



Hertford College News

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Special Feature: *Literally* Hertford
Summer Garden Party

That Oxford is for the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, while Cambridge is for the Natural Sciences, is a hoary myth, which I have often had to repudiate. Hertford makes its own contribution to the Sciences. This year we welcomed Hagan Bayley as the new Professor of Chemical Biology, recruited back to the UK from Texas A&M University, and soon to occupy the new £60 million Chemistry building. Professor Kay Davies was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society for her outstanding work on the muscular dystrophies and the developmental problems they pose. She has just moved her research into a splendid new building for Functional Genomics, which she directs.

The quality of an institution is determined by the people in it, however fine the buildings and however old and venerable the institution. Hertford is no exception. This year Roy Stuart, our senior Law Fellow and Dean for an extraordinary 25 years, retired. His contribution to the college has been immense, both as a tutor and as Dean. We have been fortunate to be able to replace him by Alan Bogg, an expert in criminal law, though calling on the College's own financial resources in the first instance in order to make such an immediate appointment. Roger Pensom, whose subject is medieval French literature, has also retired after many years as the mainstay of our modern languages teaching. Once again, on the basis that modern languages was too important a subject to leave without a Fellow, we have used the College's own finances to appoint Alastair Swiffen, whose interest is in modern French literature.

This year we have made three other new appointments, namely Nick Barton, a palaeolithic archaeologist, who replaces Martin Biddle, Andreas Busch in politics to replace Sonia Mazey, and Alan Lauder in mathematics to succeed Brian Steer. This latter appointment was made possible by the fact that Alan is the holder of a prestigious Royal Society University Fellowship. These new fellowships mean that the number of members of the Governing Body appointed since I came to Hertford is now 23, and so is just over half the total. This is an unexpected rate of turnover, but perhaps a sign of the College's continuing vitality.

Andrew Goudie, who left Hertford at the end of the 2002-2003 academic year, to become Master of St Cross College, has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship.

Sadly and quite suddenly, Michael Chantry, College Chaplain for an extraordinary 40 years, died of a heart attack in September 2003. His unique contribution to the life of the college, his support of its sporting activities, and his activities outside the College in prisons and elsewhere, and at Oxford United football club, have been commented on many times. There will be a Memorial Service to celebrate his life in the



College Chapel on Saturday February 14th 2004. Another sad loss was the death of Jim Bertie, the College Bursar for some ten years during a time of formative growth. He remained a loyal supporter of the College after his retirement.

Our new Visitor, the University Chancellor Chris Patten, made his first visit to the College on Friday 7th November when a splendid dinner was held in his honour. We hope, as he put it "D.V.", that it will be the first of many visits to Hertford.

We had a most successful garden party in July 2003, using the excellent facilities of our neighbouring College, Wadham. This was a first for Hertford, and the sunny weather and mixture of all ages made it a very special occasion. We also had a reunion dinner in College for Hertford Rhodes scholars as part of the Rhodes centenary celebrations. The overall high point of these celebrations was a magnificent occasion in Westminster Hall in London at which, in addition to the Chancellor, there were addresses by Nelson Mandela, the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and former President Bill Clinton, himself a former Rhodes scholar. We also held a Gaudy in October 2003 for the matriculation years 1990 to 1991. You will find a list of future events later in the Newsletter.

The major debate of the moment in educational circles is the Government's proposal for a £3,000 university fee, to be paid by students. It is in my view unfortunate that this overshadows the major funding crisis faced by the universities in general, and Oxford in particular, if they are to maintain their world class standing. This level of fee, though it will make an important contribution to the university's funding, only represents a small percentage of the overall annual turnover, especially when allowing for the need to support those students who cannot afford the fee. I believe the issue should be about a really sensitive loan scheme at effectively zero interest rate, and without the need to pay back until quite a high earning threshold, perhaps as much as £25,000 per annum, has been reached. This would prevent discrimination against those professions, including research and university teaching, where the rewards are mostly modest but the returns for the country as a whole enormous.

If we are to continue our tradition of excellence, whatever the outcome of the fees debate, we will continue to need the support of our former members, for which we are always very grateful.

Sir Walter Bodmer
Principal

HERTFORD ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

The College continues to benefit from the pledges and gifts made as a result of the Annual Giving Appeal. There has been a generous response to our suggestion for old Members to pledge a gift of £25 per month for four years. Such regular gifts, together with the many and much-appreciated one-off gifts, help the College to plan ahead.

Our current main priority is to attract funds to endow a number of College Fellowships, particularly those in Law, Physics, and other crucial teaching areas. The endowment of Fellowships allows the College to use the money which is currently supporting these tutorial appointments for other very necessary expenditure. The College has also identified student support as a priority fund-raising activity, in order to help undergraduate and graduate students, both home and overseas.

If you would like to assist with these funding projects, or would like further information, please contact:

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“LOST” OLD MEMBERS

The Members and Development Office has made great strides over the past year in efforts to reconnect with former Members of the College who, for one reason or another, were presumed “lost”, “gone away” or “not known” by postal services around the globe.

We now have the proud boast of being one of the Colleges at Oxford with the fewest number of lost Members. Much of this work could not have been achieved without the help of tutors, former tutors, and particularly our loyal old Members. We are most grateful.

Information about Members on our Alumni Database is held in confidence under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

If any former Member wishes to get in touch with his or her contemporaries, please contact the Members & Development Office and we will forward messages on your behalf.

Cover: Hertford College Old Quad, January 2004 (photo: Carol McCall)



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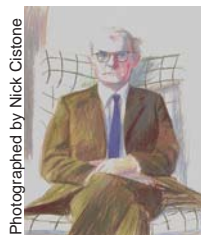
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We welcome the chance to discuss potential support for Hertford in the form of donations, gifts of property, securities, and other assets, sponsorship of costs, or bequests.

Our website can be found at www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/alumni

THE GEOFFREY WARNOCK SOCIETY



Photographed by Nick Cistone

The College is most grateful to those old Members who, during the past year, have indicated their intention of leaving a gift to Hertford in their will.

