



Hertford College News

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Feature: Hertford's International Programmes

New Principal

New Chaplain

This will be my last Principal's newsletter. Once again, after nine years, I will be moving house, but this time trying to fit all the accumulations of more than 25 years of living in two places into one home just south of Oxford. I will miss the splendid views of the Bodleian, Radcliffe Square and Brasenose Lane from my bedroom window, but will instead wake up to a view of the Berkshire Downs. I believe I leave with the college in better shape even than when I came, but with many challenges ahead for my successor and the Governing Body.



During my seemingly short nine years there have been many changes in the University and the College. Fees have been introduced and are destined to rise to £3,000 per year next year. In college we have a very successful Graduate Centre and have seen a continuing rise in the number of graduate students. More than half of the current Governing Body of just over 40 fellows has been appointed during my time, so that we now have an excellent body of fellows to take the college further forward into the 21st century. Our conference business, and especially the English language teaching programme, has grown in leaps and bounds providing a most valuable and much needed extra source of revenue to support our primary academic purpose.

Our new Visitor's first major action for the college was to appoint my successor following the recommendation of Governing Body. I welcome as my successor Dr John Landers, a distinguished historical demographer, fellow of our neighbouring college, All Souls, and former Hertford undergraduate. Indeed he reminded me that as a student studying Human Sciences, he went to my lectures in genetics. He knows the college well and has become a regular and welcome visitor. I shall do my best to ensure that he has a smooth succession and wish him every success as Principal. I hope that he will enjoy Hertford as much as I have done.

Our new Vice-Chancellor, Dr John Hood, has wasted no time in coming forward with major proposals for the University's future academic strategy and Governance. There are very significant financial challenges if Oxford is to remain in the very top international tier of Universities. There are also important questions to be answered about the size and shape of the University as a whole, including the balance between teaching and research, and between the numbers of undergraduates and graduates. The Governance proposals are aimed at bringing the colleges closer together with the central university in its academic management and planning. They also include a radical proposal to institute a board of trustees formed almost entirely of members from outside the university. This is largely a response to outside pressures for more overall accountability, a pressure which may well come quite soon to the colleges. We welcomed the Vice-Chancellor to dinner in college, providing an opportunity to discuss these changes with him and help inform the Governing Body in formulating its response to the academic strategy proposals. Dr Macmillan has been confirmed in his position as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for another five years, and with an enhanced portfolio involving him centrally in the new strategy proposals. He is therefore in a good position to keep the college updated on central university developments.

We are on the point of making new appointments in History, replacing Dr Ellis, French, Philosophy replacing Dr Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra, who has sadly decided to move to a chair in Nottingham coupled with a similar position in his home town of Buenos Aires, and in Physical Chemistry. This is a busy portfolio of appointments to make during my last months as Principal.

We have been fortunate in being able to purchase five houses in north Oxford, which we had on relatively short term leases from the university. This now guarantees our future ability to house all our graduate students and provides an interesting opportunity for further development, as these houses back onto each other, effectively forming a self contained courtyard.

Last October I accompanied Julie Dearden, who manages our conference activity under the general guidance of the Bursar, on a visit to Japan. We were able to visit the universities and organisations in Osaka and Tokyo who send us most of the students in our English language teaching programme. We were graciously received by the University Presidents and by the British Ambassador. Such visits are essential for maintaining and building up our contacts for the English language teaching programme.

The college was the base earlier this year for a remarkable music festival organised by former student and budding concert pianist, John Anderson. I had the honour of having two master classes from John's maestro, and then played a Mozart four hand piano sonata with John in a concert in aid of the Tsunami appeal organised most successfully by the college music society.

Whenever I meet former Hertford students, I am always made aware of the tremendous loyalty and affection of our alumni for their old college. This has been made particularly evident to us this year by the receipt of a number of extraordinarily generous legacies. One in particular deserves a special mention, namely that from Alfred Nathan. He was for many years a loyal supporter of the college and active member of the Hertford Society. He was particularly impressed with the development of the Graduate Centre, and so Governing Body has agreed to name one of the Centre's wings after him at a ceremony on June 25th when the society has its annual dinner in college and the Chancellor has agreed to be our guest of honour.

In my nine years at Hertford I have certainly come to feel that I am fully a member of the Hertford family. I have made many good friends through the college, with whom I hope to remain in contact, especially as I will still be around in Oxford. I am sure you will support my successor and help to ensure the future success of the college, as you have helped me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Bodmer".

Sir Walter Bodmer
Principal

NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Yvonne Rainey
new Development Director

As of 1 March 2005, I was appointed Development Director of the College, to succeed Carol McCall who left last October. I have been working in the Members & Development Office for nearly three years and am very familiar with many Old Members. I am very grateful to the Fellows for giving me this wonderful opportunity. I believe we share the common goal of ensuring that Hertford remains one of the most diverse, inspiring and welcoming places to study with some of the best facilities and committed tutors in Oxford. It's a very special place and I am proud to be able to assist them in raising money for this all-important cause.

