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ONE of the idiosyncrasies of University life is that its annual cycle is so out of kilter with the natural seasons. By the time this column reaches you the trees will be turning brown here in Oxford, but the academic garden will be sprouting green shoots as we prepare to welcome a new generation of Freshers. This annual event has special significance for me this year since - thirty years after leaving Hertford as a new graduate - I find myself once more a Fresher here, albeit a Fresher residing in the Principal's Lodgings rather than O.B.5.

Much has changed in thirty years. Simpkins is comfortably settled into his third life, and the College boasts a third quadrangle, on Holywell Street, as well as substantial accommodation away from the main site. Its finances are on a much sounder footing than they once were. Much, though, remains the same – the spirit of innovation that led Hertford to seek excellence in candidates regardless of social background, and placed it in the first group of undergraduate Colleges to go mixed, still thrives. We now lead the way in the generation of income from English language teaching and other foreign programmes as the traditional sources of higher education funding become increasingly problematic.

One thing that has certainly not changed is our commitment to academic excellence, and this year's Final Honour School results were our best yet. Hertford men and women gained 33 firsts and 69 upper seconds, out of 111 results – an achievement bearing witness to phenomenal talent and sheer hard work for which many congratulations are due to all concerned!

The state of the College's facilities, its finances and, above all, its academic standing give us grounds for confidence – though certainly not complacency – as to the future, but Hertford's true strength lies in its people, and I will not be the only SCR Fresher this year. We are pleased to welcome three new Fellows (to be profiled in full in the next edition): Dr. David Hopkin comes to us from Glasgow in place of Geoffrey Ellis as Tutor and CUF Lecturer in History; Dr. Peter Millican from Leeds succeeds Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra as Philosophy Tutor and CUF, and we welcome Dr. Katherine Lunn-Rockcliffe (1992, Modern Languages), currently at St. Anne's, as Tutorial Fellow in French. Katherine will assume a Faculty



Lecturership at the end of her current British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. In addition, we are delighted that our Supernumerary Fellow, Dr. Claire Vallance, has been elected to Keith McLauchlan's University Lecturership in Physical Chemistry and will succeed him as Tutorial Fellow in Theoretical and Physical Chemistry.

"Hertford," the late and much-missed Rev. Chantry was fond of saying, "is a small, friendly College". Thirty years later the College is no longer as small as it was, but it is every bit as friendly; my wife and I have been deeply touched by the warmth of the welcome extended to us on all sides and the lengths to which everyone has gone to make us feel at home. I am particularly grateful to my predecessor, Sir Walter Bodmer, for all his help in ensuring as smooth a transition as possible and putting me on a learning curve that is merely steep rather

than actually vertical! This year's excellent Schools results are a fitting tribute to Sir Walter's sterling service to the College throughout his Principalship, and we all extend our warmest good wishes to him for what is certain to be a very active retirement.

Dr John Landers
Principal

The Development Office Team

YVONNE Rainey, Director of Development, has been joined by two new members of staff in the Development Office.

Joanne Munt joined in May and has recently arrived in the UK from Adelaide, Australia. Jo brings many skills with her, she is an IT expert and has responsibility for the database, website and production of publications. Jo has a first class law degree from the University of Adelaide and a Masters in Law from Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. She practised briefly as a solicitor and then as a lecturer before working for a theatre company. Jo can be contacted on tel: 01865 279428; email: jo.munt@hertford.ox.ac.uk.

Nichola Reid joined at the beginning of June as the Events Officer. She has moved across the quad from Hertford's Library where she spent seven happy years working with

Susan Griffin as Assistant Librarian. Nichola is responsible for organising college events and newsletter content. She can be contacted on tel: 01865 279428; email: nichola.reid@hertford.ox.ac.uk.



Yvonne Rainey



Jo Munt



Nichola Reid

Hertford College Introduces Rowing Bursaries

AS a result of a generous donation from an Old Member, Terry Hughes (1982, Physics) and his wife Maria, the College has introduced a scheme of sponsored bursaries to support rowing at the College. The bursaries, available to up to two students a year, are designed to allow the students to devote time to rowing as well as achieving their potential in academic studies, by relieving them of the need to do paid jobs during vacations and allowing them to plan effectively for both academic revision and sporting training.

The bursaries will be awarded on the basis of competitive applications, and would be made to students who promote rowing at Hertford while maintaining satisfactory academic progress. The awards, usually £1,000, would be for one year with possible renewal for a second year, and will generally be made at the end of the student's first year, so that students' commitment to rowing through performance or coaching, and their academic progress, can be assessed. They will be open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Hertford's men's 1st VIII gained their highest position in Summer Eights for over a century in 2004, and in recent years both men and women, have been amongst the fastest Oxbridge crews in the Head of the River Race as well as competing at Henley.

In Memoriam gifts for book conservation

SUSAN Griffin's account of conservation work on the College library's older books (in the last issue of this newsletter) brought a donation of £1,500, earmarked for this purpose, from an Old Member who came up in 1946.

His generosity, which will cover appropriate treatment for several books, will inaugurate an *In Memoriam* scheme, whereby gifts for library conservation, to honour the memory of a friend, relative, or colleague, will be recorded in a book of remembrance.

Hertford Purchases North Oxford Houses

AS part of Hertford's commitment to providing quality accommodation for all its students, the College has purchased numbers 8, 9 and 10 Winchester Road (see the photo below) and numbers 57 and 59 Banbury Road. All five houses had previously been leased from the University for the last twenty years. As the properties back on to each other, there are several possibilities for development of this site.

