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A watercolour depicting the principal's lodgings of St Mary Hall by Ethel Sophia Cheeswright (1874–1977). London-born Cheeswright moved to the Channel Isles in 1892; she was imprisoned by German occupying forces during the Second World War, but returned to Sark and painted to the end of her life.

#### FRONT COVER

A watercolour of the first quadrangle by Sophie D'Ouseley (1851–1932). Born in Co Waterford, Ireland, she studied at the Penzance School of Art and Heatherleys and was particularly well known for her European cityscapes and interiors of cathedrals.

*(Picture from the Editor)*

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## PROVOST'S NOTES

This year featured a celebration of Oriel's female students and alumnae. Festivities began in summer 2024 with a specially commissioned photoshoot capturing the pioneering women first admitted in 1985. On International Women's Day in March 2025, the celebrations continued with a dinner organised by the JCR and MCR and hosted by my wife, Amelia. This was soon followed by the unveiling of the *40 Years of Women* project, an initiative which invited students, alumnae, Fellows and staff to share memories of life at Oriel. In May, Cheryl Frances-Hoad, our Visiting Fellow in Music, composed an anthem for the chapel choir, *O Maria, virgo pia*, to mark the anniversary.

The women of Oriel embody excellence, leadership and innovation. A few highlights from our community over the past year include Charlotte Buckley (2021), a Biomedical Sciences finalist, was named Sportsperson of the Year by Oxford University Sport; she landed gold in 800m at the British Universities and Colleges Sport Indoor Championships and represented Great Britain in 800m at the World University Games in Germany. Jess Webb (1999) rowed in the Oxford Women's Veterans' Boat at the 2025 Boat Race – this was the only Oxford boat to secure a win against Cambridge. Patra Urairai, a second-year English student, released a Spotify single, 'Aftercare'. Dr Loren Kell (2020), a recent doctoral graduate, and Maria Kyriazi, a second-year doctoral student, were members of a research group that sent samples of human tissue, in the form of organoids, to space as part of a pioneering experiment that could help extend health into later life.

In September, women from across the Oriel community gathered to commemorate the admission of women and all that women have achieved at Oriel. 'Celebrating 40 Years of Women at Oriel' was a day full of inspiring workshops, a plenary session featuring alumnae from each decade, an archival exhibition in Hall, a photographic exhibition, and an evening of celebration with a formal dinner in the Senior Library followed by an '80s bop.

The impact that Oriel's women have made on the College, society and the wider world was palpable but what was even more wonderful was to see the impact that Oriel made on these inspirational women and the deep love they hold for the College. I would like to quote Sara Snell (1985), His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland and one of the first cohort of female students at Oriel College, from her speech at the International Women's Day dinner: 'Whatever the future holds, long may women at Oriel flourish.'

As Oriel moves into the landmark year of 2026, I invite you to join us in celebrating 700 years of the College with an array of events, talks, exhibitions, dinners, balls and much more. The entire College has been preparing for this moment. Many congratulations are due to the Treasurer and her team for completing the giant, necessary (and disruptive)

East Range project, which focused on preserving and upgrading the Hall, bar, and access staircase, and installing high-tech kitchens. This project had to be done, and we needed it completed by the beginning of Michaelmas term. Everybody has pitched in to help to deliver on the Governing Body's vision, supported by their encouragement and leadership.

Despite the extensive work and the multi-million pound budget you may hardly notice any change. And that was the point. Our beautiful heritage is conserved and restored and the hidden workings of the College robustly updated to see us through the coming decades.

The generosity of our alumni is what makes it possible to deliver Oriel's charitable aims of undertaking teaching and research at the highest levels. The College is in the final stages of the 2026 Campaign, started by the Oriel College Development Trust and initially conceived in 2003 with a target of £45 million. We now aim for £70 million in gifts and pledges by the College's 700th anniversary. In the past year we have received in excess of £2.7 million in donations, with almost £5 million in new gifts and pledges, bringing total giving to £68 million, which puts us on track to achieve our £70 million goal by next year. The Governing Body is grateful to all donors for showing support, whatever amount they are able to give. These gifts allow us to attract the best possible applicants; provide exceptional undergraduate tutorial teaching; deliver graduate supervision; support our academics' fundamental research; and renew our historic site.

Undergraduate numbers remain steady, with 91 new entrants this year, taking our total numbers to just under 350 undergraduates and around 280 graduate students. Our students are outstanding. Undergraduate results showed 80 per cent achieving a II:1 or higher, and almost 30 per cent achieving a First or Distinction. We had particularly strong performances in Chemistry, Computer Science and Philosophy, Medicine and Theology and Religion, with the majority of students achieving a First. Additionally, 36 DPhil students and 50 Master's students successfully completed their courses.

Oriel's sports teams continue to prosper. It was a breakthrough year for our men's football team who, after winning a much-needed promotion last year, went on to win all games except one in their division, finishing top and reaching the quarter-finals of Cuppers against much stronger teams. The team even tried their hand at rowing, entering the Summer Eights as M4. The women's football team (who play jointly with St Edmund Hall) surpassed the men by reaching the Cuppers semi-finals. Our cricket, golf and rugby teams have had a difficult run this season, but it is wonderful to witness their continuing enthusiasm.

Rowing saw a freak setback. Despite having the strongest men's boat on the river for the Summer Eights (by a large margin) we lost the headship after being forced to pull out of the race at the very start owing to a damaged rudder. I am so impressed at the



Provost's study

spirit, resilience, and optimism of our students whose determination to win Head of the River in both the Torpids and Summer Eights during our 700th year is now stronger than ever.

This year we heard some incredible speakers in the College. The Provost's Talks series began with Dr Samir Puri, author of *Westlessness* and *Russia's Road to War with Ukraine*, in conversation with Professor Teresa Bejan, Fellow in Politics. This was followed by Susannah Storey, the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. We also welcomed Scarlett Maguire, a political pollster (who, unlike most, correctly predicted the results of the 2024 US presidential election). Then we had Musa al-Gharbi, author of *We Have Never Been Woke: The Cultural Contradictions of a New Elite*, also in conversation with Teresa.

In addition to the Provost's Talks, Oriel also hosted the Oriel Environmental Group's talks, with Peter Gish (1986), founder and Co-CEO of Ortus Climate Mitigation, on 'Morocco as a Gateway for Green Hydrogen to Europe' and Ernest Akinlola, MD/CEO of Bboxx Nigeria, on 'Powering Progress: Unlocking Renewable Energy Potential in Nigeria and Africa'.

I was delighted to welcome back Colm Kelleher (1975), Chairman of UBS, who was interviewed by Laura Noonan, Senior Reporter at Bloomberg News and previously Financial Regulation Editor at the *Financial Times*, at an Oriel event hosted at the Saïd Business School.

The annual Rex Nettleford Lecture on Colonialism and its Legacies saw award-winning author, broadcaster and a Professor of Sociology at the University of Manchester, Gary Younge speaking on 'The man who photobombed De Gaulle.'

Our academics continue to contribute to national discussions: Professor Teresa Bejan, Fellow in Politics, was on the BBC *In Our Time* programme speaking on civility; and

Professor Lynne Cox spoke in the BBC *A Question of Science* podcast on the topic ‘Can We Live Forever?’. Lynne was also recently awarded the title Professor of Geroscience by the Medical Sciences Division. Also, congratulations are due to Professor Patrick Farrell, who was awarded the 2025 Germund Dahlquist Prize by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

I am delighted to welcome two new Fellows, Dr Tom Johnson (Medieval History) and Dr Dmitry Ghilarov (Biochemistry). Dr Johnson succeeds Professor Ian Forrest as the Catto Fellow in Medieval History at Oriel College. He also currently has a Fellowship from the British Academy and is finalising a non-fiction book, *The Reckoners*. Dr Ghilarov joins us as the Ron Bancroft Fellow. His research group uses cryogenic electron microscopy to discover how bacteria use enzymatic molecular machines to manipulate the structure of peptides and nucleic acids, which he explains has potential applications for the development of new antibiotics and combatting antimicrobial drug resistance.

Professor Jan Rosenow joins Oriel as the Jackson Senior Research Fellow. He leads the Energy programme at the Environmental Change Institute, is a Senior Associate at the Institute for Sustainability Leadership at the University of Cambridge and is one of the top twenty LinkedIn Influencers in the UK. To add to his accolades, three months into his time at Oriel, Professor Rosenow was awarded the title of Professor of Energy and Climate Policy.

Two Fellows, Professor Lyndal Roper and Professor Michael Devereux have left us this year. Lyndal Roper was Oriel’s Regius Professor of History and Michael Devereux the Professor of Business Taxation. On behalf of the College I would like to thank them both for all they have done during their time at Oriel, and we wish them the very best for their retirement.

In 2026, we celebrate 700 years of uninterrupted existence of this magnificent institution. Few human endeavours can claim such continuous existence. Your College has witnessed the Reformation, the Civil War, the Restoration, two World Wars, economic crises, Bubonic plague, and Covid-19. We have produced Nobel laureates, saints, Olympians, scientists, theologians, and leaders across the professional, business, education and charity sectors. Throughout it all, Oriel has remained firm in its mission to deliver world-class education and ground-breaking research for the benefit of humanity.

I invite you all to Oriel next year to take part in our 700th anniversary celebrations and look forward to seeing you there.

Floreat Oriel!

*Neil Mendoza*

*Provost*

## TREASURER'S NOTES

This year has been disquieting, with turmoil in geopolitics impacting many elements of College activity. We have had protesters camping out at the University, with a short-lived incursion into our own Third Quad, which was ably and courteously managed by our Lodge team. We have had to consider seriously whether our investment approaches are robust enough to cope with the uncertainty in financial markets caused by trade decisions in the US and new and ongoing conflicts. This uncertainty has also been reflected in our extramural work where enrolments to our summer programmes have been lower than normal. The teams, both internal staff and external advisors, have taken nothing for granted and simply thought harder, worked more efficiently and kept an agile and problem-solving approach to the issues faced. As a result, we anticipate another small operational surplus this year and have managed to keep our pace of improvement undiminished.

The major estates work this year was the delivery of the bulk of the East Range project, which, while undoubted hard work, has also given us a fantastic opportunity to exercise our problem-solving capabilities and collaborative working across the whole team. From the Project Board with the Provost, and Fellows Julien Devriendt, Juliane Kerkhecker, David Maw and Marco Zhang reviewing and challenging the detailed work of the contractors, to the operational focus groups bringing together colleagues from Housekeeping, Kitchen, Conference, Maintenance, Hall, IT, Development, Library, Archives and the Lodge, this has been a tremendous whole-of-college effort. Master of Works, Colin Bailey, has kept his focus razor-sharp on the programme while still having time to check personally on the progress of the site works, identifying and resolving unexpected challenges and hurdling all the obstacles. Domestic Bursar Matthew Morgan has brought all his building experience to the project, and his practical understanding of what it takes to get this job done on the operational side has been fundamental in supporting Colin's efforts. As we enter the home straight of the project I would like to express my gratitude to Amelia Mendoza, whose keen eye has helped us get clarity on some of the trickier design decisions, pairing taste and practicality to great effect. Her support, along with the Governing Body, was instrumental in reviewing the work of mosaic artist Helen Miles, who was engaged to deliver a piece for the top of the Pugin Stairs. The mosaic, when completed, will include part of the College's Latin grace (in translation), exhorting us to 'Fill our hearts with joy and gladness'. A light note of the project was the discovery of a void with no other obvious use, unusual in buildings where storage is always short. I decided this would be a perfect place to create a time capsule to be opened for the 800th anniversary year. The whole Oriel community embraced the idea of writing to their future counterparts, with so many letters received for delivery 100 years from now that a second safe box was needed to protect them.

Along with these, we sent gifts to the future – six bottles of malt whisky and three of Chateau d’Yquem, in the hope that these might be sufficiently valuable in the future to pay for the next kitchen refurbishment.

A disappointment this year was the abortive project to decarbonise the Rectory Road site. Much work had gone into successfully attracting government funding, but technical and practical issues emerged as the project proceeded which forced the cost to an unaffordable level, even with the grant. Implementing new technology into heritage sites is challenging and the team’s hard work was recognised by government with an ‘in good faith’ payment towards costs incurred to date of the project. Not to be dismayed, the team took the opportunity of the refurbishment of 7 King Edward Street to implement ‘fabric first’ sustainability approaches, including insulated walls, vacuum glazing and power supported by an air source heat pump. This work reduces the total amount of power needed to keep these rooms comfortable and was a determined step forward towards our decarbonisation goals.

This year we took the opportunity to draw together some of the educational activities which directly fund the College into an International Programmes and Partnerships (IPP) Office. The Summer Institute and the Visiting Student programmes now sit with other innovative projects developed with partner academic institutions. George Connolly leads this team as Director, joining us from St John’s College, Durham, where he was a Vice-Principal, and he is supported by Tina Jiang, a Chinese HE market specialist as his deputy and Laura Edminson who moved across from HR to provide a co-ordinator function. Economic and political changes in some of our key markets, including China and the US, have presented real challenges for this new team in their first year of operation. With the help of their light-footed conference team colleagues, and a fierce determination to hit budget, the new IPP team have delivered the robust in-house operation for which we were looking and laid the groundwork for an exciting future.

Governance continues to be an area of focus, with the Statutes and Governance Committee working on a re-write of the current Statutes: we hope to set a draft before Governing Body in the next academic year. It has taken two years on top of the eight years’ worth of work done prior to my arrival to get to this point and there is much still to do. Key elements such as the constitution of the Fellowship and protection of freedom of speech remain as ever at the heart of the Statutes but this process has given us an opportunity to look at things which need to be modernised because of changes in legislation, or best practice guidelines from the Charity Commission.

The Finance team have been busy this year replacing the current accounting system, which will no longer be supported by the supplier. A modern cloud-based system was selected after a comprehensive review of available options and a detailed tender

process. Oliver Sladen and his team have taken the opportunity to overhaul the financial processes, replacing bolt-on functionality with integrated capabilities, seriously improving efficiency and reducing double handling and paper processes. The new system goes live in the new financial year, and I am looking forward to seeing how this improves our ability to analyse financial data, to help identify trends and areas of concern.

The Domestic Office continues to thrive under the leadership of Matthew Morgan, who joined last year. He is also Chair of Conference Oxford and launched a cross-college learning symposium for conference managers which was a tremendous success, with teams sharing best practice and learning from inspiring external experts. Our Housekeeping Manager, Hannah Simons, arranged a shorter version for the housekeeping teams across the University which was just as powerful. Through the year, Matthew's team have done a tremendous job in keeping the College running smoothly through the East Range project, while developing the detailed plans for decanting back to the new kitchens from the temporary facilities for the new academic year.

Our IT team underwent a significant restructure last year, with infrastructure and service desk functions being split to allow focus on expert tasks. This year sees the appointment of a cyber security manager, a development jointly sponsored by Oriel and Corpus Christi, recognising quite how important this discipline is in running systems robustly. The extended Senior Management team, joined by colleagues from St Antony's College, war-gamed a ransomware attack, practising how they would react, and then spent time defining the minimum viable operation for Oriel. This work ensures our talented IT team prioritises the protection and reinstatement of systems from a business perspective as well as a technical one, in the unfortunately almost inevitable scenario that at some point a bad actor gains access to College systems.

All the work by the teams is underpinned by our professional HR team. Nina Thompson created a staff forum programme supported by staff representatives, which is really enabling us to hear from all our people across the College on what matters to them. The apprenticeship programme she initiated continues to flourish, with qualifications being studied in HR, Events and Food services. A notable success this year was in the kitchen, with John Paterson gaining a promotion from Commis to Chef de Parti after completing his Level 3 Qualification in Professional Cookery. One HR statistic which Nina does not track but which is thoroughly delightful are the babies that were born this year to key members of our community. Edith Iris Holmes was welcomed by our Graduate Officer, Patrick, Albie Alun Stephan Robertson expanded the family of our Librarian, Hannah, and Sami Rekaj, from the hardworking kitchen team, welcomed sweet Eva in April. Babies were also welcomed by our academics, with Audrey Teresa Bejan Cole being born to Professor Teresa Bejan in January, Senior Stipendiary Lecturer Richard Coggins's

lovely Lyra in February and Kerstin Tims, our Career Development Fellow in Medicine, greeting Finja Robyn in June.

By the time this update is published the East Range project will have been completed and our focus will have moved to the 700th anniversary in the next academic year. We are all looking forward to this anniversary year, which will showcase our academics, highlight our beautiful college and bring together friends old and new. It will be a true celebration of all that is wonderful about Oriel.

*Margaret Jones*  
*Treasurer*



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## CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

**A**bout four years ago at a local church I was introduced to the priest: 'Ah!' he exclaimed on mention of Oriel. 'So, you're the Chaplain of Rivendell!' The appellation was new to me then, but his association of Oriel with J. R. R. Tolkien's fictional Elven sanctuary has remained with me. Rivendell is *the Last Homely House east of the Sea... a perfect house, whether you like food or sleep, or story-telling or singing, or just sitting and thinking best, or a pleasant mix of them all.* Food, sleep, thought and recreation, and ways to communicate and celebrate what we have thought about, are integral to academic collegiate life. There is *Always a bit more to discover, and no knowing what you'll find round a corner.* Oriel is a 'homely house' equipping and refreshing its members for myriad adventures, and a house to which they return to tell tales of their deeds. In a world *east of the Sea* places such as this are rare.

*Time doesn't seem to pass here: it just is. A remarkable place altogether.* It is often said that Oxford does strange things to one's perception of time. It exhibits a deeper quality. Each week includes a month's worth of activity, then the term is over before you know it – and then 700 years. The first septcentenary monument was cut and gilded in Lakeland slate by the Cotswold craftsman Fergus Wessel and has been installed on the wall of the Ante-Chapel. It highlights the College's dedication and unites us with Mary's prayer. It reads in translation, 'To God praise and thanks with 700 years passed happily for the College of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Oxford. Let it be unto me according to thy word.'

*The hall of Elrond's house was filled with folk: Elves for the most part, though there were a few guests of other sorts.* It is interesting that Oriel's Formal Hall continues to be an experience sought-after by students from other colleges, and pleasing to see how gregariously our students entertain. The temporary relocation of meals to the Senior Library has been a marvellous expedient and has not diminished Oriel's reputation for having the most and most-formal Formal Halls in the University, to the credit of the Butler and his team. Following the sad loss of Dr Glenn Black, Emeritus Fellow in English, mourners were able to smile at an anecdote of his dinner with Professor Tolkien: neither would allow the other to walk back to his college alone, so they escorted each other back and forth between Oriel and Merton until the young Dr Black pretended to give way, then watched from a distance to ensure that the elderly Tolkien reached Merton lodge.

[Frodo] *felt very small, and rather out of place; but that feeling quickly passed.* The experience of hobbits arriving in Rivendell may be somewhat akin to that of freshers coming up to Oriel. I spoke to a couple of daunted undergraduates in Michaelmas who were questioning whether or not to remain but who now feel very much at home. The renovation of the Middle Common Room and proactive leadership of its president Diego

Ramirez Alcade (who also served meticulously as Sacristan) made a particular impression on this year's postgraduates. The Chapel too has been a place of refreshment for many students, which has been particularly noticeable in the larger number of freshers attending Morning Prayer throughout the year. *Those who have dwelt in the Blessed Realm live at once in both worlds, and against both the Seen and the Unseen they have great power.*

*Frodo wondered if [Bilbo] was ill (if people were ever ill in Rivendell).* The Welfare team trained three new Junior Deans in the course of the year to succeed colleagues who secured jobs in London, Pittsburgh, and the Other Place. Students who were suffering in body, mind or spirit have received an enormous degree of support under the wise direction of Juliane Kerkhecker, who concluded her second, extended term of service as Senior Dean. *There is in her and in this land no evil, unless a man bring it hither himself. Then let him beware!*

*The river of this valley is under [Elrond's] power, and it will rise in anger when he has need to bar the Ford.* Emotions at Oriel flow not with the Bruinen but the Isis, and there are strong feelings in the Boat Club this year. As Senior Member I know how much effort was expended and I am confident that our rowers will rise against recent challenges to our supremacy at Torpids and Eights.

Rivendell's sanctum is the Hall of Fire, but at Oriel we call it the Chapel. *Here you will hear many songs and tales... But except on high days it usually stands empty and quiet, and people come here who wish for peace, and thought. There is always a fire here, all the year round, but there is little other light.* Although the lighting scheme was never actually completed, a candle does burn as a sign of our prayers in this uniquely serene space within College. The story of Christ has been told in sermon, song, and small-group study, with series including 'Questions Jesus asked', the doctrine of Resurrection, and the names of Jesus in John Newton's hymn *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*. This place hallowed by seven centuries of worship is still a way into the story. *The old that is strong does not wither, / Deep roots are not reached by the frost.*

Newly licensed to the Chapel team is the former Archdeacon of Tamaki Makaurau in the Maori Anglican Church of New Zealand; the Venerable Dr Lyndon Drake has already proved himself an asset as Honorary Assistant Chaplain, alongside his faculty Research Fellowship in Theological Ethics and Artificial Intelligence. Meanwhile Emeritus Fellow Sean Power was ordained priest at Westminster, with many colleagues and alumni gathering to pray for him. The Choir welcomed a large number of new singers this year; conversations with the Director of Music sometimes resemble Bilbo's words, *I have written some more of my book. And, of course, I make up a few songs. They sing them occasionally.*

*We are sitting in a fortress. Outside it is getting dark.* In Advent we were honoured by a visit from His Eminence Willem Cardinal Eijk, who spoke at length to students about medical ethics and the end of life. This year's John Collins lecturer and former College Chaplain, Lord Biggar of Castle Douglas, reported on his experience of being on the front line in 'the culture wars', specifically in the field of academic integrity and freedom. He called on scholars to dissent from 'the canker of imaginary guilt' by showing that 'disagreement and hatred are not the same thing.' The recognition of objective truth by means of rational scrutiny should not be taken for granted in a lecture theatre, library, or Common Room. *'Is Rivendell safe?' 'Yes, at present, until all else is conquered.'*

*There and back again.* In Trinity Term, the Venerable David Meara ably reprised the role of Acting Chaplain for a third time while I was on sabbatical. Over the course of eighty-five days I walked 1,180 miles on pilgrimage from Canterbury to Rome along the Via Francigena. From Kent the tenth-century route, traced by Archbishop Sigeric, traverses the battlefields of the Great War, Champagne's vineyards, the Jura Mountains, Lake Geneva, the snowy Great St Bernard Pass, Val d'Aoste, Lombardy's rice fields, the Cisa Pass, Tuscany and Lazio, ending at St Peter's Square. Memorably, I heard Pope Leo XIV's election announced at the end of mass in the Swiss Abbey of Saint-Maurice. I arrived in Rome for the Jubilee on the Feast of Corpus Christi and was able to join his congregation at the Lateran. Although far from relaxing, I valued so much solitude to think and to pray, and appreciated God's providence in new ways – not least the clement weather.

*Now far ahead the Road has gone,  
And I must follow, if I can,  
Pursuing it with weary feet,  
Until it joins some larger way  
Where many paths and errands meet.  
And whither then? I cannot say.*

*Floreat Oriel!*

*The Revd Dr Robert Wainwright  
Chaplain*

## ACTING CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

While the Chaplain was treading the pilgrim path to Rome during his sabbatical, he kindly asked me if I would look after the Chapel for the Trinity Term. I did this before, in 2016 and 2017, so it was a renewed pleasure to spend the term in College, and use the Chaplain's rooms.

I had forgotten how often you hear the sound of bells in Oxford, and in a Proustian moment I was taken back sixty years to my first term as an undergraduate at Oriel, living on Staircase 2, and hearing the bells of various colleges sounding the hours and summoning us to prayer. Listening to those ancient sounds, looking out over the beautiful buildings of First Quad, and slotting in once again to the routines and rituals of the term, I felt a real connection, not just to my own undergraduate days, but also to the original purpose of the College as a place of Godly learning and good fellowship undergirded with the daily round of prayer and worship.

Highlights of the term were the St George's Day Feast, when we gave thanks for our benefactor George Moody; Ascension Day, with Beating the Bounds, ice creams in First Quad, and the choir singing hymns from the tower; and the Chapel Banquet, with some lusty singing afterwards, fuelled by a generous supply of College port. Perhaps the most rewarding and stimulating part of College life is getting to know students, staff and Fellows, the Welfare Team, and the steady flow of interesting guests at High Table Guest Nights, with the realisation that College is an international and vibrant community of scholars and practitioners in an immensely varied number of fields. It has been a great privilege to share in this good and Godly Fellowship for the summer term and I am grateful for all the friendship, help and support I received. The Chapel is in good heart, and continues to be a vital element in the life of the College. Long may it flourish.

*The Venerable David Meara*  
*Acting Chaplain, Trinity Term 2025*

# CHAPEL SERVICES

On 18 October 2024, Baylee Wegman-Roark was married to Ryan Kulesa (2024), with the Chaplain officiating.

On 25 October 2024, in the University Church, a memorial service was held for Dr Glenn Black, conducted by the Chaplain.

On 2 February 2025, Daisy Middleton was confirmed by the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, the Bishop of Guildford.

On 9 March 2025, Apoorva Puri received Holy Baptism at the hands of the Chaplain.

On 15 March 2025, Rebekah Van Sant-Clark (2018) was married to Leandro Sanchez Betancourt (2019), with the Chaplain officiating.

