasurer, Dr Alan Howard, for his co-ordination of 'A Baroque Celebration' at the start of Easter Term, which was a joyous occasion. We were delighted to welcome celebrated soloists Hannah Medlam and Corby Welch for an astounding evening of opera arias and duets, 'Wagner, Verismo and Weill', for which we thank the ordinand on attachment and Chapel choir member, Alex Garziglia, for his organisation and piano accompaniment. Finally, our May Week Concert, featuring two concerti performed by outgoing third-year soloists and some fantastic choral pieces, with a lovely full audience, was the perfect way to celebrate the end of the year. I look forward to seeing the Music Society grow to new heights under the leadership of Louise O'Hanlon, next year's Junior Secretary.

*2023/24 Committee:* Amy Bolster (Junior Secretary) Marcus Budack (Junior Treasurer) Stefan Wilkinson-Hill (Publicity Officer) Jessica Ellis (Orchestral Manager)

*Amy Bolster*

# Part five

## Alumni

## NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE



Shona Winnard

It has been a time of change for the Development and Alumni team over the past twelve months. We said goodbye to Susannah Clarke and hello to Gloria Morey-Picking. Gloria now works alongside Sam Davis, who together help, guide and liaise with those of you who are able to donate to the College, or who might wish to do so in the future. We also welcomed Melanie Cousins, who is now organising all of our busy events programme of reunions, concerts, lectures and other gatherings that we put on throughout the year around the UK. Mel took over from Shona Winnard, who retired in July after seventeen years at the College and who helped to transform Selwyn's relationship with so many of its alumni. We miss our former colleagues but the new team is experienced and equally committed to providing you with

the same level of friendly and efficient service that you have come to expect.

There will of course be further changes soon with the retirement of the Master, Roger Mosey, who will be leaving the College at the end of September 2025. Roger has worked closely with our office and in his twelve years at Selwyn has attended literally hundreds of events, travelled the world and met with thousands of alumni and friends; it is hard to imagine having a more welcoming and accessible head of the College. Having spent much of his career in the BBC, Roger has greatly improved the way the Selwyn promotes itself and communicates with its alumni and friends, ensuring that every time we get in touch, via email, phone, letter, social media, magazine or this publication, there is an emphasis on quality, clarity and accuracy. The search for Roger's successor is now well underway and the College hopes to be making an appointment early in 2025. Having worked alongside Roger for the past eleven years and benefited from his keen interest in all that we do, I shall miss his wise counsel and friendly involvement but also look forward to introducing his successor to as many of you as possible next year when the College begins a new chapter in its history.

One way that many of you have got to know the Master better is via his chairing of many of the online lectures that we started to live-stream during the pandemic. The facilities in our wonderful Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium enable us to do hybrid events with many recordings of live lectures then being archived on the College's own YouTube channel. In this way, Selwyn events can be viewed by

potentially huge numbers of people internationally, helping to raise the profile and reputation of the College and those associated with it. So, even if it's not possible for you to visit Selwyn and Cambridge in person, do join us or catch up with these online events whenever suits you. We will miss Roger's presentation skills when he goes, but look forward to continuing our wide-ranging programme and others taking over the chair.

The Bursar has shared in some detail the continuing importance of fundraising for the College, the success of which has been responsible for so many innovations and improvements in recent years – thank you. Although we do not have a major capital project in the pipeline, significant challenges remain. Over the past twelve months, and in recent years, we have been fortunate to benefit from several generous legacies and the membership of our 1882 Society continues to grow steadily. Demographically, we are in a period characterised by an unprecedented transfer of wealth and assets from one generation to the next as the baby boomer cohort starts to pass. Leaving a legacy to Selwyn is one of the very best ways to invest in future generations, many of whom will not enjoy the advantages that some of us have experienced simply because of when we were born. If you want to know more, Sam Davis ([sjdd2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sjdd2@cam.ac.uk)) is our dedicated Legacy Officer and I know he will be only too happy to answer any queries you might have, including explaining how the College can work with you so that your support might ultimately reflect your own interests or subject.

One of the many pleasures of working at Selwyn is meeting alumni and hearing your stories. Occasionally the unexpected crosses my desk and this happened earlier in the year when I received an email asking for details about a student who had disappeared on a climbing expedition in Switzerland many decades ago. A body had very recently emerged at the foot of a glacier and DNA results later confirmed it was the long-missing Selwyn student. In due course we were able to contact some of the student's contemporaries to relay the news, putting some in touch with the family and helping to bring resolution to a mystery that had remained unsolved for over fifty years.

Tragic stories such as these are thankfully rare and mostly we are putting old friends back in touch with one another for the best of reasons. Do not be put off by whatever you might have heard about GDPR; if you have lost touch with anybody from Selwyn with whom you might like to reconnect, please let us know as we are usually able to find a way to help.

Finally, and in the spirit of sustainability, if any reader would prefer to receive their copy of the *Calendar* in digital form, please let us know and we will be happy to arrange this. We have a full set of *Calendars* in our office going back to 1882 and I cannot imagine a time in the near future when the College will not produce this publication, which provides a unique record of the scholarship and achievements of the thousands of individuals across the generations who constitute the Selwyn community.

*Mike Nicholson, Director of Development and Alumni Relations*

## DINING PRIVILEGES

MA of the College and those who hold a higher degree are invited to dine at High Table. MA and higher-degree privileges allow for one dinner at any Tuesday or Thursday High Table per term, provided you are not currently a student. There are a couple of ways of doing this.

There is a termly MA dining night, when we particularly welcome alumni to join us, and the details can be found on the website ([www.selwynalumni.com](http://www.selwynalumni.com)). This is free for alumni and you can bring a guest to an MA dining night, for whom a charge is made. Please note that numbers are limited, so you are advised to book early and check availability before making travel arrangements. For booking and availability for an MA Dining Night, please contact the Alumni Office: Tel: + 44 (0)1223 767844 / +44 (0)1223 335843 Email: [alumni-office@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni-office@sel.cam.ac.uk).

Alternatively, you may dine at a normal High Table. You cannot bring a guest to High Table outside an official MA dining night and the dinner will not go ahead if there are not sufficient Fellows present. For booking and availability for High Table, please contact the Conference & Events Office: [conferences@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:conferences@sel.cam.ac.uk)

Tickets for Formal Hall may also be available. Alumni may bring a maximum of three guests to Formal Hall, and only two alumni may buy tickets to any one Formal Hall. For further information about Formal Hall, please contact the Conference & Events Office: [conferences@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:conferences@sel.cam.ac.uk).

Guests dining at High Table must be of graduate age. Please note that children under the age of eighteen cannot be accommodated for dinner or overnight. It is expected that all visitors under the age of eighteen will be appropriately supervised. MA and higher degree dining privileges may not be used at lunch, and dinner is not available on certain evenings. All bookings are at the discretion of the Fellows' Steward.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

### 2024

16 November	Family Formal
11 December	Selwyn carol service
12 December	London carol service

### 2025

13 February	MA dining evening
4 March	Patrons' High Table
tbc March	V S Naipul Lecture, Selwyn
29 March	1975 & 1985 reunion dinner
5 April	MA Congregation and dinner (matriculation year 2018)
tbc May	Friends of the Choir evensong
16 May	Ramsay Murray Lecture
22 May	MA dining evening

14 June	Lyttleton Dinner
8 July	Choir concert, Selwyn College gardens
9 July	Choir concert, St Bride's London
12 July	1990 & 2000 reunion dinner
19 July	Family Day
4 September	1965 & 1970 reunion lunch
6 September	1882 Society lunch
11 September	1960 and earlier reunion lunch
13 September	1995 & 2005 reunion dinner
27 September	Alumni Day, 2015 reunion dinner & commemoration

Please note that events may change. Please check event details prior to booking with the Alumni Office ([alumni-office@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni-office@sel.cam.ac.uk)) or telephone +44 (0)1223 767844.



*Guests at the 1974 and 1984 reunion*



## ALUMNI NEWS

- 1952** **Richard Munnings** was formerly a teacher in Guernsey, Kenya, Algeria, Zambia, Zimbabwe and London.
- 1955** **The Reverend Peter Langford** cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats just after his ninetieth birthday in August 2023, probably the oldest person to have achieved this. It took him a month and he raised £55,000, half for a local homeless charity and half for the work of the Salvation Army with the homeless. His journey included the Lizard and Dunnett Head, the most southerly and northerly points of Britain.
- 1965** **The Reverend Philip Eveson** authored a two-volume commentary on *1 & 2 Chronicles* (Fearn, Ross-shire: Christian Focus Publications, 2024).
- 1969** **Ian Gaunt** has recruited and organised the Cambridge team for the last five years in the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, the largest and most prestigious private law moot competition in the world. Selwyn undergraduate Jonathan Saunders was chosen as one of the four members of the team to conduct the oral argument in Vienna in 2024.
- 1972** **Dr Richard Davenport-Hines'** most recent books are *Picture Perfect: An Anthology of Poetry and Prose* (Cricklade: Mount Orleans Press, 2023) and *History in the House: The Teaching of Statecraft at Christ Church, Oxford 1524-1968* (London: Collins, 2024).
- 1973** **Dr Andrew Galazka** led the medical team at Merck in achieving regulatory approval of arPraziquantel, a medicine specially designed for pre-school-age children suffering with the parasitic disease schistosomiasis. According to WHO it is critically important for these very young children to be treated in order to achieve WHO's goal of eliminating schistosomiasis globally by 2030.
- 1974** **Canon David Foster** raised over £10,000 for the disaster relief charity ShelterBox early in 2023 by walking 425 miles from the easternmost point of England at Lowestoft to the westernmost tip of mainland Wales near St David's. His website [www.ShelterBoots.uk](http://www.ShelterBoots.uk) is still open for donations.
- 1975** **The Right Reverend James Newcome** has retired after twenty-one years as a bishop in Carlisle diocese. He has been made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO) and has moved to west Oxfordshire to be closer to his family.
- 1976** **Rosemary Boyle (née Devlin)** is retiring after twenty-two years as Senior Commercial Lawyer in (and founder member of) the University's Legal Services Division and moving as in-house counsel to the University's tech transfer company Cambridge Enterprise. Rosemary was the first person to be awarded the Association of University Legal Practitioners' Special Recognition Award for her excellence, innovation and dedication.
- 1976** **The Reverend Roger Mills** ran twenty-five Great North Runs for Christian Aid between 1999 and 2023. He retired to Northumberland in 2018 and is much occupied with grandchildren-minding and worship-leading.