The College has also purchased another house on the Abingdon Road, which will provide accommodation for a further six students.

Cover photo: The corner of NB quad taken by Greg Jennings



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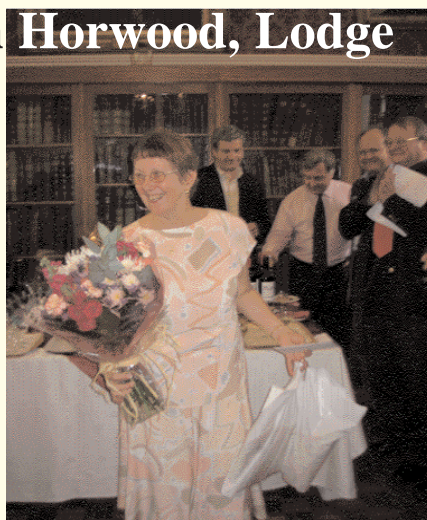
Student accommodation at 8, 9 and 10 Winchester Road

End of an Era! Pam Horwood, Lodge Porter, Retires

PAM began working as a part-time lodge porter under Judy Mullee in 1983. She has very fond memories and many stories to tell.

One story from twenty years ago is of her budgie Joey and how he came to be. A budgie had flown into undergraduate Chris Barber's room who immediately rang Pam to tell her. Pam went over to rescue both the bird and the student who later admitted he didn't like and was allergic to birds. On arriving Pam found Chris feeding the budgie cornflakes. Further help came in the shape of a Sainsbury's shopping basket which was soon transformed into a bird cage with the assistance of undergraduate Richard Hughes. Pam went on to keep Joey for many years.

Pam remembers the days before mobiles and e-mails and how she would take messages from parents and friends of students on message pads and pin them to a board outside the lodge. She



Pam enjoyed a farewell party in the Old Hall.



adds: "When six o'clock came the phones went mad and you couldn't see the pin up board for messages, I was so pleased when students had phones installed in their rooms let alone email and mobiles".

Pam and Judy between them managed to kitty train two Simpkins in the lodge. Pam remembers how she found it fun but very frustrating as the doors

and windows in the lodge had to be kept shut at all times which wasn't very easy with students and staff coming and going. "Little kittens want to explore."

Pam enjoyed meeting people and became friends with students, staff and Fellows - not to mention delivery drivers and tourists! We will all miss Pam but wish her a very happy and long retirement.



Both Pam and Judy were known for enjoying a small sherry during the morning!



Pam and Judy in the Old Lodge

Steve Jamieson

STEVE Jamieson (pictured below in the Porters' Lodge) is Pam's replacement and is currently acting as Head Porter in Judy Mullee's absence. Steve has been Caretaker of Abingdon House since 2001 and he will continue in this role.



Clive Shorter

CLIVE Shorter (pictured below with his wife, Anne) came to Hertford on 1 January 1984. He worked and lived at Warnock House as chef/residential caretaker. He joins The Four Pillars Hotel Group, where he will be the Residential Manager. We wish him every success.



Vic Madden Retires

VIC Madden, College groundsman, retired from Hertford last Christmas after 48 years of service. He joined the College in 1956 where he worked as the groundsman for three Colleges initially - Hertford, Exeter and St Catherine's. He was only the second groundsman to work for Hertford.

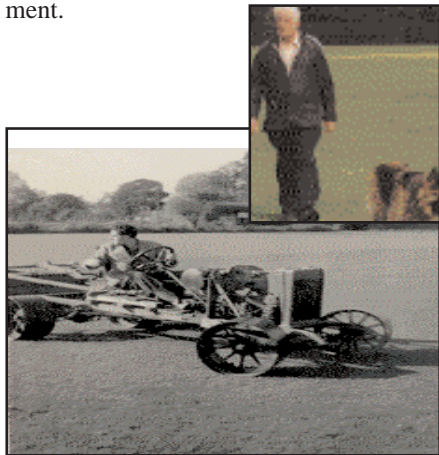
Vic was a very keen cricketer and would turn out for the College as well as umpiring games too. During the early days, Vic and his late wife Margaret would do all the catering for matches in house for as many as fifty or sixty on occasions.

Vic was so dedicated to Hertford that the only day off he took each year was to go to the Thame Show. In fact, he

enjoyed working for Hertford so much, he once said that if he had to live his life over again, he would not hesitate to do the same job!

Vic now enjoys breeding and showing canaries. He is a top breeder and has recently been invited to judge canaries in a competition in New Zealand.

We wish Vic a happy and long retirement.



The photograph above, taken in 1958, shows a young Vic driving an adapted bullnose Morris which was used to roll the cricket and football pitches ready for play (this replaced a horse drawn roller).

Permanent Memorial for Michael Chantry

FOLLOWING the memorial service for the Reverend Michael Chantry in February 2004, the College decided that the Chapel should have some lasting memorial of Michael and his ministry here at Hertford. In consultation with Michael's family, we commissioned an icon of the Baptism of Christ from Silvia Dimitrova, an experienced artist and icon painter.

The Rt Reverend Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, will be blessing the finished icon at the first Evensong of Michaelmas Term, which will be at 5.45pm on Sunday 9th October. After that time, the icon will be on permanent display in the Chapel.

Old Members are very welcome to attend Evensong on 9th October but it would be greatly appreciated if you could let Nichola Reid (email: nichola.reid@hertford.ox.ac.uk; tel: 01865 279428) in the Development Office know, as seating in Chapel is quite limited.