For more than 700 years, Oxford and its colleges have developed through the cumulative gifts of generations of benefactors, and many of these gifts have come in the form of legacies.

Today such gifts and bequests are increasingly important for the success of Hertford and its future excellence. Those who help by mentioning Hertford in their will may provide a practical way of contributing to that continued excellence for future generations. By doing so, they join a long and noble tradition of support for the University and its colleges.

A guide to mentioning Hertford in your will and becoming a member of The Geoffrey Warnock Society is available from the Members & Development Office.



Kenny Lewis

Kenny Lewis celebrates 25 years of service

Kenny Lewis, Senior Common Room Butler at Hertford, has been presented with a long service achievement award. Kenny came to the College as a youngster and has worked for Hertford for 25 years. He was appointed SCR Butler in 1978.



Kenny and the first XI in 1981



Pam Horwood (Lodge), Kenny Lewis, Anne Timermanis (Domestic Manager)

Kenny is a keen follower of football, and played in the Hertford College team from 1981-1983.

Family, friends and staff gathered for a celebration in the Old Library on 3 July to wish him well.



Kenny Lewis, Mr and Mrs B Lewis (parents), Alison Lewis (sister)

FOOTBALL MONTAGE

The Hertford Society has presented to the College a montage comprising the photographs of eight alumni who represented their countries at Association Football – seven played for England and one for Wales.

Mr John Harding (Lit. Hum., 1955) researched the project and unearthed the photographs of the players, and the Hertford Society generously sponsored the enterprise. Mr Danny du Feu, University Liaison Manager of Gillman & Soame Photographers, of Oxford, supervised the design and completion of the montage in which the photographs have been superimposed on a sepia view of the north-east corner of the Old Quad. The work is now displayed in the College Lodge.

Soccer dates back to the founding in England of the Football Association in 1863. The first official international match was played in 1872 and the first FA Cup Competition took place in 1871/72. Hertford College was involved in soccer from an early date: in 1877, Mr E. H. Alington represented OUAFC in the Cup Final; in 1882, Mr R. Stuart-King was the first College player to

win an international cap; and in 1885 and 1886 the College XI won “Cuppers”, in only the third and fourth years of the competition.

The eight internationals featured in the montage are:

R. Stuart-King (1881)	England
H. Morgan-Owen (1900)	Wales
C.D. McIver (1901)	England
R.F. Popham (1912)	England
F.W.H. Nicholas (1912)	England
R.W. Trimby (1955)	England
J. Harding (1955)	England
R.F. Jackson (1959)	England

All, with the exception of Stuart-King and Jackson, represented the great Corinthians, and Harding and Trimby also played for Pegasus in the 1960s.

A small reception was held in the Lower Senior Common Room on 31 October 2003, at which the presentation was made to the Principal by John Harding, and Mr Derek Conran, who represented the Hertford Society.



The Principal, Derek Conran, Danny du Feu, Peter Baker and John Harding



The football montage now hangs in the Lodge



In the Lower SCR where the presentation was made

HERTFORD WELCOMES SIX NEW FELLOWS

**DR NICK BARTON**

Nick Barton graduated in Ancient History and Archaeology at the University of Birmingham, and then studied Quaternary sciences and Palaeolithic archaeology at the University of Bordeaux before completing his DPhil at Hertford College. He was then appointed an Inspector of Ancient Monuments for English Heritage. In 1991 he took up a teaching post at the Department of Archaeology at the University of Wales, Lampeter, subsequently moving to the Department of Anthropology at Oxford Brookes University in 1994. He was made a Professor of Anthropology in 2003.

Dr Barton's research interests cover European and North African Palaeolithic archaeology, with an emphasis on the Middle and Upper Palaeolithic of southern Iberia and Morocco. He is investigating rates and scales of climate and landscape change, and their impact on humans through time. A major focus of this work since 1994 has been on the Gibraltar Strait and its rôle both as a potential corridor and as a barrier to human population dispersals in the Upper Pleistocene. It links such themes as Neanderthal extinction, origins of modern human behaviour, and modern human dispersal both within Africa and between Africa and Europe.

He also has ongoing Palaeolithic and Mesolithic research projects in southwest Britain. He recently published a popular book on "Stone Age Britain". For relaxation he lists among his interests experimental

flintknapping, natural history, and he and his son are first-time season-ticket holders at Oxford United football club.

**DR ALAN BOGG**

Alan grew up in Lancashire. He read law at Exeter College, Oxford, achieving first class honours in the BA and BCL degrees. He started his DPhil in 1998, analyzing the interface between labour law and political theory, within the context of legal regulation of the State/trade union relationship in the post-war period. He has been looking at shifts in conceptions of citizenship, and working out the implications of these shifts for the design of statutory recognition mechanisms.

In 1998, he became a college lecturer at Exeter and St Catherine's, and taught criminal law, labour law and jurisprudence. He left Oxford in 2000 to take up a lectureship at the University of Birmingham. He was there for three years, and in that time continued to teach labour law and criminal law to undergraduates, and legal theory at graduate level. He also taught animal welfare law to local authority licensing officers engaged in continuing professional development. During his stay in Birmingham, he published widely in the fields of criminal law theory and labour law. He also took a leading role in the development of new learning and teaching initiatives, and became director-designate of the CPE programme.

When not grappling with theories of citizenship and labour law, and the

philosophical foundations of property offences in English criminal law, Alan has a broad range of non-academic interests. He supports Blackpool FC and visits the north-west regularly to watch his favourite team. He shares his life with three lop-eared rabbits (Holly, Gonzo and Zebedee), who have scotched any aspiration he might have had to live in a tidy house. He is completely obsessed with the nature poetry of Ted Hughes and Norman MacCaig.

**DR ANDREAS BUSCH**

Andreas Busch is the new Tutor and Fellow in Politics at Hertford, a position he holds together with a University Lecturership in Comparative European Politics at the Department of Politics and International Relations. He is also the Course Director of the MPhil in European Politics and Society.

Andreas read Political Science, Economics and Public Law at the universities of Munich and Heidelberg in Germany. After a year as a Visiting Student at Oxford (Nuffield College) in 1991/92, he went on to complete his doctorate in Political Science on a scholarship from the German National Merit Foundation at the University of Heidelberg. Subsequently he took up a position as Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science there, teaching a broad syllabus and focusing his research mainly in the area of Comparative Government and Political Economy.