- 1977** **Dr Sarah Brewer's** first novel, *White Powder of Gold*, was published by Legend Press in 2024. It is partly based on her time at Selwyn and the layout and architecture of All Saints College may seem familiar to alumni.
- 1977** **Professor Nicola Slee** has retired as Director of Research at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. *From the Shores of Silence* (London: SCM Press, 2023) was published by colleagues in her honour.
- 1978** **Sam Jacobs** qualified as a City of London guide in 2021 after forty years in software. He now leads pub, literary, history and other tours from Whitechapel to Westminster – the historic pubs tour is especially popular!
- 1979** **John Hart** was admitted to the office of Reader in the Church of England by the Bishop of Chester in October 2023.
- 1980** **Steven Fenn** published, in June 2023, *Talent, Enthusiasm, Teamwork*, a 280-page history of NOMADS, Newmarket's amateur dramatic society and possibly the only such society with a published history of this kind.
- 1981** **Richard Denno** was appointed a member of the Board of Governors of the Church Commissioners in January 2024.
- 1981** **The Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison**, Suffragan Bishop of Dunwich in the diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, was nominated as Bishop of Exeter.
- 1982** **Dr Colin Podmore** holds the office of Master of the Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks for 2024-25.
- 1985** **Michael Colyer** was awarded Personal Finance Society Investment Advice Specialist of the Year 2023-24.
- 1986** **Jonathan Ferrar** published, with David Green, *Excellence in People Analytics: How to Use Workforce Data to Create Business Value* (London: Kogan Page, 2021).
- 1986** **Stephen Simblet** is a KC, a bencher of the Inner Temple and, in 2024, became joint head of chambers at Garden Court Chambers, London. He is also a part-time assistant coroner for Essex.
- 1987** **David McIlroy** was appointed *chargé d'affaires ad iterim* of the British Embassy in Asmara, Eritrea, in April 2024.
- 1988** **Professor Stephen Jackson** led the team at the University of Nottingham which won the STEM Research Project of the Year at the Times Higher Education Awards for their pioneering research to develop a new non-invasive treatment for Tourette's Syndrome.
- 1989** **Dr David Duffy** was the 2023 David Perlman Memorial Award lecturer at the American Chemical Society National Meeting. The award was made by the ACS's Division of Biochemical Technology.
- 1991** **Dr Patrick Carter** was elected an Associate Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in September 2023.
- 1992** **Dr Adam Walters** had a new work premiered on 11 April 2024 by the Orchestra of Opera North who commissioned it. The piece, called *The Downfall of Gaius Verres*, was inspired by the Robert Harris novel, *Imperium*, and is a 4½-minute crescendo that tries to capture something of the prevailing atmosphere in sound of the crowds that gathered and grew around Cicero as the trial of Verres drew nearer.

- 1993** **Moira O'Neill** was the winner of the Headlinemoney Journalist of the Year award, earned two highly commended places and reached the shortlist in five other categories. She was commended for writing 'original stories that are always readable, stuffed full of information and drill down in depth with a lightness of touch'.
- 1995** **Lowri Porter** is now playing for the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra after seventeen years in Cardiff with Welsh National Opera. In recent years she gained an MSc in Performance Science and is now also a qualified performance coach.
- 1995** **Matt Roche** was elected as a Labour councillor in Darlington in May 2023 and appointed Council Cabinet portfolio holder for Health and Housing.
- 1997** **Dr Charlotte Ryland**, Director of the Translation Exchange, has won the Threlford Cup which is awarded by the Chartered Institute of Linguists, an international network for language professionals which promotes proficiency in modern languages.
- 1998** **Wing Commander Eoin Sands** has been appointed Commanding Officer of Number 32 (The Royal) Squadron, RAF, responsible for the transport of senior military commanders, defence ministers and the Royal Family.
- 1999** **Jonathan Martin** was appointed Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) in the New Year Honours 2024 for his contributions as the Director of Ceremonials at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport on the occasion of the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla.
- 2000** **Dr Naomi Waltham-Smith** has been appointed Professor of Music at the University of Oxford and Tutorial Fellow at Merton College.
- 2001** **Wes Streeting** was re-elected as the Labour MP for Ilford North in the 2024 general election and was appointed as Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in the new government.
- 2002** **Professor Ghim Wei Ho** has been recognised by Clarivate's Highly Cited Researchers list as one of the world's most influential researchers, being cited most frequently by peers over the last decade. The list acknowledges those whose citation records rank them in the top one per cent, based on the number of citations in their respective fields and year.
- 2002** **Dr Neville Parton** has retired after forty-four years with the Ministry of Defence, (thirty-six in the RAF, eight as a civil servant) and is now planning to spend more time flying.
- 2009** **Dr Joseph Hatfield** has accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship position at the United States Naval Academy, following his retirement from the US Navy in July 2024.
- 2010** **Dr Ed Pyzer-Knapp** was recently elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- 2013** **Sophie Penney** is enjoying trial running in the Peak District and playing hockey. She reports for Reuters and *The Athletic's* Full Time Europe podcast, focusing on women's sport.
- 2015** **Gareth Williams** was appointed MBE in the New Year Honours 2024 for services to policing, in helping vulnerable children escape exploitation.

- 2016** **Dr Nikhil Goyal** published *Live to See the Day: Coming of Age in American Poverty* (New York: Metropolitan/Macmillan, 2023). Drawing on nearly a decade of reporting, the book follows three Puerto Rican children who grew up in the poorest neighbourhood of Philadelphia as they navigate poverty, criminalisation and underfunded schools in the shadow of welfare reform, hyper-incarceration and educational privatisation.
- 2019** **Linseigh Green** has been cast as Second Cover Faye and Tina in the UK and Ireland tour of the musical *The Drifter's Girl*.
- 2022** **Jessica Ellis** was offered an oboe position with the Schleswig-Holstein Festival Orchestra in the summer of 2024.



## OBITUARIES

### The Venerable Colin Stannard (1941)

One of our oldest alumni, the Venerable Colin Percy Stannard, died on 4 August 2023 at the age of ninety-nine. He was born and brought up in east Suffolk, where he attended school at Woodbridge before coming up to Selwyn to read Modern Languages in 1941. As with many of his contemporaries, his university career was split into two parts by a period of military service. During his first year at Selwyn his main focus was on joining the Officers Training Corps with a view to being called up once he reached the age of eighteen. This duly took place in 1942, when he joined the Royal Norfolk Regiment and underwent officer training in the north of England. Due to an injury sustained during the course of this he was not able to do front-line service during the war, but was stationed at a number of places on the home front, including Dover Castle and Fort George near Inverness.

After the end of the war his background in modern languages came to the fore and he was sent to Germany to help with demobilisation and with war crimes investigation. By this time, however, he felt a clear call to the sacred ministry, and on demobilisation in 1946 he returned to Selwyn to read Theology for his final degree. It must have been an odd experience to return to undergraduate study as an ex-officer, but he made the most of his last year in Cambridge, being heavily involved in rowing for the College and even earning his oar for the success of the third May boat. After graduation in 1947 he proceeded to Lincoln Theological College and was duly ordained as a deacon in 1949 and as a priest in 1950. It was also at this time that he met and married Joan Callow, a schoolteacher from the north of England, to whom he was married for nearly seventy-three years.

His first period of ordained ministry was on the staff of Bury St Edmunds Cathedral but most of his career was spent in the diocese of Carlisle, where he served in a number of places including Barrow-in-Furness, Carlisle, Gosforth and Natland, near the town of Kendal. In 1984 he was made archdeacon of Carlisle and a residentiary canon of Carlisle Cathedral, where he served until his retirement in 1993. However, he still remained active in the ministry for many years and served short periods of holiday cover abroad, spending time in such places as Pau, Milan, Madeira and even Casablanca. He and Joan continued to live in Carlisle until 2013, when they moved to sheltered accommodation in Surrey. Then, in August 2021, failing health compelled a move into full-time nursing care for the last two years of his life.

Colin was a diligent priest and an able administrator, who drove himself hard and had no personal ambition other than to do his duty to the best of his ability. He loved his time at Selwyn and during his later life he enjoyed attending the annual reunions. It was a great regret to him when ill health made this no longer possible. He leaves behind his wife Joan and his three children, John, Mary and Catherine, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was a fine man in every respect, and we will not see his like again.

*John Stannard (Colin's son)*

### Malcolm Sutherland (1944)

Malcolm Ian Douglas Sutherland was the son of Captain C I Sutherland MC of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

After a successful application for a commission in the Royal Engineers, the War Office posted Malcolm, as a cadet, to Selwyn to undertake a 'short course' in Engineering. He matriculated in 1944, aged eighteen, while Britain was still at war with Germany. This was followed by several months of military training before he was commissioned as a second lieutenant into the Royal Engineers. By then, the war in Europe had ended and the Sappers no longer wanted field engineer officers.

Malcolm was assigned to the Survey Branch of the corps. He saw service in Egypt, Italy and Palestine. Finally, as a staff captain, he was stationed in Jerusalem when Palestine was partitioned between the Arabs and the Jews. He was in the last military convoy to leave Palestine.

After he was demobilised in 1948, Malcolm secured an appointment in the Colonial Office (later called the Overseas Civil Service) as a surveyor in Northern Rhodesia. He then qualified as an associate member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, later becoming a Fellow. After several years practising as a land surveyor, he transferred to Northern Rhodesia's Lands Department, which was responsible for the administration of what was called Crown Land – a large area but a small proportion of the total land area of Northern Rhodesia. Crown Land was open to settlement by people of any race; the rest of Northern Rhodesia was reserved for Africans. In 1964 Northern Rhodesia became the independent state of Zambia. Malcolm was then the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and the president of the Land Surveyors' Society of Zambia.

After his return to Britain, he secured an appointment as a surveyor in Kent County Council's Planning Department. He obtained a diploma in Town and Country Planning from University College London and became a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute, and later a Fellow. For several years, Kent seconded Malcolm to the South-East Region Planning Organisation, which was responsible for the planning of major projects affecting London and the Home Counties, such as the M25, the Channel Tunnel and airport capacity.

He took early retirement after twenty years' service in local government. In his retirement, he became the clan historian (later a vice-president) of the Clan Sutherland Society in Scotland. He wrote many articles on clan history for publication in the clan newsletter, as well as three books on clan matters.

All his adult life Malcolm was a keen bridge player. After retirement he was an avid concert-goer: opera, classical music and ballet.