COLLECTING YOUR MA

Old Members may apply for their MA 21 terms after matriculation (the year you come up). However, this does not apply to those who take undergraduate Masters degrees such as the M.Phys or M.Chem. There are nine ceremonies each year at which degrees can be conferred in person or *in absentia*.

Old Members are required to book as some ceremonies are booked up many months in advance (for personal attendance; there are no restrictions on having degrees conferred *in absentia*). There is a charge of £15. For further information and an application form please contact Sue Finch, the Deputy Academic Administrator in the College Office on 01865 279423 or email: sue.finch@hertford.ox.ac.uk.

STAYING IN COLLEGE

Old Members may not be aware that Hertford has two rather nice guest rooms which may be booked in advance through the Porter's Lodge by telephoning 01865 279400. Charges are £20.50 for the single guest room and £37.50 for the double room.

Cover photo: The SCR viewed through the entrance arch.



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NAMING OF NATHAN BUILDING

In view of the substantial bequest left to the College by Alfred Nathan, the Fellows have decided to name a wing of the Graduate Centre in his memory. Alfred was an enthusiastic supporter of the Graduate Centre and followed the building's progress with great interest. He attended the opening ceremony in September 2000.



The naming ceremony will be held on 25 June 2005, at 4pm, the day of the Hertford Society dinner. Tea and coffee will be served.

Anyone who wishes to attend can either indicate on the reply slip to the Hertford Society dinner invitation enclosed, or contact Yvonne Rainey tel: 01865 279428; email: yvonne.rainey@hertford.ox.ac.uk.

VISITING AND DINING RIGHTS

The College is very pleased to see Old Members when they visit Oxford. Due to increased security, it is not always possible to visit certain parts of the College. However, if you make yourself known to the Lodge, they will contact someone in the Members & Development Office who will be happy to show you around.

MA's are entitled to dine at High Table, at their own expense, on an occasional basis. Bookings must be made through the Lodge (tel:01865 279400) not later than 11am on the day you wish to dine.

College is open all year, with the exception of the Christmas and New Year period.

HERTFORD WELCOMES A NEW PRINCIPAL



Dr John Landers

The Chancellor, the Rt Hon Lord Patten of Barnes, has appointed Dr John Landers, (1972 Human Sciences), to succeed Sir Walter Bodmer FRS, as Principal from September 2005.

Born in 1952, my earliest years were spent in Pimlico, being cooed over by local “ladies of the night” and entertaining Stephen Spender when he came for tea. Such louche living ended abruptly with a move to Potters Bar, whence I frequented first the local primary and then Haberdashers’ Aske’s, where I scored my 3 O levels.

There was then an intermission as I was far from keen to follow in academic footsteps – my father was a Balzac scholar at King’s College, London. One year as Junior clerk in King’s Registrar’s department changed my mind, however, and it was back to College.

Southgate College was still swinging as the sixties became the seventies, but Oxbridge entrance exams did not feature on the curriculum. I wrote off for the papers myself and sat the exam in the cupboard of the Art Room.

Hertford was a welcoming place. Although the gates shut at dusk, the window to the laundry onto Catte Street didn’t shut properly and there was a ladder bolted to the railings to allow ease of access, whatever the hour. Running water had arrived – but it was generally walked upstairs by scouts in ewers. Undergraduates joined in the centennial celebration of the Refoundation of the College, and memories are of the place’s conviviality.

A component of the Human Sciences degree was demography, and I crossed the Rubicon to Cambridge where I completed my PhD in Historical Demography under Sir Tony Wrigley. My college this time had all mod cons, Churchill, and was where I met my wife, Diana Parker, now chairman of city law firm Withers, but then a first year undergraduate.

A career as an oil demand analyst at Shell was interrupted as a result of an encounter on the London train between Tony Wrigley and the then Head of the Anthropology department at University College London. A decade at UCL was succeeded by fifteen years at All Souls as University Lecturer in Historical Demography, and punctuated by the publication of two books on the topic. In the mid 1990s I was Assessor – a post created to enable the women’s colleges to be represented on the Councils of the university when only the traditional, male colleges could elect Proctors. In my year – for the first, and so far, only time - both Proctors were women, but historic discrimination was evidenced in the shoulder height mirror on my office wall.

Since being Assessor, I have involved myself in university administration – serving on Hebdomadal Council in its final years - and am inter alia currently Chairman of the Pitt Rivers Visitors.

On seeing the post advertised, I felt that if I did not apply to come back to Hertford, I would always regret it. I had not reckoned, however, on being interviewed by the self-same Fellow who had interviewed me some 30 years previously, which left me feeling a gauche 19 year old who kept wanting to call Roger Van Noorden “Sir”....

I am very much looking forward to returning to Hertford and renewing my relationship with my *alma mater*!