Long Service Achievement Awards for College Staff

ON Tuesday 21st June Hertford College held a reception for six members of staff rewarded for their long service to the College.



From left to right: Jane Preedy, Bursary (11 years), Lillian Jackson, Housekeeping (10 years), Anne Timermanis, Domestic Manager (14 years), Lihua Li, Principal's Secretary (14 years), Sue Finch, College Office (15 years) and Paul Walton, Catering (14 years).

Hertford Bruckner Orchestra

Conductor: Paul Coones
Saturday 4 March 2006, 8 pm
The University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford.

Wagner: Prelude to Act III, Lohengrin
Wagner: Wesendonck Lieder (Soloist: Sara Jonsson)

Bruckner: Symphony No. 4 ('Romantic')
Tickets £5 (£3 concessions) from the College Lodge or on the door.

The Oxford Reunion Ball

AN external events company, Percept Productions, run by St Anne's Old Member, David Agrawal, is organising what promises to be Oxford University's largest ever reunion. The Oxford Reunion Ball will take place in London's Old Billingsgate Market on 15 July 2006. The event is open to all University alumni graduating within the past ten years. Tickets will be released in November 2005. To receive priority access and updates, please visit www.oxfordreunionball.com.



View of Old Billingsgate Market across the Thames

Arson Attack on Hertford Boat House

ANIMAL rights extremists have claimed responsibility for an arson attack on Longbridges boathouse which occurred around 11pm on Monday 4 July and caused an estimated £500,000 worth of damage.

Twenty-four rowing boats were destroyed (including boats belonging to St Catherine's, Mansfield, St Hilda's and Templeton) and much of the interior of the boathouse was damaged after arsonists broke into the building and poured about 11 litres of petrol over the property inside.

In a posting on the Bite Back magazine website, the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the raid. The University is being targeted in a campaign to stop the building of a new primate laboratory on South Parks Road. Work was halted last year when the main contractors Montpellier pulled out after receiving threats from animal extremists. It is understood a new contractor has been found but work has yet to restart on the site.

The insurance company have agreed to pay for the cost of buying new boats and for the refurbishment of the building. Thankfully, Hertford's club house remained undamaged.

Swan Hellenic Discovery Cruises



LECTURING on three of Swan Hellenic's 2006 cruises are Hertford Emeritus Fellow, Professor Martin Biddle, and Old Members Merrick Baker-Bates and Colin Badcock.



Martin Biddle, Emeritus Professor of Medieval Archaeology is one of the lecturers on **Emperors and Olympians** (M619) which will sail around Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Greece and Turkey. Professor Biddle's interests lie in the development of cities, in the archaeology of the early church, and in military history.

Merrick Baker-Bates (1958, Modern History) will be lecturing on a cruise entitled **Essence of the Americas** (M603) which will sail around the USA,

Mexico and Costa Rica. Mr Baker-Bates, the former British Consul General in Los Angeles, will be discussing Anglo – US relations.

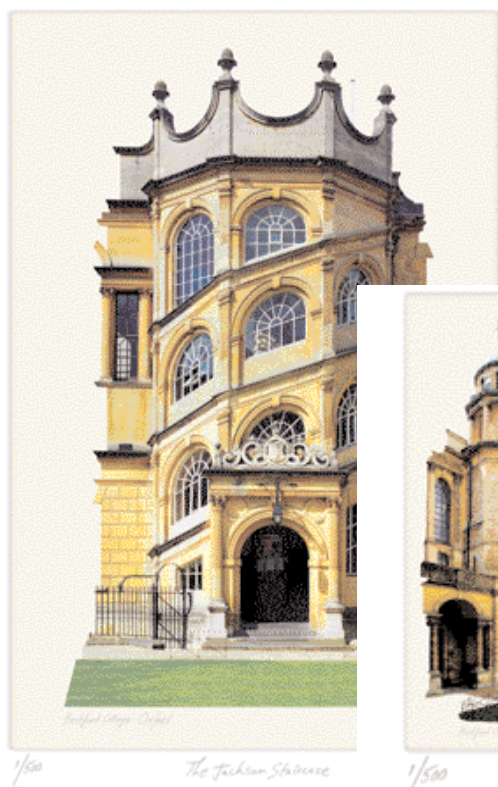
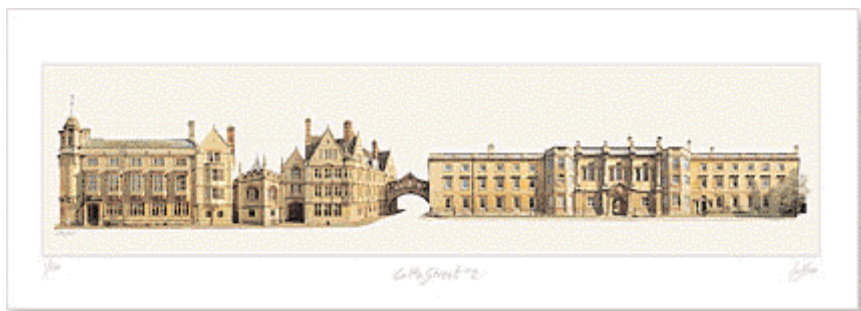
Colin Badcock (1946, Literae Humaniores) will lecture on the cruise entitled **Myths and Legends** (M609) which will sail around Cyprus, Turkey and Greece. Mr Badcock taught Latin and Greek for thirty years at Winchester College and has been travelling with Swan Hellenic since 1967.