*Supplied by Malcolm himself before his death. He died on 27 January 2024.*



### Wynn Pearson (1947)

Henry Wynn Pearson, known as Wynn, was a Yorkshireman, born in Wakefield in 1927. He attended the local grammar school before being admitted to Selwyn. He graduated in 1950 in Natural Sciences (Geology) and also left Cambridge with a collection of trophies from successes with the College Boat Club.

After university and National Service in the RAF, he embarked on a career as a geologist. He had a particular interest in sedimentology, having grown up surrounded by the Yorkshire coalfields. It was therefore no surprise that his first job was working for the National Coal Board in Chester. There he was an active member of the Chester Car Club, regularly taking part in rallies in his MG-TC. When the offices in Chester closed, Sheffield became the family home and motorsport was replaced by flying gliders.

In the early 1970s British Petroleum expanded their interests into coal and minerals. Wynn was recruited, along with one of his senior NCB colleagues, for key roles in the newly formed Coal Division. This meant moving to Surrey and replacing his office in the back of his beloved Land Rovers with the City of London and a daily commute. It was his dream job, combining engineering, his passion for travel and outdoor projects. His first assignment was prospecting for coal in Australasia and Malaysia. Later he went to Canada and, lastly, he was involved in the government's Northern Ireland project. He was privileged to travel to many continents and always bought us gifts from the most extreme and remote places.

He continued to fly gliders until he decided he would prefer the sea to the sky, which meant purchasing a sailing boat. From the early 1980s until a few years before he passed away, this was his second home. He enjoyed the challenge of the wind and tides, never happier than when he was pottering around Chichester harbour, joining friends on a weekend trip to the Isle of Wight and being treasurer of the Slipper Sailing Club in Emsworth.

In 1991 the family moved to Dunsfold, a friendly village in Surrey. The move coincided with his final years at BP, when he was researching lignite reserves in Northern Ireland. After retirement he joined a number of activities in the village and was treasurer for many of them, including the drama group, local shop, and bridge and tennis clubs. He particularly enjoyed meeting his friends on a Tuesday morning at the Sun Inn.

He passed away peacefully in 2017 after succumbing to dementia and spending his last three years in Green Gables Nursing Home, Grayshott.

*Heather Pearson (Wynn's daughter)*

### The Reverend John Hayward (1949)

John Talbot Hayward was born in Northwood, Middlesex, on 6 June 1928. He was educated at Blundell's School, Tiverton, Devon. In 1946 he was called up for National Service and was in the Royal Signals as a cipher officer, serving in Italy and Egypt. In 1949 he came up to Selwyn to read Theology, having been accepted for ordination training by the Church of England. At Cambridge he met his first wife, Jill. They were married in 1954 and had four children, Anthony, Rachel, Anne and Moggy. Having completed his theological training at Wells Theological College, he was ordained deacon in 1954 and priested in Bath Abbey at Petertide 1955.

He spent his entire ministry in the Bath and Wells diocese, focused on sharing the love of God. He was rector of Lamyatt (1958-71), vicar of Bruton with Wyke Champflower and Redlynch (1958-71), rural dean of Bruton (1962-71), rector of St John's Weston-super-Mare (1971-5), prebendary of Wells Cathedral (1973-2003) and rector of Weston-super-Mare Central (1975-92). Sadly, John's first wife died in 1990.

On his retirement in 1992 he married Margaret and they had one child, Kathryn. He enjoyed a long and very happy retirement with his family, with whom he enjoyed country walking. As well as playing golf with Weston-super-Mare Seniors, he built a large model railway in a converted garage and enjoyed operating it. He maintained the house garden and fed his mind by reading detective novels, history books and books about British steam railway engines. He continued in ministry as a retired priest, appreciating assisting in various parishes in and around Weston-super-Mare. The last church service in which he celebrated holy communion as a priest was in St Paul's Kewstoke on the Sunday before the first lockdown, when he was aged ninety-one. His life was full and joyful; he derived great pleasure from his family life as well as his ministry and from participating in rugby, cricket and golf.

A man who was much loved and respected, John will be greatly missed, but left us all enriched from knowing him. He suffered from dementia and died on 3 May 2024, aged ninety-five. May he rest in peace and rise again in glory.

*Margaret Hayward (John's widow)*

### Leslie Head (1949)

Leslie Edwin Head was born on 16 May 1929 in Leigh-on-Sea in Essex, the younger of two children. His mother, Cecilia, died in 1931 when Leslie was two, and his father, Charles, in 1958 after a career at the Reserve Bank of Rhodesia. After attending Alleyn Court preparatory school, Leslie won a scholarship to board at Felsted School, where he had a solid sporting and academic career. He was part of the Felsted cohort who were evacuated to Goodrich Court in Ross-on-Wye during the Second World War.

Between leaving Felsted and starting National Service in the army, Leslie was invited to teach history at Felsted's preparatory school. When asked if it had been a challenge for an ex-pupil of only a few weeks to manage the boys, he answered,

‘not at all, because the pupils knew I had been a senior-school prefect and therefore they held me in a much higher regard than any of their other teachers’. Leslie spent his National Service in the Intelligence Corps in Austria. He loved his time in the army and felt he was doing something really useful. For the rest of his life, Austria was his favourite country to visit.

Leslie came up to Selwyn in 1949, initially to study foreign languages. He had always had a gift for languages and was fluent in German, but his father persuaded him to switch to Law. He enjoyed his time at Selwyn, playing rugby and rowing for the College. He then became an articled clerk in east London and, in 1962, became a partner in the law firm of Bennett Welch and Co. in Upper Norwood, south London, retiring as the senior partner in 1990.

Leslie was a lifelong yachtsman. In his final year at Selwyn, he and his two school friends and fellow students, David Edwards and Dan Cuthbert, built a small wooden sailing yacht which they called *Fiesta*. They had amazing adventures in her, including a cruise to the Baltic. They won the highly prestigious Royal Ocean Racing Club North Sea Race. Leslie remained a member of the Royal Burnham Yacht Club and the Royal Ocean Racing Club for much of his life. A keen cruising man, he was pivotal in his children’s proficiency in sailing.

Leslie was the past president of the Rotary Club of Upper Norwood. He organised the renovation of the memorial to Sergeant Pilot Stanley Fenemore of the RAF Volunteer Force 501 Squadron who was killed in action on 15 October 1940 in Godstone. His passions were the St Catherine’s Hospice, the RNLI, the British Legion, Felsted School and Selwyn College. He took his children and grandchildren to Selwyn for garden parties in his later years and, with his wife Audrey, celebrated his ninetieth birthday with a dinner in Selwyn.

Leslie died peacefully on 20 November 2023, aged ninety-four. He is survived by Audrey, two children, two grandchildren, one stepchild, three step grandchildren and four step great grandchildren.

*James Head (Leslie’s son)*

### Ralfe Whistler (1952)

Ralfe Ashton Whistler was born in Hastings in 1930. From an early age he developed an interest in ornithology, but it was the long extinct dodo that became his lifelong obsession. When his father acquired a glass case containing the bones from one of them, the young Ralfe would delight in showing it to guests. In later life his Sussex home, known as the Dodo House, was a shrine to his love for the doomed creature. It was packed with dodo-themed books, paintings, prints, mugs, tea towels and a miscellany of other items, as well as what was said to be ‘the world’s finest collection of dodo bones, droppings and eggshells in private hands’.

After Eton, he did National Service in the 11th Hussars and then came up Selwyn, where he read Land Economy. At Cambridge he met his future wife, Jane McCarthy, a graduate student who had taken her first degree at McGill in her native

Canada. After graduation, he and Jane moved to Canada, where he worked for the Hudson’s Bay Company in Winnipeg. Later he was recruited to serve as a colonial officer in Northern Rhodesia. By now they had a young family. His five children survive him: Hugh is a translator and traveller; Nicholas a developer; Clare and John are both artists; and Lucy is a school administrator.

Subsequent posts included spells with a construction company and the Countryside Commission. From the 1980s onwards, he and his wife devoted many years to restoring old buildings – over fifty of them – including the Brightling Observatory in East Sussex, which he bought and lived in for a time.

He died on 29 April 2023, aged ninety-two. On his death certificate he was described as ‘inventor, adventurer and dodologist (retired)’.

*Based on an obituary published in The Times*

### Dr John Whitbread (1953)

Frederick John Whitbread (known as John) was born in London on 30 January 1934. His mother became infirm and died just before he was evacuated from the city. He became the last child to be selected by a host family at the village hall and he never spoke about this time. His difficult start in life taught him resilience and the value of lasting friendships.

He enjoyed school and earned a scholarship to Cambridge to read Engineering, coming up to Selwyn in 1952. He flourished both academically and at rowing. He proudly represented the College in the number seven seat at the Bumps, Head of the River and Henley. He even trialled for the *Goldie* boat. The Boat Club parties were legendary and John met his future wife at one. He also enjoyed a seven-week adventure around Europe, covering 6,000 miles in a Humber staff car with five other Cambridge undergraduates.

John graduated from Selwyn with a double first and moved to the south coast to complete his National Service. It is only recently that we found out that he designed temporary bridges and tank tracks to facilitate movement of these heavy vehicles over soft ground. His designs have stood the test of time as they are still the basis of those in use today.

Although a quiet and gentle man, John had an amazing ability to look at problems from a different perspective, producing ideas that were ahead of his time. At an early point in his career he pioneered the use of early computers to calculate the dimensions of building components. He persuaded the team working on the design of the Tasman Bridge that they should use computers, rather than relying on their slide rules! There was a lot of midnight oil burned to get access to the computer overnight, but when the punched cards were examined they showed that John was right, and, using the equations that he had written, the computer could be used to accurately determine the dimensions of the next construction element.

John married Hazel in 1957, a marriage which was to last over sixty-six years. They moved to Winchester when John started a job with Conder, a steel

construction company. Alongside his day job and family life with two young daughters, he took on part-time study for a PhD in Structural Engineering at Southampton University. The highlight of his career was his major contribution to the development of the 'Kingsworthy Dry Envelope system' which revolutionised the method of steel construction and earned Conder the Queen's Award for technology.

In the last couple of years of his life he realised with great sadness that he could no longer properly care for Hazel owing to her worsening dementia. After some initial problems she settled well into a residential care home. He visited her on a daily basis until it became too difficult, as his own health was failing. He passed away on 28 December 2023, a few weeks short of his ninetieth birthday, survived by his wife and younger daughter.

*Fiona Cook (John's daughter)*

### **Bernard Coe (1954)**

My good friend Bernard Coe, who died in February 2024 at the age of ninety-one, came up to Selwyn in 1954 after National Service and schooling at the Royal Liberty School in Essex. He was a year or so older than most of his contemporaries because he had been obliged to mug up on his Latin, which at that time was a Cambridge entry requirement.