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# PREACHERS AT EVENSONG

## Michaelmas Term 2024

13 October	The Chaplain, <i>Who Do You Say That I Am?</i>
20 October	Revd Stephen Boon, <i>Can The Blind Lead The Blind?</i>
27 October	Revd Canon Dr William Lamb, <i>Adam de Brome (Commemoration of Benefactors)</i>
3 November	Venerable Dr Lyndon Drake, <i>Why Do You Call Me Good?</i>
10 November	Dr Marie Daouda, <i>Do You Think I Came To Bring Peace On Earth?</i>
17 November	Rt Revd Rob Munro, <i>Why Do You Call Me 'Lord, Lord'?</i>
24 November	The Chaplain, <i>Which Of You Does Not Estimate The Cost?</i>
1 December	The Chaplain, <i>Advent Carol Service</i>

## Hilary Term 2025

19 January	The Chaplain, <i>Christ Rose Again</i>
26 January	Revd Sean Power, <i>Hope of Resurrection</i>
2 February	Rt Revd Andrew Watson, <i>Feast of Candlemas</i>
9 February	Revd Christopher Hobbs, <i>Future and Present</i>
16 February	Revd Mia Smith, <i>How is the Body Raised?</i>
23 February	Venerable David Meara, <i>The Last Trumpet</i>
2 March	Professor Hindy Najman, <i>Ascent and Spiritual Transformation</i>
9 March	Revd Dr Nicholas Moore, <i>University Sermon for the Annunciation</i>

## Trinity Term 2025

27 April	The Acting Chaplain, <i>Shepherd</i>
4 May	Revd Professor Mark Harris, <i>Friend</i>
11 May	Revd Dr Elizabeth Pitkethly, <i>Prophet</i>
18 May	Rt Revd Norman Banks, <i>Priest</i>
25 May	Revd Prebendary Charles Marnham, <i>King</i>
1 June	Venerable Dr Lyndon Drake, <i>Lord</i>
8 June	Revd Damian Howard, <i>Life and Way</i>
15 June	The Acting Chaplain, <i>End</i>

## DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The growing number of alumni connecting with College is a wonderful reflection of the creative energy sparked by our vibrant Oriel Alumni Advisory Committee, brilliantly chaired by Claire Toogood (1991). Alongside our traditional Gaudies and the Alumni Weekend, we've enjoyed a rich variety of new events – subject reunions, lectures, concerts, activities for younger families, informal dinners, private tours, and a special series on climate change and energy transition curated by the Oriel Environment Group.

A true highlight this year was celebrating forty years since women were first admitted to Oriel. I hope you have had a chance to read about the year of activities in *Floreat* and online, culminating in a wonderful event this September featuring alumnae, Fellows and current students. The one-day symposium was conceived and developed with the support of the Oriel Women's Network steering group; thank you to members, whose inspiration made 2025 so memorable.

Throughout the year, alumni, graduate students, academics and the Provost have hosted and spoken at events across the globe. The visit by the Provost and Lady Mendoza to the US was made extra-special by the hospitality of Jonathan Burnham (1979) and Scott Rothkopf in New York, and by Jim Burns (1994) and Lucy Owen (1991), who brought alumni together in Washington DC. In Paris, Theo Rycroft (1994), Deputy Head of Mission, welcomed Lord and Lady Mendoza and fellow Orielenses to a memorable dinner at the British Embassy, and Paul Chantler (1984) kindly hosted 'Oriel in the City' at his pub *Frog Revolution* in Bastille. We were also delighted to take advantage of Regius Professor of History Lyndal Roper's research trip to Berlin, where she spoke to alumni at a gathering organised by Oriel Alumni Advisory Committee member Sarah Kiefer (2003).

Our alumni community has also helped organise gatherings in Manchester, Bristol, Edinburgh, and even as far as Auckland, New Zealand. As we approach our 700th anniversary, we would love to support you in arranging an Oriel event in your area – just contact the Development Office and we will help bring Orielenses together wherever you are.

Behind the scenes, the seamless coordination and thoughtful planning are thanks to our dedicated colleagues: Bobby Higson, Head of Operations and Alumni Relations, and Kathryn Ferguson, Senior Alumni Events Manager. Since May, they have been joined by Amelie Ashley-Timms, Alumni Events Assistant, who will help deliver the exciting calendar of celebrations planned for 2026.

It is no surprise that such an engaged community is also incredibly generous. Nearly 1,300 alumni and friends have made gifts to the College in the past year – one of the highest totals in Oxford. Our annual giving day and telephone campaign are standout moments, expertly managed by Regular Giving Officer Emma Davis and supported

by Kristy Chan, Database Officer, whose attention to detail ensures everything runs smoothly.

This year, over £2.7 million in gifts supported our access and outreach programmes, undergraduate bursaries, graduate scholarships, and our world-class academics. Thanks to alumni support, more than half of our Fellowships now have full or partial endowments, securing these subjects for the future. Our financial achievements are due in large part to the tireless efforts of James Fletcher, Deputy Development Director, and Omar Bajandooh, Development Officer – Major Gifts, whose enthusiasm has inspired even more donors to give their ‘best gift’ in honour of our anniversary.

More than twenty years ago, the Development Trust launched Oriel’s first campaign to secure our financial future. Today, we are guided by a Campaign Board of Orielenes who offer invaluable advice and help shape our priorities, positioning Oriel as a catalyst in addressing the challenges and opportunities that shape our world. Under Jim Mellon’s (1975) leadership, our original £45 million target has been surpassed, with £68 million in gifts and pledges so far. We are now within reach of our revised goal of £70 million, £1 million for each decade of our history.

As we look forward to our momentous 700th year, there’s so much to celebrate together. I look forward to sharing the 700th anniversary with you.

*Marco Zhang*  
*Director of Development*



## JUNIOR COMMON ROOM

It has been a fantastic year as JCR President. Even without a bar, we still came together as an Oriel community. This was helped massively by the work of our Entertainment Reps, who organised events throughout the year. Particular highlights included Freshers' Week and the great success that was Barty Party. The slip and slide was, as ever, a collective favourite. Our pancake race mid-year was not to be missed, creating another viral success and lots of laughter (and unfortunately a few bruises) as everyone raced around First Quad. I would also like to thank our Women's Officer and the MCR's Women's Officer for arranging a very special Formal Hall to celebrate forty years of women. And let's not forget our Food Rep, who helped organise very tasty snacks during meetings! We received some comments (from the MCR!) that perhaps we didn't need a meeting every week but nativity plays, match reports detailing our Cuppers success (drama, football and punting to name a few!) and speed-typing competitions have brought real Oriel spirit to our post-Sunday dinner meetings. We also can't deny that Domino's Pizza went a long way to help celebrate beating the fifth-week blues.



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Across Oriel, it's been great to see everyone get involved in College life, from student plays to concerts and even the simplest of moments such as playing croquet in Third Quad. Our favourite traditions like Candy Cane or Orielove messages for Valentine's Day in pigeon-holes created much buzz around College and our usual Valentine's Day Formal even got an upgrade, with dance lessons! We are very grateful to Pulitzer Prize winner and alumnus James Hill (1985) for making several trips to photograph JCR life, including the intercollegiate rowing races in which so many Oriel students get involved. Our College stash is another opportunity to show our College pride and, through the proceeds, a great way to raise money for the charities we support.

There have been so many people working behind the scenes who have been pivotal to making the year a success, from Welfare Officers to our Executive Committee, and even if there is not enough space to thank everyone on the committee individually, I would like to thank them all for their hard work as well as those on past committees for their advice, particularly in my case 2023–24 JCR President Sam Hardaker, for her fantastic support. Our Vice-President Hunor Veres organised some wonderful events, including an amazing Halfway Hall for the second years and, as incoming JCR President, he has already enacted positive change, such as asking Governing Body for approval to raise the LGBTQ+ flag during June.

I now sign off on a hugely rewarding year, congratulate all students who sat Trinity Term exams, wish all the very best of luck to Finalists (whom we will greatly miss and hope to see at alumni events!), and wish a warm welcome to new students (to enjoy the bar!). I look forward to seeing where the JCR committee for 2025–26 takes Oriel.

As always, Floreat Oriel!

*Amy King*  
*JCR President*

## MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

This academic year was an unprecedented one for the Middle Common Room. We started the year with a fully refurbished MCR room and an extra-motivated committee who matched the room's freshness with exciting new events. Some highlights for our members were our first ever Hallowe'en celebration, which kicked off a slew of equally exciting, themed parties: Casablanca, Roaring '20s, Disco Night, and more. Our social team went above and beyond the regular exchange dinners with other colleges, collaborating extensively with other MCRs to bring graduate students across the university together. These included bops, bar exchanges, wine and cheese events, a very special Galentine's night with Green Templeton College, and hosting an Oxford University Student Union event that welcomed all of Oxford's MCR presidents to a dinner in Oriel. Many thanks to our social team who put together these very successful events. Our MCR shone in creativity and in reinforcing our traditional spirit, such as offering a scrumptious dessert after every important social event.

Our taste buds were further refined by all the different tasting events we offered our community: wine, whiskey, tea, and even chocolate. Their popularity really proves that one does not need to go beyond the Oriel MCR to get the most decadent Oxford experience. A huge thanks to the bar committee for supporting our desire to be the most well-educated MCR in Oxford when it comes to the finer things in life.

The MCR welfare team did a wonderful job in supporting us through the highs and lows of our academic rollercoaster. From weekly welfare teas to weekly Yoga sessions, they kept us calm and collected when those deadlines started looming before us. One welfare highlight was this year's Hilary Term welfare week, which included a whole day fair that brought attention to women's safety in Oxford. Titled 'Your Safety Matters', the fair hosted organisations such as 'Safe Places' and 'Hollie Guard', which advocate for women's safety by offering useful resources to keep women protected from street violence in Oxford. Having an MCR welfare team who are willing to support students in these many aspects of wellbeing is invaluable to our College community. This year we felt especially taken care of and are much indebted to welfare packages and study breaks that reminded us that we are all human after all.

Another highlight very much connected to women's wellbeing in Oriel was the International Women's Dinner celebration in March. The MCR joined forces with the JCR to organise a beautiful all-women's dinner to commemorate not only International Women's Day, but also forty years of women in Oriel. It was a priceless opportunity for Oriel women of all generations to share experiences and insights about women's achievements in our College. We hope that such MCR-JCR collaboration will solidify in future years and that Oriel women will have more and more opportunities to interact at a multi-generational level.

Many of our MCR students had the opportunity to showcase their research in our very own 'Oriel Talks', which were an opportunity for our community to learn more about what brought each one of us to Oxford. The themes this year ranged from physics to economics, natural history to lunar adventures. Oriel Talks is always a great way to celebrate the diversity in our student body and support each other in our academic endeavours.

As we close yet another year and our current committee bids the MCR community farewell, it is impossible not to feel proud of the amazing, collaborative atmosphere everyone in our community helped cultivate. We are most thankful to Diego Ramirez, our intrepid MCR President, who dedicated his best efforts to making the MCR beat with vitality and family-like warmth. Vice-President Anna Glieden has been essential in his absence, keeping our community together with kindness, determination and excellence. We welcome our new President, Stephanie Holt, who will surely continue the excellent work of this year's committee, upholding what we love most about Oriel: our quirky traditions, our investigative spirit, and our desire to keep flourishing as wholesome individuals.

Floreat Oriel!

*Christine Rosa de Freitas*  
*MCR Secretary*

## NEW MEMBERS 2024–2025

### FOR HIGHER DEGREES

ALBUKAI, Marriam	MSc	Global Health Science and Epidemiology	King's College London
ARNOLD, Viviane Felicitas	MSt	Modern Languages (German)	Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany
ASMI, Mohammad Zayaan	DPhil	Socio-Legal Studies	Gujarat National Law University
ASTAPOVICH, Vadim	EMBA	Business Administration	St Petersburg State University
AZIZI, Hadia	MSc	Refugee and Forced Migration Studies	Kabul University
BALL, Yovella	DPhil	Theology and Religion	Oriel College
BAO, Yibo	MSc	Financial Economics	University of California, Berkeley
BARDOS, Christopher	EMBA	Business Administration	Azusa Pacific University
BARKER, Helena	DPhil	Chemistry	St Anne's College
BASSAM AL SAMMAN, Tamara	EMBA	Business Administration	University of Pennsylvania
BECK, Alexander	MPhil	International Relations	University of California, Berkeley
BEERENS, Maria	MPhil	Economics	Queen's University at Kingston Ontario, Canada
BELHADFA, Emma	DPhil	Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics	University of Toronto
BENSTER, Maxwell	MPhil	Theology	Oriel College
BOIKO, Kyrylo	MSc	Advanced Computer Science	University of Texas at Austin
CHANNING, Georgia (joined in MT 2023)	EPSRC CDT	Autonomous Intelligent Machines and Systems	University of Tennessee
CHAUDHARY, Aarya	MSc	Criminology and Criminal Justice	University of Durham
CLARKSON, Harry	BM, BCh	Clinical Medicine	Oriel College
CLASSEN-HOWES, Emma	DPhil	Law	Brasenose College

COOPER, Alexandra	MSc	Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation	University of West London
CREWE, Emma	DPhil	Primary Health Care	University of Bristol
DA COSTA, Natasha	MSt	Music (Musicology)	Royal Academy of Music
DEWI, Lay	MSc	Modelling for Global Health	Gadjah Mada University
DING, Yunhao	DPhil	Mathematics	Nantong University
DONICK, Samson	DPhil	Engineering Science	University of Washington
EDMISTON, Ryan	EMBA	Business Administration	Ohio State University
FERGUSON, Kyle	DPhil	Clinical Medicine	Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine
FOSS, Kanina	EMBA	Business Administration	Rhodes University South Africa
FREEDMAN, Levi	BPhil	Philosophy	Deep Springs College
FRENCH, Claire	MPhil	Politics: Comparative Government	Barnard College
GAMBEE, Rachel	DPhil	Theology and Religion	Oriel College
GEFFEN OBREGON, Oliver	DPhil	Theology and Religion	Corpus Christi College
GRAF HALLER VON HALLERSTEIN, Johann	DPhil	Chemistry	Merton College
GUTBERLET, Tim	MSc	Financial Economics	Universität Mannheim, Germany
HAMOOD, Icham	EMBA	Business Administration	Middlesex University
HEATON-ARMSTRONG, John	MSt	History	St Benet's Hall
HENDERSON, Fiona	DPhil	Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics	Dalhousie University
HOGAN, Eva	MSt	English (1550–1700)	Oriel College
HOLT, Stephanie	DPhil	History	Department of Continuing Education, Oxford
HTET, Thu	DPhil	Area Studies (South Asia)	Oriel College
JACOBS, Jack	DPhil	History	University of Oxford
JELLEMA, Sophia	MSt	Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature	Ludwig Maximilians Universität München, Germany

JOHNSON, Robert	DPhil	Literature and Arts	University of Virginia
KIRKWOOD-LALANNE, Angela	MSc	Teacher Education	University of Nottingham
KUHN, Simon	MSc	Financial Economics	Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium
LAMBERT, Victor	MSt	Philosophical Theology	Regent's Park College
LANDSMAN, Samantha	MSc	Nature, Society and Environmental Governance	Cornell University
LECHNER, Maren	MSc	Biodiversity, Conservation and Management	University of California, Los Angeles
LEE, Pui Ka	MSc	Financial Economics	University of Hong Kong
LI, Xiaoyin	MPhil	Economics	New York University
LIANG, Yunqi	MSc	Statistical Science	Xian Jiaotong-Liverpool University
LIU, Yuquan	DPhil	Engineering Science	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
LONGMATE, Abigail	DPhil	English	University of Durham
LYONNET, Timothe	MSc	Mathematical and Computational Finance	University College London
MACKINTOSH, Thomas	MBA	Business Administration	University of Canterbury, New Zealand
MARWOOD, Sebastian	EMBA	Business Administration	University of Kent
MBENENGE, Paul	EMBA	Business Administration	University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
MCGOVERN, Justin	BCL	Law	University of Southern Queensland, Australia
MCKINLAY, Daniel	EMBA	Business Administration	University of Glasgow
MCMAHON, Phoebe	MSc	African Studies	University of Edinburgh
MORTIBOYS- HARRISON, Poppy	MSt	Creative Writing	University of Durham
MUNDHRA, Ria	MSc	Advanced Computer Science	Downing College, Cambridge
MURPHY, Joseph	DPhil	Theology and Religion	St Peter's College
NGUYEN, Allyna-Renee	EMBA	Business Administration	Loyola Marymount University
NOLAN, Kelsey	EMBA	Business Administration	Scripps College
O'CALLAGHAN- BROWN, Thomas	DPhil	Geography and the Environment	Oriel College

O'CONNELL, William	MBA	MBA	University of Sydney
ONG, Hong Ming Teddy	DPhil	Atomic and Laser Physics	Trinity College, Cambridge
OSEI-OWUSU, Simone	DPhil	Geography and the Environment	University of York
PUM, Matthias	MBA	Business Administration	University College London
RATHBONE, Molly	MSc	Energy Systems	University of Utrecht
REYNOLDS, Thomas	EMBA	Business Administration	University of Exeter
ROCHE, Louis	MSc	Advanced Computer Science	Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
ROMANO, Samuel	MSc	Taxation	Department of Continuing Education, Oxford
RUSHER, Nicholas	MSc	Paediatrics	Yale University
SALAMA, Diego	EMBA	Business Administration	University of Maastricht, The Netherlands
SANDHU, Olivia	MSt	Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature	Oriel College
SAYERS-CARTER, Charlotte	DPhil	Law	Exeter College
SCHWARTZ, Laura	DPhil	Engineering Science	Case Western Reserve University OH
SHEPHERD, Grace	MSt	Music (Performance)	Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
SI, Jin	DPhil	Engineering Science	Queen Mary University of London
SMITH, Clémence	DPhil	English	Oriel College
SOLOMON, Rebecca	MBA	MBA	University of Western Ontario
STAMBEKOVA, Aiperi	MSc	Environmental Change and Management	American University of Central Asia
STAPLES, Oliver	MSc	Mathematical and Theoretical Physics	University of St Andrews
SULEMANA, Bawa	DPhil	Geography and the Environment	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
TAHIR, Amra	MSc	Water Science, Policy and Management	Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore, Pakistan

TAYLOR, Ethan	DPhil	Politics	Oriel College
TEO, Joleen	MSc	Mathematical and Theoretical Physics	University of Utrecht
TET TOE, Kyaw	MSc	Modelling for Global Health	University College London
TOFTAKER, Erik	MSc	Financial Economics	Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration
TRIVEDI, Arunachala	MSc	Neuroscience	University of Ottawa
TU, Lucy	DPhil	Socio-Legal Studies	Harvard University
VALDÉS IRARRÁZAVAL, Luis	MJur	Law	Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile
VERHAEGHE, Alexander Koen D	MSc	Mathematical and Theoretical Physics	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
VIVEROS GODOY, Consuelo	MPhil	Law	Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile
VIVEROS GODOY, María De Los Ángeles	MSt	History of Art and Visual Culture	Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile
WHALEN, Francesca	EMBA	Business Administration	Bowdoin College ME
WOLLENWEBER, Alexander Julian	DPhil	Geography and the Environment	Copenhagen Business School
WOUTERS, Elisabeth	MPhil	Theology	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
XIAN, Vanessa	EMBA	Business Administration	Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade
YAN, Ziyi	MSc	African Studies	University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
YOUNG, Naomi	BM, BCh	Clinical Medicine	University of Oxford
ZAMANIAN, Shahriar	EMBA	Business Administration	University of California, Los Angeles
ZEMPLINSKAYA, Rashel	DPhil	History	Russian State University for the Humanities Moscow
ZHANG, Laura	MSc	Refugee and Forced Migration Studies	American University, Washington DC
ZHANG, Ziyi	MPhil	Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics	Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
ZHAO, Yujie	MPhil	Law	Nanjing University
ZUCULE, Fred	MSc	African Studies	Pomona College CA

## FOR FIRST DEGREES

AHMADI, Elias	Chemistry	Colchester Royal Grammar School
ANDOH, Natasha	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	St Dunstan's College
APPLEBY, Elizabeth	Modern Languages (French)	Westminster School
ATKINS, Charlotte	Jurisprudence	Solihull School
BARNWELL, Charlie	Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry	Queen Elizabeth High School, Carmarthen
BARTELS, Roman	Mathematics/Mathematics and Statistics	Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge
BASU, Timon	History	Durham School
BENTHAM, Josephine	Music	Beaconsfield High School
BEYER, Caspar	Modern Languages (Spanish) and Linguistics	Charterhouse
BIRDAL, Yagiz	Engineering Science	The Koc School
BOMMARAJU, Arshya	Classics and Modern Languages (German)	St Albans High School for Girls
BRANCH, Elicia	History	The Tiffin Girls School
BREEZE, Poppy	Modern Languages (French and German)	Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe
BRIDGLAND, Hannah	Ancient and Modern History	Woodbridge School, Woodbridge
CAO, Yucong	Engineering Science	Pennon Education Group
CARONTI, Rossella	Literae Humaniores	St Paul's Girls' School, London
CHEN, Zhiyan	Mathematics/Mathematics and Statistics	Pennon Education Group
CHUNG, Jane	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	King's College School
CLINCH, Andrew	Physics	Thomas Tallis School
DAVIES, Anna	Theology and Religion	St. Teilo's Church in Wales High School
DUTTA, Tanvee	Medicine - Preclinical	Henrietta Barnett School
DWOMOH, Lawrencia	Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	New Hall School
EAGLESON, Fiona	Medicine - Preclinical	Brampton Manor Academy
ELLIOTT, Theodore	Chemistry	Hampton School
EMELE, Mikel	Medicine - Preclinical	St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School
FINAN, Richard	History	University of Oxford Department of Continuing Education

FINNEY, Emilia	Theology and Religion	Sherborne School for Girls
FLANAGAN, Joshua	Music	Exeter College, Hele Road Centre
GAST, Tessel	English Language and Literature	United World College Red Cross Nordic
GRANT, Conor	Modern Languages (Italian and Spanish)	Eton College
HANIF, Malaika	English Language and Literature	Highams Park School
HARRIS, Evie	Jurisprudence	Queen Anne's School
HE, Jiaxi Jesse	Philosophy and Theology	Plano West Senior High School
HEYES, Benjamin	Modern Languages (French)	Westminster School
HORSFALL, Frederick	Computer Science	King's School, Worcester
HUANG, Yutong	Chemistry	Guangdong Country Garden School
HUGHES, Thea	Classical Archaeology and Ancient History	Invicta Grammar School
JIAN, Jiayi	Mathematics and Computer Science	Beijing Number 101 High School
KENNEDY, Thomas	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Hereford Sixth Form College
KERSON, Maggie	Classics and English	South Hampstead High School
KHEDER, Dahan	Medicine – Preclinical	Walsall Academy
KIM, Heewoong	Medicine – Preclinical	West Island School
LAFOND, Evangeline	Classics and English	The Winsor School
LAWRENCE, Hugh	Jurisprudence	Merchant Taylors' Boys' School
LIU, Ethan	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Saint Kentigern College
LIU, Shizhe	Computer Science and Philosophy	King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys
LUMLEY, Samuel	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College
MALIK, Rauf	Chemistry	Westminster School
MARKS, James	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	St Paul's School, London
MCKIMM, Andrew	Modern Languages (French)	Eton College
MCLEAN, Harrison	Computer Science	Ewell Castle School
MILLER, Isabelle	Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry	Hills Road Sixth Form College
MIYATAKE, Gaku	Physics	Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific

MOLNAR, Flora	English Language and Literature	Oxford High School GDST
MOORE, Charlotte	Literae Humaniores	Westminster School
MORO, Ottavia	Theology and Religion	Roedean School
MOSES AYOR, Gon	Engineering Science	Unity High School, Sudan
MULCAHY, Alexander	Computer Science	Exeter College, Hele Road Centre
NOTARNICOLA, William Paolo Ermenegildo	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Marianopolis College
O'DONNELL, Thomas	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Our Lady's High School, Cumbernauld
OWEN, Benjamin	Literae Humaniores	London Academy of Excellence
OZAN, Aysel	Engineering Science	Winchmore School
PARAMOR, Alexander	Theology and Religion	Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood
PERRY, Anastasia	Jurisprudence	Brampton Manor Academy
SAHOO, Nishant	Physics	Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet
SHAH, Anoushka	Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry	Bombay International School
SHIMMIN, Evie	Physics and Philosophy	Cranbrook School
SHUTTER, Rufus	English Language and Literature	Wellington College, Crowthorne
SOKHN, Sarah	Dip Legal Studies	Universite de Paris II (Universite Pantheon-Assas), France
STANCU, Mihai	Jurisprudence	King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford
STAUNTON, Tom	Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry	The Institute of Education, Ireland
SWIFT, Markus	Medicine - Preclinical	University of Cambridge
TAN, Nicole	Jurisprudence	Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore
TANG, Yuanheng	History and Economics	Eastbourne College
TEO, Joshua	Engineering Science	Nanyang Junior College, Singapore
THOMSON, Felix	Music	Peter Symonds College
TOLLIT, Hugo	Mathematics/Mathematics and Statistics	Eton College
TOPEL, Constanze	Classics and Modern Languages (German)	The Perse School, Cambridge

VALMALETTE-WRIGHT, Sophia	Modern Languages (Italian) and Linguistics	Queen Mary's Grammar School for Boys
VASSOS, Freiderikos	Physics and Philosophy	Latymer Upper School
VIGOVSKY, Jeremy	Chemistry	Prior Pursglove College
WANG, Chenyu	History and Politics	Shanghai United International School Gubei Campus
WANG, Yichen	Mathematics/Mathematics and Statistics	Shenzhen College of International Education
WATTERSON, Evelyn	Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	Bishop Luffa School
WAUCQUEZ, Maximilian	Engineering Science	Wellington College, Crowthorne
WEN, Ruochen	Physics and Philosophy	Guangdong Country Garden School
WU, Katherine	Modern Languages (German)	Harris Westminster Sixth Form
WU, Shang Tong	Mathematics and Computer Science	Shenzhen College of International Education
YUDKIN, Jacob	Mathematics/Mathematics and Statistics	Queen Elizabeth's Hospital School
ZHAO, Sitian	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Shanghai Pinghe School
ZIRPS, Sophie	History and Modern Languages (German)	Westminster School