DR ALAN LAUDER

Alan Lauder was born in Glasgow in 1974, and grew up on the west coast of Scotland in the small golfing town of Troon. He read mathematics at Glasgow University from 1991 to 1995, and obtained a PhD in that subject from Royal Holloway College, University of London, in 1999. During his time as a postgraduate he spent one year in the USA on a Fulbright Scholarship. Supported by a small Scottish educational trust, he came to Oxford in September 1999, joining Wolfson College as a Junior Research Fellow.

After a few years in Oxford he secured a postdoctoral position as a Junior Research Fellow in Mathematics at St John's College and also as a Research Officer in the Computing Laboratory. In 2003 he was appointed to a University Lectureship in Mathematics and won a Royal Society University Research Fellowship. He tutors pure mathematics courses at Hertford College, with help from his applied mathematics colleague Dr Alan Day.

Dr Lauder's research is in computational number theory. He is interested in developing efficient methods for solving certain basic computational problems in number theory. He is motivated mainly by plain curiosity, although the topics he works on do have applications in areas such as cryptography. Beyond mathematics, his interests include walking around Oxford and the Oxfordshire countryside, playing the piano moderately well, and eating his wife Tomoko's delicious cooking.



DR YING LIU

Ying Liu is a Junior Research Fellow in genomics sponsored by Glaxo SmithKline. Her research interest is to characterise the involvement of tumour suppressor genes and DNA mismatch repair genes in the pathogenesis of colorectal cancer using colorectal cancer cell lines as a model. Colon tumours have been a particularly good model for understanding the pathogenesis of cancer because of the accessibility of colonic tumours at various stages of their progression, and also because of the range of inherited predispositions to colorectal cancer that are found in the human population.

Ying studied medicine at Tongji Medical University, Wuhan, China. She completed her MSc degree in Gynaecological Oncology and qualified as a gynaecologist in 1995. She obtained her DPhil degree at Wolfson College with a research project carried out in the Ovarian Cancer Group, Cancer Research UK, after which she worked as a gene analysis scientist at Oxagen Limited until July 2002.

Most of her time is spent in the Cancer Genetics and Immunology laboratory (headed by Sir Walter Bodmer) at the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, Oxford. Her escape from competitive science includes jogging, swimming, and walking in the countryside.



DR ALISTAIR SWIFFEN

Alistair Swiffen read French and German at Downing College, Cambridge. He moved to Trinity Hall, Cambridge to study for an MPhil in European Literature and a PhD in Modern French Literature, receiving a Cambridge University Newton Trust Award in 1999 for his MPhil research. Dr Swiffen moved to Oxford in 2001 when his wife Andrea took up a post as an environmental consultant in the area. Consequently he spent the last year of his PhD in the Taylor Institution Library, infiltrating the ranks of Oxford students.

His PhD thesis completed, Dr Swiffen began teaching an online course on the French short story for the Oxford University Office of Online and Distance Learning. He also taught a range of French Language and Literature classes to students at St. Peter's, St. Hilda's, and Downing College, Cambridge.

Dr Swiffen's doctoral research focused on the ethical issues raised by depictions of madness in 19th and 20th century French Literature and Psychoanalysis. He is working to turn his thesis on Desnos, the 19th century modernist poet Gérard de Nerval, and the psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan into a book. His current research concerns the indifference to mental illness displayed by recent political theorists.

Dr Swiffen enjoys playing the guitar and drinking wine. He also delights in trying to decipher his wife's native Hungarian language. Currently, however, most of his spare time is taken up with his 7-month-old daughter Emma, which involves decoding language of an entirely different order.

ON THE ROAD IN MOROCCO

by

Dr Nick Barton, Fellow in Palaeolithic Archaeology

A major new three-year fieldwork project set in Morocco is helping to investigate the rates and scales of climate and landscape change, and their impact on humans through time. The project entitled “*Environmental factors in human evolution and dispersals in the Upper Pleistocene of the western Mediterranean*” is part of a new research initiative launched recently by the Natural Environment Research Council under its EFCHED programme (Environmental Factors in the Chronology of Human Evolution and Dispersal).

This project, which I lead, involves the collaboration of Quaternary scientists and archaeologists from five different British institutions and the Institut National Scientifique d’Archeologie et du Patrimoine, Morocco. Also an integral part of the team are two new Hertford graduate students: Steven Ward of the School of Geography (last year’s MCR President) and Richard Jennings of the Institute of Archaeology.

Northwest Africa is a key region of interest for the understanding of human evolution. The research area in northern Morocco is situated near one of the points where Africa almost meets Eurasia, and therefore could have served as a potential corridor for the movement of



The research team near the Algerian border

anatomically modern humans (*Homo sapiens*) and earlier human populations spreading out of Africa. The project addresses various questions relevant to these themes. What was the sequence of early human occupation in this area? Which human species lived here and were the population successions predominantly local events, perhaps indicative of isolation and endemism, or the result of dispersals from other parts of Africa (or even Europe)? A related objective is to gain a precise appreciation of how human evolution was affected by the rates and scale of palaeoclimatic and environmental change, and, ultimately whether climate was an important external forcing factor in human evolutionary development. This October, the team surveyed caves in the area of the Eastern Rif in the north of Morocco. The three intrepid researchers (left to right - Nick Barton, Richard Jennings and Steven Ward) are

pictured here sunning themselves in a wadi below a site close to the Algerian Border.

One of the sites tested this year, known as Taforalt Cave, looks especially promising for future work. It contains an 8 metre deep sequence of sediments spanning the last 150,000 years. This large cave is already famous for producing the remains of over 180 human burials, thus making it one of the largest Upper Palaeolithic cemeteries anywhere in the Old World. The finds were made in the 1950s but since then little work has taken place in the cave and part of the research brief is



Taforalt Cave, Morocco

to provide new dating evidence for these and earlier levels within the cave. A major element of the research programme will be to collect evidence that will allow reconstruction of environments covering the timespan when humans were present at the site. One of the exciting aspects of this work is that the cave contains exceptionally well-preserved organic remains including the bones of large and small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish, providing important proxy sources of data for understanding palaeoenvironmental change.