He was prominent in many aspects of College life and relished his years at Selwyn. He was captain of a talented College cricket team and rowed in our novices Gentlemen's May Boat. We made three bumps and might have won our oars had we not enjoyed a lunchtime drinks party. He won his Blue as centre half in the Varsity Match at Wembley. He was even a member of the joint Selwyn/Girton choir, which tried to cope with Purcell and then Fauré's *Requiem*. Gerald Hendrie did his best but we got nowhere near the standard of the present choir which sometimes features in BBC choral evensong. I think our motive was more social than cultural.

Bernard joined Shell, where he stayed throughout his career and, in an early posting, met Sybil in Jamaica, with whom he enjoyed more than sixty years of married life. They have two sons. Compensation for those foreign postings came with retirement in his fifties. He settled in Surrey, where he chaired the Haslemere Museum Trust, played golf and enjoyed the results of Sybil's gardening skills. He was also chairman of a company in the City.

He missed no opportunity to return to Selwyn for reunions and was a generous donor to funding appeals. For some years he was the genial host at the Hawks Club at a gathering for ten contemporaries and their partners. Sadly, I am the last man left standing.

*Michael Day (SE 1954)*

### **Tony Hewitt (1954)**

Born on 18 September 1934, Richard Anthony Hewitt (Tony) spent the early years of his education at Barbon Manor, situated on the fells near Kirby Lonsdale on the edge of the Lake District, his school having been evacuated there from Norwich. In 1947 he transferred to St John's School, Leatherhead, where he was quickly recognised as a fine sportsman, excelling in rugby and cricket, and as a keen musician. National Service (1952-54) saw him training, mostly in southern England, but finishing up serving with the Royal Army Service Corps in Northern Ireland as a second lieutenant.

Tony came up to Selwyn in 1954 to read History, following his father, D L Hewitt, who had read Classics here in the early 1920s. He represented the College at both rugby and cricket and played a few games for the University second XI 'Crusaders' cricket team. He was an active secretary of the College Music Society, arranging recitals by various eminent musicians and was also a sometime member of CUMS choir. Tony stayed on at Selwyn for a fourth year to study for a Dip. Ed. As part of this, he spent a term teaching at Eastbourne College, during which time he was selected to play an occasional game of rugby for Sussex and for Harlequins second XV.

His first teaching post was at Christ's Hospital. This included a year's exchange visit with a school in Canada and, at this time, he met his future wife, Corry. His teaching career continued as head of department and then deputy head in various state schools in South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Stockport. He eventually became head of Fallowfield Church of England Secondary School in Manchester. He and his family finally moved to York in 1984 for him to assume the position of Director of Education for the diocese of York, where he was able to combine his considerable organising ability with his interest in ecclesiastical and political matters.

Tony and his wife remained in York after his retirement. He became a lay preacher, serving in various parishes outside the city, and remained a regular worshipper at the Minster until he was no longer able to make the journey. Tragically, his wife died in a road accident in 2010. He died on 26 June 2023 and is survived by his two sons, Paul and Mark.

*Chris Hewitt (Tony's younger brother)*

### **The Reverend David Jones (1954)**

David Ian Stewart Jones, my close friend, who died in August 2023, aged eighty-nine, came up to Selwyn in 1954 after National Service. He had been at school at St John's, Leatherhead, and there was a clutch of contemporaries from St John's in College at that time. The son and grandson of priests, he inherited the gifts for the exercise of pastoral ministry. This was combined with a playful sense of humour which punctured any pretentious piety and endeared him to those to whom he ministered. At Selwyn he played a full part in College activities and, as sacristan, contributed richly to Chapel life.



He went on to Westcott House, when Ken Carey was Principal and John Habgood Vice-Principal. He began his ministry as a curate in Oldham with his great friend Christopher Courtauld. After a few years, he was appointed vicar of Elton, Bury. In his early thirties, he moved to Eton as assistant chaplain and conduct and, subsequently, senior chaplain, where he served with distinction. It was there that he met Sue, and they were married in 1967. His next appointment was to the headship of Bryanston School, Blandford, where he and the family stayed for eight years. His contribution to the school and community was immense. He moved on to become rector of Bristol City Parish, with the challenge of drawing together several inner-city parishes. It was not an easy time away from the supportive school community where he was so highly respected. David then settled in London as Director of the Lambeth Endowed Charities.

On retirement, David and Sue moved to Hampshire and, in recent years, to Wallingford, Oxfordshire, to be near the family. In his last years, he struggled with poor health and, towards the end, lived with severe dementia.

He achieved so much in a full life in the service of the Church, the community and education. He was an engaging, warm-hearted and vibrant personality who influenced many through his varied vocations. He maintained friendships he formed at Selwyn and was held in high esteem and with much affection.

*Michael Day (SE 1954)*

### **The Reverend Philip Leonard-Johnson (1955)**

Philip Anthony Leonard-Johnson came up to Selwyn in 1955 to read Geography. His life was remarkable in many ways. With a love of Africa, he began his career in the colonial service in Kenya. Following Kenyan independence, he felt drawn to ordination and spent the rest of his life in the service of God and his fellow man. His pragmatic approach to helping others meant that his actions were always practical and cognisant of the culture and beliefs of the people he was working with. He recognised the need for healing and understanding in war-torn and divided communities.

His career spanned the aftermath of the Mau Mau risings in Kenya, independence in Rhodesia / Zimbabwe, the lead-up to free elections in South Africa and the genocide in Rwanda.

Philip was married to Mary for almost sixty-five years. They raised four children and are blessed by grand- and great-grandchildren. Philip's last years were clouded by dementia, which he faced with courage and good humour. He died peacefully at home in Shropshire in May 2024.

*Mary Leonard-Johnson (Philip's widow)*

### **David Mayer (1955)**

David Leonard Mayer was born on 31 October 1934 in Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent, the younger son of Reginald and Ann. After the untimely death of his mother at thirty-nine, David and his older brother Reginald John were raised by their stepmother, Alice. Reg's remarriage meant that the two brothers also gained a stepsister, Jeanne, and the three siblings became very close. Family was always the foundation of everything for David. He was very proud of his Staffordshire roots. He looked up to his elder brother John and enjoyed helping him with his heavy-goods-vehicle transport business.

After attending Newcastle-under-Lyme High School, he was called for National Service in 1953 and served as a radio mechanic in the Royal Signals, with 1 ASSU (Air Support Signal Unit) in Germany. He then read Natural Sciences (Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and some Crystallography) at Selwyn, the first member of his family to attend university. He loved the academic challenge, having a natural flair for logical thinking, and was rewarded with a first in his first year, later graduating with a 2:1 in Chemistry.

After Cambridge, David spent four years as a research chemist at Albright and Wilson in Birmingham, before moving back to Cambridge to work as a market information officer with Ciba Geigy at Duxford, a company with which he stayed for thirty-four years.

Outside work, David enjoyed a variety of sporting activities: playing hockey for Sawston, expeditions with the Cambridge Rambling Club, walking in the Lake District, climbing adventures in Austria and playing tennis at Phennards Tennis Club. He fostered a love of sport in his two children and spent hours driving them to hockey and cricket matches round the country. He helped run Cambridge mini hockey on Sunday mornings and managed some of the Cambridgeshire county hockey teams. He was a voracious reader and made excellent use of his alumni access to the University Library, reading on a wide range of topics but especially military history and politics. He was also a committed churchman, being an altar server, choir member and sacristan at St Vigor's church, Fulbourn.

When the time came for David to retire, this did not mean a putting up of feet; it simply meant a change of direction. He attended arts and history courses in the local area, finessed his crossword skills and got great pleasure by playing bridge two or three times a week. He also became a voluntary ambulance driver for Addenbrooke's Hospital, ferrying people who were unable to travel themselves to and from outpatient appointments and scans.

David was simply 'a good man'. Whether he was a friend, uncle, grandad, father or husband, everyone was thankful to have had his kind and wise presence in their lives. He died peacefully at home on 11 November 2023, leaving his beloved wife, Joy, his children Jonathan and Michael, and his grandchildren Emily and Oliver.

*Dr Jonathan Mayer (David's son)*

### Professor Graham Connah (1956)

Born in Bromborough, Cheshire, in 1934, Graham Connah attended Wirral Grammar School (Harold Wilson's old school) from 1946, where his interest in archaeology blossomed. He dug during school holidays at Chester and with the West Cornwall Field Club. After two years National Service as a coder on a Royal Navy destroyer, he came up to Selwyn to read History in 1956, changing to Archaeology in his final year. He was a contemporary and friend of Brian Fagan and David Clarke and always claimed that he alerted Clarke to matrix analysis. He dug at Hurst Fen and on 'rescue' excavations. After a two-year stint as a research assistant in Cambridge, he began, in 1961, a career with the Nigerian Federal Department of Antiquities. After three years based in Benin City, he accepted a research position and, later, a senior lectureship in Archaeology at the University of Ibadan. There he helped train the first generation of indigenous Nigerian professional archaeologists.

In April 1971 Graham was offered a position in the Classics and Ancient History Department at the University of New England (UNE) in New South Wales. He established the new Department of Prehistory and Archaeology (later Archaeology and Palaeoanthropology), becoming its head in 1974 and Foundation Professor in 1985. UNE awarded him a DLitt in 1983. While his African work continued, with fieldwork in Egyptian Nubia, Nigeria and Uganda, his developing Australian interests were primarily in historical archaeology, a field he was instrumental in establishing there. He was the founding editor of *Australian* (later *Australasian*) *Historical Archaeology* from 1983 to 1988 and served as President of the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology from 1993 to 1997. On retirement in 1995, he moved to Canberra and became a Visiting Fellow in what is now the School of Archaeology and Anthropology at the Australian National University. He remained regularly active in archaeology until only a few years ago. He became a Member of the Order of Australia in 2000.

Graham published prolifically from 1954 onwards. His books include *The Archaeology of Benin* (1975), *3000 Years in Africa: Man and His Environment in the Lake Chad Region* (1981), *African Civilisations* (1987, third edition 2016), *The Same under a Different Sky? A Country Estate in Nineteenth-Century New South Wales* (2007), *Writing about Archaeology* (2010), and *The Archaeology and Architecture of Farm Buildings at Saumarez Station, Armidale* (2021). He also published several volumes of memoirs, including *From Cambridge to Lake Chad: Life in Archaeology 1956-71* (2019).