### VISITING STUDENTS

BLUMSTEIN, Alannah	History	University of Notre Dame
BÖCKER, Philipp	Law	Stiftung Maximilianeum
DUFFY, Camryn	Classics	Baylor University
FRAZIER, Eva	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	Harvard University
NIJIM, Luca	Mathematics	University of Notre Dame
OCHOA-CHAVEZ, Diana	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	Harvard University
OORT ALONSO, Alexander	Engineering Science and Physics	Harvard University
SCHNALKE, Ben	Economics, Physics and Politics	Harvard University
TURNER, Ashley	Philosophy and Theology	Baylor University
WEIGAND, Ida	Law	Stiftung Maximilianeum
WESTRAY, Alexandria	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	Harvard University

# ACADEMIC RECORD

## DEGREES AND EXAMINATION RESULTS 2024–2025

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

- AITKEN, Claire, (DPhil Cardiovascular Science (BHF)) Mechanosensory signalling interactions in the vascular endothelium and their impact on atherosclerosis development
- ALLOTT, Flynn Oscar, (DPhil English) Cartography and the Craft of Seventeenth-Century Prose
- ASHCROFT, Caitlin Anastasia, (Interdisciplinary Biosciences (BBSRC DTP) – Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics) Neural correlates of economic decision-making in the regions and projections of the frontal cortex
- BATEMAN, Joseph John, (DPhil Particle Physics) VHEE Dosimetry in a FLASH: Ultrahigh Dose Rate Dosimetry and Real-time Beam Monitoring for Very High Energy Electron FLASH Radiotherapy
- CALDERBANK, Anne Mary Emily, (DPhil Theology and Religion (Full-time)) “Be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy”: An Investigation of Holiness in the Hebrew Bible
- CASTRO GUARDA, Marcos Felipe, (DPhil Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics) Exploring the dual role of fumarate as an intracellular and extracellular hypoxia-induced signalling molecule
- CLARKE, Isabella Maria Regina, (DPhil English) Translating Emotions: Spaces of Love in the Medieval Tristan Tradition
- CONTRERAS SANTANDER, Fernando Tomás, (DPhil Law) Validity and Invalidation
- DASH, Swaraj, (DPhil Computer Science) A monadic theory of point processes
- DESHPRABHU, Tanmayee Rajeev, (DPhil Engineering Science) Identification and Mitigation of Attacks in Trust-Based Distributed Communication Networks
- DING, Zhiyuan, (DPhil Materials) The Development of Non-iterative Electron Ptychography Methods for Fast and Low-fluence Imaging
- ENGLISH, Edward Solomon Arthur, (DPhil Clinical Medicine) Investigating Class III fusion proteins as vaccine candidates against Rabies Virus and Epstein Barr Virus
- FEATHERSTONE, Oliver, (DPhil Clinical Medicine) The Role of the AhR in Melanoma
- FOGASSY, Alexander Gregory, (DPhil Theology and Religion) Is Second-Person Relatedness a Factor in the Faculty of Understanding? A Philosophical, Scientific, and Theological Study
- GONZALEZ GOMEZ, Rodrigo, (Interdisciplinary Bioscience (BBSRC DTP) – NDM) African Swine Fever Virus Multigene Family Interferon Inhibitory Proteins: Functions and Applications to Vaccine Development
- GROSS, Victoria Ann Drew, (DPhil Theology and Religion) On the Memory of the Soul: The Spiritualist Metaphysics of Saint Augustine and Henri Bergson
- GRUBAUGH, Connor Kenneth, (DPhil Politics) Building The Kingdom: Locke, Liberalism, and the Politics of Hope

- HELMS, Nathaniel Robert, (DPhil Philosophy) On What We Should Believe
- HULL, Christopher Raymond, (DPhil Engineering Science) The bumpy ride to electrification: Knowledge and tools to accelerate the electrification of sub-Saharan Africa's paratransit industry
- INGERSENT, Chloe Olivia, (DPhil History) Women in the Star Chamber, 1558–1603
- JO, Charis Guenevera Rae, (DPhil Classical Languages and Literature (Full-time)) De Dialectica: Augustine on 'verba' in dialectic
- JOHNSON, Claire Elizabeth, (DPhil Clinical Neurosciences) Investigating the Origins of IgG1 Pan-Neurofascin Antibodies in a Severe Subtype of Autoimmune Neuropathy
- KELL, Loren Bryony, (DPhil Biochemistry) Overcoming immunosenescence: Strategies to modulate DNA damage and senescence in immune cells and fibroblasts
- KHURI, Grace B, (DPhil English) Tolkien's Eldar Edda: Old Norse Myth, the Great War, and the Writing of 'The Silmarillion'
- MARTIN, John-Francis, (DPhil History) The Last Byzantine Controversy, or, 'How the Union of Florence Failed': Rhetoric, Religion, and Politics from the Council of Ferrara-Florence to the Fall of Constantinople and Beyond (1439–1463)
- NOBLE, Matthew William, (DPhil Materials) Investigating the Void Lattice Phenomenon in Nuclear Irradiated Materials
- O'SULLIVAN, Eoin Michael, (DPhil Materials) Production and Properties of Two Dimensional Borocarbonitrides Using Chemical Vapor Deposition Growth
- ROBERTSON, Cameron Stewart, (DPhil Particle Physics) Homogeneous Dose Delivery for Very High Energy Electron Beams
- SEIFERTH, David, (Interdisciplinary Bioscience (BBSRC DTP) – Condensed Matter Physics) Functional Annotation using Molecular Dynamics Simulations: A Journey into Ion Channel Function
- SESSINI, Cristiana, (DPhil Classical Languages and Literature) Platonic Mysteries: The Orphic Seeds of Plato's Philosophy
- SIVYER, Philip Peter, (DPhil Theology and Religion (Full-time)) The Nature of God's Goodness
- SPOHN, Lauren Delaney, (DPhil Theology and Religion (Full-time)) Ex Umbris et Imaginibus: Newman, Analogy and the Assent to the Real
- SUTCLIFFE, Matthew, (DPhil Computer Science) Novel Methods for Classical Simulation of Quantum Circuits via ZX-Calculus
- WAREHAM WANITZEK, Leonie Hildegard Bärbel, (DPhil English) Writing Towards Italy: Place, Space and Identity in Vernon Lee, E. M. Forster and D. H. Lawrence
- WILLIAMS, Benedict Alexander, (Synthesis for Biology and Medicine (CDT)) Synthesis and reactivity of sulfamoyl fluoride imines: applications to strained ring synthesis
- WILSON, Tatiana Saffron, (Interdisciplinary Bioscience (BBSRC DTP) – Radcliffe Department of Medicine) A Mechanistic Approach to Understanding Human Circadian and Sleep Genetics
- WISIALOWSKI, Sarah Jayne, (DPhil Theology and Religion) Efficacious Prayer and Revelation: Two Case Studies in Second Temple Judaism
- XIE, Zheneng, (Mathematics of Random Systems: A, M and A (CDT)) Scaling limits of critical directed graphs

XU, Xing, (DPhil Organic Chemistry) Cp\*Rh(III)-Catalysed Enantioselective C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H Functionalisation

YOUNG, Luke William, (DPhil English) On Liberal Democracy and the Temperaments of the Twentieth-Century Essay

ZAVITSANO, Stamatia, (DPhil Organic Chemistry) Machine Learning Workflows for Chemistry: Applications in Catalysis and Ionic Liquids

In the following sections, an asterisk (\*) against the name indicates a request from that person that their result not be published.

### MASTER OF SCIENCE BY RESEARCH

KEMP, Elliott James, (MSc Paediatrics) Knocking down MEG3 long non-coding RNA to Counteract Necroptosis in vitro

### BACHELOR OF CIVIL LAW

MCGOVERN, Justin Matthew Merit

### BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY

FRANDES, Vasile Andrei Pass

LUGT, Celia Pass

MORRIS, Peter Edward Distinction

WHITE, Jemima Annis Pass

### DIPLOMA IN LEGAL STUDIES

SOKHN, Sarah Pass

### EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ALOKO, Elie Pass

CARDENAS ZAVALETA, Fiorella Estefania Pass

CHARLTON, Tom Distinction

GUGLIELMETTI, Gregory Distinction

LIU, Shasha Pass

MANNIK, Marili Pass

PAVLYCHKO, Bohdana Pass

SIM, Jaymes Peng Hui Pass

TOCKNELL, Craig Andrew Distinction

VALDIVIESO ACHURRA, Sebastian Jose Pass

WARD, Emily Teresa Pass

### MAGISTER JURIS

VALDÉS IRARRÁZVAL, Luis Carlos Merit

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

BEAUCLAIRE CHOUMKWA MBANYA, Junior

Pass

**MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN ECONOMICS**

WALLER, Nathan Finisterre

Distinction

**MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND MANAGEMENT**

RYCHETSKA, Michaela Alexandra

Merit

**MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN GREEK AND/OR ROMAN HISTORY**

JACKSON, Hannah

Pass

**MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN LINGUISTICS, PHILOLOGY AND PHONETICS**

\*WHITWORTH, Fleur

**MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY**

LEE, Ho Yeung

Distinction

RAMIREZ ALCALDE, Diego Jose

Merit

**MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN POLITICS: POLITICAL THEORY**

NYLEN, Ethan Samuel

Pass

**MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY**

LAMONDE-MERCIER, Laurence

Distinction

REGENSBURGER, Pia Antonia Sophia

Distinction

WARESS, Cale Anthony

Pass

**MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY**

ALSOP-TEN HOVE, Benjamin Edward James

Merit

BIN ABDUL MAJID, Muhammad

Merit

KATZ CHAMBERLAIN, Benjamín

Merit

ROBERTSON, Tomas James

Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE**

ANGUS, William James

Distinction

BUJDEI-LEONTE, Leo

Distinction

VO, Duy Nhat

Distinction

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AFRICAN STUDIES**

MCMAHON, Phoebe Hannah

Distinction

MAKAWI, Raga Hashim Mohamed Osman

Merit

YAN, Ziyi

Merit

ZUCULE JUNIOR, Fred Rainer

Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

O'CALLAGHAN-BROWN, Thomas James Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

CHAUDHARY, Aarya Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENERGY SYSTEMS**

NOKANAIDU, Vignesh Naidu Distinction

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND MANAGEMENT**

MATIVO, Patricia Philip Pass

SOMASEKHARAN NAIR, Sai Parameswaran Pass

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EVIDENCE-BASED HEALTH CARE (MEDICAL STATISTICS)**

SAMI, Arvind Singh Pass

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EVIDENCE-BASED SOCIAL INTERVENTION AND POLICY EVALUATION**

COOPER, Alexandra Autumn Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCIAL ECONOMICS**

GUTBERLET, Tim Merit

KUHN, Simon Distinction

LEE, Pui Ka Merit

TOFTAKER, Erik Oyberg Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND EPIDEMIOLOGY**

SAMUEL, Nathan Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL FINANCE**

GONG, Jue Pass

LYONNET, Timothe Distinction

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICAL AND THEORETICAL PHYSICS**

STAPLES, Oliver Kondo Merit

TEO, Joleen Sze Min Distinction

VERHAEGHE, Alexander Koen D Distinction

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MODELLING FOR GLOBAL HEALTH**

SARGOOD, Aren Ali Joseph Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NEUROSCIENCE**

TRIVEDI, Arunachala Umashanker Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN REFUGEE AND FORCED MIGRATION STUDIES**

AZIZI, Hadia	Pass
ZHANG, Laura Anya	Merit

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE OF THE INTERNET**

GOLDBERG, Hayden Andrew	Merit
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION**

TIFFIN, Sara Marie	Pass
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THEORETICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY**

ALLMAN, Henry James	Merit
FEKRI, Sara Naeem Mohammad Abdulla	Pass

**MASTER OF STUDIES IN CREATIVE WRITING**

JAN, Ismail	Merit
RICHARDSON, Jack Nicholas Gardner	Merit
USHERWOOD-BLISS, Imogen Olivia Pearl Mary	Distinction

**MASTER OF STUDIES IN ENGLISH (1550–1700)**

HOGAN, Eva Rose	Distinction
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**MASTER OF STUDIES IN GREEK AND/OR LATIN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE**

ELLEMA, Sophia Vivianne	Merit
SANDHU, Olivia Louise	Distinction

**MASTER OF STUDIES IN HISTORY OF ART AND VISUAL CULTURE**

HAWORTH, Olivia Cristianne	Pass
VIVEROS GODOY, María De Los Ángeles	Merit

**MASTER OF STUDIES IN MODERN LANGUAGES (GERMAN)**

LI, Chao	Distinction
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**MASTER OF STUDIES IN MUSIC (MUSICOLOGY)**

DA COSTA, Natasha Michella	Pass
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**MASTER OF STUDIES IN MUSIC (PERFORMANCE)**

SHEPHERD, Grace Poppy May	Merit
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**MASTER OF STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY**

LAMBERT, Victor Andrei	Distinction
WHITBOURN, Simeon James	Merit

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF CELL AND SYSTEMS BIOLOGY**

BUCKLEY, Charlotte Lucy Mclean	I
TRAWKOWSKA, Natalia Maria	II.1
WOMACK, Lucy Alexandra	I

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY**

BROWN, Oscar Hugo	II.1
PATEL, Yash Divyeshbhai	II.2
REILLY, Dylan	I
WU, Zitong	I

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY**

KNIGHT, Laura	II.1
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF CLASSICS AND ENGLISH**

PROCTOR, Isabelle	II.1
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF CLASSICS AND MODERN LANGUAGES (FRENCH)  
COURSE I OPTION 1**

MONAGHAN, Amelia Frances D'Arcy	I
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**

HARVEY, Silas (BA)	II.2
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY**

BOLAJI, Ayomikun Oluwafeyisayo	I
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF ENGLISH AND MODERN LANGUAGES (FRENCH)**

SHARP, Evelyn	II.1
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

BENTON, Hattie Maya	I
RUSSELL, Saskia	I

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING SCIENCE**

 FENG, Siheng	I
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF HISTORY**

BRISCOE, Theodore Nahum	I
GANDHI, Yashvi	II.1
HARDAKER, Samantha	I
SAWDY, Henry Robert Lauriston	II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF HISTORY AND MODERN LANGUAGES (GERMAN)**

DALE, Luke William	I
MAYER-RIECKH, Miriam	I

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF JURISPRUDENCE**

QUINN RICE, Joshua	II.1
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF LITERAE HUMANIORES**

BAKER, Thomas	I
COLLOPY, Oliver Richard Xavier	II.1
MCGEE, Maximilian Edward	II.1
NIEBOER, Anton Francesco	II.1
ONYETT, Mya	II.1
ROMANS, Grace Elizabeth	II.1
WYNNE, Francesca Anastasia	II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS**

QIANG, Jiaying (BA)	II.2
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS (PART C)**

TOLLEY, Jessica Emily	Merit
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS IN MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS (PART C)**

CAO, Jiaqi	Distinction
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE (PART C)**

MARWAHA, Ram Arjun	Distinction
ROSE, Tom	Distinction
ZYGMUNT, Piotr	Distinction

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHILOSOPHY**

GARLICK, Atticus Ravinder George	I
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES**

ABRAR, Muhammad Ali	I
AKANJI, David Oluwapelumii M	II.1
HOOKE, Madeleine Scarlett	I
MCKENZIE, Alice	I
MCKIM, Charles	II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES (GERMAN AND ITALIAN)**

VOCKINS, Elenor	II.1
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**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES (FRENCH)**

SAHOTA, Anoushka Shanti Lily II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES (GERMAN)**

JONES, Freya Lamorna II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES (SPANISH) AND LINGUISTICS**

EVESON, Alexander Charles I

HUTULEAC, Claudia Elena II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOCHEMISTRY**

MIRZA, Ibraheem II.2

RADZEVICIUS, Titas I

SIMMONS, Michael David Roger I

ZIEMKIEWICZ, Zofia Wanda II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

BEST, Nathaniel II.1

GATWARD, Edwin Basarab I

THOMAS, Anwyll Llewelyn II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY**

LENAHAN, Peter David II.1

SMITHSON, Felix I

WHITHAM, Aiden I

WOLLEN, Amos Brendan Benedict I

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS**

CORTES VILAPLANA, Carolina II.1

DHANWANI, Aryan II.1

HEATH, Jennifer I

\*KIM, Junsoo II.1

RAHMAN, Miyoshi II.1

WHEATLEY, Harry Jon II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOLS OF PHYSICS**

QUILT, Matthew II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF PHYSICS AND PHILOSOPHY**

BEDFORTH, Thomas II.1

**HONOUR SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION**

REES, Joseph II.1

WILLIAMS, Peter I

ZHANG, Muye I

## AWARDS AND PRIZES

### UNIVERSITY AWARDS AND PRIZES

Claude Massart Prize for Best Performance in French Literature	<b>Benjamin Heyes</b>
Lidle Prize for the Best Performance in German for Best Submitted Work in FHS Paper XIV	<b>Luke Dale</b>
Biochemistry – Top Mark in Individual Papers in Part 1 – Paper III	<b>Robin Bradfield</b>
Biochemistry – Top Mark in Individual Papers in Part 1 – Paper I	<b>Patrick Brown</b>
John Ledingham Prize for the Best Medical Performance in the 2nd BM Finals Examinations	<b>Peter Morris</b>
Ramón Silva Memorial Prize for the Best Performance in Spanish Orals	<b>Claudia Hutuleac</b>
Johnson Memorial Prize for an MPhys Project in Astrophysics	<b>Matthew Quilt</b>

### COLLEGE AWARDS AND PRIZES

Eugene Lee-Hamilton Prize <i>highly commended</i>	<b>Hannah Wei, Hertford College</b>
Hammick Progress in Chemistry Prize	<b>Isaac Marchant, Pembroke College, Cambridge</b>
HB Robinson Prize	<b>Adzor Atkins</b>
Shannon Prize in History	<b>Maya Onyett</b>
Macdonald Prize in Engineering (1st Year)	<b>Miriam Meyer-Rieckh</b>
Macdonald Prize in Engineering (3rd Year)	<b>Yucong Cao</b>
Sir Derek Morris Prize	<b>Samuel Grace</b>
John Sanders Scholarship	<b>Jennifer Heath</b>
Penultimate Year Prize in History 2024/2025	<b>Christopher Ong</b>
	<b>Sidharth Chambocheri Veetil</b>
	<b>Zaynah Hussain</b>
	<b>Olivia Toms</b>
Penultimate Year Prize in History 2023/2024	<b>Sidharth Chambocheri Veetil</b>
	<b>Yashvi Gandhi</b>
	<b>Claudia Appoh-Amasanti</b>

## GRADUATE SCHOLARS

The following were awarded graduate scholarships for the academic year 2024–2025

Hamza Maghfoor Ahmad  
 Hadia Azizi  
 Kyrylo Boiko  
 Edward Rhodri Champness  
 Jonathon Ian Clark  
 Lay Monica Ratna Dewi  
 Aindre Ann Maame-Fosua Evans  
 Tim Wilhelm Franzmeyer  
 Mads Hoefer  
 Christopher Raymond Hull  
 Jana Joha  
 Maria Kyriazi  
 Jan Langemeyer  
 Pascal Louis Mowla  
 Charles Ashby Neterer  
 Chaio-Li Ou  
 Charlotte Georgina Sayers-Carter  
 Laura Ellen Schwartz  
 Aiperi Stambekova  
 Bawa Sulemana  
 Kyaw Muang Muang Tet Toe  
 Don Tishan Wellalagodage  
 Daniel Roy Woolnough  
 Zishang Yue  
 Alexey Zakharov  
 Fred Rainer Zucule

## BURSARIES

In the year 2024–2025, thirty-nine undergraduates received bursaries and student financial assistance grants from Oriel, including the following:

Burton Bursary  
 Freeman Bursary  
 Macdonald Bursary  
 Midlands Bursary  
 Roe Disability Bursary  
 Smith Bursary  
 Thomson Bursary  
 Wilson Bursary

# SPORTS AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

## BLUES

Caspar Beyer	Men's Hockey
Charlotte Buckley	Athletics (represented Great Britain at World Students' Games) Cross Country
Emma Classen-Howes	Archery (President and Women's Captain of the Oxford University Company of Archers)
James Doran	Rowing (Vice-President 2023–24 and 2024–25)
Jacob Hudson	Swimming (Vice-Captain)
William O'Connell	Rowing
Constanze Topel	Women's Hockey
Luis Valdes	Polo

## HALF BLUES

George Coop	Dinghy Sailing (Captain-elect for 2025–26) Also in 2023–24 for Dinghy Sailing and Yacht Sailing
Dylan Hughes	Karate (Men's Captain)
Victoria Kennedy	Women's Rugby (Blues Secretary, Welfare Secretary)
Andrew McKimm	Skiing
Amelia Monaghan	Rowing (Women's Lightweight Boat Race)
Benjamin Owen	Volleyball (Men's 2nd team)
Olivia Richardson	Women's Football (2nd team: Furies)
Chenyu Wang	Ice Hockey
Braden Zufelt	Clay Pigeon Shooting (Practice Coordinator)

## OTHER UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SPORT

Robert Adams	Rackets (Vice-Captain and Treasurer)
Colin Bailey	Academics and Senior Managers Golf
Edward Bence	Cricket (2nd XI)
Sofia Borrman Gorostiza	Tennis (Co-Captain, Women's 2nd team)
Jesse He	Powerlifting
Samuel Henry	Academics and Senior Managers Golf
Victoria Kennedy	Women's Cricket (2nd XI)
Maximilian McGee	Mixed Lacrosse (President of OU Lacrosse Club)
Jack McNamara	Korfball
Ibrahim Mirza	Cricket (2nd XI: Oxford Authentics)
Henry Sawdy	Mixed Martial Arts (President TT 2024 – TT 2025)
Tishan Wellalagodage	Athletics (4 × 100m relay, long jump)

Fleur Whitworth

Netball (4th team: Electrics)

**COLLEGE SPORT**

Sophia Jellema

Elis White Memorial Trophy for the most improved novice rower

Edward Smart

Michael Johnson Shield for outstanding commitment to college rugby

Photo by James Hill



## COLLEGE LIBRARY

It was a heartening experience recently to overhear student ambassadors at the open days introduce the Library to prospective applicants: ‘I haven’t had to buy a book all year because the Library always has what I need’ and ‘During the vacation, I asked the Library to buy a book and they sent it to me at home’. These comments reflect the emphasis that Hannah, the College Librarian, has always placed on creating a responsive and welcoming atmosphere in the Library. Our role is to ensure that students have easy access to the resources they need – whether that is finding a particular textbook or a comfortable working space, borrowing a laptop or asking for help using another library.

At the same time, we can always do more to engage certain groups of readers: the ones who do not visit the Library during our office hours, or who still are not aware of everything that the Library can offer. Over the year I have been impressed by the number of ways that Fiona (our Senior Library Assistant, Reader Services) has found to spread the word, via social media, eye-catching displays, judicious signage, and even treasure hunts with prizes. In April Louise (our Library Assistant) attended a conference at Aston University entitled ‘Inspired ideas from the sharp end’ to share ideas with other library assistants and hear about projects they have implemented to improve customer services.

In January, Fiona put together an Instagram reel showcasing the variety of bookmarks we had found in our books over the course of 2024, and this proved a surprise hit, with over a million views, and inspired several other libraries to do the same. One reader had even used a drawing pin to mark their place (please note, this is definitely not recommended!). As a result one former student was happily reunited with their lost bookmark. So if you have left anything behind in the Library recently, you might want to consider following us [@oriellibrary](#) on Instagram.

February saw the inaugural meeting of the new Library and Archives Committee, chaired by the Fellow Librarian, Dr David Maw. This will stand us in good stead as we make plans for the Senior Library refurbishment and the related cataloguing project.

In March we attended the biennial OxCam conference, a valuable opportunity for librarians from Oxford and Cambridge to meet up and learn from each other.

I was privileged to represent the Library at the International Women’s Day dinner in March, as a guest of the JCR. To tie in with the celebrations, the JCR Women’s Officer, Milly Gibson, put together an inspiring book display in the Library, gathering up a selection of books which had particular resonance.

In June we welcomed Leah Brown as temporary cover for my usual role as Senior Library Assistant, while Hannah is on maternity leave. Leah has previously worked at the English Faculty Library and the Bodleian Map Room and has quickly adapted to her new role here.

This year we bravely embarked on a major project to organise and catalogue our holdings in the Library basement stacks. The basement is currently both a storage area for important parts of the collection which do not belong on open shelves and also a dumping ground for unwanted and damaged items which were set aside to be dealt with ‘another day’ but never revisited. A team of graduate students worked indefatigably on the first stage of the project, checking every single item and identifying books of particular interest – perhaps rare in Oxford libraries, or with an interesting connection to the College. They worked alongside Louise, who – luckily for the Library – was able to work some additional hours on the project. After clearing out some of the unwanted material, the next stage will be to ensure that items in the basement are discoverable in the library catalogue, and available for readers to request.

Looking ahead, it will be interesting to see what impact the Bodleian’s recent decision to move towards lending more of their legal deposit collection will have on college libraries.

During this academic year we have accessioned over 1,100 books, including more than a hundred donations. We are particularly grateful to these donors, who include: Rajeev Balasubramanyam, Robin Darwall-Smith, Astra Emir, Ari Gautier, Chris Gidlow, Hayden Goldberg, Barbara Russano Hanning, E.L. Hargreaves, Howard Harries, John W. Heaton-Armstrong, James Hill, Stephanie Holt, Simon Hornblower, Dowon Jung, Paul Kusserow, David Lyon, John London, David McBride, Peter Morris, Mark Philp, Marilyn Piper, Daniel R. Porterfield, Stewart Purvis, Junyu Ren, Lyndal Roper, Jeffrey Rosen, Damon Salesa, Vernon Sankey, Michael Spivey, Stefan Stern, Michael Stolz, Richard Swinburne, Roger Tomlin, Dermot Turing, Somerville College Library and Pembroke College Library. Please do get in touch if I have missed anybody out.