Previous Principals since Hertford’s refoundation in 1874:

Sir Walter Bodmer 1996-2005

Mr John Torrance (Acting Principal) 1995-1996

Professor Sir Christopher Zeeman 1988-1995

Sir Geoffrey Warnock 1971-1988

Sir Lindor Brown 1967-1971

Sir Robert Hall 1964-1967

Dr William (Bill) Ferrar 1959-1964

Dr Neville Murphy 1939-1959

Dr Charles Cruttwell(Crutters) 1930-1939

Sir Walter Buchanan-Riddell 1922-1930

Dr Henry Boyd 1877-1922

*Dr Richard Michell 1874-1877 Hertford College
1868-1874 (Magdalen Hall)*

.... AND A NEW CHAPLAIN



The Revd Leanne Roberts

Since the Revd Dr Simon Oliver left to take up a post at the University of Wales in January 2005, the position of Chaplain has been most ably filled by the Revd Canon Hugh Wybrew during Hilary term. The Revd Leanne Roberts joins us in Trinity term 2005.

I was born and brought up in South Wales and came to Oxford to read music at St Hilda's College in 1992. After graduation, I worked for four years in north Oxford for the Cochrane Schizophrenia Group, an organization which prepares and maintains systematic reviews of the care of those with schizophrenia or related disorders. My time with the Group was spent in administration, training, and research, both in the UK and abroad.

In 1999 I left Oxford to train for the priesthood at Westcott House, Cambridge, and whilst there took a BA in theology at Emmanuel College. I was ordained deacon in 2002 in the Diocese of London, and priest the following year. For the past three years I have been Assistant Curate of All Saints', Hampton, where I have enjoyed the enormous variety of work that parish ministry has to offer.

I have travelled extensively, and for a variety of reasons: leisure, of course, with various orchestras and choirs, and, most recently, doing voluntary work in Delhi and New York. Although sadly lapsed of late I have been a keen 'cellist, and I'm looking forward to joining in the College's musical life. I play the piano and like to sing, too – in fact, when I was an undergraduate I sang in Hertford chapel choir, so I already know a little of the college and its chapel life.

An avid reader of detective fiction of almost any kind, from Dorothy L. Sayers to Ed McBain, I also enjoy poet

ry and modern fiction. Spending time with friends is very important to me, and I have been told I throw a good dinner party! My taste in music is eclectic, but Chet Baker, Bach, Joni Mitchell and Richard Strauss are most often in the CD player. I like going to the cinema and am looking forward to frequenting the Phoenix cinema again on my return to Oxford. Two cats will be accompanying me to Hertford, and I'm hoping their arrival will not traumatise Simpkins too badly.

I've had links with several college chapels, large and small, and one thing those experiences have taught me is that a college chapel should be a place where every member feels welcome, regardless of faith, tradition or background. I hope that all members of college will feel that they can come to me as their chaplain, for whatever reason, sure of a warm reception.



Leanne's cats: Peppy, the ginger one and Charis, her daughter, blissfully unaware that they are soon to make a mortal enemy in the form of Simpkins!

ETHICS LECTURE TRANSCRIPT

The first Hertford Ethics Lecture delivered by Baroness Warnock, DBE on 4 February 2005 was a great success.

Due to popular demand, Baroness Warnock has kindly given permission for us to publish a transcript of her lecture. Old Members can now download a copy (in pdf format) from the alumni website at <http://www.alumni-web.hertford.ox.ac.uk>. For those who would prefer to be sent a hard copy, please telephone the Members & Development Office on: 01865 279428 or email: yvonne.rainey@hertford.ox.ac.uk.

THE LIBRARY: PAST AND PRESENT

Susan Griffin, the College Librarian, writes about the ongoing restoration work in the Old Library.

In 1990 the College was fortunate to secure the services of local members of NADFAS (the National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies) to undertake restoration work on our older collections. Fifteen years later, a team of volunteers still visits the College each Friday morning during three extended terms. Our older books are housed in several different locations beside the Old Library and the team is currently working on a collection in the library stack, sadly neglected and dispersed from the main holdings.



The NADFAS team; from left to right: Eileen Holland (team leader), Jenny Richardson, Carole Fryer, Bernadette Tildesley, Susie Thompson and Claire Lowry.

Although volunteers, team members undergo initial training and subsequent refresher courses, run by professional conservators either in Oxford or at NADFAS headquarters in London. The equipment boxes, containing items such as crepe bandages, scissors, Vaseline, masks and an assortment of brushes is a first aid kit of some complexity, which enables members to offer treatment for many kinds of problems. Like a patient, each book has a medical record. Printed on acid-free paper, it provides a history of treatment useful for current and future volunteers, and information helpful to a professional conservator if the book is sent away for further work at any time.

Many of our older books are bound in leather. These bindings are in various states of disrepair, largely the result over the years of inadequate housing, careless handling and hungry insects. It is possible to consolidate degraded and crumbling leather and the team is expert in the application of spirits and waxes to avoid further deterioration. Corners and spines are supported and tears repaired. The most poorly patients are then housed in a phase box to ensure that their condition is stabilised.