A Festschrift, forming a special issue of *Azania: Archaeological Research in Africa*, in 2012, described him as 'one of the most widely known and widely respected Africanist archaeologists'. As African archaeology was not well known in Australia, his major international reputation was never fully appreciated there, where he was known for his work in Australian historical archaeology.

Graham Connah FSA died in Canberra on 25 November 2023, aged eighty-nine.

*Based on an obituary by Matthew Spriggs for the Society of Antiquaries*

### James Sulley (1956)

James Steele Sulley was born on 28 December 1937 to Arthur (Jimmy, a Selwyn alumnus) and Margery Sulley (who was at Newnham), the second of three brothers. The family lived in the beautiful Derbyshire village of Quarndon, where they enjoyed a large number of outdoor pursuits. James went to St Anselm's Preparatory School and then to Radley College at the age of thirteen. W J Llewellyn Jones, 'Taffy', a close friend of the family and a rowing friend of his father, was one of the masters at the school. It was Taffy who sparked James's lifelong passion for rowing, coaching him to develop his coxing skills.

James continued with this fervour for rowing at Cambridge, where he studied Mathematics, following in the footsteps of both his parents and his elder brother, Philip. In fact, in 1956-7, as noted in McEldowney's *A Personal History of the Selwyn College Boat Club*, there was a 'veritable surge of Sulleys! ... Three sons arrived and made their distinguishing marks on the college. Philip the eldest, became boat captain, James coxed the University like his father... The Sulleys vie with the three generations of Devereux as Selwyn's most famous [rowing] family.' James apparently made history that day in 1958, as it was the only known occasion where both father and son had coxed for the light blues. These events took place thirty years apart, with both of them winning their respective races. James went on to race the following year but unfortunately did not manage to make it onto the top step again.

After leaving Selwyn, James taught in London for a while and then worked at Rolls Royce in Derby. He was extremely proud to be an alumnus of Selwyn and was delighted to return to the College for a visit in 2016. He would often discuss his memories of his time at Cambridge with his nieces, and his eyes would light up when asked about his experiences there, even as dementia started to take hold. James died on 7 April 2024, aged eighty-six, and will be missed.

*Cat Allen (family member)*

### Professor Edward Yeboah (1957)

Edward Kofi Donkor Yeboah, known as Eddie, was born on 7 February 1937 in Kumasi in the then Gold Coast (now Ghana). His father was a cocoa farmer and general merchant, and his mother a small-scale trader. Having passed the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examination in 1955 with excellent results, he was awarded a scholarship from the Asanteman Council (a body of Ashanti traditional rulers) to study Medicine at Cambridge. Eddie came up to Selwyn in 1957, where he read Natural Sciences, completing his studies at St Mary's Hospital Medical School in 1963 with awards in pathology and clinical surgery.

Eddie's pathway towards a career in surgery took him to various training posts in Nottingham, Oxford and Sheffield, and he obtained a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1969. He initially worked as a registrar in cardiac surgery at

Hammersmith. However, while researching high mortality among cardiac transplant recipients from renal failure, his interest in urology developed. Ralph Shackman, who was Professor of Urology, stoked that fascination further, and Eddie switched to what would become his lifelong passion for urology.

In 1972 he married Margaret, who herself had recently trained as a nurse, and they returned to Ghana shortly afterwards. Eddie practised and taught at the University of Ghana Medical School and the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra. He was a dedicated surgeon, teacher, researcher, administrator and mentor. He made key contributions to postgraduate surgical training in Ghana and West Africa, both in the numbers of specialists produced and the establishment of specialist units in cardiothoracic surgery, reconstructive plastic and burns surgery, and ophthalmology.

Eddie's research focused on the epidemiology and genetics of prostate cancer in Ghanaian men, as well as male infertility, the subject of a doctoral thesis awarded at Cambridge. His services to medical training and urology in Ghana were recognised in 2006 with the award of the highest national honour, Order of the Volta. He was also president of the West African College of Surgeons (2005) and Emeritus Professor of Surgery (2012).

He was always proud of his Cambridge heritage, and featured regularly at reunions. In particular, some of his friends from Selwyn, Bob Whittaker, Jim Stott and Tom Smith, remained lifelong friends. He was strict and pragmatic, and did not suffer fools gladly, but he demonstrated genuine concern and warmth to family, colleagues, mentees, patients and his many friends – even if his unfiltered remarks made for hearty laughs at dinner!

It seemed that Eddie had no plans to slow down, but he reluctantly laid down his scalpel and stepped away from teaching when he was diagnosed with myeloma in 2016. Thereafter he enjoyed a quiet retirement, with regular visits from his family and friends, until he died on 19 October 2023, aged eighty-six. In a fitting tribute the headlines following his funeral read 'Medical Colossus Prof Yeboah laid to rest'. He leaves behind Margaret, their four children – Yvonne, Kwasi, Nana Kofi and Serwaa – and six grandchildren.

*Yvonne Yeboah (Edward's daughter)*

### Chris Berridge (1958)

Chris Berridge was born just before the Second World War in Sevenoaks, Kent, and educated at Winchester House, Sevenoaks, and Tonbridge School. Following two years National Service in the Royal Navy, partly aboard *HMS Ark Royal*, he came up to Selwyn in 1958 to read Natural Sciences, specialising in Geography. Happy memories of his time at Cambridge lasted to the end of his life. Just a month before he died he was pleased to attend an event marking sixty-five years since matriculation.

After graduation, Chris became a physics, and sometime geology, schoolmaster. Having started his career at Sebright in Wolverley, near Kidderminster, he moved to Ipswich School then to Shoreham Grammar School and, finally, to Lawrence Sheriff School in Rugby where he taught chemistry, physics and geology to A-level. He left the classroom in 1989 and went to Alstom to work on submarines. He finished his career at the Science Museum in Kensington.

Chris was a keen cyclist, a love which started in childhood and continued in and after Cambridge; he was often seen riding his bike around Rugby well past the age of eighty. He was also a rail and bus enthusiast. This interest, which developed during his time in Selwyn, included photographing steam and other engines and working on model trains. He maintained friendships throughout his life and spent many happy hours with friends, including some from Cambridge days, on preserved railways up and down the country. Chris's wide and eclectic interest in books (which ranged through transport, local history and geology to Giles cartoons) led to his reviewing railway photography books and sharing his knowledge and photography with the local branch of the Railway and Travel Correspondence Society. He also read a daily newspaper and was challenged every day by the cryptic crossword.

A committed Christian, Chris was active in local churches, leading house groups and volunteering at events up to the end of his life. Keen to share his faith, he was a leader on the Scripture Union Physics Easter Revision Camp and had over sixty years association with West Runton Holidays, a Christian organisation that runs canvas camping, sailing, karting and other activity holidays for young people. This association started at Dolphin Camp in 1955, a canvas camp on the clifftop in West Runton. He met Sue there in 1965 and they were married in 1968. With their three children, Paul, Sarah and Nikki, they had many holidays in East Runton, just along the Norfolk coast. They continued to visit regularly until his death, sharing their love for that part of the world with, in time, their grandchildren and many of their church family.

Chris died on 2 October 2023, aged eighty-five, after a short illness. He is much missed by family and friends.

*Sarah Old (Chris's daughter)*

### Canon John Henson (1958)

John Richard Henson grew up in Nottingham, coming up to Selwyn in 1958 to read Theology. He then trained for the ministry at Ridley Hall. During this period he taught with Voluntary Service Overseas at Kafue Secondary School in Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) for a year. He was a keen sportsman and rowed for Selwyn; he also walked the length of Hadrian's Wall. He was ordained deacon in September 1965 in Southwell Minster and served his title at Ollerton Parish Church.

From 1968 until 1973, he was Universities Secretary of the Church Missionary Society (CMS), a job that he described to me once as a bit like laying eggs on an



escalator. During that period, before the takeover of Iran by the Ayatollahs, he drove with students to a school for the blind in Isfahan. From the CMS, John moved to the Yorkshire dales where he was chaplain of Scargill House from 1973 until 1978. There he helped to fulfil the vision of Dick Marsh, Scargill's charismatic founder, whose activities included the organisation of conferences for young ex-prisoners from Liverpool.

John loved the Yorkshire dales and became rector of St Paul's Shipley (1978-91), moving to St Mary's Ilkeston, Derby (1991-9), and then to St John's Mickleover (1999-2005). On two sabbaticals he travelled to the Sudan and Taizé, and he and his wife, Jane, spent two years (2013-15) working at St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, supporting the dean, Hosam Naoum, who is now the archbishop. He became secretary of the trustees of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum.

John's passion for justice was always instant. Once, when I told him of a common friend from our Ridley days, who had contracted an incurable illness in Australia, he phoned him immediately. The friend told me later how much that call meant to him. John's compassion for the victims of injustice was utterly practical: he recently helped to rebuild seven Palestinian homes that had been demolished by the Israeli government. He and his wife, Jane, would like any donations for this work now to go to the Amos Trust.

John died suddenly on 12 September, 2023, aged eighty-three. He survived by Jane and their children Rachel, Bek and Chris.

*Based on an obituary by the Reverend Dr David L Gosling in the Church Times, 13 October 2023*

### Richard Shipley (1959)

Richard Claude Shipley was born on 27 February 1940 in Brampton, Cumbria, where he went to infant and junior school, also becoming a chorister at St Martin's church (famous not for Richard's singing but for a Burne-Jones window!). He then went on to Carlisle Grammar School and became a chorister at Carlisle Cathedral. It was at this time that his passion for classical music and opera began, along with his legendary love of cryptic crosswords.

After A-levels, while waiting to come up to Selwyn, he applied to do a semester at Hamburg University and much to his surprise they accepted him. His time there not only improved his German but he also was able to indulge his love of music. He came up to Selwyn in 1959 to read Modern and Medieval Languages and after graduation joined Wimpey as one of their first graduate trainees. When he joined the company in 1962, Wimpey was much more than the mere housebuilder that it is today. It was a FTSE 100 company, a major housebuilder and one of the largest civil engineering companies in the world.

Richard's linguistic skills were put to good use when the company started acquisitions, first in France, then Algeria, and an early-stage investment in Canada. This then led him to the Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and a whole series of overseas procurements. Then followed a completely different country where his

language skills were not required: Richard found himself in the USA, where his charm and unique ability to play the archetypal 'Englishman abroad' soon produced amazing results for the company. After time in Baltimore, New Jersey and Philadelphia, where of course his love of classical music was not neglected, he came back to the UK at an exciting time for Europe. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, companies were looking for opportunities in that direction. Richard found himself living in Czechoslovakia in the midst of the Velvet Revolution, his language skills back in action, though even he admitted that speaking Czech was a struggle.