Evidence of wood charcoal and plant phytoliths from ancient hearths (fireplaces) will also help our understanding of human behaviour as well as identifying changes in local vegetational patterns. Work on the latter will form the core of Steven Ward’s DPhil research project. Samples from over 17 ashy-grey Upper Palaeolithic units have already been recovered for analysis in Oxford. The lower layers which contain Middle Palaeolithic hearths have also been widely sampled for environmental and dating evidence. The work will be supported by a range of scientific dating techniques such as accelerated mass spectrometry (AMS), radiocarbon, uranium-series and luminescence and is being undertaken by colleagues at the Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art in Oxford. The project will create the first detailed database of Palaeolithic sites in northern Morocco and within the framework of a high precision chronology.

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Recent Publications by Fellows, Members and Friends



A New Anatomy of Ireland: The Irish Protestants, 1649 – 1770

Yale University Press, New Haven and London, 2003

Toby Barnard

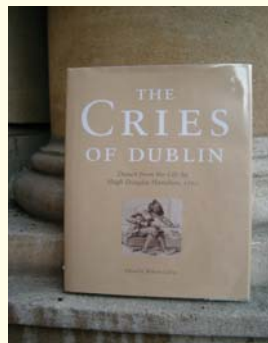
The publication of Toby Barnard's new book was celebrated at a reception in Hertford College on 17 June 2003. The event, held in the Lodgings, courtesy of the Principal, was attended by many colleagues and friends, as well as representatives from the Yale University Press office in London.

“What was life like for Irish Protestants between the mid-seventeenth and the late-eighteenth centuries? How did experiences differ for peers, squires and gentlemen, for soldiers and shopkeepers, for women and servants? In this eagerly awaited study, Toby Barnard scrutinizes social attitudes and structures in every segment of Protestant society during this formative period. His richly textured account, drawing on a wide and deep trawl of contemporary sources, focuses on people, their professions, their preoccupations and their material worlds. The book abounds with entertaining episodes and memorable characters while reassessing Ireland's place in the British state and empire and comparing it to other European and colonial societies of the time.

Through property, power and position, the Protestant minority dominated Ireland from 1649 to 1770. Barnard examines the period thematically rather than chronologically and analyses how Protestants sought to retain their precarious social and economic ascendancy. His inquiry provides new insights into not only this period of Irish history but also into its enduring impact on the shape and complexity of Irish life.”

Toby Barnard is Fellow and Tutor in Modern History at Hertford College, Oxford. He is an honorary member of the Royal Irish Academy. Among his publications are *Cromwellian Ireland: English Government and Reform in Ireland 1649–1660* and *Irish Protestant Ascents and Descents 1641–1779*.

All quotations in this feature are taken from the book jackets of these publications.



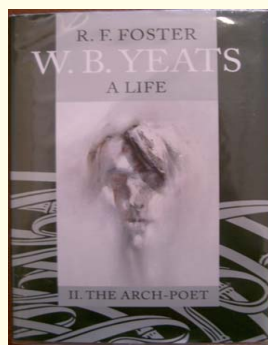
The Cries of Dublin: Drawn from the Life by Hugh Douglas Hamilton, 1760

Irish Georgian Society, Dublin, 2003

Edited by William Laffan

Chapter entitled “The Society and Economy of Mid-Eighteenth Century Dublin” contributed by Toby Barnard.

“The recent discovery in Australia of an album of hitherto unknown drawings by Hugh Douglas Hamilton (1740–1808) caused a sensation in Irish historical and art historical circles. The album is unique in eighteenth-century Irish art in its realistic depiction of the most humble citizens of Dublin, the hawkers who made their living on the streets of the capital. Almost entirely ignored in the art of the period, the urban poor are here depicted going about their daily lives. The album provides a panorama of eighteenth-century Dublin - beggars, tricksters, hawkers of fish, fruit, wigs and brogues. The present volume publishes the drawings for the first time and includes essays by an international team of scholars exploring the images from historical, economic, stylistic and iconographical perspectives.”



W.B. Yeats: A Life Volume II: The Arch-Poet 1915–1939

Oxford University Press, 2003

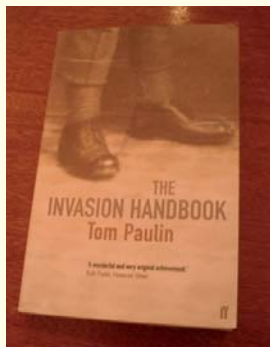
Roy Foster

“The acclaimed first volume of this definitive biography of W.B. Yeats left him in his fiftieth year, at a crossroads in his life. The subsequent quarter-century surveyed in *The Arch-Poet* takes in his rediscovery of advanced nationalism and his struggle for an independent Irish culture, his continued pursuit of supernatural truths through occult experimentation, his extraordinary marriage, and a series of tumultuous love affairs. Throughout he was writing his greatest poems: ‘The Fisherman’ and ‘The

Wild Swans at Coole' in their stark simplicity; the magnificently complex sequences on the Troubles and Civil War; the Byzantium poems; and the radically compressed last work – some of it literally written on his deathbed.

The drama of his life is mapped against the history of the Irish revolution and the new Irish state founded in 1922. Yeats's many political roles and his controversial involvement in a right-wing movement during the early 1930s are covered more closely than ever before, and his complex and passionate relationship with the developing history of his country remains a central theme. Throughout this book, the genesis, alteration, and presentation of his work (memoirs and polemic as well as poetry) are explored through his private and public life. The enormous and varied circle of Yeats's friends, lovers, family, collaborators, and antagonists inhabit and enrich a personal world of astounding energy, artistic commitment, and verve. Yeats constantly re-created himself and his work, believing that art was 'not the chief end of life but an accident in one's search for reality': a search which brought him again and again back to his governing preoccupations, sex and death. He also held that 'all knowledge is biography', a belief reflected in this study of one of the greatest lives of modern times."