The College now allocates a modest annual budget for

professional conservation work for some eight or nine books a year. Among the items currently undergoing repair are Kircher, *Lingua Aegyptiaca restitua* (1643), *Thesaurus nova plantorum Mexicanorum* (1651), Halley, *Observations on the planets* (1716) and *Report of the Lords concerning the African slave trade* (1789). There are many candidates on the waiting list and our NADFAS team provides invaluable treatment for those left behind.

The College wishes to recognise the efforts of all the ladies from NADFAS who give so generously of their time. We are most grateful to them.

New Borrowing System for the Library

The rules governing the library of Magdalen Hall (one of Hertford's predecessors) drawn up in 1656 were strict: for anyone besides the Principal and the Librarian to take a book out was an offence punishable by expulsion from the Hall. Happily we now encourage our readers to borrow books, which are no longer chained, and the introduction of an automated circulation and self-issue system in January this year is the latest development in the library.

Although each college's collections are restricted to its own members, the library's stock forms part of OLIS, the



This book displays signs of chaining, so that it could not be removed from the Library.



The new scanner makes taking out books much easier

university-wide union catalogue, which enables readers to see swiftly and remotely the location of their chosen book. The project to catalogue our working collections to the standard required by OLIS began in 1997. Once the vast bulk of the material had been dealt with, including the insertion of a unique barcode in each book, it became possible to consider the next stage: an automated circulation system. In addition to finding the location of books, such a system enables readers to see whether the book is available or on loan before setting out for the library. An extension of this arrangement allows readers to issue books to themselves with a scanner, abolishing paper borrower slips while keeping the library open 24 hours a day.

The college's collections include several thousand anti-quarian books. Our books published abroad before 1641 have been catalogued to the more demanding standards required of older material as part of the Early Printed Books Project, and appear on OLIS. However, most books in these older collections await their turn. Specialized cataloguing on this scale is expensive and without donations earmarked for the purpose we cannot hope to proceed further. Until their inclusion in OLIS scholarly access to these books remains limited.

NEW SWIFT ROOM

Last summer, the College recognised the need for the expanding IT department to move into more spacious premises. It was decided to use the Swift room as this was next door and therefore most convenient.

The next issue was where to locate the new Swift room and College decided to refurbish the Crypt under the Chapel, which previously housed bikes and other storage. This has proved a successful arrangement as the new Swift room is much bigger than before. It is the second move for the Swift room which was previously located where the Lodge is now.



The Crypt before refurbishment



The old Swift Room undergoing refurbishment



The new Swift Room

RETIRING STAFF



Kathy and Jennean



Mick & Jean Weston

Vic Madden who was groundsman at Hertford for an astonishing 46 years retired at Christmas.

Mick and Jean Weston, who were the resident caretakers for the College houses in North Oxford for many years, left last August. Mick was forced to take early retirement due to ill health. A leaving party was held in the Octagon.

Jennean Giles, Deputy SCR Butler, also left last year to work at St Edmund Hall. She came to Hertford at the age of 16 and worked with us for 10 years.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT

Summer and Michaelmas term 2004 were busy for our International Programmes and Conferences department. The department organises various programmes for students coming from abroad to spend time at Hertford College and also provides opportunities for Hertford students to study abroad.

The department is run by Julie Dearden, an Old Member of Hertford College, (Modern Languages 1979). After graduating from Hertford, Julie followed a career in teaching and translating, firstly in Germany and then in France, where she founded her own language school and translation agency, specialising in teaching professional people to communicate in Business and Technical English.



Two students with Janette, Julie and Caroline

Having returned to England in 1999, Julie was invited to the reunion held for the First Women at Hertford College. At the reunion she met Peter Baker, the Bursar, who spoke about Hertford's venture into the world of language training. Peter Baker had started Hertford's vacation programmes in English as a Foreign Language for Japanese Universities in 1994 and these were proving very successful. Within a short time, after 20 years away, Julie found herself back at Hertford, responsible for the International Programmes and Conferences Department.

Caroline Rice, the Administrative Assistant, also has an international background, as she worked for several years at the British Trade Office in Taipei, before returning to England and joining the team here.

Hertford College is the only Oxford College to organise its own English as a Foreign Language programmes and these are a major part of the vacation activity. They make a significant contribution of approximately £1 million to College funds.

Hertford has its own Director of Studies, Janette Coglin who is responsible for developing the EFL programmes

and managing the teachers. She works closely with Bernadette Wilcox, our full time EFL Teacher. Both Janette and Bernadette have experience in teaching EFL in Spain and Germany and have worked for Hertford College for a number of years. Most of the time, they are based at the Graduate Centre which has two classrooms.. However, in summer, due to the high number of EFL Programmes, teaching takes place not only at the Graduate Centre, but also on the main college site, the Exam Schools, the History Faculty, St Aldate's Parish Church, Pembroke and Christ Church Colleges.