After retirement, as well as concert-going in London, he continued to compete in the *Times* crossword championship for a number of years.

Richard had married Moira at the start of his career and they had two sons. Sadly, not long after he retired, his wife died. He went on to marry Sandra, who shared his love of travel and learned a lot about classical music, though she never mastered the crosswords! Richard died at home on 26 January 2024, having contracted pneumonia after his annual Christmas trip to Nice. One of life's true gentlemen, intelligent, cultured, kind, charming, modest and a beloved husband. The nicest of men.

*Edited from Tim Ross's eulogy at Richard's funeral, with input from Sandra, Richard's widow*

### Paul Kingston (1962)

Paul Kingston came up to Selwyn in 1962 to read Moral Sciences. His father had served in the colonial service as a senior officer in Africa in the postwar years. Paul's choice of subject reflected his personality and his mind, lucid, analytical and independent: an Apollonian, although well aware of the Dionysian side of life. He loved unexpected outcomes and paradoxes. His choice of friends may well have reflected his early experiences as they appeared to be drawn from around the globe. Although his studies were his prime concern, seeking to expand his experiences, he joined the Boat Club, later remarking on his delight in finding a sport at which he was good. In fact, he excelled. There were no half measures: he went about the art of moving a boat with the diligence he applied to everything he did.

He formed a formidable partnership with Tim Stevens. After the second VIII made a number of bumps in 1963, it was clear that Paul and Tim should row at stroke and seven in the 1964 first VIII. Paul was, I think, surprised by his success and by the required commitment. He did not row in Michaelmas Term, and in Lent Term he and Tim were only willing to row four days a week. Such was his value that the club acceded to his request and the first Lent Boat went out four times a week. While this was anathema to the 'Old Men', the crew won their oars, making four bumps. Fortunately, Paul agreed to row six days a week in the Easter Term. Ahead of our time, we rowed much in the style used by today's crews, to the disapproval of Mac and his acolytes. Nevertheless, Paul stroked two crews to their oars and went on to Henley, losing in the second round to the ultimate winners; the

only occasion when they experienced severe physical stress. Four crews won their oars in 1964, with thirteen bumps made in the Mays by three crews: one of the most successful years in the Boat Club's history.

Paul's pride in his achievements was evidenced in his display of rowing memorabilia in his dining room. He remains only the second Selwyn stroke ever to win first Lent and first May oars in the same year. The College did not fully appreciate the distinction and insisted that they be given just one oar each, with the names of both crews and their bumps inscribed. He did not row in his final year.

Paul married, raised a family and began a lifelong career with International Computers Limited. This amazed us, as we had no idea of the electronic revolution about to break, but Paul had and, by all accounts, was talented in this career. We remained friends for the rest of our lives, although opposites in political and religious belief. He, I think it fair to say, tended toward atheism, although in later life, with his wife, Carole, became a Quaker, doing much work for them. He was also heavily involved in the Workers Educational Association.

He died on 24 April 2022 and, ever unconforming, had a woodland burial; as always, doing things his way.

*Martin Brown (SE 1960)*

### Professor Philip Tagg (1962)

Philip Donovan Tagg was born in 1944 in Oundle, Northamptonshire, where his father was a maths teacher. After school at St Faith's and The Leys in Cambridge, he came up to Selwyn in 1962 to read Music under Thurston Dart. Early success came in 1963 when his anthem 'Duo Seraphim' was performed by King's College choir at matins. After graduating, he completed a Certificate in Education at the University of Manchester, but rather than becoming a music teacher he took a job as a teacher of English in a country town in Sweden, where he also ran a youth club and played keyboard in local bands.

He later moved to Gothenburg, where, while singing in, and arranging for, the Göteborgs Kammerkör, he met Swedish musicologist Jan Ling, who persuaded Phil to assist him in the setting up of a programme, SÅMUS, for the training of music teachers. While teaching aural keyboard accompaniment, he developed his 'Komp Compendium', a teach-yourself guide to accompanying songs that schoolchildren might want to sing.

Phil moved on to take a PhD in musicology at Gothenburg University under Jan Ling, his thesis title being 'Kojak: 50 Seconds of Television Music: An Analysis of Affect in Popular Music'. During this time he also wrote songs and played keyboards for a Swedish left-wing rock band Röda Kapellet.

In 1981 he was co-founder of the International Association for the Study of Popular Music and acted as its secretary for many years. He returned to the UK in 1991, where, after working on the *Encyclopedia of Popular Music of the World*, he

became a lecturer at the University of Liverpool. From there he was appointed professor at the Université de Montréal, from which he retired at the end of 2009. He moved first to Huddersfield and then back to Liverpool.

He was involved in the setting up of the Mass Media Music Scholars' Press (MMMSP), which exists to publish scholarly works. He was co-author of *Ten Little Title Tunes: Towards a Musicology of the Mass Media* (New York: MMMSP, 2003). Works of his own published by MMMSP include *Fernando the Flute*, *Everyday Tonality* and *Music's Meanings: A Modern Musicology for Non-musos*. After retiring, he worked on developing 'edutainment' videos and maintaining his website, which includes links to MMMSP publications.

Outside music, Phil was a great traveller; he loved railways and maps, and drew many of his own. He made friends easily and kept up contact with them. He was married for a number of years to Monika, whom he met in Sweden. He leaves a daughter, Mia, who was a great support for him, especially in recent years. He died after a short illness on 9 May 2024.

*Roger Tagg (Philip's brother)*

### Kenneth Perkins (1963)

My dear friend Ken died in hospital at Carlisle just after Christmas 2021. We had grown up together in Blackley, Manchester, and, as our mothers were friends, we knew each other from an early age. A year younger than me, he followed me to the local junior school and then to North Manchester Grammar School. We both actively participated in sports, playing football and rugby for school teams throughout our time there. Ken was also involved in athletics, especially cross-country running. Academically, we both found history our favourite subject, and had an inspiring teacher in Mr Guggenheim, who invited us to tutorials at his home. The headmaster, Mr Sibson, a Cambridge graduate, encouraged us to try for Cambridge after achieving good A-level results. I came up to Selwyn and was followed by Ken a year later.

We always looked back on our time at Selwyn with great affection, particularly the help and guidance of Dr Brock and Dr Porter. While at Cambridge, Ken met his future wife, Penny, who was at college in Bishop's Stortford. We joined in the sporting life of the College, playing for various football teams. In his second year Ken became secretary of the JCR and led a campaign for the creation of a college bar. With enthusiastic support, the idea came to a successful end. We were among the first customers of the new bar in the corner of Old Court. While still at Selwyn, Ken turned his attention to the study of law, which he continued in Manchester, soon qualifying as a solicitor. After gaining experience with various well-known law firms, he eventually set up his own firm on King Street, Manchester. His wife helped in the design of these offices. The firm thrived, with an excellent staff and a friendly atmosphere. I remember a great party there for his sixtieth birthday.

Ken and Penny had several homes over the years, first in Rishworth, where Ken served as a governor at Rishworth School. After many years at Barkisland, their next move, in retirement, was to Silloth on the Solway coast. I visited him regularly, enjoying walks and birdwatching along the dunes and beaches. He took a great interest in English cathedrals, and we often met to explore them, from Canterbury to Carlisle. Notable were trips to York and Lichfield when the Selwyn choir was singing there.

Their last move was to a fine late-Georgian house, Birkby Lodge, near Maryport. From the top of a back field there was a great view across the Solway. They acquired their dog Harry there and walked along the coast or inland by the lakes and fells. We often revisited Selwyn over the years, meeting old friends. He joined me at a fiftieth reunion dinner and was sorely missed at the sixtieth in 2022. In October that year, some of his former colleagues organised a memorial gathering at a favourite tavern, where we exchanged memories of a great friend. There were no children, so he left his wife Penny, dog Harry and friends in Cumbria and Manchester to mourn his passing. I cherish the memories of a friendship of over seventy years.

*T S Goss (SE 1962)*

### Don Urquhart (1965)

Don came up to Selwyn from Leyton County High School in 1965 to read Modern Languages. His father was a butcher and his uncle owned a fleet of London black cabs – of which more later. He was gregarious, witty and kind, with a gift for friendship spanning his early schooldays, his Cambridge years and far beyond, friendships he nurtured and maintained for the rest of his life.

He participated fully in College activities, academic and sporting. Initially known for his distance running (early memories are of tea in Don's room, newly rinsed running gear steaming aromatically by the gas fire), he completed the Cambridge Boundary Run long before marathons became fashionable. Soon he became a stalwart of the Selwyn soccer team, where his lurking presence in and around the centre circle proved pivotal to the team's success – he would claim! He also rowed enthusiastically, if erratically, in the May Bumps.

Fortunate enough to remain in College for all three years, his rooms, C3-4, which he shared with Paul Knight, with a large bay window overlooking the court, became something of a social hub for friends congregating before and after dinner in Hall. Typically there was music, from the Beatles to Beethoven, Bonzo Dog to Blossom Dearie.

After finals he and three fellow linguists bought a London cab from his uncle for the princely sum of £40, refundable if the cab was returned in one piece, and embarked on a road trip around Spain. Don particularly recalled an excursion to Tangiers with Chris Connop, where the young innocents abroad narrowly escaped shady characters offering delights, narcotic and erotic! They returned to Gibraltar thankfully intact.

After Cambridge, Don had a successful IT career in ICL and the banking industry, in the UK and Germany. More significantly for his ex-team-mates he established and maintained the Selwyn football network, planning and organising regular lunches and attendance at Varsity matches. Knowledgeable in a broad range of subjects (surely the first pick for any pub quiz team), he took a particular interest in politics, both local and national. Throughout, Don remained true to his roots. He wrote a weekly column 'Diary of a Corbynista' for the online journal *Shaw Sheet*, where his humanity and passion for social justice shone through. In retirement he worked as a volunteer at a credit union bank, helping those in financial straits whom high street banks may have turned away.

Despite being handicapped by peripheral neuropathy in recent years, and then struck down by the cancer that would kill him, Don retained his cheerful, sunny disposition. He remained the most excellent company right until the final days of his life.

A devoted husband and father, he is survived by Heather, who met him while studying at Homerton and who complemented him perfectly, their children Rachel, Sam and Simon, and sister Carol – a close-knit and loving family. The very best of men, his kindness, humour and innate goodness will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

*Paul Knight (SE 1965)*

### Andrew Chenhall (1968)

Andrew Chenhall was born in February 1949. He came up to Selwyn in 1968 to read Engineering. He loved all aspects of his time at Cambridge: work, great friends and rowing in the third Selwyn VIII. He got an oar in the May Bumps in 1971 and it has hung on the wall in all our various houses.