Swan Hellenic offers a special discount of 45% to Hertford Old Members and contributes 10% of each booking to the College. If you are interested in obtaining a brochure or making a booking please contact Swan Hellenic direct on Tel: 0845 3674 632 or check their website for further information www.swanhellenic.com.



New prints of Hertford by Virtual Archive

VIRTUAL Archive have produced some stunning architectural-style panoramic prints of the College which are in fact photos. All the prints are limited editions, individually numbered and signed, and are accompanied by an information sheet. They are available online at www.virtual-archive.co.uk/hertford.htm or you can buy them over the phone on +44(0)1865 864100. Ten percent from the sale of any prints will be donated to Hertford College.



Draper Company Connections

HERTFORD'S special connection with the Drapers dates from Rev. Henry Boyd, Principal of Hertford from 1877-1922, who became Master of the Drapers' Company in 1896. Sir Thomas Jackson, the grandfather of Hertford's Honorary Fellow, Sir Nicholas Jackson, designed Hertford's buildings over 34 years and also designed a gateway, entrance corridor and the grand staircase at Drapers' Hall. Past Masters of the Drapers have included Professor Kenneth Mason, 1949-50, (Fellow of Hertford and first Professor of Geography), Dennis Tindall, 1974-5, (graduate of Hertford College), John Stitt, 1990-91, (graduate of Oriel, but at Hertford during the War). Principal Boyd's great nephews Richard Norton, a member of Hertford's SCR, and John Gardner are also both Drapers and graduates of Hertford.

Charles Beauclerk, Earl of Burford, and John Patten are other Drapers who were graduates or Fellows of Hertford. Sir Walter Bodmer, former Principal of Hertford, has recently become a freeman by Redemption, following Sir Christopher Zeeman, also elected. Links between the Drapers' Company and the College have thus been close for over a century and the Drapers' Company regards the College as one of its core educational charities, and one in which it takes great pride.

The Drapers' Company Trust Fund at Hertford is nowadays crucial to the operation of the College. It has been built up from a donation in 1951 to allow the then Fellow in Economics, Dick Ross, to become the first Drapers' Fellow. It was supplemented by a donation of 10,000 guineas in 1963, covenanted over seven years. The income was originally used to support one Fellowship. There have been no further gifts to this fund from the Drapers, but gains on the stock exchange have led to the current capital being worth over £560,000 with current income of £16,000 a year partially supporting our Fellowship Funding. Until a few years ago we named as Drapers' Fellows the Fellow or Fellows supported from this fund. Mr. Roger Van Noorden, Professor

Neil Tanner and Dr Paul Coones all have reason to thank the Drapers for the periods in which they were the named Fellows and were welcomed at Drapers' Hall.

Separately the Drapers made an early, and therefore inspiring, lump sum contribution of £25,000 to former Principal Sir Lindor Brown's Appeal to build our Holywell quadrangle, which was opened in the Summer of 1982. A further, recent, one-off gift from the Drapers helped create and install the Tyndale window in the Chapel.

Looking at the annual gifts that have helped Hertford the Drapers' Company have supported our appointment of Tony

Wilson. The College needed to make him a Fellow three years before proper financial support became available from the University, and the Drapers agreed to pay his stipend. Now Tony Wilson has been promoted to a Professorship in Engineering, and the subject is thriving at Hertford, which is the top academic college in Engineering. A short time after the expiry of the need for the support of Tony Wilson the Drapers' annual giving was switched to support George Yarrow, Economics Fellow at the College, who needed short-term relief from his teaching to establish a new Regulatory Policy Research Institute. The Drapers contributed the necessary

£9,000 a year, and he has indeed built up an operation which commands world wide respect. Three years ago the Drapers were able to start to support Dr Alison Woollard (Fellow in Biology) and Dr Alison Young (Fellow in Law) with annual gifts of £30,000 as the named Drapers' Fellows, and this support will continue until 2006-07.

These gifts are the reason the college holds an annual Drapers' Dinner to entertain and thank the Master, Clerk and Junior Warden.

Roger Van Noorden
Senior Fellow



THERE is a new book available published by Contemporary Watercolours called "Artists' Oxford" which is the sequel to the series "Oxford Watercolours" containing new views by nine distinguished artists. Two paintings of Hertford are included. The book is on sale priced at £22.00 and can be ordered by telephoning Contemporary Watercolours on 01474 535922.



When ordering, if you mention that you are a Hertford Old Member, Contemporary Watercolours will donate 30% of the price to Hertford College.

Hertford College and Kwansei Gakuin University Exchange

EVERY year approximately 20 Hertford College students have the opportunity to participate in an exchange programme with Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan. The exchange programme is open to students of PPE, Economics and Management, Geography and, for the first time this year, History.

We started this programme in 1999. The first part of the exchange takes place at Hertford College in September and the second part in March at Kwansei Gakuin University. The objective of this exchange programme is to enable and encourage students from Japan and Great Britain to study together and to discuss various aspects of both East Asia and the European Union. It is an outstanding opportunity for our students and one that many find memorable.

Kwansei Gakuin University was founded in 1889 in Harada-no-mori, an eastern suburb of Kobe. It was a small Christian College founded by an American Christian missionary, Rev Lambuth, sent by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Kwansei Gakuin has undergraduate schools in Theology, Humanities, Sociology, Law and Politics, Economics, Business Administration, Policy Studies and Science and Technology. It has Graduate Schools in these subjects, as well as a new Institute of Management and Accounting, opened in April 2005.