During the summer months 2004, Hertford's team grew to include 30 EFL teachers who taught almost 400 students. The students are mostly Japanese and come from



A student with Bernadette outside Blenheim Palace

universities and educational institutions around Osaka and Tokyo, such as Kwansei Gakuin and Waseda Universities.

Students also came from a language institute, Nova, where the programme is coordinated on the Japanese side by John Ormston (1990 Modern History), an Old Member of Hertford.

The EFL programmes also provide an excellent opportunity for Hertford students to stay and work in college. They work on the organisation of the programmes and also as Residential Advisers, looking after the Japanese students and organising a very varied social programme. Last summer's activities included visits to other Oxford colleges and museums, flights on the London Eye, and trips to Windsor, Bath and Stonehenge. The Hertford students were very active and took the EFL students punting, ice-skating and even organised lessons in salsa dancing!

September saw the arrival of the Exchange students from Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan. These students lived and studied alongside Hertford students for two weeks

and enjoyed a programme of lectures on Economic issues in Britain given by Roger Van Noorden, the Media, by the Revd Dr Simon Oliver and Shakespeare, by Dr Emma Smith. Unfortunately, this was the first year in which we did not benefit from Dr Geoffrey Ellis' epic lecture on 2000 years of British History, which Geoffrey previously succeeded in delivering in just 2 hours.

A group of Hertford P.P.E. and Geography students left for Japan in March 2005 to participate in a reciprocal programme of lectures on the History, Geography and Economics of Japan. This is often the first chance that our students have had to visit Japan and they always come back delighted with this experience of a life-time.



David Morris, Ambassador Graham Fry, the Principal, Julie Dearden & First Secretary Philippa Rogers

The College also hosts summer schools for U.S. Universities such as the University of Hartford, Hillyer College, Regent University and Loyola University. The programmes include Faculty Members from the U.S.A. many of whom have academic links with Hertford Fellows.

Michaelmas term is the time when Hertford welcomes Visiting Students, mostly from the United States of America. The Tutor for Visiting Students this year is Clive Hambler, Lecturer in Biology. He organised tutorials for students from Princeton University, Butler University and William and Mary University. The Princeton students arrived 4 weeks before term started to study "The Forging of Modern Britain", then continued with an Oxford term of tutorials.

In Michaelmas term, a Hertford College Japanologist, Frederika Fok, left for Japan to spend her fourth year there. Frederika is participating in the One Year Study Abroad Programme at Waseda University, which is part of an Exchange agreement between Hertford and Waseda. Hertford College welcomed 2 students from Waseda University for one academic year.

In mid October, eleven students arrived from Kobe Shinwa University in Japan for a 6-month EFL course. Janette Coglin our D.O.S. organised a course with modules on English as a Foreign Language (EFL), preparation for the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC), British Culture Studies, including a module on Education in Britain, English Literature and Business English. The course culminated in the students' final presentations on businesses which they researched while they were here.

In October, The Principal, Sir Walter Bodmer and Julie Dearden went to Japan. This was to visit the Presidents of the Universities with which Hertford works, to maintain good relations, give feedback on last year's pro-



Hertford and Kwansai Gakuin Exchange Group

grammes and to present the programmes to new universities interested in the EFL programmes. During the trip, Sir Walter Bodmer and Julie Dearden visited David Morris at the Oxford University Japan Office and had a meeting with the new British Ambassador to Japan, Graham Fry.

Janette Coglin, our D.O.S. went to Japan in November 2004 and gave presentations of our programmes to the students and teachers at the Japanese universities.

Julie and her team are looking forward to welcoming many more students during the rest of 2005.

NEW FELLOW - PROFESSOR MARTIN MAIDEN



I am a molecular microbiologist interested in bacterial diseases and their prevention by vaccination. My two main research interests are Meningococcal meningitis, a particularly feared infection throughout the world, and *Campylobacter jejuni* food poisoning, one of the major food-borne infections affecting

people in the UK. I developed an interest in science from a very early age, and by the age of 11 was intent on a career in research. I read Microbiology at the University of Reading, gaining my honours degree in 1983. During my time at Reading, I became very interested in infectious disease and its prevention. This was shortly after the eradication of smallpox by vaccination and the then Professor of Microbiology, Colin Kaplin, at Reading had been involved in this eradication campaign.

I then went on to the Biochemistry department at Cambridge to study for my doctorate using molecular techniques to study the bacterium *Escherichia coli*. This was a particularly exciting time to be working in Cambridge, as the new techniques of molecular biology were just then being more broadly applied to general problems in biology. Following a Medical Research Council training fellowship in the same laboratory, I

worked for 9 years at the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control in Hertfordshire. My particular interest here was in applying molecular techniques to practical matters, particularly vaccination.