Andy spent his working life in the electricity generation, transmission and distribution business, initially for the Central Electricity Generating Board, where he worked in system operation, with various shift and day positions from 1971 to 1979 in a grid control centre. He then moved to Scottish Hydro Electric until he retired. In system planning, his task was to plan new generation plants to ensure an uninterrupted supply going into the future. This involved connections for isolated islands via submarine cables and the introduction of experimental wind generators. He also compiled the corporate plan for the company.

In 1988 Andy became System Operation Manager, overseeing the grid control centre for Scotland and he developed 'stand-alone' capability for the company, prior to privatisation in 1990, including daily trading arrangements with England and Wales. In 1989 he was appointed Head of Production and oversaw the operation and maintenance of all eighty hydro and thermal power plants. Part of his remit was to visit all the plants. He particularly loved going to the islands, flying in very small planes and often landing on beaches. He transferred to the Commercial Division as Head of Business Development in 1993. Here he developed



and implemented a corporate business expansion strategy, including joint ventures with gas exploration companies and telecom and gas sales businesses.

Andy was appointed Co-ordination Manager in 1998, to introduce full competition to the British domestic market. He was SSE (Scottish and Southern Energy) representative on the Programme Advisory Council GB, establishing the design framework for the programme. He negotiated and established a joint venture company, Scottish Electricity Settlements, for the two Scottish public electricity suppliers to fulfil their obligations to provide market settlement activities. As Director of the company, he established the internal programme, organised business-based delivery of project elements and chaired the internal director-level steering group. This last project, in Glasgow, took three years. Andy ran the resulting programme in parallel for six months before it went live, to ensure that any glitches or irregularities were found and dealt with. This ensured a smooth transition.

Andy retired in 2004, aged fifty-five. He had always enjoyed writing programmes linked with technology and electronics and various devices operated around the house. He loved photography, walking, reading non-fiction, listening to jazz, pop and classical music and playing computer games.

He died at home with his family in December 2023 after a fifteen-month struggle with oesophageal cancer. He is greatly missed for his steadfast love, wisdom, support and understanding.

*Trish Chenhall (Andy's widow)*

### Andrew Berriman (1969)

Born in 1950, Andrew came up in 1969 to read History at Selwyn, the college to which his Walthamstow grammar school, Sir George Monoux, sent their best 'History Boys'. An all-rounder, Andrew had played in the London Schools' Cricketer Cup Final on the Nursery Pitch at Lord's and was second violin in the London Schools Orchestra. At Selwyn, he loved his sunny top-floor room on the corner of B and stayed there, rejecting the weird shower arrangements in the new Cripps Building. He played soccer and cricket for the College first teams and regularly took the bus back to White Hart Lane to watch Spurs. He was an active member of the Methodist Society and Labour Club, campaigning in the 1970 Newnham Ward council elections. He was at the Garden House Hotel 'riot' at Peterhouse on that infamous February evening in 1970.

Andrew worked hard at Cambridge, spending hours in the new Seeley history building or the University Library. He loved his subject and wanted to impress his supervisors: Ted Royle (Selwyn), Tony Judt (King's), Hugh Brogan (St John's), Simon Schama (Christ's), Christopher Andrew (Corpus) and Anil Seal (Trinity). His final-year special subject on the Irish home rule debate was supervised by Edward Norman, by then Dean of Peterhouse, also an Old Monovian. Alongside him at lectures in his first year were the future King Charles (or Charles Wales, according

to the Senate House board) and Majid Khan, later the Pakistan cricket captain. He was also determined to show that state school pupils could excel.

After leaving Selwyn, Andrew initially entered the civil service at the Home Office, but soon moved to Hull University for a PGCE, then stayed for a decade, teaching history and politics at Wolfreton School, a huge comprehensive, and watching the Humber Bridge being built. His favourite poet, Philip Larkin, lived nearby. Andrew loved exploring the East Riding and its remote villages. His two children, Ben and Hannah, were born in Beverley. His wife Mari had done postgraduate research at Newnham and his daughter later read Geography there. His son, Ben, went to Nottingham University and became an actuary in St Albans.

In 1982, Andrew moved south and became Head of Sixth Form at a large comprehensive, Chichester High, until his retirement in 2009. He often brought his brightest sixth formers to Selwyn open days, proud to foster this ongoing connection. His evenings were given over to tennis, squash and badminton, and his summer Saturdays as cricket captain of Lavant Cricket Club.

In retirement he contributed to the 'Big Society' as treasurer of the Chichester Walls Trust and chairman of the local history society. He led HeartSmart walks over the South Downs and wrote numerous articles and four local history books which sold well. It may have been the intense south coast sunshine that caused the malignant stage four melanoma in his ear which led to his, relatively early, death. He and Mari had travelled the world, and as an affluent post-war 'baby boomer' he knew he had had a good life, so could not grumble, though he would have loved to have had more time with his grandchildren, Jack, Arthur and Millie.

*Hannah Gooden (Andrew's daughter)*

### The Very Reverend Charles Taylor (1971)

Charles William Taylor was born into a clergy family in 1953. His father, Prebendary John Taylor was a parish priest, his mother, Marjorie, a committed teacher in schools and Sunday schools. Although he spent the first six months of infancy in hospital, he was, in his mother's words, 'a bit of a miracle', and it was no surprise to his family that he should lead a life of service to others.

He was head chorister at St Paul's Cathedral. He sang at the two most significant special services of the early 1960s, Sir Winston Churchill's funeral and the memorial service for President Kennedy. He attended Marlborough College as a music scholar and Selwyn as a choral scholar, where he read Theology under the supervision of John Sweet and the watchful eye of the Master, Owen Chadwick. A fondness for Gilbert and Sullivan saw him play Frederic in a production of *Pirates of Penzance* at the Minack Theatre, Penzance, before studying for the ministry at Cuddesdon.

In 1977 he was ordained priest in the Collegiate Church of St Peter in Wolverhampton, where he then served his curacy and supported Wolverhampton Wanderers. In 1979 he was appointed as the first chaplain to the congregation of

Westminster Abbey, where he helped with precentor's duties and worked closely with the then Director of Music, Simon Preston, who directed the Abbey choir at Charles's wedding to Catherine, daughter of the Very Reverend Trevor Beeson, in 1983. Catherine survives him with their two children, Rachel and Benedict.

After two incumbencies in Hampshire and a tutorship in liturgy at Salisbury and Wells Theological College, in 1995 he was appointed Canon Residentiary and Precentor of Lichfield Cathedral, which led to another productive liturgical and musical partnership with the Dean, Tom Wright, and the Director of Music, Andrew Lumsden.

He was Dean of Peterborough from 2007 to 2016. He declared that the cathedral was not only the symbol of the city, one of the top ten most visited buildings in the UK, but the focal point of a community in which over forty languages are spoken and people from around one hundred nationalities live. He worked closely with community leaders and other faiths to regenerate the city and its life.

He retired from Peterborough at a time when the cathedral was struggling with a cash flow crisis. Blame was inevitably laid at his door, as Dean, but the situation was resolved with a loan from the Church Commissioners. It was a matter of controversy at the time and was raised in Parliament. Granted the title of Dean Emeritus, he and Catherine next supported Salisbury Cathedral through a decanal interregnum, where they found some healing and happiness. In early 2018 Charles was diagnosed with advanced cancer, which he fought with tenacity and courage. From 2017 to 2022 he was chaplain to the Worshipful Company of Plasterers, where he is remembered for memorable graces and conviviality.

In retirement in Northumberland, he assisted in rural ministry. In November 2023, his last major public duty was to preside at the requiem eucharist for his father-in-law, Trevor Beeson, former Dean of Winchester, in Winchester Cathedral. It was clear that he was seriously ill but he presided with his customary dignity and clarity. He was hospitalised for the last time in January and died on 21 February 2024.

*Based on an obituary on the Marlburian Club website*

### Richard Walker (1972)

Richard J Walker came up to Selwyn from Uppingham School to read Geography. After graduating in 1975, he stayed on to take a Certificate in Education and then embarked on a career in teaching. He taught at Cheltenham College for five years and then took a post in New Zealand, at King's College, Auckland, where he stayed for three years. He returned to the UK in 1986. As he felt the need to re-adjust to the British teaching system, a temporary appointment seemed a good option. He accepted a three-week post at Bedford School, covering for a member of staff who was playing for the GB hockey squad in Australia. In fact he stayed for the next twenty-seven years, as head of geography until retirement.

During his time at Bedford the geography department flourished, becoming one of the largest in the school in numbers of A-level candidates. A mark of his

success is that many boys went on to university to read Geography. Richard was in charge of many international field trips. As well as being excellent learning experiences for pupils, they also provided opportunities for new staff to get to grips with overseas visits. Switzerland was a regular destination for seven years, followed by alternating trips to Morocco and Iceland.

As a teacher, Richard was deservedly known as a 'legend'. His use of humour and memory hooks was well known, and he was responsible for many innovations in teaching practice. An Oxford tutor is reputed to have said that she could select a Bedford School essay from a group of ten, based on structure and clarity. He played a significant role in the Christian tradition of the school. He was often asked to speak in chapel and ran the Christian Union for several years.

On retirement, Richard and Ursula went to live in Marlow to be near his stepchildren, Charlotte, Sara and William, and grandchildren, Frankie, Isabella and Jake. He died in August 2023.

*Based on an obituary from the Bedford School website supplied by Sara Pomfret (Richard's stepdaughter)*

### David Woods (1976)

David Victor Woods died on 4 January 2023, aged sixty-four. He is greatly missed by his wife Judie, children Matthew, Laura and Charlotte, his parents Vic and Shirley, and his sister Lynn.

David was born in May 1958 in Wainfleet, near Skegness. He attended Skegness Grammar School, where he was deputy head boy and enjoyed county hockey. At Selwyn he studied Law, in which he achieved excellent results before moving on to Guildford Law School. David was thoroughly proud to have studied at Cambridge and to have been part of Selwyn College.

He had a very successful legal career, starting at Hills & Perks in Norwich, which later became Eversheds. He was made a partner, aged twenty-eight. In 2001 he moved to Greenwoods in Peterborough to head up the commercial and contract team. One of David's colleagues said of him: 'David was an extraordinary lawyer – he had an enviable level of intelligence. He was about the best technically that I have ever worked with – an ability to recall detail learned decades before as if it was yesterday.' In 2011 he qualified as a notary public and for ten years split his time between contract and commercial law and advising many firms and individuals on overseas transactions. In 2016 he was named as Notarial Services Lawyer of the Year.