The Hertford students, visit the main Nishinomiya-Uegahara campus, which is located about halfway between Kobe and Osaka in the city of Nishinomiya. Nishinomiya is a city which developed throughout the Edo period, famous not only for its numerous shrines, but also as a producer of sake, enjoyed by many of the Hertford participants!

Our students are often surprised by the architecture of the University, which is unlike much of the architecture in Japan. It is built in the "Spanish Mission style", its buildings having cream-coloured walls and red roofs. It sits below a hill, whose Japanese name means "Samurai helmet" and, as well as an impressive central clock tower, also has a beautiful Japanese garden.

The Hertford College students who go to Japan in March take part in a programme of lectures, which introduce them to the economic issues, history and geography of Japan. They enjoy many visits to places of historical interest. Last year they went to Hiyuji Temple, the Todaiji Temple in Nara and Himeji Castle.

Hertford Students also enjoyed taking part in cultural and everyday activities in Japan. Some went to the theatre some

took part in Japanese tea ceremonies. Others enjoyed Japanese entertainment and watched Sumo wrestling or joined in Karaoke sessions!

The most rewarding part of the exchange is to see how all the students develop and learn by working together. This culminates in a joint presentation, which is given on the last day of the programme.

What the Students Say

Many of the students who take part in the exchange programme make very good friends and deepen their understanding of a country which they may never have visited without this opportunity. All have found it a memorable experience. Their reports on their visits to Japan speak for themselves.

Louise Renshaw, a final year PPE student, writes about her experience in Japan:

"The ability to go on the exchange trip between Hertford College Oxford and Kwansei Gakuin University has enabled me to benefit and learn far more than the academic benefits of participating in an exchange of this nature. As a PPE student, the chance to explore the difference between the cultures that are prevalent in typical organizations in Japan and how they compare to cul-

tures in the Western world, provided me with an interesting opportunity to further my previous studies. The whole trip provided us with an opportunity to question the stereotypes of Japan and the Japanese culture that we may previously have simply accepted. The various lectures we were given provided a basis for our understanding of this fantastic country, and I in particular, relished the chance to learn more about the Japanese economy and its place in the international market. Similarly, the seminar we attended on Japanese arts and culture was an eye-opening discussion of what stands behind the traditions in



Hertford and Kwansei Gakuin students



Hertford Group in front of the tea house on campus



Hertford students sing one of their own compositions for their hosts

Exchange Programme

Japan. Furthermore, the chance to study alongside students from different disciplines gave us a glimpse into a different approach to an academic project and enabled me to see how all of our subjects can be integrated together to form a complete view of any issue.

Such an experience would never have been the same had we merely carried out our studies in England. One of the primary benefits was derived from the interaction with Japanese students within their environment and the opportunity to live amongst them and build firm friendships. My expectations of what life in Japan is like were significantly far removed from reality, and I was able to see how strongly the nation holds onto its very valuable and unique way of life, something which in the UK we seem to miss out on. We visited places as diverse

as ancient castles through to the Sharp Factory in Tenri where we were able to discover how advanced technology is in Japan and the impact it has had on everyday life. Amongst ourselves we also organized a trip to one of the national sumo wrestling championships in



Kwansei Gakuin students on their last evening

Osaka, an experience which is incomparable with any sport in the UK. We immersed ourselves within Japanese culture and made the absolute most of our relatively short stay. From eating in Japanese restaurants to trying our hand at the local craze of karaoke we were never far from a new cultural experience.

The two weeks I spent in Japan have genuinely been two of the most eye-opening weeks of my life. I have travelled extensively around the world in the past and visited many different countries, but Japan is certainly one place where my expectations were in fact far off the mark of reality. It stands as a fully developed country, yet one which has not lost sight of its past and its original cultural values. I had no real grasp of what the country and the lifestyle here were like, but having learnt from our Japanese friends and lived with them for a fortnight as well as seeing all the sights, I felt that I could return to the UK with a strong understanding of Japan. I truly hope that future students can benefit from such a trip as I have done, and as I know my peers have, as it is something which we will probably never again have the opportunity to do".

Robert George, an Economics & Management student said of his experience: "The Japanese arrival in Oxford was an

astounding experience. The level of English spoken by all students was incredible and consequently building relationships with other students was a lot easier than expected. Being able to introduce new friends to a completely unfamiliar culture and to see their excitement concerning day to day activities that we take for granted was an unforgettable experience. Furthermore, the new friendships that we all made allowed us to keep in contact over the months before coming to Japan and look forward to the trip even more.

However, the best facet of the exchange was the opportunity to meet fellow students on the opposite side of the world. The way our new friends have allowed us to integrate into Japanese society and experience a completely different lifestyle has been an opportunity that I could not have gained in any other way and a wonderful experience that I would change nothing about".

This Year's Exchange Programme

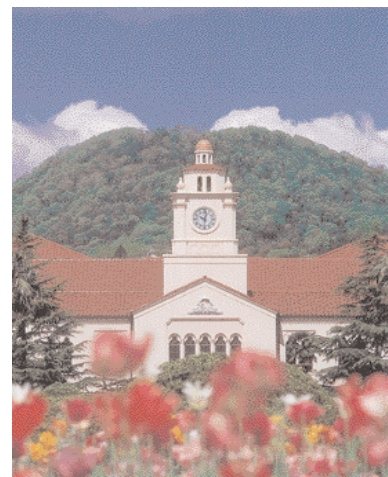
Here in the International Programmes Department, we are now getting ready to welcome the 2005-6 Exchange Programme. The Japanese students will be here from the 7th to 18th September and will live alongside our own students on the main College site. They will all take part in a varied programme of lectures and seminars as an introduction to Britain. This year these include Economic and Political Issues in Britain Today, Mr Roger Van Noorden, British Industry and Japanization, Dr Steve New, The European Union, Ms Anneliese Dodds, An Introduction to the History of Britain, Dr Matthew Kelly. The programme also includes trips to places of cultural interest, Windsor Castle, Bath, Stonehenge and a tour of the Cotswolds and Blenheim Palace.