In 1996 I had a sabbatical in Germany. It was during this year that I was fortunate enough to meet my wife, Dorothee, who was then studying medicine in Berlin. We returned to England in 1997 and shortly afterwards moved to Oxford where we have lived ever since. We have two daughters, Felicity (6) and Victoria (2). Since coming to Oxford as a Wellcome Trust Senior Fellow, I have been involved in a number of programmes around infectious disease including the development of the Peter Medawar Building for Pathogen research, a multi-disciplinary research centre combining groups drawn from three university science divisions. In October 2004, I was appointed Professor of Molecular Epidemiology at Oxford and Hoary Professor of Biology at the University of Cardiff.

Professor Martin Maiden replaces Professor Karen Day, former Tutor in Biology, who left last year to take up a post in the Department of Medical and Molecular Parasitology at the New York University Medical School. She has since been elected to an Emeritus Fellowship.

RETIRING FELLOWS



Dr Geoffrey Ellis, Fellow and Tutor in History, retired at the end of last academic year and was elected to an Emeritus Fellowship shortly thereafter. Dr Ellis taught at Hertford for 30 years from 1974-2004. After gaining a BA at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa, Geoffrey came to

Oxford in 1964 to complete a second BA in Modern History at Magdalen College, being awarded a First Class degree in 1966. While pursuing his D.Phil on aspects of the economic history of Napoleonic France, he was a Research Lecturer at Christ Church, Oxford between 1967 and 1972 after which he went to the University of Durham as a Lecturer in Economic History before returning to Oxford and Hertford.

In retirement, Geoffrey, a noted expert on Napoleon, is finishing a long-planned study of French economic history in the period. Fortunately for his colleagues, he continues as Cellar Master, a post he has filled with imagination and distinction since 1994.



Dr Stephanie West, Senior Research Fellow in Classics and Fellow Librarian, is due to retire at the end of this academic year. Dr West gained a first class degree in Literae Humaniores from Somerville College in 1960, followed by a D.Phil in 1964. After a brief spell as a Junior Research Fellow at

Somerville, she took over as Hertford's Lecturer in Classics in 1966. She was elected to a Senior Research Fellowship in 1990 and to a Fellowship of the British Academy in the same year.

Sadly Classics has been phased out over the last two years and will no longer be offered at Hertford after Dr West's retirement; this reflects a lessening demand for the subject, the result of the virtual disappearance of Latin from state schools.

The new Fellow Librarian from October 2005 will be Dr Toby Barnard, Fellow and Tutor in History.

OLD MEMBER SAILS SOLO ACROSS THE ATLANTIC FOR CHARITY

Having been diagnosed with lung cancer in June 2001, Nicholas Baker (1977 Modern Languages) underwent an operation to remove one third of his right lung. However, when the cancer returned in April 2003, he decided to make something positive out of this development in his life. At the end of January 2005, he set sail in a Bowman 48DS sailing yacht on a successful transatlantic voyage – solo – from the Canary Islands, headed for Antigua.

The idea did not come from any long-held ambition to cross the Atlantic, but because he hoped to be able to raise a substantial sum of money for four charities. Two of them, perhaps unsurprisingly, are connected with cancer - the Institute of Cancer Research and the Magpie Cancer Centre. The other two charities, Merlin and Encompass, have very different but equally important aims. Nick has established The Aqualung Trust to collect and distribute the funds between the four charities. Nick has already raised well over £200,000, but he would like to raise more.

To find out more about Nick's journey or to make a donation to the Aqualung Trust, go to the website - <http://www.aqualungtrust.org>



Nick & his wife Karen

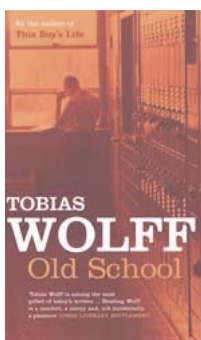


Nick writing his voyage diary



Nick lands in Antigua on 16 February

TOBIAS WOLFF'S *OLD SCHOOL*



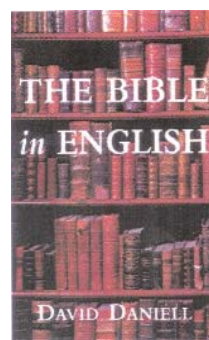
Last year saw the publication in the UK of Tobias Wolff's seventh book *Old School*. Professor Wolff, Old Member and Honorary Fellow of Hertford, currently teaches creative writing at Stanford University.

Wolff is probably best known in the UK for his two memoirs *This Boy's Life*, (made into a film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert De Niro) and *In Pharaoh's Army* which recounts his experience as a soldier in Vietnam.

Set at a prestigious New England prep school in 1960, *Old School* charts the struggle of a scholarship boy trying to conceal his humble background and fit in with the other students, who all come from privileged homes.

The paperback version published by Bloomsbury Press is out now.

DAVID DANIELL'S LATEST PUBLICATION



Professor David Daniell, an Honorary Fellow of the College, has written the extraordinary story of the Bible in England from approximately the fourth century, and its later translation into English in Britain and America to the present day.

He charts the profound impact successive versions of the Bible have had on the people and communities that read them. He explains the work of major translators, including William Tyndale, Hart Hall's most illustrious alumnus.