Roy Foster is Carroll Professor of Irish History in the University of Oxford, and a Fellow of Hertford College.



The Invasion Handbook

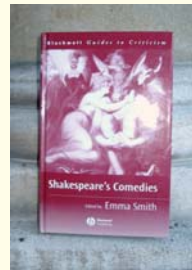
Faber and Faber, 2002

Tom Paulin

"In *The Invasion Handbook* Tom Paulin sets out to recount the origins of the Second World War. The result is a triumph of technique, a simultaneous vision which proceeds by quotation and collage, catalogue and caption, prose as well as verse – a myriad staging of historical realities through the poet's intense and penetrating scrutiny of the particulars of time and place.

The volume opens with the Versailles Peace Treaty of 1919, which excluded Germany from the community of all nations, and with the answering but ill-fated attempt of the Locarno Treaties of 1925 to restore the torn fabric of Europe. It evokes Weimar culture, Hitler's rise to power and the beginnings of the persecution of the Jews, and ends with the Battle of Britain."

Tom Paulin has published six other volumes of poetry as well as a *Selected Poems 1972-1990*, two major anthologies, versions of Greek drama, and several critical works, including *The Day-Star of Liberty: William Hazlitt's Radical Style* (Faber and Faber, 1998). Well known for his appearances on the BBC's *Late Review*, he is also the G.M. Young Lecturer in English at Hertford College.



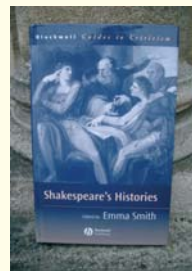
Shakespeare's Comedies

Guides to Criticism

Blackwell Publishing, 2003

Edited by Emma Smith

"Criticism of Shakespeare's comedies has shifted from stressing their light-hearted qualities to giving a stronger sense of their dark aspects and social resonances. This work introduces key debates under the headings: genre, history and politics, gender and sexuality, language and performance."



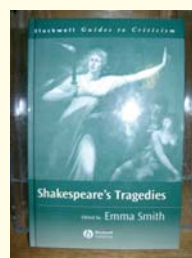
Shakespeare's Histories

Guides to Criticism

Blackwell Publishing, 2003

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Shakespeare's Tragedies

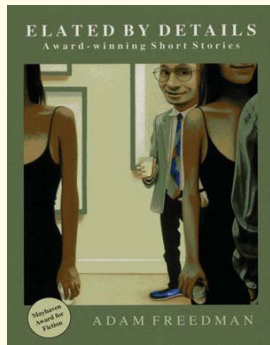
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Emma Smith is Fellow and Tutor in English at Hertford College.

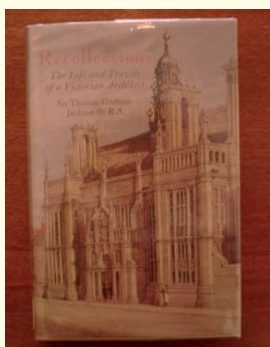


Elated by Details
Mayhaven Publishing, 2003
Adam Freedman

Adam Freedman graduated in Law from Hertford College in 1991. He is a columnist for the *New York Law Journal*, and he has also written for a number of other publications. His first book, *Elated by Details*, a collection of short stories, won the 2002 Mayhaven Publishing Award for Adult Fiction. The cover art is by American artist Alexi North.

“A lawyer by training, Adam Freedman, is a successful journalist and fiction writer. In 1998-1999, he gave up practising law to live in Buenos Aires as an editor and columnist for the Buenos Aires Herald. His travel, humour and first-person writing have appeared in Newsweek International, Slate, The Guardian Weekly and elsewhere.

In *Elated by Details*, Adam Freedman pokes fun at the American obsession with reinventing ourselves – an obsession lately seen in the rash of “makeover” TV shows. The characters of these diverse stories know that life holds something better for them, and they are determined to get it. With mischief and cunning, they search for escape routes from the schools, jobs, and relationships that seem to hold them back. What they find are ever more creative ways to avoid the messy business of growing up.”

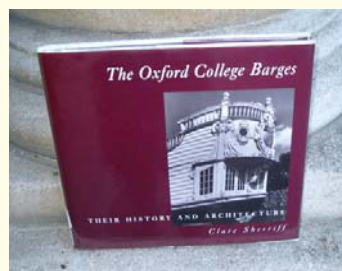


Recollections: The Life and Travels of a Victorian Architect, Sir Thomas Graham Jackson, Bt, RA
Unicorn Press, London, 2003
Edited by Sir Nicholas Jackson, Honorary Fellow of Hertford College

“Sir Thomas Graham Jackson, Bt, RA, (1835–1924), one of the most distinguished architects of his generation, and created a baronet by King George V in 1913 in recognition of his restoration of Winchester Cathedral, is best known for his work at Oxford. Jackson designed buildings for no fewer than twelve of the Colleges and many other University and City institutions. Among these are such landmarks as the Examinations Schools in the High and the ‘Bridge of Sighs’ over New College Lane which has become almost an Oxford ‘logo’. The poet John Betjeman immortalized his style as ‘Anglo-Jackson’ and

Dr James Bettley, in his introduction to *Recollections*, observes that ‘one of the best things about it is that it is so unobtrusive, without being insipid’. Dr Bettley has also provided a comprehensive gazetteer of Jackson’s works which reveals how widely throughout the British Isles, and even in such far-flung corners of the world as Norfolk Island in the Pacific Ocean, his buildings are to be found.

Much has changed in the world since Jackson’s son Basil published an edited version of his father’s memoirs in 1950. There is greater interest in the architecture of Jackson and his contemporaries and, because of recent tragic events, in the countries of the former Yugoslavia. This new edition of *Recollections* enlivened by much that was previously omitted, includes many more illustrations (some now in colour). The manuscript of *Recollections*, still in the possession of the family, has been edited by Jackson’s grandson, Sir Nicholas Jackson, formerly organist at St David’s Cathedral and composer, whose career has taken him to many places associated with his grandfather’s work. An introduction and Gazetteer of Works has been contributed by Dr James Bettley, formerly of the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Victoria and Albert Museum”.