*Felicity Staveley-Taylor*  
Acting Librarian 2025–26

## VISITING FELLOWSHIP IN MUSIC 2023–2024

**T**amar Halperin and Andreas Scholl were appointed as our Visiting Fellows in Music in 2020. Circumstances required that events in their first year were online, but they and we were determined that their second year should involve in-person events at Oriel. It was not until this past year that it became possible to achieve that and it was a great pleasure to welcome them to Oriel.

There were three events in Michaelmas term. Tamar gave a lecture demonstration of ‘Versatility: what performers of classical music can learn from other musical genres.’ Interpretations of Baroque and Classical music can be influenced by performance practices drawn from other types of more recent music to striking effect. Andreas revealed another side to his creativity with the showing of a film that he had made about his relationship with his inspirational teacher at the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis, Richard Levitt. The film was entitled ‘The Animal in You’ after advice that Levitt used to give his students. Finally, Andreas gave a lecture with a question-and-answer session entitled ‘Progress in Singing’. The challenges for singers, being their own instrument, are different from those of other musicians. Technical and professional progress need to be thought through in the light of these differences.



Andreas Scholl and Tamar Halperin, Visiting Fellows in Music 2023–24

Two visits were scheduled for Hilary term. The first of these was a concert in the Sheldonian Theatre, a joint venture with *Music at Oxford*. The programme mixed vocal and instrumental music: songs and arias by Purcell, Dowland, Bach and Handel, interspersed with the keyboard music of J.S. Bach and inspired by it. The Sheldonian was packed, and the duo received a rapturous ovation. The second visit featured a voice and piano masterclass, with student performers from across the university participating, among them Oriel students Loren Kell (soprano) and Tatiana Wilson (piano). Finally, Tamar gave a lecture-recital explaining the compositions (or 'recompositions', as they could be called) based on music by Bach that she had presented at the Sheldonian concert earlier in term. Each piece grew out of one or more fragments from Bach's keyboard music, the recomposition taking shape through repeated improvisation that gradually became fixed.

Andreas and Tamar were delighted to be part of Oriel and to contribute to its musical life. We were very lucky to have them with us through the year, and we all hope that they will return to Oriel at some point.

We are very pleased to have appointed young composer Cheryl Frances-Hoad as our Visiting Fellow in Music for the academic year 2024–25.

*David Maw*  
*Director of Music*

## VISITING FELLOWSHIP IN MUSIC 2024–2025

For the present academic year, a composer was elected as the Visiting Fellow in Music. This is the first time that a musician who is dedicated solely to composition has been appointed, and this brought a fresh approach to the events we organised. Cheryl Frances-Hoad has forged a distinguished and distinctive career since her undergraduate studies at Cambridge. Her fellowship at Oriel offered insights into how and why she has followed this path, and what are the distinctive qualities of her music, as well as providing opportunities for students to study with her.

In Michaelmas term, there was a question-and-answer session, in which Cheryl described her progress from a shy child sitting in a corner writing down her musical thoughts to the mature composer she now is, confidently controlling massed orchestral and choral forces with her pen strokes. This was complemented in Hilary term by a talk on her oeuvre and compositional process around the theme ‘equal parts humour and reverence’, conveying the dialectic animating her musical language.

The climax of this series came in Trinity term with a performance by the pianist Annie Yim of Cheryl’s *Dance Suite*, commissioned in 2024. It was written as a response to Dr Sue Stuart-Smith’s groundbreaking book, *The Well Gardened Mind*, which explores the psychological and physiological healing effects of gardening. Sue Stuart-Smith was



Photo by Convivium Records

Cheryl Frances-Hoad, Visiting Fellow in Music 2024–25

present to read excerpts of her book in alternation with the movements of Cheryl's suite. The programme continued with works by Boulanger and Debussy relating to the garden theme and concluded with Bach's Partita in G major, representing the Baroque model on which Cheryl's work draws.

Perhaps the most significant part of Cheryl's tenure was the composition of an anthem for the choir, commissioned to celebrate forty years since the admission of female students to the college. The composition was to be a companion piece to the *Oriel Service* that Judith Bingham composed a decade earlier, and Cheryl used the words and music of the thirteenth-century English sequence *O Maria, virgo pia*, on which Judith had drawn in her composition. Cheryl's work clothes the medieval model in her colourful harmonic language and resourceful approach to musical structure, injecting reverence and gentle humour into the sentiments of the original. The piece was premiered as the anthem at evensong on Sunday 18 May in the company of Judith Bingham's canticles.

*David Maw*  
*Director of Music*

## OUTREACH REPORT

**A**fter a full year in post, I can truly say what a pleasure it is to work as Oriel College's Outreach Officer. The big picture, working with over 3,600 students and 200 teachers at 130 events this year, sounds impressive (and is!), but it is the little details I get to see up close that best show the value of our work. It is the moment you see the spark flash in a student's eyes when they enter First Quad and realise that they could pursue this as an option, or when a student tells you that attending the Easter residential course has confirmed what they want to study at university: these are the reasons our outreach work is so important.

Throughout the year our varied programme of events has included school visits to Oriel, visits to schools, webinars, parent/career support sessions, Open Days, residential courses and more. Primarily, these events take place with our link schools (defined as non-selective state schools in Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Kensington and Chelsea, and Richmond upon Thames), but we also target students nationally who are from backgrounds that are underrepresented at our university. This is enabled by the generous support of our donors, who, among many things, ensure that schools and individual students are able to take part in activities at no cost.

Our outreach work is rooted in collaboration, and reliant on the support of many others. Our Tutor for Admissions and Outreach, Professor Julien Devriendt, continues to champion our work, while the team of thirty trained undergraduate Student Ambassadors act as outstanding representatives for Oriel, welcoming students on tours and providing question and answer sessions. We have ongoing collaborations with other Oxbridge colleges – Keble College and University College in Oxford, and Newnham College and Christ's College in Cambridge – which enable us to reach a greater number of students, and we also work in partnership with multiple outreach charities. We have completed the fourth cycle of our *STEM@Oxbridge* programme, run in conjunction with *Generating Genius*, and we are delighted to have now joined an official partnership with *The Brilliant Club* as part of a consortium of other Oxford colleges.

A welcome addition to our work has been the changes made to the College's Rex Nettleford Essay Prize. This competition, established in 2021, is open to all UK Year 12 students and challenges them to engage with the legacies of colonialism. This year, for the first time, at least one of the two £250 prizes was to be awarded to a pupil from one of Oriel's link schools, who on this occasion was Alex Kotecha from Orleans Park School. Another link school student, Matilda Kraft from Holland Park School, was awarded a commendation, and both students were invited to the prestigious Rex Nettleford lecture in June, along with the other prize winners, after which they were able to enjoy a dinner at High Table. Broader changes have also been introduced so that the competition is more accessible, with a webinar event and online resources available to make undertaking an

independent research project less daunting for all students. I look forward to continuing this work next year, and I am excited to anticipate the range of inspiring essays we will undoubtedly receive.

After such a great year of outreach at Oriel, I feel optimistic about what comes next. With the creation of a second outreach post in September we will have the capacity to expand our offering, reaching more schools and establishing greater contact with students who have the potential to be Oxford's next generation of scholars.

*Carys Owen*  
*Outreach Officer*

Photo by Jared Smith



## ORIEL ALUMNI ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Yet again it has been a busy year for Oriel alumni, who have supported the College in numerous ways and enjoyed much fun and fellowship.

The Alumni Dinner in September 2024 was enjoyed by alumni whose matriculation dates ranged from 1949 to 2022 and who had travelled from the USA, France, the Netherlands, Romania and Belgium. The Senior Library has been transformed into a spectacular temporary dining hall and I hope many of you have had the opportunity to attend one of the events, both formal and informal, that have been held there before the refurbishment of the kitchens is completed towards the end of 2025.

The London Dinner at the House of Commons in May 2025 was the biggest ever, with 159 attendees. Francis Elliott (1987), the editor of *The House* magazine, gave a fascinating insight into the machinations of Parliament and the Provost was given a standing ovation after his update on plans for 2026, about which there is more below.

The attendees at the Adam de Brome lunch were treated to a talk by Ben Ford, who led the team of archaeologists who identified the original eastern defensive line of late-Saxon Oxford during the East Range project. The discovery gives credibility to theories that the early fortified Oxford was significantly smaller than the later medieval town and had a square perimeter built by the Anglo-Saxons according to the model of walled Roman towns such as Winchester.

There has been a very successful and varied programme of lectures. In October 2024, the Said Business School hosted an evening with Colm Kelleher (1975), who has been described as Europe's most powerful banker but who gratefully noted that Oxford had made a 'huge difference' to his life and his career in finance. In November 2024, Oriel hosted a fascinating discussion with Phillip Ayoub, Professor in the Department of Political Science and School of Public Policy at UCL, Jayne Ozanne, Founder of the Ozanne Foundation, and Ilias Trispiotis, Professor of Human Rights Law at the University of Leeds, chaired by Professor Tim Soutphommasane, Chief Diversity Officer at the University of Oxford. The evening was generously funded by David Lyon (1980). The Oriel Environment Group (OEG) organised lectures from Peter Gish (1986), founder and Co-CEO of Ortus Climate Mitigation, who spoke on 'Morocco as a Gateway for Green Hydrogen to Europe: Technical, Economic and Regulatory Challenges', and Ernest Akinlola, MD/CEO of Bboxx Nigeria, who spoke on 'Powering Progress: Unlocking Renewable Energy Potential in Nigeria and Africa'. Current DPhil student Jamie Linsley-Parish has done a fantastic job of organising these speakers over the last two years as Secretary of the OEG, and steps down this year. We are very grateful for his energy (if you will excuse the pun). The annual Rex Nettleford lecture was given by award-winning author, broadcaster and a Professor of Sociology at the University of Manchester, Gary Younge. Gary spoke on 'The

man who photobombed De Gaulle'. We also once again congratulated the winners of the Rex Nettleford Essay Prize, in which Year 12 students were invited to submit an essay addressing specific aspects of colonialism, with dinner at High Table.

Gaudies took place for the 2014–16 and 1987–90 cohorts, with brilliant speeches from Mason Yousif (2015) and Astra Emir (1987), respectively. Because of all the other exciting events planned, Gaudies will be put on hold for 2026.

A very successful Maths and Computer Science subject day was held in November 2024, with talks by our Fellows and a tour of the newly completed Maths Institute.

The Garden Party was as successful as ever, despite later events on the river, which I will leave to others.

A group of alumni were treated to a fascinating tour of Oriensis Gilbert White's house in Selbourne by current DPhil student and MCR President Stephanie Holt.

'Oriel in the City' continues to flourish and has gone international, with pub gatherings in Paris and Auckland, as well as Manchester, Bristol, Edinburgh and London. For 2026, we are hoping that alumni will organise an evening at the pub in their home towns, wherever in the world that might be, and the College will assist with some Oriel-themed party favours – please contact the Development Office for more details.

Photo by James Hill



The international theme continued with events in New York and Washington DC, thanks to the support of Jonathan Burnham (1979) and Jim Burns (1994), with over seventy alumni welcoming the Provost and Lady Mendoza.

I hope it has escaped no one's notice that we celebrate forty years of women at Oriel this year. To celebrate International Women's Day in March, the Development Office's Oriel Women's Network event was combined with the JCR Women's Dinner. Sixty-two students, thirty-six alumnae, and eleven staff and Fellows filled the Senior Library for an all-female occasion. A brilliant speech was given by Sara Snell (1985) on her experience as one of our first women, and after-dinner drinks were enjoyed by all in the MCR bar. Special thanks to the JCR Women's Officer Milly Gibson, and the MCR Women's Officer Charlotte Sayers-Carter, for making the occasion so special with flowers, table favours and chocolates. The main anniversary celebrations are planned for September 2025, unfortunately after this report needs to be submitted, so I will provide an update next year.

Finally to the big anniversary – our 700th birthday in 2026. There is a fantastic programme of events, including Inspiration Days with academic lectures, a celebration of sport with notable sporting alumni, decade reunions, a classical concert, Garden Party, the Commemoration Ball and an additional ball in September 2026 for alumni. For our alumni across the pond, the British Embassy in Washington DC has agreed to host an event; please look out for further details. I hope there is something for everyone but do get in touch with any ideas or suggestions.

The Oriel Alumni Advisory Committee exists to represent your interests as well as helping to organise lots of fun and fellowship and we would love to hear from you. I am extremely grateful to the members of the Committee for all their help and support.

Floreat Oriel!

*Claire Toogood KC (1991)*

*Chair, Oriel Alumni Advisory Committee*



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## CHAPEL MUSIC

The year began with a successful recruitment exercise, and quickly a strong team was assembled. With a large cohort of new singers, the music list for Michaelmas term was cautious, relying principally on repertory from the past year. However, there was scope for some development. To mark All Souls, we employed a mixture of movements from different settings of the Requiem Mass – plainchant, Fauré, De Kerle. Notable revivals for the carol service were Bertalot's *Christopher's Carol*, Howells's *A spotless rose* (with Nathaniel Best as soloist) and Gallus's *O magnum mysterium*; but there were repertorial additions in the form of Warlock's *Benedicamus Domino* and Carter's arrangement of *Angelus ad virginem*.

The choir's big event of the year was the recording of a disc of music for release as part of the septcentenary celebrations in 2026. Featuring compositions by former members of the College and works commissioned by the choir, the project was funded by the generosity of Jeremy Amos (1966), in memory of his friend Nicholas Stogdon (1967). At the end of Hilary term, the choir decamped to Keble College Chapel, where, in the company of organist Alexander Pott, soprano soloist Grace Davidson, guitarist Craig Ogden, and the Tippett String Quartet, it spent a couple of days recording a varied programme of music mixing settings of liturgical texts – the Benedictus, Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Psalm 150 – with sacred poetic texts – medieval and modern. The thirteenth-century sequence *O Maria, virgo pia* served as a linking element, relating to Judith Bingham's *Oriel Service* of 2015 and to a newly commissioned anthem by Cheryl Frances-Hoad.

The music for the recording was prepared during Hilary term, with the works peppering the music list week by week. There was still time to learn additional music, including Gray's striking double-choir *Evening canticles in F minor*, which served at Candlemas, Walford Davies's *Canticles in G* and a revival of Guerrero's beautifully fashioned *Dulcissima Maria* for the final Sunday of term.

Repertorial highpoints in Trinity term were Vaughan Williams's *Let all the world*, Britten's *Missa Brevis*, Lassus's *Missa vinum bonum* (in a joint service with Keble College Choir), Philips's *Ascendit Deus*, Murrill's *Evening Service in E* and Elgar's *The spirit of the Lord*. The peak among these highpoints was the premiere of Cheryl Frances-Hoad's *O Maria, virgo pia*, which the College commissioned to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the admission of female students to the College.

The choir's tour this year was closer to home than in previous years: a four-day residency at Norwich Cathedral during the absence of the cathedral choir. Aside from exposing the choir to the cathedral's magnificent architecture and to the routine of daily services, it was a chance to give the first performance outside Oxford of Cheryl's commissioned anthem. Complementing canticles by Soriano and Palestrina and the full

set of psalms appointed for the evening, the new work proved itself a fitting addition to the repertory.

At the year's end, we bade farewell: to three members who had sung with the choir during the year – Daisy Middleton (New College), Laura Heit (Jesus) and Emma Jayne Smith (Wadham); and to two choral scholars, Laura Knight and Nathaniel Best, who have been lynchpins of the choir during their time with it. Laura and Nathaniel brought their contributions to the choir to a close with beautiful solos, respectively in the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis of Stanford's G major service at the Leavers' Service.

Thanks are due to Leonard Shaw and Lily Stephens for their help with choir administration; to Edward Bence and Virginia Browne for eliciting versatility from Oriel Chapel's sometimes reluctant organ; and to the Chaplain and Acting Chaplain for making the Chapel such a rewarding environment to work in.

*David Maw*  
*Director of Music*

## CHAMPAGNE CONCERTS

As the autumn shadows lengthened at the end of Second Week of Michaelmas Term, a great way to start the weekend was the concert held in the beautiful surroundings of the Chapel on 25 October. We welcomed *Maiestra*, the current performers from the prestigious Aidan Woodcock Charitable Trust, led by the Polish violinist Bartosz Woroch, to play a delightful romantic programme – Haydn’s Sunrise Quartet and Schubert’s Rosamunde Quartet, contrasted with a taste of twentieth century adventure by the contemporary composer Szymanowski. An enthusiastic audience was regaled by this music; and following the time-honoured formula inaugurated by former Provost Sir Derek Morris twenty years ago, they met to exchange impressions over a glass of sparkling wine in the interval.

Plans for a concert by Oriel musicians in May 2025 had to be postponed owing to the unavailability of the University Church; but the project will be taken up again in October.

We are grateful for the support of a small number of dedicated alumni who are willing to cover contingencies in funding the concerts, as we try to strike a balance between affordability and musical excellence; and for the assistance of the Development Office in helping to put them on. These occasions remain important in the College’s cultural calendar, bringing together current and past members of the College for the appreciation of great music.

*Hugh Bryant (1969)*

*Chair of the Alumni Music Society*

## MUSIC SOCIETY

This year, the Oriel College Music Society has, for the first time since before the Covid-19 pandemic, put on a regular series of recitals throughout the academic year. OCMS has hosted a total of 22 lunchtime recitals, featuring many talented performers both from within Oriel as well as from across the University. The Music Room has provided a fantastic venue for these concerts, and we were delighted to have such a wide array of audience members coming from across the city to attend. We were also very happy to regularly host soloists from the Chapel Choir, who put on a recital each term this year.

Although the audience attendance rate at the start of the year was low, we made a continuous effort to advertise the concerts by using our social media platforms on Instagram and Facebook. The College Communications Office has also been extremely helpful in helping us send around weekly emails about our concerts to all College members, which aims to also reach out to MCR and SCR members for these events. By Hilary term, we managed to have a good attendance number of between ten and twenty people in each concert. Our goal is to create a relaxing music space for anyone to come and relax, unwind, and enjoy music; therefore we hope to continue to encourage audiences, as well as performers, to join us in our concert series.

We look forward to continuing to put on these concerts in the future, as well as continuing to enhance and support the musical life in College.

*Nathaniel Best, Mark Wang*

Photo by James Hill



## GARDEN PLAY

The Garden Play once again took place in First Quad this year. Following the tradition of alternating Shakespeare with other summer theatre, 2025's production was a stage adaptation of Terry Pratchett's *Going Postal*, which follows a conman in a fictional city as he is forced into making an honest living running the city Post Office. The lead role was played with panache by Maggie Kerson, a first year Classics and English student, with other roles played just as skilfully by Oriel students past and present, as well as other students from across the University. The producers were the JCR Arts Rep Kilian King and Georgia Beresford-Jones, and the play was directed by Elizabeth Farrand and Evangeline LaFond.

I am especially proud of the work that went into the play this year from all the cast and crew! Getting a cast together for a show in the seventh week of Trinity term is always difficult, but it was a particular challenge for this play; we ended up with a seventeen-person cast and an eleven-person crew, with a little overlap from some very dedicated individuals. I am especially pleased that we had so many returning actors from previous Garden Plays, including students from other colleges and graduated Orielenses. Acting in



Photo by Aarti Basnyat

*Twelfth Night* (2024) was the highlight of my first year and the reason I poured so much effort into this year's Garden Play, and I hope the cast and crew of *Postal* feel the same. It was also fantastic to see so many first-time actors from the Oriel student body get involved. There is a lot of talent there!

One of my favourite parts of directing *Going Postal* was seeing how much I could push the limits of the Oriel Garden Play. A stage adaptation of a cult classic fantasy novel is a far cry from *Twelfth Night* or *The Importance of Being Earnest*, but it nevertheless sold over 200 tickets over just three nights of performances to students, alumni, staff, families and fans of the original novel. One particular draw was a cameo role at the very end, which was filled by our own JCR President-Elect on two nights, and the Provost on the other! I'm very honoured they agreed to be involved, and I hope we can make a tradition of involving the wider Oriel community in College drama. We also experimented for the first time in student memory with using a stage and a proper lighting set-up, which will hopefully open the door for future shows to make full use of the resources available. This, along with a real commitment to costume design, briefly turned the front of Hall into an entirely different world. My primary goal coming into the show was to encourage the audience to view First Quad with new eyes and to walk away seeing what Oriel – both the place and the student body – could be. I hope I achieved that.

Next year: a return to Shakespeare!

*Elizabeth Farrand*

*Director of Going Postal (the 2025 Garden Play)*

## COLLEGE SPORTS

### CRICKET

Oriel's cricket team were optimistic this season as we were stronger than we were last year. St Peter's were the first team to visit Bartlemas and although we felt they were beatable, they had a few University players, so it was a challenging opening. As with every game this season, Oriel batted first and posted 116 off our 20 overs. The top order looked solid, with a particular highlight being Atticus Garlick's half century, though we feared we had scored too slowly. However, the bowling unit were tight and we were particularly good in the field, building pressure and helping to pick up wickets regularly through the innings. St Peter's were bowled out around 20 runs short, confirming a strong start to the season.

The following week, Oriel began Cuppers against Linacre. Given some of the teams in the competition, this was a reasonably difficult draw, but we were confident after the previous week. This time, the batting lineup scored quicker and punished the weaker bowlers, which was particularly important as Linacre had an exceptional spinner but little else in their bowling attack. Our score of over 150 certainly felt defensible at the break. Once again, Oriel began well with the ball and the opening bowlers contained the scoring in the powerplay. However, unlike Linacre, the main thing we lacked was a front-line spinner and on a pitch that was turning this limited our options in the middle overs so Linacre formed a big partnership. In the end, they needed five to win off the last over with a set batsman on strike. The over began well, with three dots off the first three balls, but unfortunately when a set batsman is swinging for everything, eventually they connect and the fourth ball went for six. It was a thrilling game that both sides could easily have won, but we were left rueing a few dropped catches as we were knocked out of the competition.

However, we were still optimistic about our league campaign, particularly given our strong start. We needed to finish in the top two of our group to qualify for the quarter-finals and had already secured a win. Next up was St Edmund Hall, the favourites to win the group, having won both Cuppers and the league last year. We certainly did not discredit ourselves, scoring over 100 in our innings, but ultimately their batsmen were just too good for us and knocked it off easily.

This left Oriel in a must-win scenario against the newly combined Somerville/St Anne's team. Having demolished Somerville last season, we were not surprised that their combined XI contained just one Somerville player. Unfortunately, it was also the final day of rowing qualification for Summer Eights, so our batting lineup was dictated by who arrived when. That, and careless batting, resulted in our losing three wickets in the first two overs. Although we recovered well, with a scintillating Conor Grant 40, our score of just over 100 was well under par. Again, we bowled and fielded well to contain most of

their batsmen, though the St Anne's opener batted remarkably to take the game to the last over and narrowly win it.

Overall, the cricket club has been an excellent team to be involved in and has seen an increase in the number of spectators from last year. However, this year's campaign is one we look back on, wondering what could have been if two tightly fought games had fallen the other way.

*Edward Bence*  
*Captain*

## MEN'S FOOTBALL

Oriel College men's football has had a very successful season this year. After having been relegated last season as a result of poor performances and player shortages, we regained promotion into our previous division thanks to an excellent series of results. Oriel finished first in the division, winning all of its games but one, and achieving the highest goal difference in the league (+33). The team's performance in Cuppers was also highly positive, having made it to the quarter-finals upon winning against teams in much higher divisions than ours, such as Brasenose College. Our path in Cuppers terminated in an honourable defeat against St Peter's College, who are among the best collegiate teams in the University.

Nevertheless, these positive results do little to sum up our success as a whole. This year saw a great revival of Oriel men's football and its status among other College sports. The committee (Carlo Alberto Chieli, Captain; Robert Adams, Axel Blakey, Vice-Captains; Jude Morgan, Social Secretary) worked incessantly over the summer of 2024 and the early weeks of Michaelmas term to give the club a solid structure and to create a warm environment in which members could feel part of a family. We thus created an Instagram account to publicise our results and make ourselves present on social media, organised regular training sessions to promote a more consistent commitment to playing football, and, crucially, arranged social events with other colleges' sports teams, offering us the opportunity to bond as a team and to become friends rather than mere teammates.

This clearly had lasting positive impacts on the team's performance on the pitch, as member numbers steadily increased and ensured we could always field a full team and gather fans to watch our games. Some of our Cuppers matches had real crowds coming to cheer for us, an evident sign of the widespread popularity the club gained this year. Taken by this enthusiasm, we decided, once the football season had ended, to spread our name



Oriel men's football team

across other disciplines. Trinity term thus saw a boat (Oriel M4) entirely made up of Oriel men's footballers entering the rowing competition of Summer Eights, despite most of the crew having never had any experience on the water. After an intensive series of outings only weeks prior to the races, the football boat managed to qualify and to compete in the races, where we soon became a source of popular attraction.

Now that the academic year has ended, we can safely conclude that we could not have hoped for a better year for Oriel men's football. There is a solid foundation on which to further and improve our performances, as well as much technical quality that will allow us to dream of further victories and achievements. It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to some outstanding players who have concluded their time at Oriel, but we are equally looking forward to receiving a doubtlessly fantastic set of new players come the new academic year.

Floreat Oriel!

*Carlo Alberto Chieli,  
Captain*



The men's football eight on the river

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Oriel women's football once again joined with St Edmund Hall to form the High Street team. Although our league campaign was disrupted by cancellations and postponements due to the weather, we enjoyed a strong Cuppers run. We reached the semi-finals, where we were narrowly beaten by Merton, Mansfield, and Wadham – the team which we defeated last year to win the Plate. With a solid core of Blues and Half-Blues, High Street is well-positioned for a successful next season. Special mention should be given to an absolute brick wall of an Oriel centre-back pairing, in Olivia Richardson and Flora Currie.