The students will be welcomed to Hertford College at a traditional English cream tea in Hall. We are very pleased that Dr John Landers, our new Principal, will host this welcome tea.

We are all looking forward to this year's Exchange programme and hope that it will be successful and memorable for this year's students.

The Exchange Programme is generously funded by Hertford College and Kwansei Gakuin University. Students can participate for the cost of their air fare. Until recently the air fare was also subsidised by the Sasakawa Fund. Unfortunately, this funding has now come to an end. The air fare costs £500 per student. If you would like to enable a Hertford student to take part in this wonderful opportunity, please email julie.dearden@hertford.ox.ac.uk for more information.

Julie Dearden
Director of International Programmes and Conferences



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Engineering News

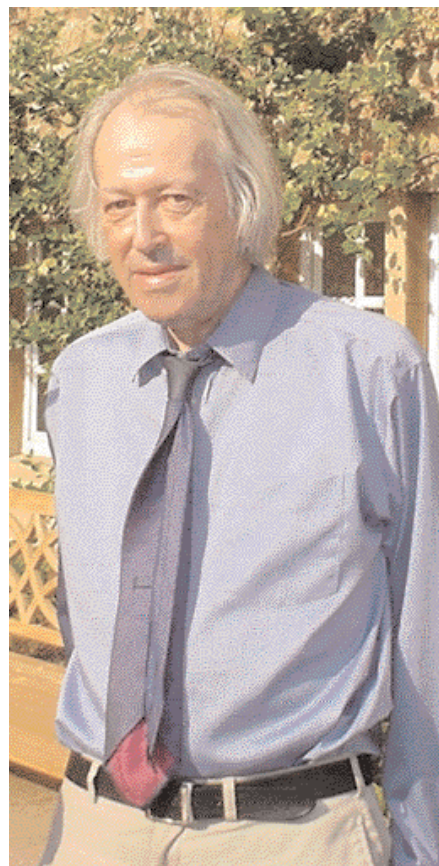
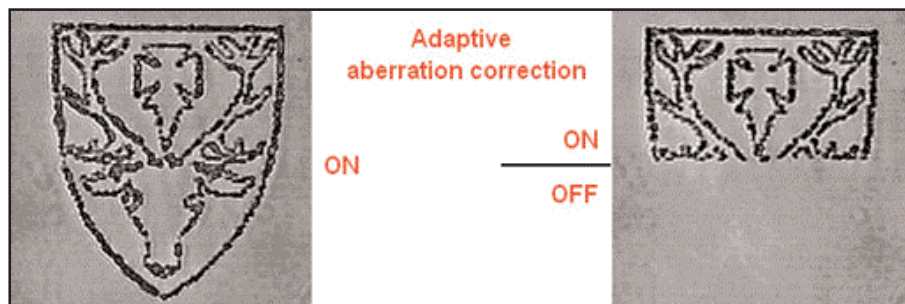
THERE have been tremendous developments in optical recording technologies since the laser disc was first introduced thirty years ago. Storage capacity has increased dramatically and rewritable CDs and DVDs are now commonplace. One of the next steps will be to record data at different depths within a material - much as data is stored at different depths on the pages of a book. Unfortunately, it is fundamentally very difficult to focus light to a sufficiently small spot at depths within such materials and hence to write and read the data.

However, Professor Tony Wilson and his team have been able to develop patented correction techniques to overcome this problem. The left-hand image below shows the College crest written deep within a recording material where-

as the right-hand image shows the result of trying to write the same crest where the correction procedure has been switched off half way through the writing process. These techniques are likely to have major implications in the design of the next generation of optical data storage systems. Michael Schwertner, our Senior Scholar funded by the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers, designed and built the system that was used to write the College crest.

Superplasticity

MEANWHILE, Dr Fionn Dunne's work in computational plasticity continues to find application in engineering design. Computational models for superplasticity (the ability of some metals to undergo very large elongations indeed at high



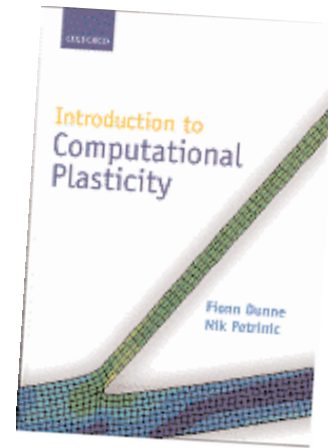
Roy Stuart 1936-2005

IT is with great sadness that we report the death of Roy Stuart on 13 June 2005. Roy was elected to a Fellowship in Law at Hertford College, combined with a Lectureship in Law at the University of Oxford, in October 1969 (although he did not take up his post until January 1970). He became Dean of the college in March 1971 until his retirement in September 2003. During his stewardship at Hertford he transformed legal studies. At the time of his appointment there were only 7 law students. In 2003 Hertford boasted 45 law students, engaged in both undergraduate and postgraduate study. He was also instrumental in improving the quality of the teaching and examination results. Although not in his nature, he had every right to have been proud of his legacy, which has led to the recognition of Hertford as a college strongly committed to law, achieving excellent results.