The Oxford College Barges: Their History and Architecture
Unicorn Press, London
2003
Clare Sherriff

“ ‘Glorious floating pavilions of splendour’, only a few of the Oxford College Barges survive, and none on the original moorings lining the bank of the Isis at Christ Church Meadow where, in their heyday, there were some twenty-five. In researching the history and architecture of the barges, Clare Sherriff has examined University and college boat club records, collecting rare photographs with which to illustrate and compare their design and use from Victorian and Edwardian times through to the 1970s when the last of them was towed away to retirement.”

Clare Sherriff practises as an architectural historian. She has first-hand experience of the University College Barge (‘The Univ’) which her husband, David Sherriff bought and restored for conferences and entertaining.

In the preface to her book, Clare Sherriff expresses her particular thanks to Richard Norton (Hertford, 1957), Chairman of the Trust for the Preservation of the Oxford College Barges for his advice, numerous corrections and patient proofreading.



GARDEN PARTY
Sunday 13 July 2003
at
Wadham College

On one of the sunniest weekends of the year, Hertford held its first ever Garden Party. Due to lack of space at Hertford, we were very fortunate to be able to use the Fellows' Garden at Wadham College, with kind permission of the Warden and Fellows.



Almost 350 people came to the event - over 100 old Members with their friends and families. We were delighted to have representatives from each decade going back to the 1930s.



A splendid buffet lunch was provided, and the impressive marquee and sheltering trees provided a welcome refuge from the sun.



The Principal was present, as well as a number of Fellows: Dr Tom Cunnane, Tutor in Physiology; Dr Patrick Roche, Tutor in Physics; Dr Alison Woollard, Tutor in Biology; Mr Roy Stuart, Tutor in Law; Dr Rob Davies, Fellow in Clinical Medicine; and Dr Anne Haour, JRF in Archaeology.



Romance blossomed for two old Members. Nathan Evans and Kelly Lambourne (both 1992) had not seen each other since leaving Hertford, and now, eight years later, have linked up! (See picture below, Kelly and Nathan on the bench.)



Finally, a special thanks to members of the Hertford Society who helped out on the day - Anthony Eady, Anthony Swing, Graham Jones and Shawn Manning.



RHODES DINNER - 4 JULY 2003



Hugh Spencer-Palmer (1939) toasts the guests

The centenary of the founding of the Rhodes Scholarships scheme was celebrated in 2003. There were special events in South Africa, London and Oxford.

Hertford's links with the Rhodes Scholarships scheme go back to the very early days, and we have welcomed just over 200 Scholars over the last 100 years – an average of two Scholars per year. In

1903, at the start of the scheme, 12 Scholars came to Oxford.

In 1904, the second year of the scheme, there were 72 Rhodes Scholars, with three at Hertford - **Sir John Behan**, the first Scholar from the State of Victoria, Australia, who read Law, became a Lecturer in Law at University College, Oxford, and later was Warden of Trinity College in the University of Melbourne from

1918-1946; **A W H Donaldson**, the first Scholar from British Columbia; and **Sydney Herbert**, the first Scholar from Newfoundland, who also read Law, and subsequently worked for the British American Tobacco Company in Bristol, Liverpool, Belgium, and Johannesburg, South Africa, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

Over the years, we have had Scholars from many regions covered by the Rhodes scheme, including Malta, USA, New Zealand, Africa, Australia, Jamaica, Rhodesia, Germany and Bermuda.

Eighteen past and current Scholars, together with spouses and partners, were joined by the Principal and a number of the Fellows at a special celebratory dinner in their honour on Friday 4 July. Hugh Spencer-Palmer (1939) replied to the Principal's speech to the guests, while Tanya Plant (1999) proposed the toast to the College. The Principal hosted drinks in the Lodgings before dinner, and members of the MCR kindly hosted drinks in the Octagon after dinner.



Professor Robin Devenish & Boris Tyzuk (1974)



Brian Belchers (1970), John Jordan (1957) & Mrs Joy Spencer-Palmer



Hertford Rhodes Scholars

GAUDY FOR MATRICULATION YEARS 1990-1991

Friday 3 October 2003 was the turn of the 1990-1991 matriculation years to return to College for their first Gaudy. For those who could be persuaded to leave the King's Arms, there was tea at 4.00pm followed by a tour of the Graduate Centre capably led by Roger Van Noorden, Senior Fellow

Everyone resurfaced at 7.00pm, in evening attire, for drinks in the Quad and then dinner in Hall. The guests were joined by several Fellows: Peter Baker, Bursar; Professor Robin Devenish, Tutor in Physics; Dr Geoffrey

Ellis, Tutor in History; and Dr Roger Pensom, Tutor in French. Also present was Anthony Eady, Chairman of the Hertford Society. After a splendid dinner, it was time for the speeches. Dr Shawn Manning (1990) proposed the health of the College in a suitably witty manner, to which the Principal replied.

Guests then moved to the JCR bar for more drinks and reminiscences. A list of those who attended can be found on our website at www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/alumni



Shirley Stacey, Richard Butterwick, Anthony Eady, Helen Alexander & Shawn Manning



Anthony Eady, Ianto Davies & Dan Whiston



The Principal, Kate Wilson, Professor Sir David Goldberg & Allister Manson

E. W. GILBERT CLUB 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

On 27 September 2003, precisely one hundred Hertford geographers past and present attended a dinner in College to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Gilbert Club. Named after E.W. Gilbert, a former (and, ironically, notoriously abstemious) Professor of Geography, the Club has vigorously maintained its distinctive character. On this occasion the response from members to the invitation was particularly pleasing, especially as the opportunity was taken to salute the co-founder of the Club, Professor Andrew Goudie, just as he was about to take up his new appointment as Master of St Cross.

Speeches were made, in a style appropriate to each, by Professor Goudie himself, by Professor Denys Brunsten (Honorary President), and by Dr Paul Coones who, with the assistance of Petya Blumbach (1999), made presentations to the co-founder and to two former undergraduates, Jonathan Butler (1999) and Lucinda von Kaufmann (née Edwards) (1985) for certain memorable performances not related to academic prowess. Kate English (2002) and Naima Lightwood (2002) brought thunderous applause with an impromptu song.