*Olivia Richardson*  
*Captain*

## GOLF

Oriel golf had a strong preseason, starting with Captain Robert Adams and Vice-Captain Tom Bisatt playing 18 at Goodwood in West Sussex. After a heavy night in Chichester,

the team were surprisingly efficient around the course! Preseason continued at Piltown Golf Club in East Sussex, and several productive days left the boys excited to get back for the start of term. The season itself was dominated by regular rounds at Oxford Golf Club, usually against Trinity College Golf. A healthy rivalry developed with their captain, Sam Monro-Davies, to whom I should give a special mention for his continued hospitality. Unfortunately, Cuppers did not seem to materialise for us this year, and so we hope to conclude the season with a few more rounds over the summer. We are particularly excited to be playing in the inaugural Old Boys match against Duncan Rendall (1983) and Mike MacPhee (1983) at Rye Golf Club, and hope this will be the first of many!

*Robert Adams*  
*Captain*

## MEN'S ROWING

Oriel College Boat Club (OCBC) men's side went into the 2024–25 season with a smooth start, headed by our intrepid men's coach, Ben Mackenzie. The Freshers' fair drew in a sizeable crop of budding rowers who, despite the poor river conditions that plagued Michaelmas term, continued to advance their progress and proficiency throughout the year on the ergs and in tanks. As for our senior men, we saw many returners, as well as a number of new faces, who quickly threw themselves into the culture and community of OCBC. Confronted by the arresting forces of nature that restricted our river access, the squad redoubled its efforts on the land and looked hopefully towards Hilary term and Torpids.

As is becoming increasingly common, the pre-Hilary training camp consisted of land training because of poor river conditions but was kept challenging and interesting by the increasingly unorthodox exercises concocted by coach Ben. Hilary term brought the M1 two key chances to race before Torpids, at Bedford Head and on the Tideway with a fixture against the OUBC Lightweight. At Bedford, we took fifth place overall as the fastest crew from Oxford and Cambridge, and over the course of three races on the Tideway, and despite very valiant efforts, the Lightweight took the win against our M1. Nonetheless, the squad's training had given it the strength and confidence to look ahead to Torpids, which thankfully went ahead despite a last-minute Red Flag change on the river. Cut down to half divisions, only the M2 and M1 could race. The M2 achieved blades, managing to overbump every day, while the M1 bumped Christ Church to become second on the river but then narrowly missed closing the gap on Wolfson.

During the Easter vacation, we were once again very proud to see a strong Oriel presence in the Boat Race, with one rower in the Isis Boat and four in the Blue Boat, as

well as an Oriensis, Tom Mackintosh, as president of OUBC. This is all not to mention the great Oriel turnout to watch the races and support our rowers.

With Trinity term came a return of our Blues rowers and the rapid preparation for Eights. On the men's side, we fielded four boats, with our M4 being composed of the pluckiest members of the Oriel College men's football, and while they did unfortunately receive spoons, we hope the experience encourages further positive relations between the two clubs. Our M3 managed to escape spoons with a skilful row-over but were unfortunately sandwiched between a couple of fearsome beer boats, against which they fought valiantly before being forced to concede. The M2 had a very successful campaign, bumping up twice against Lincoln's and St Catherine's M1s. They remain the highest M2 on the river by an increasingly widening margin. Finally, after three days of impressive row-overs, the M1 unfortunately suffered a technical malfunction that allowed Wolfson to take the Head. While this was a truly saddening twist of fate for such a powerful crew, it reminded the club as a whole where its strength truly lies: its ability to unite under adversity and push forward.

In time for Oriel's 700th anniversary, OCBC has been presented with a truly historic opportunity: to regain its rightful place at Head of the River in both Torpids and Eights, while pushing its lower boats to achieve new heights and build on the progress made throughout this season. You won't want to miss it!

Floreat Oriel!

*William Schwabach*  
*Men's Captain of Boats*

## WOMEN'S ROWING

Oriel women's rowing began the academic year with strength and commitment, fresh from summer training and eager to set foot in the boat and show their skills. Although much of the first term was spent battling the storms and floods that characterise Michaelmas term, we gritted our teeth and persevered, showing up to our erg and weight sessions come wind or rain. Our hard work paid off in early December at Fairbairns, where W1 was the fastest Oxford college crew.

The women trained hard over the winter vacation, knowing that Oriel had the potential for greatness in Hilary term, and the hard work paid off for both our crews, as we knew it would. W1 put on a stellar performance at Bedford Head as the fastest Oxford college crew once again and came top of their division, earning some lovely tankards (destined to decorate our shelves and remain unused until they were christened after the



**The Women's 1st Eight at the Summer Eights**

Torpids drinking ban ended). The W2 combined returning seniors and rising novices for a strong race down the Isis that instilled fear into the surrounding second boats, and spirits were high as Torpids approached. Alas, Torpids was only half to be, for the brilliant blue skies that preceded it clouded over just days before, unleashing a torrent which restricted racing to the top three divisions, with W2 unluckily being the highest boat to miss out on racing. The W1 boat now sits at fourth on the river, within bumping distance of headship, and we have high hopes for what next year's campaign will bring.

OCBC was honoured to be invited to race in the International Regatta in Gondomar, Porto, Portugal. This year marked centenary of the host club, the Clube Naval Infante Don Henrique, for which they held a celebratory regatta featuring the University of Oporto against Clare College, Cambridge and Oriel College, Oxford. It was a privilege to be welcomed by such a famous boat club, with great hospitality and camaraderie. The sportsmanship exhibited by all the athletes was commendable, and all crews enjoyed celebrating the successful racing, with our senior women earning bronze medals.

Oriel fielded three women's crews for Summer Eights, including a W3 crew that avoided spoons for the first time in five years with two powerful row-overs amidst a

pool of second boats. Our crews raced hard and are in a position to do well next Bumps campaign. Building on our Trinity training, we also sent a 4+ to compete in Henley Women's Regatta, and were the fastest college crew in the Development 4+ category, emphasising that Oriel also aims to dominate outside Oxford waters.

We are very grateful for the alumni support that we receive at Torpids and Summer Eights, and would especially love to meet more early members of the women's side at future events to celebrate rowing at Oriel.

We are immensely proud of all the progress the athletes have made this year and look forward to seeing Oriel women continue to succeed next season.

*Carolina Cortés Vilaplana and Emma Gee Olmedilla*  
*Women's Captains of Boats*

## RUGBY

This season was difficult, not just for Oriel rugby but for Oxford college rugby as a whole. Matches were constantly cancelled at the last minute because of lack of numbers, leading to far fewer matches and causing the leagues to lose all momentum. However, before these challenges presented themselves our season started off strong, with an exhibition match between Oriel College Rugby Football Club (OCRFC) and an invitational Dick Whittington XV, comprising Old Boys from the Hare Club, to commemorate the seventy-fifth Anniversary of Dr Whittington first donning the Oriel rugby jersey in 1949. The match was a great success, with the Dick Whittington XV securing the win despite Peter Williams's laser accuracy with the boot.

With the team excited for the season ahead we were disheartened when the next two league games were cancelled at the last minute due to the opponent's lack of numbers, and, despite my best efforts, no other teams seemed keen for any friendlies in the following weeks. This lack of games meant it was hard to keep the excitement and numbers strong as there was a constant uncertainty as to when our next match would even be.

Finally, our next match arrived: and it was a big one! For the first round of Cuppers, we had drawn the combined team of St John's and St Anne's. We knew this would be a tough match but at the training sessions leading up to the match the team looked motivated, with our Fresher recruits becoming more confident with our rugby style.

However, disaster struck: when match day arrived at the end of Michaelmas term, alongside the dwindling numbers we had felt all term, we had several injuries (me included), meaning we were unable to get out a full fifteen. The team that we had did not



**The Dick Whittington Seventy-Fifth Anniversary match against old members from the Hare Club, with Dr Whittington**

let this stop them fighting hard, but the opposition were strong and with ten-plus people on the bench and rolling subs they had a constant supply of fresh legs. It became clear early on we were outmatched but our players never lost focus or motivation and churned through over twenty phases, to score a brilliant try in the final minute. It was a strong finish but a tough loss and in the first round of the bowl in Hilary term against University/Trinity/Exeter we had the same problems, with a lack of Oriel numbers.

I am proud to say we did not let these frequent match cancellations and Cuppers losses ruin our season as we still had some great games in Hilary term (mainly twelve-a-side friendlies), including the Oriel Square Derby against Christ Church, which is becoming something of a yearly tradition and always an extremely competitive and close affair.

These serious issues for college rugby were not ignored and it was obvious a massive change had to be undergone. All the college captains met to try and come up with a solution and a mandatory merger of all college teams with at least one other college



The Oriel Square Derby against Christ Church

team was agreed on – the Jesus Captain and I both expressed interest in joining together. Some of the merger details (for Cuppers, trainings, socials, etc) are still currently being finalised but hopefully there will be consistent fifteens matches which will get more enthusiasm for the sport at college level and in turn get more people keen to join OCRFC and therefore address the problem at the root.

*Toby McConnell*  
*Captain*

## TENNIS

Sport at Oriel continues to thrive, and this year saw further strengthening of our tennis team. We enjoyed excellent weather throughout Trinity term, and our tennis was further enhanced by the honour of using the beautiful grass courts at Bartlemas. Despite limited training and many team members juggling exam revision, we improved on last year's Cuppers performance.

We were fortunate to have strong interest from players this year – a welcome change from the previous season, when we struggled for numbers. The team consisted of Sofia Borrman (Captain of the University second team), Alastair Wu (University third

team), Roman Bartels, Isabelle Miller, Axel Blakey and Jacob Hudson. We also benefitted from two former county players: Max Benster (Oxfordshire) and Thomas Bisatt (Sussex), which added further strength to our Cuppers campaign.

In the first round, we faced Lincoln under glorious sunshine at Hinksey. On paper, Lincoln had the stronger side, with three players representing the University. Fortunately, the tennis was just as dazzling as the weather. Izzy and I won all three of our matches, including a victory over Lincoln's top men's pair, who play for the University second and third teams. Alastair and Roman added two more wins, one of which came down to a tense championship tiebreak, tipping the odds in our favour. Sofia and Axel then sealed the overall win for Oriel, making it a convincing 0-3 victory.

We progressed to the next round to face the top seeds, St Peter's. Unfortunately, limited availability meant we could not truly reflect our best tennis, and despite battling hard, we ultimately fell 2-7. We still showed nuggets of excellence against a powerful side composed entirely of University-level players. It was great to see Sofia and Axel claim a win against one of their pairs, as well as Alastair and Roman securing a victory. Jake and Izzy played some fantastic points but were unable to convert them into match wins.

With many of our players returning next year and a strong foundation laid this season, we are well positioned for the future. We look forward to welcoming new talent, continuing to demonstrate why Oriel is such a strong sporting college, and hope to enjoy an even longer Cuppers run next year – which will be particularly fitting as we celebrate our 700th anniversary!

*Thomas Bisatt*  
*Captain*

## TORTOISE CLUB

This was a tough year – but one which we shall use to rebuild The Oriel greater than ever. 2025 saw no Oriel headships for the first time since 2013. In 2026, when we will celebrate 700 years of Oriel and after celebrating forty years of women at Oriel this year, we are within striking distance of three headships, and we will set up an Oriel College Boat Club endowment fund to ensure success long after we are gone.

Bumps is a hard school with one lesson: it is not enough to be faster, you must be dominant. But I can vouch for the culture and commitment of the current students. Hilary term included Lightweight fixtures on the Tideway, and training at Dorney to get around the rain. W1 claimed pewterware at Bedford Head as the fastest Oxford college crew. In Torpids M2 delivered Blades, overbumping on all four days, W1 finished fourth putting them within reach of headship and M1 finished second after chasing Wolfson for three days.

Oriel representation in the Boat Races was strong again: four Orielenses in the men's Blue Boat, one in Isis and one in the women's Lightweight boat. The only logical diagnosis for the results was that there was insufficient Oriel.

Continuing our great touring tradition, Oriel travelled to Portugal for the Gondomar Regatta. The women raced hard and took bronze; the men came second, beating Clare College, Cambridge.

On Saturday of Eights I stood in disbelief as the result became undeniable across the river: on the Saturday M1 suffered a broken rudder, putting them in the bank with no chance at redemption. Six crews from Oriel competed. M2 maintained their headship, bumping up twice and ending nineteenth on the river. We closed the year with M1 second in Torpids and Eights, W1 fourth in Torpids and eleventh in Eights. The hunger and in many cases anger at the end of the year makes me believe we can have three Headships next year.

We have a number of new Council Members: Tom Lister as Regalia Officer, Ben Gilmore as Treasurer and Jack Delaney as 2020s decade representative. I repeat my general meeting call for members to step forward for the Tortoise Council, particularly women's decade representatives. New blood at the helm is healthy for the club.

Looking ahead, the College's 700th anniversary in 2026 will include alumni row-overs during Summer Eights, for both the women's fortieth and for the 700th. Reach out if you have not already – fitness is optional.

Support now matters more than ever. Rising equipment, affiliation and racing costs demand a steadier base. As part of the 700th celebration we will launch a Boat Club Fund with a £1 million target. The aim is simple: provide stable income that preserves free rowing for students and keeps Oriel competitive at the highest level. Your support

deserves transparency. In our Trinity newsletters we will publish a full annual financial report for both OCBC and the Tortoise Club, and Michaelmas newsletters will contain a forward-looking annual budget for both.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming year at the Tortoise Dinner, Wyndhams, Topids, Eights, and Henley Royal Regatta. If you want to race, organise a reunion, or help a student crew, please get in touch. If you want to stay in the loop between events, the WhatsApp groups are the best place to coordinate racing, impromptu socials, and member-led regalia runs. Sign up as a Blade, pass on what you learned, and help the next generation take The Oriel back to where we belong.

Floreat Oriel!

*Robert Boswall (2016)*

*Tortoise Club President*

**Tortoise Club Fairbairn's Crew 2025:** Ellie Jukes; Hal Frigaard; Jan Ernst; Robert Boswall; Zachary Zajicek; Phil Grunewald; Stevan Boljevic; Angus Forbes; Alex Able

**New Tortoise Club Members 2025:** Helena Barker; Maria Beerens; Carolina Cortes Vilaplana; Theo Elliott; Rose Gawthorpe; Milly Gibson; Freddy Horsfall; Sienna Jeffs; Sophia Jellema; Amy King; Katharina Klotz; Thomas Macintosh; William O'Connell; Ben Parkinson; Matthias Pum; Christine Rosa de Freitas; Nicholas Rusher; Ben Schnalke; Freiderikos Vassos

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## ORIEL WOMEN'S NETWORK

The Oriel Women's Network's goals are to foster a global community for the College's alumnae, students, academics and staff to:

- meet and form meaningful connections
- celebrate milestones and women's achievements
- enrich the College's community
- provide support for one another.

This year we been particularly active, celebrating forty years since the admission of female undergraduates to Oriel. The anniversary was marked in our 2024 alumni magazine *Floreat*, with a collage of our 1985 women as the cover, and an article covering the firsts of Oriel women – we hope you enjoyed reading it!

Our memories page was launched in March and has proved popular with alumnae, staff and students alike. It has been heartening to read many happy memories of Oriel across the generations. If you haven't yet, there is still time to submit your memory at [www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/memories/](http://www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/memories/).

The 2025 International Women's Day event joined with the annual Women's Dinner and was fabulously organised by JCR Women's Officer Milly Gibson and MCR Women's Officer Charlotte Sayers-Carter in March. Over 100 students, alumnae, Fellows and female members of staff joined for dinner in the Senior Library, which had been beautifully decorated with flowers. We heard from one of our first women, Sara Snell (1985), who gave a wonderful speech about her time at Oriel, and her career in the prison service, as well as updates from Milly and Lady Mendoza. After dinner the MCR was open, with themed cocktails and chocolates for guests to enjoy.

To further celebrate the diverse community of women at Oriel, we have opened a temporary exhibition in the Library. A series of images taken throughout the year by alumnus James Hill (1985), combined with past images and our 1985 portraits, showcase the entire breadth of our female community – from rowers to netballers, scouts to admin staff, finalists to first years, Fellows to researchers. The exhibition, which was launched at our celebration event in September, will stay open throughout the 700th anniversary year.

We were delighted to welcome back 102 alumnae, students and staff members for our celebration event in September. Workshops across the day explored a large range of different subjects, presented by our alumnae, academics and students. Former Provost Moira Wallace OBE chaired an excellent panel for our plenary session on the experience of Oriel women. The celebrations continued into the evening, with a dinner in the Senior Library and an '80s themed Bop in the Hall. Thanks go to our Oriel Women's Network Steering Group, for all their ideas and support for this event.

As we enter 2026, we continue to celebrate our vibrant community of women. Look out for an anniversary International Women’s Day dinner, as well as rowing over planned with the Tortoise Club. We look forward to celebrating 700 years with all Orienses.

If you would like to hear more about the network or have any questions please contact [kathryn.ferguson@oriel.ox.ac.uk](mailto:kathryn.ferguson@oriel.ox.ac.uk)

*Kathryn Ferguson*  
*Senior Alumni Events Manager*



Photo by John Cairns

## ORIEL ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE GOLF

**A**n enthusiastic group of Oriel golfing alumni enjoyed a delightful day in late August 2025 competing for the Oriel Challenge Cup at Woking Golf Club, Surrey. This was the thirtieth annual meeting of the Oriel Alumni Golf Society since its inauguration and, as always, it was a pleasure to see old friends and welcome new faces. Woking was established early on as the venue for this event. It is a most beautiful course, the first of the great Surrey Sandbelt courses, ranking among the top twenty courses in England. The free-draining sandy soil came into its own this year, with the surface water from an early morning downpour quickly dissipating to allow for a par-fect morning on the course.

The group enjoyed a convivial three-course lunch after the traditional eighteen-hole Stableford competition. Richard Wells (1953), one of the founders of the Society and a former captain of Woking, kindly provided the prizes to accompany the Challenge Cup. This year as usual the contest was very tight – albeit not with incredibly high scoring! Richard Evans (1985) narrowly prevailed with a score of 29 points (and winning on countback), playing off a course handicap of 7. Honourable mentions are due to Graham Davies (2009) and Tim Harris (1979), who finished in second and third places respectively.

It would be great to have other Oriel alumni join the annual meetings of the Golf Society. We can't promise a high standard of golf, but we can promise a friendly get-together and the opportunity to reminisce about times at Oxford and discuss the vagaries of golf. For more details please contact the Development Office.

*Graham Davies (2009)*



**Richard Evans, winner of the Challenge Cup**





# FEATURES

## ADAM DE BROME

**Sermon preached at the Commemoration of Benefactors Service on  
Sunday 17 October 2024 by Dr Will Lamb**

‘**M**ary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.’  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Today the College marks the Commemoration of Benefactors and the Chaplain has asked me to speak about one of my illustrious predecessors. Adam de Brome was presented to the Rectory of the University Church of St Mary the Virgin on 16 June 1320. He served as Rector of the University Church until 1326 when he became the first Provost of Oriel College. One might imagine that it would be preferable to wait until 2026 before celebrating de Brome’s legacy. But of course, this is ‘the House of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Oxford commonly called Oriel College of the Foundation of Edward the Second of famous memory sometime King of England’. So perhaps (though I can only speculate) two years hence Edward the Second will be a more fitting subject for a sermon. Although if the rather colourful scenes of the play by Christopher Marlowe are anything to go by, all I can say is that I am relieved to be preaching this year and not in 2026.

But on 20 April 1324, 700 years ago, Adam de Brome received a licence from Edward II to found a college. De Brome had been a rather industrious incumbent at St Mary’s. He had set about completing the construction of a new Congregation House and Library for the University within the precincts of St Mary’s. The tower had recently been completed. De Brome had also set about expanding the church by adding a Lady Chapel on the north side, which is now called the De Brome Chapel. De Brome is buried there.

De Brome had been a Chancery clerk in the court of the King. The Chancery’s chief purpose in the fourteenth century was to issue documents affixed by the King’s Great Seal, the authenticating device by which all public documents became official. This meant that Chancery clerks had a finger in almost every pie. They were responsible for drawing up, inspecting and issuing a wide range of legal documents. The Chancellor, who oversaw the Chancery, was assisted by a number of clerks, who often made themselves wealthy through a form of ecclesiastical pluralism. These clerks were ordained and it was common for them to hold multiple church positions simultaneously. They were the movers and shakers of the royal court. We know that following his ordination in 1301, de Brome, as well as eventually becoming the Rector of the University Church, was also Archdeacon of Stow in the Diocese of Lincoln, Canon Chancellor of Durham Cathedral, the sometime incumbent of Wyck Rissington in Gloucestershire, the Master of Dunwich

Hospital, the incumbent of Bridford in Devon, and of St Creed in Cornwall, the prebend of Bathwick in Somerset, and the incumbent of Handsworth in South Yorkshire. All of these roles will have attracted a sizeable stipend, but I suspect that de Brome very rarely went anywhere near many of these parishes. He will have simply employed a curate to take the services.

By contrast, Adam de Brome appears to have been quite active in Oxford. St Mary's was a wealthy living. There was a substantial rectory across the road from the church, and, although he still maintained a lucrative legal practice in London, it appears that he was tasked in late 1320 with the inspection of weirs in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. So Oxford would have been a rather convenient place to stay.

This was a period of significant expansion for the University, and the previous few decades had seen the foundation of a number of colleges. As Dr Jeremy Catto notes in the College history, it would have suited the University to have a person of some considerable influence in the royal court as the Rector of the University Church. But de Brome wanted to make his mark, and so he determined to establish his own college, applying for a licence to the King. Securing the licence, of course, would have been the easy bit for a Chancery clerk. The original licence envisaged that a small body of scholars, the 'House of the Blessed Virgin Mary' would be endowed and housed in Tackley's Inn on the High Street. But it seems that this plan was not ambitious enough. De Brome wanted to secure further property for his College, and so through a rather complicated bit of legal manoeuvring he persuaded the King to invest the property and assets of the Rectory of the University Church in the College. This meant that the income from church property was invested in the College: de Brome became the Provost of the College, while the College took responsibility for appointing and providing for a Vicar for the University Church. At the same time, de Brome also managed to secure the promise of a large house owned by the King just adjacent to the parsonage house. It was one of the largest and most magnificent private houses in the city. Named after its distinctive bay window, it was known as La Oriole. Before a chapel was established here within the College, Oriol used the University Church for its chapel services.

Now this complicated story about the curious property speculation of a fourteenth-century cleric may not be the most edifying subject for a sermon, but I want to draw your attention to two constants in all of this wheeling and dealing. The first is the close connection between the foundation of the College and the University Church. The second is the dedication: St Mary's Church gave rise to 'the House of the Blessed Virgin Mary.'

I think this dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most important aspects of de Brome's legacy. It's touched upon by another of my predecessors, a former Vicar of the University Church and a former Fellow of this College, St John Henry

Newman. In his *Apologia*, Newman speaks of his early devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, ‘in whose College I lived’, and ‘whose Altar I served’.

In 1843, Newman preached a University Sermon on the Feast of the Purification (or Candlemas). Newman preached on the text, ‘Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.’ Newman points out that these words suggest a pattern instantly familiar to any theologian, the pattern of *faith seeking understanding*. He says: ‘Mary’s faith did not end in a mere acquiescence in Divine providences and revelations: ... she “pondered” them.’ She does not think it enough to accept, she dwells upon them; not enough to assent, she develops them.

Newman is arguing that reason plays an active role in exploring the mystery of faith. This means that revelation does not refer to a supplementary packet of facts which God has handed over to be believed. Revelation refers to an unveiling, a disclosure, in which the human subject is an active participant. Divine revelation does not dispense with our capacity to understand, and as Newman’s own thought develops, he recognises that the development of doctrine lies in an intensification of our capacity to understand the mystery of what has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ. This demands of us wisdom and intelligence, even study. So Mary, the mother of our Lord, becomes the exemplar of wisdom and learning.

‘Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart’. That’s a powerful and fitting text to reflect on as we celebrate the dedication of this College and its commitment to learning and study, and as we give thanks for the generosity and munificence of our principal benefactor, Adam de Brome.

## EUGENE LEE-HAMILTON PRIZE 2025

**T**he prize was founded by the late Eliza Ann Lee-Hamilton by bequest in 1943, in memory of Eugene James Lee-Hamilton (1864), who died in 1907, in order to encourage the composition of the Petrarchan sonnet in Oxford and Cambridge. The winning entry for 2025 is printed below.

### CYRANO DE BERGERAC TO HIS COUSIN ROXANE

It matters not if mine is not the right  
 to kiss your hand, or share your tears and joys;  
 It matters not if I was not your choice—  
 as moth to flame, so I am to your light.  
 And though it is by cover of the night  
 and Christian's mouth I bear my wooing voice,  
 it matters not – indeed, I should rejoice  
 your eye was never sullied by my sight.  
 But since it is you love him, love him true—  
 Love him whose face was fair enough for five,  
 and let his kiss your holy lips enshrine.  
 Think not of me, who thinks only of you;  
 I live not if your love is not alive—  
 It matters not that it was never mine.

*Hannah Wei*  
*Hertford College*

The following sonnet was highly commended by the judges.

### GAMES OF SIX (OR MORE)

Particles of counted type and mass,  
Traject the empty, dark, expanding void,  
Some truly real, some down to be destroyed.  
And all so strange, assigned to their own class –  
How drab! Our minds dreamed up a plan so crass,  
And all the beauty of our world employed,  
To tame the zoo of quarks, with beasts deployed  
So we who feel, could feeling realms surpass.

Yet in such dreams, a spark of life remains.  
With flavours, colours, charming slights of hand  
Installed by us, who think ourselves beyond  
Such silly things that mortal minds entrain.  
But even there, in Nature's promised land,  
Captured are we by sentimental bond.

*Isaac Marchant*  
*Pembroke College, Cambridge*

# THE ROAD TO ROME: WALKING THE *VIA FRANCIGENA*

The Revd Dr Robert Wainwright, Fellow and Chaplain, reports on his sabbatical

When a Fellow returns to Oriel from sabbatical, he or she is normally questioned about conferences attended or progress made on a book project. I, on the other hand, keep being asked, ‘How are your feet?’ Instead of spending more time in the Bodleian I decided to use my sabbatical to walk 1,180 miles from Canterbury to Rome along the medieval pilgrimage route known as the *Via Francigena* (‘the road from France’).