David Daniell is Professor Emeritus of English at University College London. *The Bible in English* is published by Yale University Press.

MEDICS REUNION DINNER - SEPTEMBER 2004

The decision to hold a reunion of former Medics students and all those now involved in the Medical profession happily coincided with the 50th anniversary of Dr Miles Vaughan Williams's election to a Fellowship and his 85th birthday

About 40 former Medics students plus partners came back to Hertford to celebrate. Seven decades of Medical students were represented, from Peter Coldwell, who matriculated in 1940, to Eleanor Barrett and Amy Hamilton who came up in 2001.

Miles was joined by his wife Marie, Dr David Greaves, Tutor in Pathology and Dr Tom Cunnane, Tutor in Physiology. Between them they are committed to making Hertford the best college in Oxford to study pre-clinical and clinical medicine. To this end, all former medics were asked to consider making a donation towards a medical textbook for the Hertford College library. In return their names would be placed inside a book. This way, current students can see that the book was donated.

Our former medics raised the impressive sum of £2,240 all of which will be used to purchase medical textbooks for Hertford's library. We are very grateful to them for their generosity and support of Medicine at Hertford. This money is benefiting current students directly. If you wish to contribute to the Medical textbook fund, please email yvonne.rainey@hertford.ox.ac.uk.



Dr Richard Watts 1975 & Dr Stuart McLaren 1975



Dr Miles Vaughan Williams & his wife Marie



Surgeon Captain Phillip Runchman 1967



It was all too much for Dr Cunnane

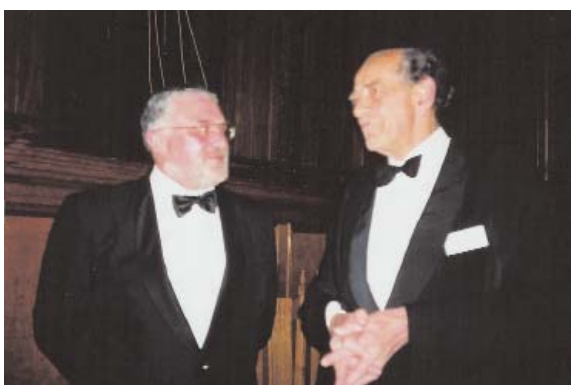


Eleanor Barrett 2001 & Dr Peter Haslett 1981

COLLEGE GAUDY - OCTOBER 2004



Tom Addiscott 1960, John Staples 1961 & David Smith 1960



David Cornwell 1965 and Professor Neil Tanner

Geoff Martin 1960, Prof Robin Devenish, Graham Jones 1964,
Roger Westbrook 1960, Charles Gibson 1959
& Marcus Wigan 1960

David Malvern 1965, Ian Holmes 1965 & Mike Paul 1964

A record 130 Old Members from 1960-1966 returned to Hertford to relive their time at College and remake old friendships, some for the first time in nearly forty years! Old Members from Australia to Switzerland, and many points in between were there, with 1965 being the best represented year.

The events started with tea being served in the Old Hall and Old Library. Members then had a choice of a tour of the Graduate Centre down at Folly Bridge or a talk by Dr Alistair Swiffen, Tutor in French, on French surrealism. The Gaudy dinner was a splendid occasion and it was wonderful to see the Hall filled with reminiscing Members. The guests were joined by a number of Fellows with Roger Van Noorden presiding in the Principal's absence. Honorary Fellows included Ambassador Richard Fisher with his wife Nancy, Helen Alexander, Sir Nicholas Jackson, Sir Christopher Zeeman, Professor Andrew Goudie, Professor Neil Tanner and David Pannick QC, our newest Honorary Fellow.

Diners were entertained by speeches from Roger Van Noorden, Jerry Owen (1964) who had travelled from the US to attend the Gaudy, and David Cornwell (1965) who had come from Belgium. Port and conversation flowed late into the evening, as Old Members mingled with the current members in the College bar following dinner.

In a timely fashion, the plumbing broke down over the weekend, leaving guests with no hot water: "Just like old times" was one comment. Unlike old times, however, there were no scouts on hand with ewers to provide any.



Ambassador Richard Fisher 1972 & Jerry Owen 1964

MCR NEWS



The first half of the academic year has been a huge success for the MCR. We welcomed over 80 fresher Graduates to Hertford with a Freshers Week offering a plethora of events designed to appeal to all.

The committee has worked tirelessly this year to organise a varied social calendar that has hopefully proved attractive to all, given the broad spectrum of interests and cultures in the MCR. Building on firm foundations from previous years, the Exchange Dinners, Guest Dinners, Bops and various themed parties have continued along with the welfare inspired events such as the Women's Social and Lunch. The purchase of bop equipment for the MCR makes us self-sufficient for parties and has served to consolidate our deserved reputation as one of the Graduate party capitals of Oxford.