Paul Coones hailed the unquenchable spirit of geography in the College and the continuing tradition of high-class results in both Mods and Schools. He remarked that the evening was an extremely pleasurable one for him personally, as he was the only member who knew absolutely everyone there. Given that undergraduate teaching is an activity increasingly denigrated in certain quarters these days, the immense rewards associated with a succession of very bright undergraduates were compellingly evident before him in the College Hall, and he thanked those present for 'making it all so resoundingly worthwhile'. The deafening response came in the form of a demand for a thirty-fifth anniversary reunion. The Club owes the Members and Development Office a deep debt of gratitude for invaluable help in organizing this memorable occasion, which the College duly managed to survive.



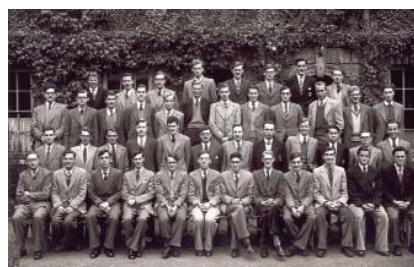
Professor Andrew Goudie

Dr Paul Coones

50 YEARS ON REUNION

In October 2003, twelve old Members from 1953 returned to College exactly fifty years after they matriculated. The idea of a '53 Reunion materialised when Eric Doorbar, Derek Goodgame and Derek Roebuck met up at the College Garden Party in July. With the help of the Members & Development Office, they contacted everyone in their year and invited them to a reunion lunch in College on Saturday 18 October.

The lunch was held in the Old Hall. Dr Paul Coones, Tutor and Fellow in Geography, joined the guests for drinks and brought along the 1953 Freshman photo. After much fun trying to identify everyone in the photo, Dr Coones took a photo of the group as they are today fifty later. A splendid group!



1953 Freshman Photograph



2003 Reunion

RETIREMENT OF FELLOWS

Mr Roy Stuart

Mr Roy Stuart, Fellow & Tutor in Law, Dean, retired after 36 years at Hertford. A surprise farewell gathering was held in the Old Library on 17 June 2003 for all current law students, members of the College Welfare Committee, and other members of the College staff. Roy Stuart has been elected to an Emeritus Fellowship of the College.



Mr Roy Stuart, Dean

Dr Roger Pensom

Dr Roger Pensom, Fellow & Tutor in French retired at the end of the 2002-03 academic year. Dr Pensom had been at Hertford since 1985. He has been elected to an Emeritus Fellowship of the College.

JCR NEWS



The beautiful weather experienced by the entire country last summer meant that it was a wonderful time to be an Oxford undergraduate. Trinity term 2003 was filled with punting, balls, lazy Sunday afternoons, and for the less fortunate, finals. Summer Eights was a great success.

Hertford fielded several crews and the turnout from non-rowers in support of the event was fantastic. We were also pleased to see several alumni back to support the college sport, and they were more than happy to join us in a glass of Pimms by the river in the glorious sunshine - what a lovely way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

Equally blessed by the good weather was the JCR sports day which seems set to become an annual event. Games of rugby, football, tennis and mixed rounders were all played, with a barbecue and bouncy castle for the slightly less sporty among us.

After the long vacation, we were pleased to welcome the latest batch of freshers to Hertford. Ten of our second years, who had been elected to be the freshers' welcoming committee, worked tirelessly for the first week of term to ensure our newest members settled in as quickly as possible. From help carrying suitcases to organising social events, from college tours to offering a shoulder for those few inevitable tears, the freshers committee truly did us all proud. The first year students seem to have settled in well and are already throwing themselves into college life.

Michaelmas 2003 saw a first for Hertford when around fifty students from Clare College, Cambridge, came over to play a sports tournament and stayed for dinner and a bop. The day, organised entirely by junior members of the two colleges, was a memorable success. We have forged some strong links with Clare College and hope to take up their return invitation some time next term.

As autumn gave way to winter so the inevitable Christmas excitement gripped the JCR, with trees and decorations up by the end of November. As usual the annual Christmas dinner was a great success and tickets were highly sought after. We were also treated to a Christmas Carol service by our talented chapel choir which also proved to be incredibly popular with the undergraduates.

There is little left for me to say, except a huge thank you to everyone who has worked hard to make the last year such a memorable one. The very end of last term was filled with elections for the incoming JCR Committee, and as you read this, I have already been replaced by some bright young thing as JCR President. I wish him the very best for the future and hope he enjoys his time as much as I have!

Fiona Coady
JCR President 2002-2003

MCR NEWS



The 2002/2003 year has been an extremely active one for the Hertford MCR. In Michaelmas term 2003, we received a fresher class of a hundred new post-graduates. This brings the population of the MCR to just over 230 students, which, with an additional thirty spouses and associates, makes it one of the largest graduate common rooms

in the University. However, it is especially encouraging to note that our increase in size has not come at the expense of the warmth and sense of community which have traditionally characterized the Hertford MCR. Our social events are extremely well attended, be they bops, formal dinners, or simply quiet film nights in the Graduate Centre. However, the increase in numbers has put a bit of a strain on communal areas, which the MCR has partially offset by further investing in our facilities. We have purchased new computers, created additional common rooms, and upgraded existing 'creature comforts' (e.g. televisions, VCRs, etc.). In addition, we have drastically overhauled our website (<http://mcrweb.hertford.ox.ac.uk>) in order to help facilitate communication, and increase the Executive Committee's responsiveness to the needs of our community.

In terms of academics, the Middle Common Room continues to represent a wide cross-section of disciplines and interests. Our students may be found conducting research in such exotic locations as Australia, Canada, the South Indian Ocean, Africa, or even the reading rooms of the Bodleian. This diversity of interest has been expressed in our extremely popular academic soirees, recent topics of which have included global climate change, education in rural Africa, and the cultural influence of Fred Astaire.