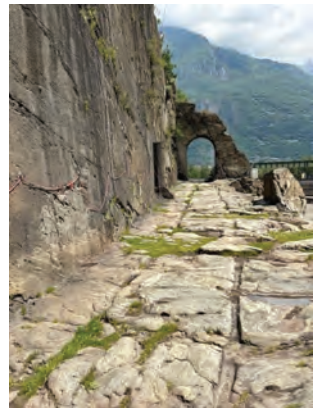
Over the course of eighty-five days, I retraced the footsteps of Sigeric the Serious who travelled to Rome in the year 990 to receive papal confirmation of his appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury. His secretary recorded the stages of their return journey and this now forms the basis of long-distance footpaths – by-and-large well signposted – from Kent through France, Switzerland and Italy. The distance is not the only challenge: cumulatively, the path ascends and descends 75,500 feet between Canterbury and Rome (for comparison, Mount Everest is 29,000 feet). The seemingly endless flat plains of Lombardy present their own difficulties.

In recent times the Spanish *Camino de Santiago* has attracted upwards of 300,000 pilgrims annually. I was eager for a more solitary experience to think and to pray. About 50,000 people walk some portion of the *Via Francigena* each year and most of them choose the final stretch between Lucca and Rome. In fact, I met only one other man attempting the entire route. I often slept in pilgrim hostels alone, but I also discovered an enthusiastic network of convents and private individuals who host pilgrims for a small donation. Every pilgrim carries a credential or passport to be stamped at each place they stay as proof of their progress; the Vatican issues a certificate to those who make it to the end.

It really is possible to walk into an adventure without flying to the far reaches of the globe. As an



All photos by Robert Wainwright



Top: Crossing the Alps

Bottom: A Roman road and archway in the Val d'Aoste



*Top:* Rice fields in Lombardy

*Middle:* First light in Tuscany

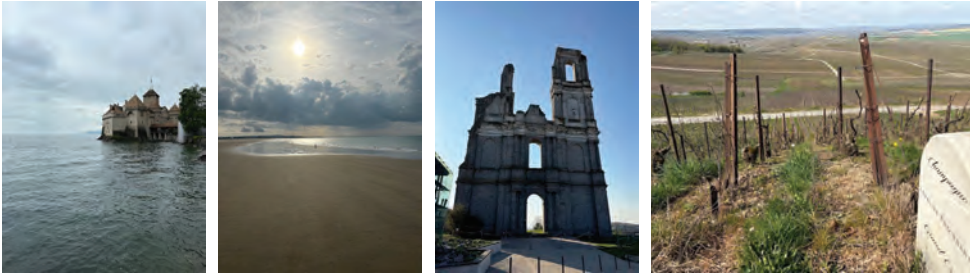
*Bottom:* A Roman road crosses a waterless region of France

Lighting the Easter fire in Bar-sur-Aube

historian I found no shortage of interest in western Europe. Much of my first fortnight was spent in sobering encounters with battlefields and cemeteries from the Great War. Eating my sandwiches for lunch one day, I realised I was sitting on what would have been the front line. The cathedral cities of Laon and Reims evoked not only the glories of Gothic architecture but also of the scholastic theologians who populated those centres of learning.

Perhaps it was a mistake to visit Champagne during Lent! On Easter Day I passed St Bernard's great Cistercian abbey of Clairvaux which, courtesy of Napoleon Bonaparte, served as a high-security prison from 1808 until 2023. A simple gap in a farm fence indicated that I had crossed the Swiss border on my longest day's walk (twenty-three miles), then a blustery voyage across Lake Geneva took me to the foot of the Alps. Undoubtedly the three-day ascent to the Great St Bernard Pass afforded the most spectacular views of the trip, but heavy snow made it perilous to go over the top of the pass on foot, forcing a brief bus journey under the mountain.

With Italy came summer weather, and my routine of setting off at sunrise had to adjust to the rising temperatures. I began to wake at 5am, then 4am, then 3.30am, and



*Left to right:*

**The castle of Chillon on Lake Geneva**

**The beach at Calais**

**The abbey of Mont-St-Éloi, ruined in the Great War**

**Champagne vineyards in Lent**

walked with a headtorch, encountering wild boar and even a porcupine. I tried to balance exploring magnificent cities such as Vercelli, Pavia and Siena with the need to sleep in the hot afternoons. The most challenging section was crossing the Cisa Pass: my average speed tumbled, scrambling up and down steep, rocky slopes. Just thinking of all the spiders, not to mention a six-foot snake, still makes me shiver!

Everything I needed was on my back. I came to realise how few possessions I could make do with. Listening to theological lectures and audio books provided mercifully weightless intellectual stimulation. The prayer app on my phone marked the hours. ‘What we were carrying’ was typical small talk among the growing numbers of pilgrims in Tuscany, but sooner or later a more profound question would arise: ‘So, why are you on pilgrimage?’

Everyone had a reason. Some were bored of playing golf, some enjoyed the physical challenge, some were spending quality time with a friend, spouse or sibling. For many there was also a spiritual dimension, and religious questions frequently surfaced once they realised that I was a college chaplain. Some were pondering big life decisions, some wanted faith in God but didn’t know how, and others were walking out of established love and devotion for Jesus Christ.

The 2025 Jubilee ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ meant that many more pilgrims than usual were converging on Rome this year, even if few arrived on foot. The election of a new pope added to the sense of excitement. Although people often say that ‘the journey is more important than the destination,’ I think we need a renewed hope that life does have a destination to give purpose to our wandering. Pilgrimage caused me to become quite single-minded: I eschewed many a scenic detour in pursuit of making progress towards the end. It was one of many life lessons I learned on sabbatical. Rome may be called ‘the Eternal City’ but when I arrived at St Peter’s Square I knew my pilgrimage was not really over. The Epistle to the Hebrews says, ‘Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come.’

And, in case you were wondering, my feet are fine. I only developed one blister and thankfully the sensation of numbness in my toes has largely disappeared!

## DESERT ISLAND DOCUMENT

**A**rchivists are often encouraged to create a 'grab list', a set of records that would be the ones we ought to save first in the event of a disastrous fire or flood. For me, there are three sorts of records that make up such a notional list:

- records that are essential to ensuring that the College can continue its business with as little disruption as possible
- those records which are the most financially valuable
- those records that are the most interesting, that tell compelling stories about the College's past.

Somewhere at the top my list of compelling documents would be the memorandum written by Provost Hodges over the weekend of 30 September to 1 October 1750.

What makes this memorandum so special? It was created in the middle of the Georgian era, part of what a recent publication has described as the 'unloved century' in Oxford. The eighteenth century has long had a reputation as a very quiet and orderly period in the history of the University, with little scholarship and little teaching. Most colleges had only two of their Fellows acting as tutors, with a third catechising the undergraduates in the rudiments of Anglican religious instruction.

The reason that I find this record so irresistible is that it epitomises the eighteenth century's reputation as a languid time and place in one document. Hodges' memorandum is essentially a page-long complaint to the Fellows on how lazy they are.

It starts by describing the disturbing events that Hodges discovered on his return to Oxford just before the start of Michaelmas term 1750. In particular, he finds fault with the behaviour of Charles Whiting, elected a Fellow of Oriel from Trinity College in 1736. Whiting had been Dean in 1741, Junior Treasurer in 1742 and Senior Treasurer in 1743. By 1750 he was sixth in seniority among the Fellows. A pillar of the College, one would assume – but what had he done that was so wrong?

The trouble starts because there was no Morning Service in the College Chapel on Sunday 30 September owing to Whiting's absence. He had undertaken to cover the duties of other clergy absent from Oxford in 'another Church or two'. When he was questioned on this by an unnamed servant of Hodges, he promised to rectify this by holding an Afternoon Service that day – but no such service took place. Hodges had presumed that it had, since he had heard the bell being rung at the usual time. However, the Bible Clerk admitted that he had been told to ring it by Whiting only so that 'our Neighbours might not know that we had no Prayers'. Further investigation brought to light that few services had taken place in the Chapel during the Provost's absence as Whiting had care of so many churches.<sup>1</sup>

M<sup>on</sup> - On Sunday Sept. 30. 1750 - There were no Prayers in the Coll. Chapel in the Morning, there being  
 no fellow of the Coll. in Town except M<sup>r</sup> Whiting, who has engaged to love another Church or two besides the  
 Chapel. M<sup>r</sup> Whit. came to my Lodgings about that Morning & desired one of my dears to go to fellow  
 that the Omission of Morning Prayers at the Chapel did not happen from any Neglect, but  
 was not well at the usual House & was obliged to go to other Churches - but that this should  
 be Prayers in the afternoon. However I was informed that there were some who were surpris'd  
 to hear because the Bell gave the usual Notice - However I went for the Bible Clerk  
 who upon being interrogated said that M<sup>r</sup> Whit. had order'd him to ring the Bell as usual  
 for Prayers on Sunday in the afternoon but that that our Virgin Bells might not  
 hear that he had no Prayers - but that he should not come to read, so that he  
 might soon stop the Bell. There were <sup>Monday</sup> no Prayers the next Day on Monday Oct. 1. I suspected  
 that these Suspensions had probably happen'd several times frequently during my absence  
 in the long Vacation as M<sup>r</sup> Whit. had undertaken the Care of so many Churches, it  
 upon asking the Bible Clerk this Question I found it had been the Case & even  
 upon Sundays. M<sup>r</sup> Whit. had promis'd to dine w<sup>th</sup> me that Day, as when I intend'd  
 to have had some Conversation w<sup>th</sup> him upon this Subject. But he sent instead  
 (perhaps upon hearing what pass'd between one of the Bible Clerks) that he had been  
 ill & was then in Bed - but he could not dine w<sup>th</sup> me. Fearing that  
 the Chapel might be quite neglected, I went to him, between 5 & 6, to let him know  
 that I was sorry for the Indisposition, but hop'd he would provide some Clergyman to  
 read Prayers in the Chapel - He sent returned soon & told me (to my astonishment)

that he found M<sup>r</sup> Whit. in the Quadrangle, who upon hearing the Message made answer that  
 he was then ready to read Prayers. But the more no longer receiv'd soon after he  
 came to me under some Concern & complain'd much of his heavy duty. I told him - that he  
 was only blameable for undertaking more than he or any One could well perform  
 that other Fellows ought to reside & share in the duties of the College - that he should  
 be severely Casu'd & Reproach'd for such a neglect as he had 180 fellows found'd  
 for vicinity - that this was never inclin'd to hurt any of the Fellows take care  
 that no blame should fall upon me for want of making a true Report.

We have two Traitors sworn to a faithful Execution of their Duty - but  
 they are generally scampering about the Country & neither of them care they  
 some times when Tenants come upon their Farms. The Office of Moderator is  
 declined by all & there seems to be a general Aversion to Dismissal of all Kinds  
 where the Discipline of the College requires Assistance.

Oct. 2. 1750 - Hodges.

Whiting's subsequent behaviour further enraged the Provost. He had agreed to dine with Hodges to discuss what had happened, but when the time came Whiting pleaded that he was indisposed by illness – but that he would be well enough to take an Evening Service. In the end he did not, so it looks as though there was no Chapel service in Oriol on that Sunday.

Whiting did eventually visit the Provost, to complain of his 'heavy duty' but the Provost lacked sympathy, stating that Whiting had only himself to blame for undertaking so much outside work. However, the Provost did agree with Whiting that other Fellows should also reside and take their share of College duties – and this memorandum is his attempt to shame the Fellows into action.<sup>2</sup>

As an example in the memorandum Hodges complains of the behaviour of the two Treasurers (Henry Davies and John Bosworth): 'We have two Treasurers sworn to a Faithful Execution of their Office; but they are generally scampering about the Country' and never in College to deal with tenants visiting on business. Hodges could also find no-one to undertake the role of Moderator, the Fellow responsible for the conduct and regulation of scholastic disputations between students. All things considered, Hodges seems to conclude that the Fellowship is just lazy – 'there seems to be a General Aversion to Business of all kinds where the Discipline of the Colleges requires Assistance'.

(I hope that you can see why the document is one of my favourites – a fascinating memorandum full of gossip on men behaving badly).

How fair is Hodge in his lament? I think that he is right that the Fellows were largely absent from Oxford in September 1750. If you look at the buttery books to see who was taking meals in Oriel that month only Whiting was present on more than twenty days; two others (Maunder and Beever) were there on ten days; but all of Oriel's eighteen Fellows had been in Oxford at least as much as the Provost. Also, is it fair to condemn the Treasurers for being absent at the end of September when Michaelmas was one of the quarter days when rents on the widely-scattered College estate were due?

In many ways the Fellows of Oriel were acting exactly as expected. They received their commons from the College even when they were non-resident and all Fellows were in Anglican holy orders, just waiting for a suitable church living to become available before resigning their Fellowship. There was in place a system known as *uberius beneficium* whereby a Fellow could not have an excessive income before forfeiting his Fellowship.<sup>3</sup> However, the earnings of some church livings would not be enough to disqualify a man, so many of the Fellows took this route.

A good example would be Samuel Catherall, elected to his Fellowship in 1715. He was installed as Vicar of Englishcomb, Somerset in 1722 and chosen as the Prebendary Canon of Combe in Wells Cathedral in 1723. He remained as Fellow of Oriel, Vicar of Englishcomb and Canon of Wells until his death in May 1764. He came under no pressure to resign from Oriel even after being declared a lunatic in 1731, and from the buttery books it would appear that he came up to Oxford regularly if not frequently. In fact he was at Oriel on more days in September 1750 than Provost Hodges was!

Another example of a Fellow being non-resident but still in possession of his Fellowship is Gilbert White, author of *The Natural History of Selborne*, probably eighteenth-century Oriel's most famous member. White matriculated from Oriel in 1739 and was elected to the Fellowship in 1744. On taking orders in 1749 he was appointed to a curacy at Swarraton in Hampshire but this did not entail him giving up his Fellowship. Indeed, he was Dean 1752-3 and Junior Proctor in the year following; in 1757 he accepted

the Perpetual Curacy of Moreton Pinkney, one of Oriel's livings – but again this was not enough to make him give up his Fellowship. His attendance at Oriel seems to have been once a year only, when he came for the elections of new Fellows and caused a crush in the Senior Common Room where gentlemen commoners would gather to hear his stories, such was his reputation as a raconteur.

So, Provost Hodges could be said to have a point when accusing the Fellows about their lack of effort on college business; yes, Whiting was in the wrong for taking on too many other churches but in a Fellowship composed only of men in orders surely one of them could have been available to help out. But, and it is a big but, it was still the vacation, when not that many Fellows would expect to be in residence; and the Georgian system encouraged them to do little in return for their commons.

Finally, did Hodges' complaint work? Did anyone take a greater share in College business? It is difficult to put numbers on it, but again we can use Gilbert White as an example. He did not hold any College offices between his election as a Fellow in 1744 and 1750; but he took on the role of Dean in 1752 and then represented the College as Junior Proctor in 1754. And what about Whiting? Oriel appointed him Vicar of St Mary the Virgin in Oxford on 6 April 1754; but he died before 17 October of that same year and was buried in the choir of the University Church.

*Robert Petre*  
*College Archivist*

- <sup>1</sup> Apparently Whiting was not a favourite of Hodges after he had agreed as Junior Treasurer in 1745 to allow the Radcliffe Trustees to take part of the graveyard of the University Church to build Radcliffe Square; I am not sure if it was the loss of property or that he overstepped the mark in using the College seal that annoyed the Provost.
- <sup>2</sup> Whiting may have had another pressing concern on his time; he had married in 1748 and although this was a reason under College statutes to forfeit his Fellowship everyone seems to have ignored it.
- <sup>3</sup> The actual amount seems quite vague in the eighteenth century. Thomas Weeksey, a Fellow who had tried all manner of legal means to deny Walter Hodges the Provostship in 1727, was finally deprived of his Fellowship in 1731 for a living worth £19 15s 2d; but in 1764 the level of *uberius beneficium* was set at £100.





# BOOK REVIEWS

## Jeremy Catto

### *A Portrait of the Quintessential Oxford Don*

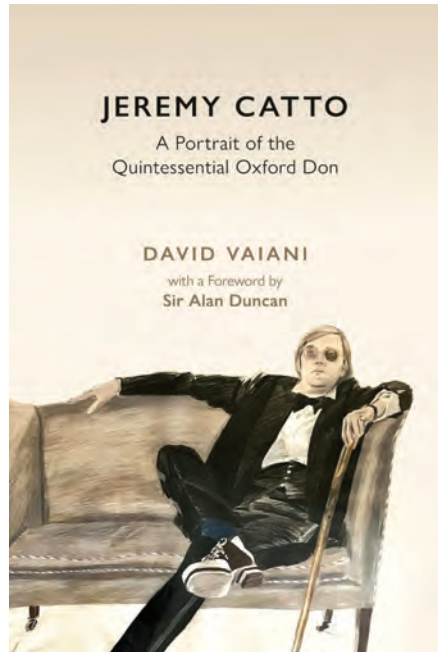
DAVID VAIANI

Unicorn, Lewes, 2024 (ISBN-13 978-1916846418)

On the day of the launch of this much awaited biography at the Beefsteak, the club was packed with Orielenes. In addition to the Provost, many of Jeremy's wide circle of friends featured in the book, including Chancellor William Hague, Sir Alan Duncan, James Vallance White and Jeremy's long-term partner John Wolfe. I have to admit that I was apprehensive about reading the book and waited several months, partly because of the reviews, which focused on the more socialite side of his character. I was therefore pleasantly surprised to be disabused.

It must be admitted that many of Jeremy's colleagues both inside and outside the College regarded him as essentially frivolous, which he did nothing to deflect with his self-mockery and impish sense of humour. They regarded him as a modern Mr Samgrass, Evelyn Waugh's fictional tutor in *Brideshead Revisited*, modelled on Maurice Bowra at Wadham College. During my visiting research fellowship at Magdalen College last Michaelmas (2024), I was asked over lunch by a former history tutor, who had taught at another college, 'why would anyone want to read a biography of Jeremy Catto?' The tutor added that he was hardly important enough to merit a biography.

Like Bowra, Jeremy was a person of much greater substance than his caricature. Unlike almost anything else that has been written, this biography treats his academic work and his teaching with appropriate seriousness. Quoting Niall Ferguson, it notes that nothing like the eight volume *The History of Oxford* had ever been attempted for any other university, including those in the United States. As this reviewer discovered when writing a book on Thomas Jefferson's founding of the University of Virginia, the



historiography of universities is very disappointing, even for a major university like Harvard. Jeremy edited the first two volumes of *The History of Oxford* and contributed numerous chapters of his own. He loved to quote the opening chapter by RW Southern, 'The History of Oxford was not created, it emerged.' It is the most remarkable work of scholarship and Jeremy oversaw every aspect, including the maps and illustrations by his friend Julian Mumby. As we walked through the streets, it was an education to listen to him describe the medieval university with its many halls. He would also spice his stories with the odd vulgar anecdote, such as telling me the outrageous colloquial name for Magpie Lane, reflecting that history was just past gossip.

At a lunch in Charlottesville, I surprised Giles Mandelbrote, the archivist at Lambeth Palace, by regaling him with the names of my contemporaries at Oriel who became professional historians, such as Professor Kenneth Fincham at the University of Kent, Dr Paul Seaward, the Director of the History of Parliament Trust, Edward Impey, the Director General of the Royal Armouries, Colin Harrison, the Senior Curator of European Art in the Department of Western Art at the Ashmolean Museum, and independent historians, such as Roger Casement scholar Angus Mitchell. These are just a few examples in a span of five years. A graduate of St John's, Mandelbrote commented that virtually none of his contemporaries became historians at the college which won the most Firsts and where the students were taught by the *éminence grise* of the profession, Sir Keith Thomas.

Vaiani describes Jeremy's approach to teaching, in which he encouraged the passions of his students. I arrived at Oriel with an interest in the then unfashionable eighteenth-century British Caribbean. He suggested that I read the work of Richard Pares of All Souls and introduced me to the historical geography of Fernand Braudel, arguing that I should see the islands in relation to the Atlantic World. Always exceptionally generous, he gave me a coloured early nineteenth-century map of St Kitts, mischievously pointing out one of the place names, 'Shitters Bay.' In my freshers' term, he invited me to his rooms in Oriel Street for drinks with the formidable Hugh Trevor-Roper, later Lord Dacre. When I was working on the British side of the American Revolution for a book entitled *The Men Who Lost America*, he was simultaneously reading and recommended Nathaniel Wraxall's memoirs of British politics in the last years of the American Revolution. It yielded a fund of the best anecdotes, including a description of Lord North and his cabinet receiving the news of the British defeat at Yorktown.

This biography is not a hagiography; it is very nuanced and contains serious discussion of its subject. It engages in lengthy debates as to whether he was biased in admissions and misogynistic. It narrates an unfortunate episode of his student days at Balliol when he stole some books and then tried to resell them in the second-hand

department of Blackwells. It describes Jeremy's shift from being quite left wing as a student, going on the Aldermaston Marches, to becoming one of the few dons openly to support Margaret Thatcher. He even made himself the subject of a front-page article in the *Financial Times* arguing the case for Mrs Thatcher at a time when she had been denied an honorary degree by Oxford. He similarly admired Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and the Bushes. He occasionally took it to embarrassing extremes, as when he spoke to my colleagues at Southern Methodist University and began singing the merits of Vice President Dan Quayle, based on a conversation with a general in NATO. This was at a time when the former senator had become the laughingstock of the intelligentsia with his many slips, including his infamous misspelling of the word potato in front of a class of children. Today, when universities embrace diversity but are denounced by the right for being one-party states, his courage to dissent might be regarded as healthy.

In fact, Jeremy was very ambivalent about the establishment and even about the typical products of public schools. He used to quip that no head boy had ever become Prime Minister. As a Governor of Harrow School, an appointment which he joked was due to their mistaking him for the family of his late uncle and first President of the Bank of England, Lord Catto, he was scathing of what he called the gin and jag set. He was against those in the University who wanted to create an administrative class and to increase the bureaucracy, regarding them as pompous and self-important meddlers. He shared this ambivalence towards the establishment with Hugh Trevor-Roper who described himself as a Whig not a Tory. Indeed, Thatcherites broke with traditional conservative values propounded by Edmund Burke and drew inspiration from nineteenth-century radical liberal tradition, associated with the likes of John Bright. Jeremy later drew a line with Donald Trump. He always believed in some decorum.

In answer to the don who thought this biography unmerited, its importance goes beyond its subject as a chronicle of the passing era of the bachelor resident don, with an emphasis on a close rapport with students, often with a libation in hand, before the advent of universities describing students as clients. As senior librarian of the Oxford Union, he befriended and mentored future politicians and journalists, such as Benazir Bhutto, Andrew Sullivan and Theresa May.

I had forgotten that Jeremy eventually voted for the admission of women. It was typical that he thought the final decision should be unanimous and that the unity of the College should take priority. Jeremy hated confrontation, despite his many machinations in College politics. This was amusingly demonstrated to me when he was in Dallas and my hosts took him to buy a pair of socks at Nieman Marcus. He happened to notice that they were selling at the counter bolo ties, essentially shoestrings. He asked the price, and they replied two seventy. He understood them to mean \$2.70. I thought they meant

\$27. As we examined the bill on the way out, I saw that they had charged him \$270. He refused to go back but I was less daunted and obtained him a refund.

There are inevitably omissions and close friends who are unmentioned, such as his student contemporary and bibliophile William Delafield and his friend Gillian Peele at Lady Margaret Hall. More unaccountably, there is no mention of his colleague and senior history tutor Robert Beddard. They worked well together during my time at the College in the 80s and Robert helped arrange Jeremy's High Mass funeral at the Oratory. It was often claimed that one could not be friends of both, but this was never the case. They complemented each other while they amusingly always chose a third tutor who was almost the stark opposite of either of them in personality and in academic interests. It was a good balance.

There are very few errors in the book, which was shared in manuscript with many former students and with John Wolfe. As was pointed out in a letter to the *The Spectator*, Mark Almond was not a pop star with Brian Ferry but a lecturer at the College, who was then associated with Wolfson College. The only serious mistake is the claim that Hugh Trevor-Roper never published books when he wrote many, including his brilliant *The Last Days of Hitler*. Indeed, Trevor-Roper posthumously continues to be prolific with new books still appearing thanks to his executor Blair Worden.

Jeremy enjoyed an apotheosis in his late life. His seeming narcolepsy, falling asleep in conversations and while driving, seemed to disappear as he became much more alert. He lost weight and looked very much the elder statesman. Vaiani observes that he became more serious about his Catholicism, although it did not prevent him from entering into a civil partnership with the ever attentive John Wolfe. He made trips to Washington to see his former student and British Ambassador Sir David Manning, staying at the splendid private residence designed by the architect of the Viceroy's palace in New Delhi, Edwin Lutyens. He continued to read to the last, always very widely and outside the discipline. He continued to be intellectually active, editing the impressive 672-page *Oriel College: A History* (2014).

The biography surpassed my expectations and is commendable for being by one of his last students, who wrote it while in full-time school teaching. It was delightful to be transported back to Jeremy's rooms in Oriel Street. It was like spending an evening again in his company and hearing the background recordings of Marlene Dietrich singing *Lili Marlene*, John Betjeman, Edith Piaf, Brian Ferry, and later the Buena Vista Social Club. Even for those of us close to him, it is easy for the caricature to displace personal memories, but this book is a reminder of the kindness, the erudition, the care, the generosity and the intellectual breadth of one to whom this reviewer feels an enormous debt of gratitude. Even in his late seventies, he would always drive up from his medieval cottage in Eydon,

Northamptonshire, to meet me on my annual visits from America, either in London or Oxford. He joked that getting old was like staying too long at a party when you realised that you were no longer welcome by the other guests. In reality, age never staled his infinite variety and his friends never tired of his exhilarating company.