David was a big football fan and followed Norwich City FC with passion, making the long journey from Peterborough back to Norwich for match days in later years. He also loved holidaying in Cromer, where Judie and he planned to spend their retirement. He had just started to enjoy retirement when cancer struck. With three separate primary cancers the chances of complete recovery were always slight, but David was determined to live life to the full, bouncing back from major

surgery to play golf, go to the gym, play his saxophone and help his parents with their garden.

In September 2022 his health deteriorated significantly and in November he was admitted to the Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice, where he spent the last two months of his life. He passed secure in the knowledge that the centre of his world, his children, were happy and settled, Matthew and Laura both soon to marry and Charlotte thriving at university. David's funeral was held in late January 2023, and it was testament to him that so many people wanted to pay their respects, including colleagues from forty years ago during his early Norwich years.

David was a true gentleman, a thoroughly kind, decent, witty, intelligent, reflective, confident and generous-spirited man and he will be missed beyond measure. Rest in peace, David.

*Judie Woods (David's widow)*

### Terence Lloyd (1976)

Few Cambridge students arrive on a lorry driven by their father, but Terence Owen Lloyd from Liverpool was one, coming up to read English in the rainy autumn of 1976. His manner was reserved, at least on first encounter, and that he took time to adapt to the demands of his course was reflected in each year's rising degree class. His interests were varied: he was well-informed about ornithology and had a deep appreciation of music, even sometimes querying Dr Jones's programme notes for Music Society concerts – although with unfailing courtesy. I came to know him best when, during our second and third years, we were in adjacent rooms on B, then D, staircase. All too often our intended study sessions were punctuated by shared guffaws at the perceived absurdities of life and, especially, of Cambridge and College. With his incisive wit and exceptional verbal command he once rendered me helpless with laughter at his demolition of the blurb on a tin of biscuits.

As in his student years, Terence was slow to find his way after graduation. He initially sold telephone-answering machines, then served as a nightwatchman on Merseyside, reading avidly and sending me immense epistles on learned topics. He realised that his future lay abroad and, sure enough, he progressed to Paris where, after a spell with Julius Baer, he established a successful investment enterprise with colleague Marcus Edward-Jones. With typical self-deprecation, he remarked that, having failed in maths and French at school, he hardly expected a career at the Bourse. His work involved extensive travel: I recall a phone call once from China. We met infrequently after his move to France but maintained contact via email and text. He attended various reunions at Selwyn, the last in 2011, at which he claimed to have been 'the last man standing, literally, smoking a cigar in Old Court when everyone else had retired'. Expressing sadness at having to miss our forty-year anniversary in 2016, he determined to make it to the fiftieth.

Terence married Bina (Vietnamese, but a US national) in Lancashire in 1994. They took justified pride in the achievements of their children, Virginia (who

attended St Mary's Ascot, then UCL) and Henry (Winchester, then Durham), although the marriage was to end unamicably. In December 2017, Terence married Roquel, originally from the Philippines and living in Dubai. Only weeks later he received a diagnosis of the cancer which was to overshadow their life together. Major surgery followed, in 2018 and 2021, and pain that required daily morphine. Terence however determinedly maintained a – much reduced – work schedule, supported by Roquel's devoted care. He died in Paris on 14 August 2022.

A man of warm wit and deep learning, Terence matured gradually in both student and professional life, like the fine claret he enjoyed in his adopted country. In one of his last texts, he wrote of '[our] friendship – unlikely as it may be – that resonates down the ages'. Thank you Terence, on behalf of all whose lives you touched, and may you rest in peace.

*Roger Mills (1976)*

### Katy Hibbert (1981)

Katy Hibbert, who died unexpectedly in February 2024, was educated at Bolton School Girls' Division, where her considerable talent for modern languages was nurtured. After A-levels in French, German, English and General Studies, she took Russian A-level privately with the Russian teacher from the Boys' Division, who was a neighbour. Katy was the second Bolton School girl to win a scholarship to a former men's college and came up to Selwyn in 1981 to study German and Russian. She developed a particular interest in linguistics and philology and was awarded the second best first in Modern Languages in her year.

Katy went on to complete an MPhil supervised by Geoff Cubbin, a native of Westhoughton, from where both her parents came. She then changed tack and qualified as a chartered accountant. The experience of counting lightbulbs on remote industrial estates led her to conclude that auditing was not for her and she joined what is now BPP Professional Qualifications as a technical writer of accountancy training materials. In addition to her professional skills, she was in great demand for writing witty and occasionally smutty poems to mark colleagues' leaving or promotion.

Outside work, Katy enjoyed the theatre, opera, eating out and wine tasting with her wide circle of friends. She had sung Handel's *Messiah*, both at school and with the Bolton Choral Union, and she and her sister went to a performance in London every year, most recently to The Sixteen at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Her other interest was travel, which took her to Georgia and Armenia, Venezuela, Peru, Vietnam and Cambodia, and North Korea.

Katy was also a splendid aunt to her two nephews. She taught them rude words and, on Christmas Eve, when by tradition she would cook, she packed them off to her bedroom after supper with a tub of Celebrations and a DVD of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.



Katy's funeral in Bolton was standing room only, with family, colleagues and friends. The wake afterwards in The Queen Victoria, known locally as Fanny's (the pub at which generations of Bolton School girls did their under-age drinking), was surprisingly jolly – as she would have wished.

*Judith Hibbert (Katy's sister)*

### Julie Wood (1983)

Julie was born in the coal-mining community of Barnsley in 1965 and lived in South Yorkshire until she started at Selwyn, where she read Theology. She exhibited a deep-seated Christian faith and, as those of us who knew her at the time will remember, she was passionately committed to the movement within the Church of England for the ordination of women in the 1980s.

Following graduation in 1986 she undertook further theological study but did not become ordained. Instead, she pursued a career lasting over three decades as a social worker, housing officer and community organiser. During that period she also found time and motivation to complete Master's degrees in Sociology, Anthropology and Psychology. Underlying all her life was a passionate commitment to social justice, her Anglican faith and embracing green politics and sustainable development in both UK and global contexts.

While working in the East End of London, Julie met her husband Ken Leach, who was a clergyman at St Botolph's church. They lived happily in London and then subsequently in Mossley, near Manchester, until Ken's death in 2015. The couple did not have children and Julie is not survived by any other close family.

In 2019 Julie was diagnosed with a rare lung illness and respiratory condition that proved to be irreversible. She became acutely short of breath and experienced worsening mobility issues in the subsequent years. Thankfully she remained safe during the Covid pandemic through careful shielding and deliberate self-isolation. Insofar as her deteriorating health allowed, she remained vigorously engaged with her job, her friends and her faith right up until the end of her life.

Julie died on 9 February 2024 and the funeral service took place at Christ Church, Friezland, on 28 February. She is buried alongside her husband Ken in Mossley cemetery.

*Wing Commander Harold Simpson MBE (SE 1983) (contemporary and friend of Julie)*

### Professor Pervez Tahir (1984)

Pervez Tahir was born on 23 September 1947 in Faisalabad, Pakistan, to Hafeez Sarwar and Sarwar Firdous. His father, a renowned cartoonist and calligrapher, instilled in him hard work and critical thinking. Pervez studied at Corporation High School in Lahore and Government College. He completed his Master's in Economics and served the same institution as a lecturer in 1971-72.

In 1974 he was appointed Deputy Economic Adviser in the Pakistan Ministry of Finance. During the military regime of 1977-88, he left Pakistan to pursue his Master's in Economics at the University of Colorado at Boulder, USA. In 1981, Mahbub ul Haq, then at the World Bank, asked Pervez to return to Pakistan to work with him on economic planning.

In 1984 he came to Selwyn to pursue his MPhil and PhD in Economics. Dr Geoffrey Harcourt encouraged him to research Joan Robinson's work and he completed his PhD on her in 1988. His work on Robinson not only influenced him academically but also profoundly shaped his later career in public service, as an academic and as a journalist. He published two books: *Joan Robinson in Princely India* and *Making Sense of Joan Robinson on China*, both published by Springer International, which helped explain her early work on Indian development and her later work on China.

In 1990 Pervez returned to Pakistan to join the Planning Commission and from 2000 to 2006 he served as Chief Economist. He served on various international panels, including the statistical advisory panel of the Human Development Report, UNDP, New York. He also served as commissioner of the Independent South Asian Commission on Poverty Alleviation. After retirement, Pervez returned to Government College, University of Lahore, as Mahbub ul Haq Professor (2006-9).

In 2007 he started writing in *Express Tribune* as a columnist and continued until he breathed his last on 29 September 2023 in Lahore. He was a great supporter of devolution of power and advocated inclusive and rights-based economic policies. He was closely associated with the rural support organisations in Pakistan. In 2016, he was appointed chairman of the Bank of Punjab.

A visionary economist, he combined human rights principles with economic policymaking. He delivered the Third Asma Jehangir Memorial Lecture in 2023 and advocated strategies to support the poor, emphasising education, healthcare and social welfare programmes and the need to prioritise the vulnerable in economic planning. Through his work, Pervez demonstrated that economic policies could be both economically sound and socially just.

Pervez was a devoted husband, a father of two children and friend of the marginalised in Pakistan. He will be remembered for his intellectual curiosity, passion for knowledge and commitment to the cause of human rights.

*Dr Nadia Tahir (Pervez's widow)*

We also record with regret the deaths of the following members, for whose life and influence we give thanks. We are always pleased to receive obituaries of around 500 words in length from relatives or friends for publication in the next edition of the *Calendar*.

1943	Frederick Winston Leigh
1948	Dr Michael William Pascoe
1951	Leslie Brian Sparrow
1952	Professor Bruce Forsyth
1955	Mark Barry Gifford-Gifford
1955	The Reverend Allan Raeburn Giles Hawkins
1955	The Reverend Roger Nelson Kenward
1958	Alastair George Flett Barr
1958	Abayomi Samuel Nathaniel Davies
1958	David Edward Norman Bliss Jones
1959	Michael Ernest Leveridge
1959	The Reverend John Morgan
1961	Guy Mervyn Archdall Crawford
1961	The Reverend Professor Gareth Lloyd-Jones
1961	Richard Neville Neale Thompson
1966	Robert Ellison Denman
1966	Peter Michael Quinn
1967	Roger Martin Bathgate
1967	His Honour Derek Rowland Halbert
1971	Steven Courtenay Hudson
1976	Shaun Kenneth Hill
1995	Robert Gordon Kennedy



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