As Roy clearly stated that he did not want a traditional memorial service, the College plans to celebrate his life by unveiling a picture of him in the Library on Saturday 25 March 2006. Old Members, their families and Roy's friends will be invited to the unveiling which will be accompanied by refreshments in the Hall. A memorial fund has been set up in Roy's name. There will be an opportunity for those who wish to contribute to this fund to do so via the Annual Giving mailing later this year.

*Alison Young
Fellow in Law*

A memorial book has been set up on Hertford's website at www.hertford.ox.ac.uk. Please feel welcome to leave your thoughts and comments there.



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perature without rupture) have been developed by Hertford DPhil graduate, Tae-Won Kim. They are being used in designing aero-engine fan blades (those visible when looking into the front of the engine), and an example of superplastic modelling is shown on the cover of Fionn Dunne's new book. Other active research in computational plasticity includes modelling the degradation and failure of high-temperature engine components; if undetected, the initiation of fatigue cracks can lead to catastrophic failure. A new four-year Research Council/Rolls-Royce project will seek to develop understanding and modelling techniques to predict and hence prevent such failures.

Boudica

VANESSA Collingridge (1986, Geography) has had a passion for Boudica for over 30 years. Her search for the truth behind the legends took her on a fascinating journey from Britain to Rome, from libraries and archives to muddy fields, ancient ruins and to the homes of metal detectorists, all in an effort to present an honest history of an Iron Age queen. In her latest book *Boudica* published by Ebury Press in June. Combining the very latest research with recent archaeological discoveries, Vanessa Collingridge has uncovered a story that is much more astounding and gripping than previously known. Boudica is even the subject of a number of Hollywood films currently in production for 2006.

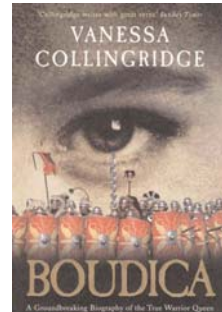
After 200 years of history being told from a Roman point of view, Collingridge exposes a fight to the death between cultures, between sexes, and between the old world of myth and magic and the new world of ruthless imperial strategy – all set against a backdrop of international political and economic powerplay in one of the most tumultuous periods of history.

Vanessa is a writer, broadcaster and presenter in both Britain and North America on topics ranging from history to



science and current affairs. This is her second book. *Captain Cook: The Life, Death and Legacy of History's Greatest Explorer* was published in 2002, also by Ebury Press.

A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Vanessa gives regular lectures and chairs seminars and conferences. She took part in a major scientific expedition to study climate change in the Antarctic during 2002-3. In 2004 she set up and now co-hosts the highly successful Café Scientifique in Glasgow – a monthly public talk attracting a range of world-class scientists and Nobel laureates.



Vanessa is part of BBC Radio 4's think tank for history and is a regular contributor to television, radio and print, including BBC1's landmark series, British Isles: A Natural History and a recent Radio 4 documentary on the reconstruction of an ancient Roman map. She has been a lead correspondent on

BBC1's current affairs series Real Story and 4x4, ITV's award-winning Tonight with Trevor McDonald, and she hosted the long-running series, What's the Story for Channel 5.

She lives in Scotland with her young family and recently started a PhD on the historical geography of the Antarctic, based at Glasgow and Cambridge Universities.

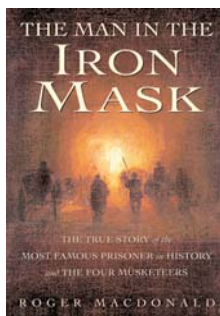
The Man in the Iron Mask

ROGER Macdonald, (1962, Modern History) did graduate research under Professor Felix Markham, whom, he says, gave him the first clues and contacts in his quest to find the real identity of the subject of his latest book, *The Man in the Iron Mask*, published by Constable on 13 October.

The Three Musketeers, Aramis, Athos and Porthos - immortalised by Alexandre Dumas - were fact not fiction and their famous duel against Cardinal Richelieu's Guards, when they fought alongside the young Charles d'Artagnan on his first day in Paris, really did take place. The Musketeers were also inextricably linked in real life to the Man in the Iron Mask, whose true identity and tragic fate were far more extraordinary than anything even the great Dumas could devise.

The trail that leads in my book from the Musketeers to the Mask's entombment in the sinister French prisons of Pignerol, Exiles, Sainte-Marguerite and the Bastille, begins deep inside the corrupt and glamorous Court of Louis XIV, at the time of its horrific entanglement with the witches and poisoners of Paris. And although the idea that the prisoner was Louis's twin brother was pure fantasy, it proved ideal propaganda during the French Revolution, when the real Mask reached out from the grave to take his revenge on the Bourbons.

One day after the fall of the Bastille, the first to claim in print that the Man in the Iron Mask was Louis's twin was a pamphleteer called Cubières. He was also the lover of Fanny Beauharnais, Josephine's aunt, who acted as chaperone whenever Napoleon came to court his future Empress. This coincidence fascinated Felix Markham, as the greatest of all Napoleon's biographers, and in his twilight years he turned up



a raft of invaluable contacts, including Charles Samaran, the doyen of French historians.

Felix was much closer to the truth about the Man in the Mask than he ever knew. 'What matters is context', he wrote to me. 'The answer lies in the context. He was imprisoned for a reason: find the reason, find the Mask'. There was a post-script: 'Samaran told me his jailer Saint-Mars was a Musketeer and the Three Musketeers might hold the key. Look to the Musketeers.'