*Andrew O' Shaughnessy (1979)*

### A NOTE BY DAVID VAIANI ABOUT THE INSPIRATION FOR HIS BOOK

A couple of years ago I read an excellent book by Jamie Blackett on his old Eton schoolmaster, Michael Kidson. This wonderfully intelligent, charismatic and eccentric figure had taught a host of famous names, including two former Prime Ministers in the shape of David Cameron and Boris Johnson. The book, beautifully written and consisting of a series of, often extremely funny, personal recollections from Kidson's many pupils, also had a more serious point to make: the people who teach us have a huge influence on our lives and we have a duty not only to remember them, but also to treasure their memory. I read the book in a single sitting over a wet weekend and as soon as I put it down the thought occurred to me that if Michael Kidson merited a biography, then why not my old Oxford tutor, Jeremy Catto. The similarities between the two men were evident right from the start. Like Kidson, Catto was a complex, multi-faceted, and larger than life character, who was not only an inspirational teacher and a fine scholar, but also developed an extraordinary network of contacts throughout his life that ranged across royalty, politics, diplomacy, the City, the Church, as well as the arts. He was, in short, the quintessential Oxford don and, therefore, fully deserving of a biography.

With these thoughts fresh in my mind, I decided to get in touch with Jamie to speak to him about his book and to explore the possibility of writing a similar book about Dr Catto. To my great surprise, Jamie replied within a few hours and when we spoke about my idea it became clear to me that this was a project I wanted to pursue. In the end, writing Jeremy Catto's biography was both a pleasure and an honour. But it was not always straightforward. The material available on his life was not inconsiderable and, in addition, not all of it was either complete or fully comprehensive. To fill in some of the gaps and to create a workable narrative, I had to track down and interview over 100 people who had either been taught by Jeremy or had known him in some other capacity. Relying on such testimonies, as I soon discovered, meant accepting the fact that memory is a fragile creature and that different recollections often vary over time. But as I spoke to more and more people – including famous names such as William Hague, Bryan

Ferry, Jonathan Sumption and Alan Hollinghurst – a picture of Jeremy Catto's life began to sharpen into focus. The final result, I hope, is an account of Jeremy's life that steers away from any form of hagiography, but that nevertheless celebrates and does justice to his important legacy.

What was that legacy? Well, to paraphrase the American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Jeremy's legacy, like that of all great teachers, was that, even after his death, the light he left behind him continues to lie on the paths of those he taught. Over the course of four decades at Oriel, he not only taught us how to think, but offered us a model for how to live our lives. In doing so, he sent into the world generations of men and women, all of whom were influenced by his profoundly humane, civilised, amused, and questioning approach to life. To my mind, that is a very considerable legacy.

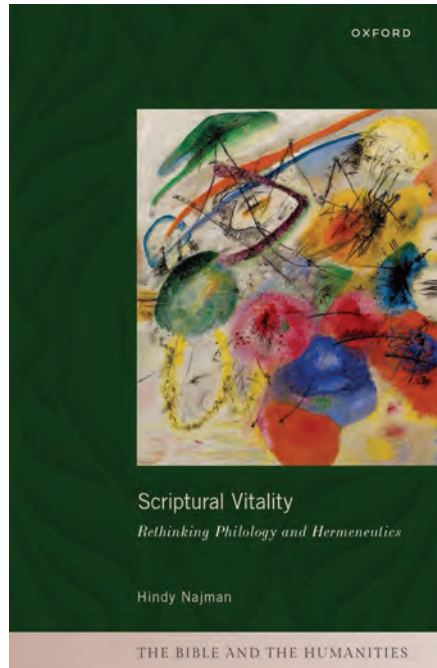
## *Scriptural Vitality: Rethinking Philology and Hermeneutics*

HINDY NAJMAN

Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2025 (ISBN: 9780198865711)

This new monograph from the Oriel and Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture was published by Oxford University Press in 2025. The book is a major contribution to biblical studies but is also in conversation with other fields of study, especially classics, philosophy and literature. Hindy Najman wrote this book while establishing the Oriel Centre for the Study of the Bible, which is an externally funded research centre in Oriel that focuses on interdisciplinary collaboration and aspires to bring biblical texts and interpretation back to the heart of the humanities. The Centre is thriving within Oriel and has become a global hub, its activities being closely followed by biblical scholars worldwide. In many ways this new monograph expresses the vision of the Oriel Centre.

*Scriptural Vitality* engages discussions on the Hebrew Bible (or the Old Testament) and Judaism in antiquity but poses an argument that has broader implications for how we think about the relationship between philology and hermeneutics in the humanities. The book presents a methodological and theoretical study that illustrates the new modes of reading it proposes with a series of case studies from ancient Jewish literature. In response to what has been called the ‘crisis of philology’, Professor Najman argues in the postscript to her book: ‘Philology needs to go hand in hand with reading, writing, and editing, I mean by these terms various practices, connected to the emergence of new text, nothing less than the history of interpretation. To adapt Kant: historical linguistics without a history of interpretation is empty; history of interpretation without historical linguistics is blind’ (page 165). What she signals here and throughout the book is the mutual dependence of hermeneutics and philology. Without hermeneutics and meaning



there is no relevance to the study of texts, but without critical study and analysis we are lost to endless arbitrary reading.

In many ways the book is thinking through the revolutionary implications of the most important archaeological discovery for biblical studies in the twentieth century, the Dead Sea Scrolls. These fragmentary manuscripts that were found in caves in the Judean desert have shown us that ancient scribes actively reworked biblical books and that many of these works existed in multiple versions. We have also learned that the books of the Bible are a selection of a much larger corpus of ancient texts, many of which were found in a fragmentary state in the caves. One of the main arguments of *Scriptural Vitality* is that the Hellenistic period in which these manuscripts were produced was not a period of decline, as scholars have often argued, but rather that the Hellenistic period was a golden age of literary creativity, commentary and performance.

The book has three sections. The first part, 'Philosophy, Philology, and Poetics of Reading', considers theoretical aspects of reading and what it means for scholars to edit and reconstruct ancient texts. The second part, 'Memory and Revitalization: Jubilees and the Dynamic of Scripture', offers a series of case studies on an ancient retelling of the books of Genesis and Exodus, the book of Jubilees, and how this work represents legal innovation in terms of recovery and remembrance. The final part, 'Conceptual Reflections in Hellenistic Judaism as an Expression of Vitality', presents further case studies on the emergence of new concepts and philosophical thinking in the Jewish author Philo of Alexandria and in Hebrew wisdom texts and hymns discovered at Qumran. Throughout the eleven chapters, the book contributes to various discussions. In what follows, I want to highlight three.

First, *Scriptural Vitality* proposes an approach to philology that is forward-moving. The book questions the reconstruction of early layers within a composition. Even though the original moment is in most cases irretrievable, the aspiration to recover the pristine and the uncontaminated has dominated biblical scholarship across the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and has generated hermetic theoretical systems and hierarchies of what is early and what is late. It has proved to be a major challenge for scholars to integrate new textual discoveries into the literary history of the Hebrew Bible. Rather than rethinking the history of texts with new empirical evidence, scholars were not infrequently inclined to see ancient manuscripts as deviations from an original that was reconstructed on the basis of medieval codices.

Instead of moving backward through various reconstructions, the book proposes to trace the development of texts forward, along the concrete instances that we have at our disposal in manuscripts with diverse textual versions, reworkings, and translations. This proposal reflects the more recent shift to materiality that is associated with 'new

philology', or 'material philology'. But it also overcomes one of the shortcomings of this rapidly growing domain of research. Despite the fresh and important insights that are generated, the material study of manuscripts struggles to weave the myriads of details into a larger story. What Najman's model of forward-moving philology achieves, instead, is the possibility of applying hermeneutics across individual moments in concrete manuscripts. In this progressive gesture, materiality is not separated from meaning but the two inform one another.

A second theme in the book is selfhood. By abandoning a retrospective orientation in the study of texts, the boundaries between author and reader begin to blur. Readers play an increasingly important role in the creation of texts. This holds for both ancient readers and modern readers. The philologist is herself a reader who needs to construct meaning out of a text, and as a reader the philologist is firstly a subject, or a self. The concern for the formation of the text is then mirrored by the concern for the formation of the self. This is what Najman calls 'ethical reading', in response to the American philosopher Stanley Cavell, whose work on perfectionism as a dimension of the moral life lays special emphasis on preparation of moral action. The work of preparation, or practice, consists in the shaping or unshaping of the self through narratives, images, and encounters with the traditions and rituals of interpretive communities. Inspired by the German critic Friedrich Schlegel, Najman attaches a special significance to the fragment. Fragmentariness allows a reader to participate in the ongoing formation of the text and, simultaneously, the ongoing formation of the self that is involved in reading and supplementing the fragment.

A third theme illustrating the interdependence of hermeneutics and philology is a theoretical concept that derives from the Hungarian-German literary critic and philologist Peter Szondi, poetic processes. Szondi regarded a literary work not as something only of the past, but rather 'as one that is life-giving to itself through internal conversation and its afterlife as a read and interpreted text' (page 53). In this hermeneutical procedure that is stretched out across time, the philological work of the scholar is explicitly included. While Szondi developed the concept of poetic processes through work on collections by poets such as Friederich Hölderlin and Paul Celan, Najman applies this notion to the ongoing life of biblical texts. She demonstrates that vitality is a significant academic concept, quite distinct from any religious application, that draws the scholar into the centre of a hermeneutical process that reaches back millennia and makes the philologist responsible as philologist, and with the critical tools of the philologist, for interpreting a textual tradition that represents ongoing life.

This new monograph makes an important contribution to scholarship. The book argues for integrating detailed study and specialisation with attention to the broader

picture and big questions. This may seem rather self-evident. But existing methodologies and theoretical frameworks in biblical studies leave precious little space for precisely this integration. This can have disastrous consequences for Hebrew Bible studies in the university. Because it may well be that these texts have an appeal to religious communities, their academic relevance is far from obvious to a secular society. The achievement of *Scriptural Vitality* is that it sets up a theoretical framework and begins to draw new paths for the study of the Bible in the context of the humanities. This is essential for the future of biblical studies as an academic discipline.

The book not only advocates for acknowledgement of textual vitality but also of the vitality of Judaism. Nineteenth century biblical scholarship that aspired to recover the original text was simultaneously dismissive of post-biblical Judaism, or 'late Judaism' (*Spätjudentum*), which it considered obsolete and superseded by Christianity. Here, Najman offers an important corrective to ideas and methodologies that still have an impact on biblical studies today, even if implicitly. By moving beyond the quest for the original and instead focusing on the life of texts across material and historical contexts, the book generates a new framework for studying the rich diversity and profound embeddedness of Jewish life and literature in its cultural environments. In many ways, this kind of fresh scholarship is exemplified by the vibrant work of the Oriel Centre for the Study of the Bible and its many Oriel alumni, postgraduates and undergraduates.

*Arjen Bakker*  
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## HONOURS AND AWARDS

**Professor Nigel Biggar CBE** (Baron Biggar of Castle Douglas in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright), former Oriel Chaplain, was introduced to the House of Lords as a Conservative peer.

**Simon Walters** (1991) was appointed a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) in the 2025 New Year Honours List for services to foreign policy.

**James Thomson** (1985) was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2025 New Year Honours List for services to policing and inclusion.

**Dr Jonathan Brewer** (1973) was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 2025 New Year Honours List for services to global non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

## FELLOWS' AND LECTURERS' NEWS

**The Provost** was appointed a member of the Government's UK Soft Power Council.

**Rachel Burns** was awarded the International Society for the Study of Early Medieval England (ISSEME) Best First Monograph Prize for her book *A History of Old English Verse Layout: Poetics on the Page* (ARC, 2024) at this year's conference in Düsseldorf.

**Ben Caldecott** serves on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as Coordinating Lead Author for finance as part of Working Group III in the Seventh Assessment Report (AR7).

**David Charles** writes: I retired from Yale in 2024 after 10 years and after teaching for a term in the University of Chicago in Spring 2025 have signed up for a term per year in Stanford from Spring 2026 for up to three years. I am also currently doing a three-year stint as the Keeling Visiting Professor for a term a year at UCL. Also – much to my surprise – OUP published a Festschrift for me entitled *Aristotelian Metaphysics* last year, edited by David Bronstein, Thomas Johansen and Michail Peramatzis.

**Lynne Cox** was awarded the title of Professor of Geroscience by the Medical Sciences Division of the University of Oxford as part of their Recognition of Distinction.

**Patrick Farrell** has been awarded the 2025 Germund Dahlquist Prize by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

**Simon Hornblower** has published *Hannibal and Scipio: Parallel Lives* (Cambridge University Press, 2024).

**Ian Horrocks** won the Innovation and Commercialisation Award at the 2025 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for his spin-out Oxford Semantic Technologies. Professor Horrocks established Oxford Semantic Technologies in 2017 with co-founders Professor Boris Motik and Professor Bernardo Cuenca Grau.

**Jan Rosenow** was appointed a Professor of Energy and Climate Policy by Oxford University's Vice-Chancellor, on the advice of her Senior Appointments Panel just three months into his new role as the leader of the Energy Programme at the Environmental Change Institute and Jackson Senior Research Fellow at Oriel.

**Richard Swinburne**, with James Sterba, has published *Could a Good God Permit So Much Suffering?: A Debate* (Oxford University Press, 2024).

# OXFORD–CAMBRIDGE ACADEMICS GOLF MATCH 2025

**C**olin Bailey, Oriel’s Master of Works, captained the winning Oxford team in the 2025 match, held on Friday 27 June 2025, at Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands Golf Club. The players in this annual golf match, played since 1980, are drawn from academics and senior managers at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and the winning team receives the Fox-Powell Trophy. Colin has been a member of the Oxford team since 2015, and Captain since 2016.



**The Captains, Colin Bailey (Oxford) and Simon Pacey (Cambridge) with the Fox-Powell Trophy**

## ORIELENSES' NEWS

**Bernard Kingston** (1967) has achieved his target of a 'century of letter' with 100 published letters in *The Times* (plus 37 in the *Sunday Times*, all written between 2011 and 2025).

**Patrick Macdonald** (1981) has been elected Fellow of the Linnean Society of London.

**Derek People** (1983) received the Charity Times National Charity Chair of the Year Award for his work with Digital Charity, which has supported the digital learning and skills development of over 60,000 young people since its inception less than three years ago.

**M. Athar Tahir** (1974) book *Second Coming* won the Patras Bukhari Award, the highest national accolade for literature (fiction/prose) in English in Pakistan.

**The Orieladelphians**, a group of friends and contemporaries at Oriel College in the early 1970s, celebrated 50 years of friendship and love for Oriel. The Orieladelphians are Christopher Sykes (1971), Peter Becque (1972), Kevin Smith (1971), Neil Davey KC (1971), Thomas Davies (1971), Dr Ashley Crichton (1971), Dr Stephen Harper (1971), Ranulph Poole (1971), Rev Paul Arnold (1971), Peter Cook (1971), John Edmed (1971), Fr Bernard Green (1971) and Robert Kenward (1972).

## PUBLICATIONS

**Christopher Collier** (1965) has published, with the Choir Press, *A Place Apart: Hebden Bridge As Seen Through Eyes of the Spencer Family in the Late Nineteenth Century*. The book tells the story of a remarkable Yorkshire textile town mirrored in the experience of a family and business whose fortunes grew with the town.

**Howard Harries** (1967) has published, with Grosvenor House Publishing, *Plus Ça Change*. This mystery novel is about two families facing disaster, and their fight back – with determination, imagination and ingenuity.

**Jeremy Mahony** (1970) has published, with BookVAULT Publishing, *Court in the Act*. A constitutional crisis looms when the people object as an unscrupulous prime minister threatens to grab power for himself and replace monarchy with autocracy.

**M. Athar Tahir** (1974) has published, with the University of Punjab, *Telling Twilight*. This is described as a collection of sonnets that offers a captivating experience for poetry lovers. Melodious yet mathematical, each piece attempts to capture the essence of contemporary humanity – the pervasive ambiguity and constant transitions woven into the very fabric of life.

**Chris Gidlow** (1984) has published, with Pen & Sword Books, *King Arthur's Country: One Land, Two Kings and Two Centuries that Changed Britain Forever*; and also, with Chaosium, *Arthur the Soldier*. A novel of Arthurian legend, *Arthur the Soldier* peers through the myths of King Arthur, and shows what might have been the Dark Age reality.

**Bob Macauley** (1989) has published, with Chehalem Press, his memoir, *Because I Knew You: How Some Remarkable Sick Kids Healed a Doctor's Soul*. As one of the few paediatric palliative care doctors in the United States, in his memoir Macauley shares some of the inspiring stories he witnessed on a daily basis and his own journey towards healing.

**Professor Sharon Musher** (1996) has published, with NYU Press, *Promised Lands: Hadassah Kaplan and the Legacy of American Jewish Women in Early Twentieth-Century Palestine*. This publication draws on the records of the author's grandmother Hadassah, the second daughter of Mordecai Kaplan – founder of Reconstructionist Judaism and initiator of the first bat mitzvah. The book follows Hadassah's journey to Palestine to illustrate how travel shaped a cohort of American Jewish women who went on to build Jewish communities and institutions that centred Zionism. It shows how Kaplan's family influenced his ideas about Zionism and gender.

**Charles Skinner** (1978) has had published, with Bloomsbury, *Buy Run Build*. Based on his thirty years as a CEO of quoted companies, some more successful than others, he promotes the idea that buying into an existing business (known as entrepreneurship through acquisition or ETA) is becoming an increasingly popular alternative to a business start-up for those who want to run a business. Economist Sir John Kay has noted that 'Most business books are poorly written, difficult to follow and not worth the purchase price. *Buy Run Build* is fun to read, exciting to apply, and profitable to implement', while Martin vander Weyer, Business Editor of *The Spectator*, observed that 'the very opposite of the boastful tech-bros who tell us how to change the world, Skinner makes a persuasive case in *Buy Run Build* for what he's good at – finding hidden value in unfashionable businesses – with honesty and humour.'

**Roger Tomlin** (1961) has published, with Oxford University Press, *The Uley Tablets: Roman Curse Tablets from the Temple of Mercury at Uley*. This is the first full publication of the eighty Roman lead writing-tablets found in the excavation of a Romano-British temple in the Cotswolds, the temple of the god Mercury at Uley, Gloucestershire, together with two from the nearby site of Tarlton.

**David Vaiani** (2001) has published, with Unicorn Publishing Group, *Jeremy Catto: A Portrait of the Quintessential Oxford Don*. A review of this book appears elsewhere in this issue of the *Oriel Record*.

**Dr Susan Valladares** (2003) has published, with Liverpool University Press, *Stock Pieces: British Repertory Theatre, 1760–1830*. Through an innovative selection of case studies drawn from deep archival research, *Stock Pieces* juxtaposes canonical with otherwise forgotten entertainments; unites the period's professional and amateur dramatic cultures; and spans British metropolitan, provincial and imperial geographies.

## OBITUARIES

### STEVE BASKERVILLE (1969)

Steve Baskerville came up to Oriel to read History in Michaelmas 1969. There were eight freshmen reading History that year, and Steve was clearly the outstanding student from the start. This was Jeremy Catto's first year as History tutor, and we all benefited from his demanding tutorials, both for Prelims and later.

Steve and I had rooms on opposite sides of Third Quad that year and spent many convivial evenings in not-too-serious discussion on a multitude of topics. Steve was able to describe his visit to New England the previous summer, including long rides around and across the USA on Greyhound buses, while I had spent a year in France, almost as exotic at the time. We had a common interest in Bob Dylan and wore out our vinyl records on the turntables. I have fond memories of toasting bread at midnight on electric fires, and Steve's unique habit of percolating instant coffee, not a brew I can recommend. Later that year, Steve persuaded me to discover Leonard Cohen and James Taylor at the Albert Hall.

Steve invited me to his home in Cheshire, and we drove down to Oxford for our second year in his Hillman Imp. Steve was soon attracted to Judy whom he met in sixth form through the joint debating society their two schools shared. They were married by special licence in Oriel chapel in June 1971 and moved into a cottage in Tackley, an arduous bicycle ride from Oxford I recall. Steve, true to form, obtained a First (the only one of the eight to do so) and stayed on to complete a doctorate. I was honoured to be invited to be godfather to their son John, born in 1973.

Thereafter, Steve embarked on a distinguished academic career starting with a Harkness Fellowship which took the family to Maryland in America for twenty-one months. During those two years, in the summer of 1977, the family spent ten weeks travelling across the USA fulfilling one of the requirements of his Fellowship. They did this with a four-year-old in a small car. They truly travelled from sea to shining sea and saw many different parts of the country. Both Steve and Judy regarded it as a formative experience.

After their return Steve continued his academic career first at Hull, then moved to Teesside University as Dean of Law, Arts and Humanities and then Computing and Mathematics. His last move was to De Montfort University as Pro-Vice Chancellor. Judy, meanwhile, having trained as a teacher after their return from the States eventually became a head teacher in Cumbria, where they finally retired. The family came to France to visit us, notably in Cognac, and, later, on the banks of the Seine. I last visited Steve and Judy in November last year in their home in Cumbria; it was a pleasure to see that, notwithstanding illness, he was mentally as alert and keen to talk as when we first met fifty-five years ago.

His inscription to me in one of his books on American history reads 'To my long-time friend'. That just about sums it up.

*Written by Paul Tracy (1969)*

## WILLIAM HILL BROWN III (1960)



Hill was a man who did his utmost to bring light and joy to multitudes of people – his friends from Woodberry Forest, Princeton and Oriel; the members of his church, Grace and Holy Trinity; fellow clergy; and most of all, his family, whom he cared about deeply – and he made this clear repeatedly and habitually.

Coming up to Oriel in 1960 to read Theology, Hill stayed in contact with the College and many of those he met at Oriel for the rest of his life.

As a man and a priest, Hill lived and modelled a form of Christianity that represented the very best of what religion could and should be. He truly loved his neighbour and always sought out the humanity in those around him, including in those with whom it might have appeared he had little in common. At the foundation of his liturgical practice was the importance of calling on his parishioners, be it visiting the hospital, dropping in to see a shut-in, or celebrating communion at a nursing home to share the power of God's resurrection. At Grace and Holy Trinity, he sought to build bridges with others, and he clearly found his calling in serving as the minister of a downtown parish.

Hill loved people, and he was often happiest when interacting with them, whether in person, on the phone, or through letters and emails. One could not help but feel the remarkable warmth he exuded towards those who were fortunate enough to cross his path. He would regale his children and grandchildren (accompanied by his wife Peggy's wry smile) with stories or news of colleagues, mentors and classmates from near and far.

Hill served on various boards around the Richmond area, most notably St Catherine's School, the Family and Children's Service, the Greater Richmond Children's Choir, the Westminster-Canterbury Foundation, and the Flagler Foundation.

He passed away at the age of 87 on 3 January 2025, with his wife, Margaret (Peggy) Kennedy Brown, by his side. As well as Peggy, he is survived by his children Meg and William IV, and his four grandchildren, William V, Alexander, James and Henry.

He will be remembered as a man with a twinkle in his eye and hope in his heart.

*Written by William's family and friends*

## CHRISTOPHER CHANT (1964)



My beloved husband Chris died suddenly on 26 January 2024, aged 78, from pulmonary fibrosis. Educated at King's, Canterbury in the 1950s and 60s, he came up to Oriel to read Greats in 1964. There his main claim to fame was rowing in the Oriel crews which, in 1965 and 1966, rose from fifth on the river to recover the headship for Oriel for the first time in thirty years. He managed to complete his degree, but when he came down in 1967 he had no clear idea of what to do with his life.

After working as an assistant editor on the Purnell World War One and World War Two illustrated partworks, Chris became an author in his own right in 1974. In a long writing career he produced about 150 books which at times placed him in the top four published writers in his field. Apart from military history and his first love, military aviation, he also published works on such diverse subjects as castles and steam trains, including one on *Rowing for Everyone*.

Chris was essentially a very modest, private and reliable man, who also did much for the community in the Highlands to where we moved twenty years ago; but he never sought the usual accolades in both that and his working life.

He had a fascination with the code names of World War Two, and had recently launched an online project run with his elder son, Robert. The site now has over 3 million words and is still available to be read; he was still working on it the morning before his death.

After a solid marriage of forty-six years he leaves a grateful widow and two sons, Robert and Timothy. He was loved by all who knew him.

*Written by Christopher's wife, Clarinda Chant*

Thanks to the Boat Club for first bringing us together; I rowed six and Chris rowed seven in the 1966 Oriel Head crew. He was an ever-cheerful inspiration to us all, and his exultant cries of 'This is my beloved crew, in which I am well pleased!' and 'Let's go row!' did much to relieve the tension as we awaited the release of the starting gun.

Leaving Oriel in summer 1966 I had the luck to land a plum job: as editorial assistant with Purnell's weekly partwork history of World War Two. Text editing was the least

demanding part of an intensely busy working schedule, including photo identification, caption-writing, and descriptions of the land, sea and air weaponry of all combatants. Remembering Chris's expertise on military aviation I knew we needed him badly, and when he joined us he proved an invaluable team member from the outset.

Under the inexorable pressure of the weekly deadline, partwork editing served as a forcing-house of writing skills for both of us. In 1974 Chris and I both contributed sections to Salamander's opulently illustrated *Air Warfare*. When I moved to Devon as a David & Charles editor, I commissioned Chris to provide his most readable description of *Rowing for Everyone* for our series on outdoor activities. It was in every sense the happiest of working associations, and we served as best man to each other at our weddings.

Chris had an endless sense of humour, sometimes alarmingly so. Watching the baked-bean-flatulence scene in *Blazing Saddles* sent him into such a hysteria of mirth that he collapsed, wheezing with helpless laughter, onto the cinema floor. But he was also a deeply sensitive man. I remember seeing tears in his eyes as we listened to a particularly lovely rendering of Bach's Double Violin Concerto. And above all was his amazing courage. Before pulmonary fibrosis finally claimed him last year, we'd all been appalled at the merciless barrage of ailments, most of them potentially lethal, which he had to endure for years with matchless stoicism. And he survived them all to join us for our delayed 'Crew of 66' reunion at Oxford at the end of Eights Week 2023.