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of our executive committees, the MCR social calendar has been a full one, with theatre trips, concerts, 'laser quest', quiz nights, karaoke, charity events, games nights, and celebratory dinners for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Burns Night. Additionally, the MCR is well represented in the wider social life of the college. Post-graduates have contributed greatly to college music events, particularly with respect to the College Chapel Choir. In sport, several MCR members took part in Boat Club activities, and filled seats in almost every Hertford College boat. The MCR also put to water one of the only coed VIIIs in Torpids, and competed quite well. The crew finished with a successful record and maintained their position in the bumps chart. The MCR football team also continues in popularity, and although the team record leaves something to be desired, our performance is consistently on a high level. Additionally, it should be noted that several MCR members have received 'Blues' for representing the University in such events as rowing, badminton, and swimming.

With regards to our standing compared to other colleges, it is not without a bit of guilty pride that our members often hear the same comment from our guests at exchange dinners: "Wow", they exclaim upon hearing about life in our MCR, "I wish I went to Hertford..."

Richard Morgan
MCR President 2003-2004

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Trinity Term started brightly: a strong cricket XI won their first three games, including breaking Worcester College's two year unbeaten run, before the season dipped following a loss to eventual league winners Pembroke. The team picked up again with good wins towards the end of the season, including a nine-wicket victory over Christ Church and a 200 run thrashing of Wadham - finishing a commendable 3rd in the Premier Division.

The 2003 Summer Eights took place on one of the most beautiful weekends of the year. Subsequently the river banks and boathouses packed with Pimms-drinking supporters saw Hertford's Men's 1st VIII make good progress in Division I, bumping St Catz on Thursday and Jesus on Friday. The Women's 1st VIII powered their way to the top of Division II, bumping Magdalen on Thursday, LMH on Friday, and Brasenose on Saturday, and were commonly regarded as the fastest women's crew on the river. Both the 2nd VIIs had mixed fortunes being bumped, bumping and rowing over to finish pretty much where they had started. In the Rowing On divisions, the Men's 3rd VIII jostled in the top three of Division VII, while both the Men's 4th VIII and Women's 3rd VIII (known as the 'Hertford Hotties') moved steadily down-

ward in their divisions – but with the weather as it was, none were to upset to get an early drink in.

In other notable news, over the summer vacation two Hertford students, Joe Clarke and Andrew Clements, lived up to all expectation, making the Oxford Blues Rugby tour party to South America. The pair played in several games on tour against strong Argentinean top-flight club sides despite them both being younger than other experienced Blues: Joe was the youngest on tour at 19, and Andrew not far ahead at 20. The two even displayed some real Hertford solidarity as together they scored the first ever 'joint' try recorded for the Blues.

This Michaelmas promises to be a great term for sports. A new crop of Freshers seem keen to get involved in all aspects of college sport as the football team restarts its Premiership dream, the netball team aim to prove themselves in the top division and the buoyant mixed lacrosse team, fresh with new talent, hope to live up to potential and do the league and cuppers double. Watch this space to see how we get on!

James Grigg

JCR Sports Officer 2002-2003

Other College News

Bench in Memory of Bob Jackson



Anthony Eady unveils the new bench

The Old Quad has a splendid new bench, generously donated by the Hertford Society, in memory of Group Captain Bob Jackson CBE (1926), who was Chairman of the Society from 1970-1976.

The bench was unveiled by Anthony Eady, current Chairman, at the Hertford Society lunch held in the College on Sunday 29 June 2003. Mrs Brenda Jackson and members of the family were present for the occasion.



Mrs Brenda Jackson and family, with Anthony Eady

Ambassador Katsuhiko Oku

Katsuhiko Oku (Social Studies, 1982) died near Tikrit in Iraq on 29 November 2003, together with a Japanese colleague from the Embassy in Baghdad and their Iraqi driver. They had been travelling to a conference on the reconstruction of northern Iraq.

Katsuhiko Oku obtained a BA in Political Science at Waseda University in 1981. He was at Oxford from 1982-1984 as a diplomatic trainee, and returned to Japan as a member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His postings included Washington DC and Teheran during the Gulf War. He was Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan and Director of the Japan Information and Cultural Centre in London, and had been seconded to the Embassy in Iraq in April 2003 in order to help with post-war reconstruction efforts.

He was a keen rugby player, and on the International Committee of the Japan RFU. He played for the College and for the University, and was the first Japanese rugby Oxford Blue.

The Revd R Michael Chantry

It was with great regret that the College learned of the sudden death, on 17 September 2003, of the Revd Michael Chantry (1951), Chaplain 1961-2001, at the age of 72.

Michael Chantry read Theology at Hertford, and then went to Cambridge to pursue postgraduate training at Ridley College. He became Chaplain at Hertford in 1961 and retired in 2001 after 40 years of service.

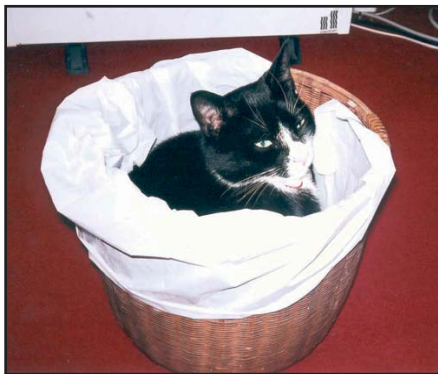
Members may recall the last service Michael conducted in the College Chapel on Sunday 10 June 2001, at which the Rt Revd Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood, recalled their long friendship and Michael's many interests outside the College. (See *Hertford College News*, Issue 6, Autumn/Winter 2001.)

A Memorial Service was held at Hertford on 14 February 2004.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2004

Memorial Service for Revd. Michael Chantry	Saturday 14 February
London Drinks Party	Monday 29 March
North American Reunion (New York)	Friday 16 & Saturday 17 April
Warnock Society Lunch	Sunday 23 May
Eights Week Event	Saturday 29 May
Summer Reunion (for matriculation year 1996)	Sunday 13 June
Hertford Society Annual Lunch	Sunday 27 June
Medics Reunion Dinner	Friday 24 September
College Gaudy (for matriculation years 1960-1966)	Friday 1 October

For further information, please contact the
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Simpkins says:

"Cats turn round and round
before going to sleep
because one good turn
deserves another...."



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