New ideas have included further arts events such as a trip to London to see the critically acclaimed 'Producers' and live music in the Octagon after guest dinners. An increased sports term card included not only varied sporting events for members to take part, such as ultimate Frisbee or climbing, but also events designed for the less energetic sports enthusiast such as a weekly walk to Iffley Road to support the Blues Rugby team and trips to Twickenham for the Rugby Varsity Match and the Boat Race. This increase in activity, combined with the weekly purchase of MCR fruit, has served to combat any negative health effects caused by the surge in TV-viewing induced by the purchase of new TVs for the MCR tea room and the 189 Banbury Road house.

MCR charity work has raised approximately £2000 this year. The terrible events in Asia on Boxing Day sparked a huge reaction in the Hertford Graduate Community. Early in Hilary term, the Committee

decided to donate £200 to the aid fund and several further fundraising initiatives were planned. A charity cocktails event proved to be a success and a JCR-MCR scheme to raise money from donations on bathtubs raised in excess of £400 from the MCR alone. However, the pinnacle of our fundraising came from our 'Asia Night'. After hours of planning, it was clear on the night that all the hard work was worth it. MCR members, their guests and a large number of JCR students attended a night of Asian themed food, drink and live performance. A great time was had by all and £800 was raised for the Tsunami relief effort.

The committee has considered it extremely important to nurture the college community as a whole and to ensure that MCR members play an active role in college-wide events. In addition to the now annual supervisors' dinner, a joint initiative with the SCR to hold MCR nights on High Table to encourage mingling between Common Rooms has been organised, the inaugural event in Hilary term proving a success. The Asia Night proved to be an ideal opportunity to integrate MCR and JCR members while joint bops remain a useful way for students to mingle. MCR members are also keen members of college sports teams, heavily involved in men's and women's rugby and rowing, while the MCR football team has gone where no MCR team has gone before by actually winning matches! There is a wealth of musical talent in the college and the MCR is no exception. MCR members add a valuable contribution to the Hertford Music Society, the Hertford College Choir and the University Orchestra.

With the replacement of the 'Combination and MCR key' juggling routine, access to the MCR staircase has been improved. Some would say that, following the installation of the new swipe card lock system, the MCR has finally moved into the 21st century. The MCR's new room, the Evelyn Waugh Room, has recently been completed and provides a relaxing environment for members to read and work.

The MCR is currently looking forward to an enjoyable summer term. The countdown to the elections for next year's committee is underway and we hope that we have laid solid foundations on which subsequent committees can build.

Dave Harding
MCR President 2004-2005

JCR NEWS



Michaelmas term saw the JCR be very busy in trying to obtain a greater number of provisions for itself. We have successfully managed to create a new JCR 'Chill Out Room'. This is a first for Hertford, indeed for the whole of Oxford. Rumour has it that no other university has a chill out room, and certainly not of this splendour! Attached to the new Swift Room, it is soon to be adorned with beanbags, lava lamps and other soothing furniture that will hopefully de-stress all the finalists that are nervously moving towards their exams.

The other major project has been to persuade the College to undertake a minor renovation of the Sports Pavilion. This will create a new changing room and a shower area that should be of great benefit to the many keen sports players that regularly use the pavilion. In addition, the JCR has recently decided to renovate the college gym, in conjunction with the MCR, and so finally all our non-rowers are starting to get some facilities to match those who prefer to mess about in boats.

We also now have new bar furniture and a drinks bench courtesy of the work of outgoing Bar Manager Chris Fitzgerald and his hardworking understudy, Rob George. Recently, the JCR has been furnished with a brand new 44 inch TV, which has made England-Ireland rugby matches even more ferociously watched events!

The JCR has continued, however, to do much more than just spend our (limited) amount of money. Many people have been heavily involved in this term's music festival, culminating in a very well received concert at the University Church. Other undergraduates have been involved in theatre and

other productions across the university, and new societies are continually springing up from ever industrious members; as I write the Hertford Poker Society is undertaking its inaugural mass-game!

Hertford continues to be a relaxed and informal place, with many people busy with all sorts of activities, and the bar is as lively and popular as before. A whole new cohort of first years has added to the life of the college in many new and unexpected ways. Already, my successor, Stephanie Johnston, has begun to stamp her own mark upon the JCR, and is certainly has the making of a formidable advocate of the JCR. And while the new Executive Committee begins to get to know their roles, the outgoing Exec is joining the reluctant trek to the library as the reality of finals and the real world is beginning to set in for the JCR's finalists.

Tom Wipperman
JCR President 2004

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2004-5

Hertford College Lawyers' Association Dinner	Friday 18 March 2005
London Drinks Party	Monday 25 April 2005
Summer Reunion (for matriculation year 1997)	Saturday 7 May 2005
The Geoffrey Warnock Society Lunch	Sunday 22 May 2005
Eights Week Event	Saturday 28 May 2005
Hertford Society Dinner	Saturday 25 June 2005
Tyndale Conference, Hertford College	15-18 September 2005
College Gaudy (for matriculation years 1967-1971)	Friday 30 September 2005

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Simpkins sees the new forms for student financial support and decides to give the matter serious consideration.