Clarinda got it in one. Chris Chant was indeed loved by all who knew him.

*Richard Humble (1963)*

## CHARLES HANDY CBE (1951)

Charles Handy was a management guru and social philosopher who emphasised the importance of the human element in business and of the sense of the company as a community rather than a profit-making machine. In these and many other strands of thought, he was a generation ahead of his time.

Charles Brian Handy was born on 25 July 1932, to Archdeacon Brian Handy and his wife Joan in rural County Kildare. Charles was educated at Bromsgrove School before coming up to Oriel, where he achieved a First in Greats. After completing his studies, he joined Shell as a graduate trainee in 1956. His parents, he said later, were 'quietly horrified' at his career choice, as they had hoped that he would become a bishop.

Charles was never fully comfortable in conventional corporate life, but at least the posting as Shell's marketing manager in the jungle state of Sarawak, where communications with distant bosses were almost impossible, taught him that 'I could make a hell of a lot of mistakes and correct them before anybody knew.'



He also enjoyed the camaraderie of a small team far from home – unlike his subsequent experience in the London head office, in a shared office with the department title ‘MKR/35’ on the door and, he recalled, ‘slots for two name cards beneath it. This, I realised, was what it meant to be a temporary role-occupant in a corporation. One day I noticed the name cards on the door had gone. Now I wasn’t a name at all, just a number. This didn’t sound very human to me, nor to my wife, and I left.’

Brief stints at the mining company Charter Consolidated and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology followed, after which Charles joined the London Business School faculty. Here he helped to develop the first MBA degree and was dean of the Sloan programme of one-year study courses for experienced executives.

His LBS teaching and prolific but highly accessible writings – always focused on people and in contrast to the quantitative emphasis of the management education syllabus elsewhere at that time – built fresh British influence in a field dominated by American business schools and bestselling pedagogues. Handy was a professor at LBS from 1972 to 1977 and a visiting professor until 1994.

In another life, Handy’s charisma, classical learning and mellifluous voice would well have suited a man of the cloth, and he was indeed a regular attender at Evensong, though he described himself as a ‘cultural’ rather than practising Christian. From 1977 to 1981 he found an outlet for broader and deeper thinking as warden of St George’s House, an institution founded in the grounds of Windsor Castle by the late Duke of Edinburgh ‘to nurture wisdom through dialogue’.

He was also chairman of the Royal Society of Arts from 1987 to 1989. Besides *The Age of Reason*, most celebrated among his many books were *Understanding Organizations* (1976) and *The Empty Raincoat: Making Sense of the Future* (1994). More autobiographical in tone were *Myself and Other More Important Matters* (2006) and *21 Letters on Life and Its Challenges* (2019).

In 1998 Charles was made an Honorary Fellow of Oriel. He was appointed CBE in 2000 and received the Irish Presidential Distinguished Service Award for Irish Abroad in 2015.

He married, in 1962, Elizabeth Hill, a photographer whom he met in Kuala Lumpur during his Shell days – and who encouraged him to rebel against corporate confinement.

Between a cottage in Norfolk and a flat in Putney in later life, they divided their work priorities and domestic duties on a strictly democratic basis, each taking precedence for half the year.

Elizabeth died in a car accident in 2018; Charles is survived by their son Scott and daughter Kate.

*Edited, with permission, from the obituary in The Telegraph on 22 December 2024*

## DAVID HASSELL (1948)



David came up to Oriel after serving his country in the Royal Navy during the Second World War. He saw active service in the Channel, in the invasion of France in 1944 and subsequently in India and the Far East.

After being demobbed in December 1946, he wrote the nine papers that were required for the Oriel entrance exam under the invigilation of the retiring Provost Sir David Ross. He came up to Oriel in 1948 to study Modern Languages. Despite the long walks to the bathroom and only being able to heat his room with rationed coal, David remembered his time at Oriel fondly and enjoyed reminiscing about his time living in Second Quad during his many visits back to College.

His studies coincided with two landmark occasions. The first was the visit of the then Princess Elizabeth in 1948, who he recalls as being shy. The second occasion was the Senior Library fire where David, alongside other students, helped move to safety portraits from the SCR below the Senior Library.

After graduating, David spent thirty-six years working as a language teacher. This included a period where he taught English as a Foreign Language to Hungarian refugees who had fled their country in 1956. Alongside his career in education, he gave a great deal of his time volunteering for Initiatives of Change and being part of the editorial committee for the bi-monthly magazine *Polestar*.

He was a regular visitor to Oriel, frequently attending alumni events and often accompanied by friends he had made throughout his life. He most notably attended the Adam de Brome Society lunches, the last of which he attended in 2023 at the age of 98, at which he received a standing ovation from other members in recognition of his longevity and commitment to the society.

David once shared that his two ambitions in life were to join the Royal Navy and to study at Oriel. He achieved this and so much more. He leaves behind many loved ones, most notably his sister Kay, with whom he was living when he passed away.

*Written by David's family and friends*

## JOHN LENTON (1960)



John Lenton went up to Oriel in October 1960 following in the footsteps of his father Arthur who read Greats at Oriel in the 1930s. John read Modern History, made life-long friends, played a great deal of chess and tennis and, coming from a strongly Methodist family, was an enthusiastic member of the John Wesley Society based at Wesley Memorial Church. Following his degree he stayed on at the Department of Education to gain his Diploma in Education.

John's first teaching job took him to Harrogate in North Yorkshire and it was there that he first met his future wife Christine Greaves (St Hugh's 1966). They married in 1970. John taught at Harrogate Grammar School from 1964 to 1967 and was Head of History at St Joseph's College, Bradford from 1967 to 1974, as well as completing an MPhil in Economic History at Leeds University. From 1974 until 1995 John was Deputy Head of Charlton School, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire, where as well as teaching History, Religious Education and Economics he masterminded the timetables and managed budgets. He ran the highly successful school chess club as well as, for many years, the Shropshire Schools' Chess League.

After early retirement he focused on his Methodist history research and he submitted his book *John Wesley's Preachers: A Social and Statistical Analysis of the British and Irish Preachers who entered the Methodist Itinerancy before 1791* (2009 Paternoster), to gain a doctorate from Oxford Brookes University in 2010.

John was a Methodist District Archivist for six years, World Methodist Historical Society British Secretary for six years, Archives and History Committee Convenor, newsletter editor and founder of the Methodist Heritage Committee, of which he was Secretary for many years. He was Librarian at the Wesley Historical Society (WHS) Library at the Westminster Institute, Oxford Brookes from the 1990s until shortly before his death.

He was a local preacher from 1965 and held many lay offices within the Methodist Church. He was a keen hill walker and infamous for organising sponsored Circuit walks during the 1980s. These involved two parties (a short walk and a long walk) who between them would visit every church in the then North Telford Circuit, singing a Wesley hymn at each chapel, ending with *And are we yet alive* and a traditional Methodist tea at the final chapel. He had a fine singing voice. His daughter Esther once reported that she could not see him at her primary school carol concert but knew he was there because she could hear him singing!

Over the years John gave many talks and lectures on Methodist history. He took four research trips to America, visiting Southern Methodist University (Dallas), Duke University (North Carolina), and Drew University (New Jersey), during which he made contact with his many Methodist American friends, made at WHS conferences in this country. He published many papers on his historical research interests, which as well as *Wesley's Preachers* included 'Women in Methodism', 'Methodist Genealogies', 'John Fletcher', 'Shropshire and Yorkshire Methodism', and 'The Anglican-Methodist Conversations'. In 2007 he organised a Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District Pilgrimage for the Charles Wesley tercentenary. Following many years of involvement with the WHS, and having moved to Kidlington, he returned to the Shropshire Branch for the last time in 2022 and spoke on Methodism's impact in bringing the Brontës' parents together, which involved links from the West Country to Yorkshire via Wellington, Shropshire. A bibliography of his principal publications can be found in the *Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society* Volume 65 Part 1 Spring 2025.

In November 2019 he helped arrange a conference in Oxford, *An Extraordinary Call*, on Women preachers in Methodism, as part of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Susanna Wesley. At this he discussed the evidence he had gathered of women continuing to preach during the period from 1803 to 1894 when the Wesleyan Methodist Conference had forbidden it. The 2019 conference also led to a book, *Women, Preachers, Methodists* (2020 Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History).

John was happy to organise behind the scenes while also being willing to step up when needed. He was always encouraging other people to develop their skills whether in historical research, chess, worship leading or, in the case of his children, riding a bike even though he never mastered this himself!

John lived with Type 1 diabetes from 1976. He died of heart failure at the John Radcliffe Hospital with his family at his side on 19 October 2024 aged 83 and is much missed by Chris as well as his children, Mary Thornton (1991), Esther Ibbotson (St Peter's, 1994), William Lenton (Durham, 1998) and his six grandchildren.

*Written by Mary Thornton (née Lenton) (1991), John's daughter*

## CHARLES LOVE (1958)



Born into a working-class environment in North London, within walking distance of his beloved football team Tottenham Hotspur, Charles excelled in studies and won a scholarship to Mill Hill public school. Following National Service at RAF Duxford, working on aircraft radio, Charles read Natural Sciences, at Queens' College, Cambridge, achieving a double first. He then moved to Oriel, starting a DPhil in organic chemistry, believed to involve the first isolation of a tannin. He spoke fondly of his time in Oxford, although he was subsequently lured away by the temptation of earning a wage. Before completing his doctorate, he joined the since-vanished behemoth Imperial Chemical Industries as a plastics research chemist, his time including a spell in Russia. ICI employed him for the full extent of his career, the

first fifteen years at Wilton on Teesside, and the following twenty years as a planner in Welwyn Garden City.

Throughout his youth, Charles was a keen lepidopterist, fuelled by a wartime evacuation to the countryside, staying in Rock in Cornwall. As a teenager he was well-known at the Natural History Museum where the butterfly curator would share specimens, and Charles left a notable collection of butterflies built up in the '60s and '70s, before he moved from collecting to conservation efforts.

He was also an accomplished sportsman, having captained the Oriel cricket team, being invited to play for the MCC and, in later years, enjoying regular rounds of golf with two holes-in-one and a club cup to his name. Bridge was another of his enthusiasms, with which he was active while at Oriel, later becoming a County Master with his wife of sixty years, Margaret, whom he first met at Saltburn Spa Ballroom, shortly after his move to Teesside. He would speak of none of his achievements, though, as extreme modesty was one of his prime characteristics, somewhat incongruously coupled with a very sharp competitiveness.

Charles peacefully passed away on 16 September 2024, as a result of advanced prostate cancer, at the age of 89. Maintaining his mental alertness and dry wit throughout, his last year was spent in a care home in Harrogate (his home town since 1997). He always made every effort to see Margaret daily, where she lived on the dementia floor above his ground floor room, despite his increasing frailty. Their deep love

for each other endured to the end. One of his carers burst into tears on hearing he had passed, saying he was 'the kindest gentleman she had ever cared for, never once seeing him cross or upset' – this encapsulated how he had lived his life. In addition to Margaret, he is survived by two children, and four grandchildren.

*Written by his son, James Love*

### MARK O'CALLAGHAN (1996)



Mark came up to Oriel in 1996, having followed a well-trodden path in the 1990s from the Liverpool Blue Coat School to Richard Tur and Keith Hawkins's law tutorials. He graduated in 1999 and was called to the bar. After completing pupillage in London, Mark practised civil law, working predominantly in personal injury, in Manchester for several years. After a career break, he built a successful practice in matrimonial law and coroners' inquests, selflessly helping bereaved families with no guarantee of recompense.

As a scouser who always loved rugby more than football (despite his passion for Everton FC) Mark was something of an outlier. This was a product of his upbringing just yards from Sefton RFC. At college, Mark was a larger-than-life presence in the bar and on the rugby pitch – he thrived more on the camaraderie and comedy that comes with sport than the sport itself – but there was much more to him than met the eye. He had an incredible range: a man who could regularly finish the *Times* crossword, and a lover of classical music, especially Mahler. Mark was also a dedicated and talented long-distance runner, achieving a sub-three-hour marathon and continuing to run for charity even during his cancer treatment.

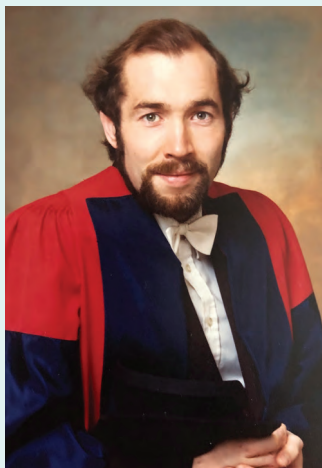
In stark contrast to Groucho Marx, Mark loved to belong to a club or society. He took immense pride in the communities to which he belonged: whether it be Blue Coat, Oriel, Sefton, his running club Kirkby Milers, or the law. Belonging to these bodies was a huge part of his personality.

Those who knew him well will recall Mark's keen wit (a combination of the high and low), his conspiratorial half-grin while telling a tall tale, his warmth and his generosity. Above all Mark was a proud Orieliensis.

He died at the age of 47 on 3 August 2025. He leaves behind his parents, his brother Paul, his sister Kate, nieces and nephews and his wife, Kerry, with whom he had found happiness and peace in recent years.

*Written by Stephen Cottrell (1994) and Danny Alexander (1997)*

## BILL PULFORD (1974)



Bill was born and grew up in Woodbridge, Suffolk, and lived there until he left for university having won an Exhibition to Oriel to read Physics. Subsequently he stayed in Oxford to work for his doctorate at the Department of Molecular Biophysics.

After this he moved into scientific research where he concentrated on forefront scientific computing, playing a major role in the development and launch of three significant international scientific facilities. His first position was at the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source research facility, a part of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory complex on the Harwell campus. In 1991 he moved to the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) in Grenoble, France with a final move in 2007 to the Diamond Light Source, again on the Harwell site where he worked until he retired. Colleagues commented that he was a brilliant software engineer, and that to be involved with three such centres of scientific excellence was a truly unique achievement.

During his time at the ESRF, Bill and a small group of friends and colleagues founded what was to become a conference series, which is still very active today. In typical scientist style they called the conference NOBUGS – standing for New Opportunities for Better User Group Software. NOBUGS still exists and now awards an annual prize in Bill's name for the most bug-free scientific software produced that year.

Outside work Bill had many passions and skills, some from boyhood and others discovered and enjoyed later. He played chess very seriously from a very early age and had a love of everything railway. At university Bill discovered folk dancing and folk music, especially electric folk and he was President of the University Folk Dance Club for a time. He loved music of all genres.

He also loved all sports, especially watching his beloved Ipswich Town Football Club, playing tennis, squash, golf, badminton, cycling, skiing, going to the gym and Pilates studio. He was also a keen walker, above all in the French hills and mountains.

Unfortunately, Bill was diagnosed with two types of dementia in 2022, which progressed very rapidly. He passed away peacefully on 9 August 2024.

The following is a tribute from a group of his former colleagues.

‘Bill was a man of abundant energy and intellect. He also had a prodigious memory; he could remember the sixteen-digit serial numbers of all the computers in our laboratory. At a personal level he was always helpful and considerate to his colleagues, and there were some catch phrases for which he will be remembered. If something worked well he would simply say it was ‘A piece of cake’, but if things did not go quite as planned, he would say ‘It’s all part of the rich panoply of life...’

He is very deeply missed by us all.

*Written by Bill’s wife, Janet Pulford*

## RAY SHEPPARD (1967)



The first person I encountered as I stood clad in suit and gown on Oriël’s imposing dining hall steps nervously awaiting the formal Freshmen’s Dinner in October 1967, was Ray Sheppard. I remember suffering from what is now termed ‘Impostor’s Syndrome’ but discovered to my delight that although we had never met, Ray and I both grew up in Putney, London, and were now fellow geographers in a cohort of only four, with no resident subject tutor in Oriël, which meant that by necessity we bonded quickly!

Ray was always kind and considerate, softly spoken with a wicked sense of humour and mischievous chuckle, and rapidly gained respect among our small group of geographers, particularly when we discovered that the biggest stumbling block to passing Prelims in Hilary term was reputedly the geology paper. Ray announced that he had an ‘A’ grade in geology at A-level and instantly became the man to know! Thanks to Ray’s generosity, patience, and innate teaching skills, we all surmounted that particular obstacle successfully.

Ray and I subsequently shared digs in Oriël Street, and latterly in Bartlemas Close with Michael Chamberlayne, who sadly has also died this year. Affable and sociable, Ray was universally popular in Oriël, and though not a natural athlete, played football for Oriël when needed, and became an enthusiastic post-Schools rower in his final year.

He would have made an excellent teacher, but his chosen career pathway was always accountancy, and he joined Deloitte, Plender & Griffiths, as a trainee, in 1970.

Ray married soon after graduating, and possessing a flair for languages, accepted posts with Deloitte in Venezuela, Chile and Ecuador, and ultimately Portugal. He eventually returned to England with his wife and four children in 1992, and moved to Keynsham, near Bristol, to establish his own practice. He remarried in 2011 and dedicated much of his spare time to supporting freemasonry in south-west England.

We were lifelong friends, collected our Oxford degrees together in person, and I was privileged to be best man at his second marriage to Lin.

Sadly, he has been taken from us too soon after a short illness, on 20 January 2025, and will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to know him.

*Written by Ray's contemporary, Bernard Kingston (1967)*

## OTHER DEATHS NOTIFIED SINCE AUGUST 2024

ARHIN, Mr Brempong (1961)	19 May 2015
BARKER, Mr Charles (1970)	August 2024
BEVIS, Miss Kathryn (2004)	1 May 2024
BODEN, Mr Robert (1972)	14 January 2025
BREGER, Mr Marshall (1967)	3 August 2025
BREUER, Mr David (1978)	2 February 2025
BROOM, Mr Geoffrey (1960)	5 February 2025
BROWN, Mr Peter (1951)	17 January 2025
CARTER, Mr David (1958)	23 October 2024
CHAMBERLAYNE, Mr Michael (1967)	11 April 2025
COOPER, The Revd Brian (1954)	14 August 2025
CROMBIE, Mr Graeme (1959)	25 September 2025
CROUCH, Dr John (1975)	3 October 2024
DEARLOVE, Mr David (1944)	06 January 2025
ELDRIDGE, Dr Philip (1955)	25 August 2025
FRASER, Mr William (1959)	22 March 2024
GREEN, Dr Henry (1946)	20 July 2020
HARVEY, Mr David (1956)	30 September 2024
HODGSON, Mr Jim (1979)	4 June 2024
HUGHES, John Mr (1950)	13 September 2025
JUDELSON, Mr Jeffrey (1961)	8 September 2023
KNIGHT, Mr Paul (1985)	10 December 2024
LEWER, Mr Michael (1954)	1 December 2024
LEWIS, Dr John (1962)	27 March 2025
MALLINSON, The Revd Canon Ralph (1959)	24 August 2024
MCLEOD, Mr David (1951)	2 January 2024
MICKLEM, Professor Spedding (1952)	November 2024
MORRISON, Mr Sandy (1948)	14 May 2025
NAYLOR, Mr Brian (1955)	September 2024
PRICHARD, Mr Guy (1971)	17 June 2024
REDFERN, Mr Anthony (1956)	5 August 2024
REEVES, Mrs Laura (1995)	15 March 2025
RINALDI, Professor Ronald (1985)	2 September 2023
SANDHU, Dr Raghbir (1989)	17 July 2024
SANDS, Sir Roger (1961)	28 August 2025
SHERLOCK, Mr Anthony (1956)	17 March 2024
SIDES, Mr Richard (1957)	15 August 2025

SPOTTS, Dr Frederic (1956)	May 2025
STEWART, Mr Bruce (1975)	4 June 2025
STITT, Mr John (1945)	13 March 2023
SUTHERLAND-HARRIS, Mr Mark (1962)	29 December 2023
THORNTON, Mr Leonard (1975)	15 November 2022
THUNDER, Mr David (1960)	10 January 2024
WILLIAMS, Mr Edward Wycoff (2001)	7 June 2022
WILLWAY, Lieutenant Colonel Michael (1943)	3 June 2017
WILSON, Mr John (1955)	18 October 2025



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# DIARY

## DATES OF FULL TERM

Michaelmas 2025	Sunday 12 October – Saturday 6 December
Hilary 2026	Sunday 18 January – Saturday 14 March
Trinity 2026	Sunday 26 April – Saturday 20 June

## GAUDIES

From time to time we review our Gaudy scheduling, so please visit the Oriel website for the latest schedule. Please note that invitations are always sent three months in advance to those eligible to attend. There may be limited spaces available for those who have missed out to join an upcoming Gaudy (with priorities given to adjacent years). Over the next three years Gaudies will be held for the following years of matriculation:

2026	2027	2028
No Gaudies owing to 700th anniversary celebrations	1973–1976 2004–2005 2009–2012	1991–1993 2006–2008 2017–2019

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For full details of all Oriel College events for Orielenses, please visit [www.alumni.oriel.ox.ac.uk/events](http://www.alumni.oriel.ox.ac.uk/events). If you would like to host your own alumni gathering as part of global 700th celebrations, get in touch at [development.office@oriel.ox.ac.uk](mailto:development.office@oriel.ox.ac.uk).

### 2026

#### THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

##### **Oriel in the City – Cardiff**

Drinks for Orielenses held in Cardiff

#### FRIDAY 30 JANUARY

##### **Joanna Macgregor CBE**

Concert by concert pianist, curator and composer Joanna Macgregor CBE (Visiting Fellow 2015–16)

#### SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

##### **Hare Club Dinner**

Dinner for anyone who played or currently plays rugby for Oriel College Rugby Football Club

**TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY**

**Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral**

Special Oriel service at St Paul's Cathedral, London, with the Chapel choir performing evensong, followed by informal drinks

**FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

**Craig Ogden**

Concert by classical guitarist Craig Ogden (Visiting Fellow 2017–20)

**THURSDAY 5 MARCH**

**Edinburgh Dinner**

Dinner at the New Club in Edinburgh with the Provost. Sponsored by William Carnegie (1957) and Sir Iain Torrance (1974)

**FRIDAY 6 MARCH**

**International Women's Day Dinner**

Annual dinner held in College for students, staff and alumnae to celebrate International Women's Day

**SUNDAY 8 MARCH**

**700th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving**

College service of thanksgiving, held at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin

**FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

**Decade Dinner – 1990s**

Reunion dinner for those who matriculated in the 1990s

**SATURDAY 21 MARCH**

**Adam de Brome Lunch**

Annual lunch in College for members of the Adam de Brome Society and guests

**MONDAY 23 MARCH**

**San Francisco Reception**

Reception hosted by Christopher Pritchard (2003) in San Francisco, CA, with the Provost

**WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH**

**Los Angeles Reception**

Reception hosted by Zane Dalal (1983) in Los Angeles, CA, with the Provost

**FRIDAY 27 MARCH**

**Decade Dinner – 2010s and 2020s**

Reunion dinner for those who matriculated in the 2010s and 2020s

**FRIDAY 27 MARCH****Washington DC Reception**

Reception for Orielenses and their guests with the Provost

**MONDAY 30 MARCH****New York Dinner**

Dinner hosted by Brian Dickie (1973) in New York, NY, with the Provost

**TUESDAY 31 MARCH****Atlanta Dinner**

Pay your own way dinner organised by Nikki Key Murphy (2002) in Atlanta, GA, with the Provost

**FRIDAY 17 APRIL****Decade Dinner – 1970s**

Reunion dinner for those who matriculated in the 1970s

**SATURDAY 2 MAY****Inspiration Day – Being Human**

Daytime events featuring panels, talks and exhibits from Oriel academics and students

**THURSDAY 7 MAY****Professor Jan Rosenow in conversation with Greg Jackson**

An Oriel Environment Group event. Professor Jan Rosenow interviews Octopus Energy founder and CEO Greg Jackson

**FRIDAY 8 MAY****Richard Tunnicliffe**

Concert by cellist and harpsichordist Richard Tunnicliffe (Visiting Fellow 2013–14)

**SATURDAY 16 MAY****Inspiration Day – Past and Future**

Daytime events featuring panels, talks and exhibits from Oriel academics and students

**FRIDAY 29 MAY****Dame Sarah Connolly with Julius Drake**

Concert by soprano Dame Sarah Connolly (Visiting Fellow 2016–17), accompanied by Julius Drake on piano

**SATURDAY 30 MAY****Summer Eights Celebration**

Casual family event in College to celebrate the final day of Summer Eights

**THURSDAY 4 JUNE**

**David N Lyon Lecture 2026**

Annual lecture on the Politics of Sex and Gender Equality in Diverse Societies

**SATURDAY 6 JUNE**

**Inspiration Day – Risks and Opportunities**

Daytime events featuring panels, talks and exhibits from Oriel academics and students

**SATURDAY 20 JUNE**

**Celebration of Sport**

Daytime event featuring panels, talks and exhibits around Oriel's contributions to sport

**TUESDAY 23 JUNE**

**Decade Lunch – pre-1970s**

Reunion lunch for those who matriculated pre-1970

**SATURDAY 27 JUNE**

**Commemoration Ball 2026**

Oriel's student Commemoration Ball

**SATURDAY 11 JULY**

**Decade Dinner – 2000s**

Reunion dinner for those who matriculated in the 2000s

**SATURDAY 25 JULY**

**Decade Dinner – 1980s**

Reunion dinner for those who matriculated in the 1980s

**FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

**Tamar Halperin and Andreas Scholl**

Concert by keyboard player Tamar Halperin and countertenor Andreas Scholl (Visiting Fellows 2020–22)

**FRIDAY 4 – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

**700th Anniversary Weekend and Alumni Ball**

Full weekend of activities to celebrate Oriel's 700th anniversary, including a classical concert, an alumni Ball and a Garden Party for families

**NOVEMBER (DATE TBA)**

**Thierry Escaich and Zane Dalal**

Handel and Poulenc concertos with organist Thierry Escaich (Visiting Fellow 2009–10) and conductor Zane Dalal (1983)

# NOTES

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