By using Markham's maxims, and with the invaluable help of another Hertford graduate, David Blomfield (1955, Lit.



Hum.), commissioned by Constable to bring strategic thinking to the text, I found that some of the most intriguing events in French history had a crucial role to play: the parentage of the future Louis XIV; the secret Treaty of Dover between England and France; and the Affair of the Poisons at the French Court. Once placed in its proper context, the mystery that had confounded historians for centuries was no longer impossible to answer, and did indeed have an

astonishing connection with the King's Musketeers. Exactly 300 years after he was last seen alive, here perhaps in my new book is the solution to the elusive identity of the Man in the Iron Mask.

Roger Macdonald's book is published in hardback at £16.99, but the College has arranged for Old Members to buy copies at the special price of £12.99 post free in the UK. Please send a cheque payable to Hertford College for £12.99 per copy, enclosing your name, full address (and email address for an acknowledgment) to Yvonne Rainey, Hertford College. Copies will be sent direct from the publishers on or after 13 October 2005.

London Drinks Party

THE London drinks gathering was held on Monday 25th April at **Truckles of Pied Bull Yard**, off Bury Place, near the British Museum. The event was well-attended and Old Member Peter Hollins (1966, Chemistry) walked off with the lucky-dip prize of a bottle of champagne.

The next London Drinks will take place on Monday 14 November at the Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ (nearest tube Holborn) by kind permission of Old Member, Bob Morrow (1966, Lit. Hum.), currently Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England. The evening will include a guided tour of the Grand Temple (featured in the film version of *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*) and the Museum.

Invitations to this event are sent out by email to those living and/or working in London. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Nichola Reid at nichola.reid@hertford.ox.ac.uk



Above: Kim Driver and Emilio Cattaneo

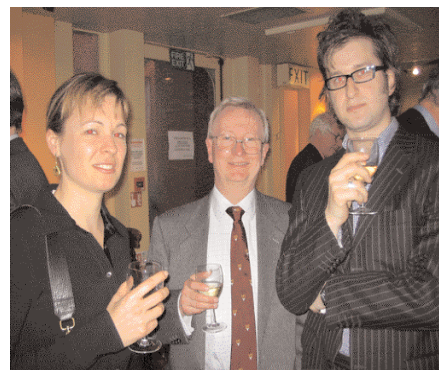


Above: Hugh Sawyer, Rory Galloway and Paul Bush

Below: Julie Gibbings, John Daly and Andy Tighe



Below: Hannah Grant, Graham Jones and Philip Hart



Geoffrey Warnock Society Lunch



Roy Burgess

THE annual lunch of our Legacy Society took place on Sunday 22 May. The College welcomed back twenty five Old Members and their guests who gathered for drinks in the Principal's Lodgings. Joining them was our Principal-elect Dr John Landers and his wife Diana Parker. The guests were then entertained to lunch in the Old Hall. Among those present were Emeritus Fellows Professor Sir Philip Randle, Professor Martin Biddle, Mr Anthony Cockshut and his wife, and Dr Miles Vaughan Williams.

At lunch the Principal expressed his appreciation to all the Society's members in supporting the College.

For further information about making a bequest to the College through the Geoffrey Warnock Society please contact Yvonne Rainey.



Mr Eric Doorbar & Mrs Iris Doorbar

Eights Week Event

AROUND 50 Old Members and their guests attended this year's lunch on Saturday 28 May. They were joined by the Principal-elect, John Landers and his wife Diana Parker. After a delicious buffet lunch, everyone went down to the boathouse to await the final races of the week. For more information on the results, see the Sports round-up on page 15.

Pictured on the right, enjoying a picnic beside the river are Neil Sorton, Richard Norton, Michael Harris, Paul Watts, Lesley Atkinson, Rosie Watts, Michael Kirby and Gillian Kirby (in the foreground).



Hertford Society Dinner and Naming Ceremony

ON Saturday, 25 June, prior to the Society Dinner in the evening, a goodly number of former members of the College gathered at the Graduate Centre at Folly Bridge to remember one of our number, Alfred Nathan, who in his will left the College a substantial bequest.

The College's Governing Body had decided to recognise this very generous benefaction by naming one of the buildings at the Graduate Centre the Nathan Building.

The Principal, Sir Walter Bodmer, carried out the honours of unveiling a plaque just inside the entrance of the Graduate Centre, which acknowledges Alfred's contribution. His name also appears on the curved glass window on the first building on the left in the courtyard, and there is a very typical photo of Alfred hanging at the bottom of the staircase nearest the new plaque.

His Honour Brian Galpin, who was a contemporary of Alfred's, and not only played in the same post war cricket team with him but also was a founder member with him of the Hertford Society, said a few words, and told some stories about Alfred's prowess on the cricket field.

It was also nice that a number of other contemporaries of Alfred, including amongst others Derek Conran, David Steen, Tony Ryder and Tony Page, were present.

In the evening nearly one hundred former members and their partners enjoyed a delicious black tie dinner in Hall at which the Chancellor, and College Visitor, The Rt Hon Lord Patten CH and Lady Patten were the main guests. The Society's President, Gen Sir Roger Wheeler, was in the Chair, and we welcomed four of our Vice Presidents -



Above: Guests enjoying drinks in the quad before dinner

Below: Charles Gibson admiring Alfred Nathan's picture



His Honour Brian Galpin, Anthony Eady, Jeffrey Preston CB and Roger Westbrook CMG.

Also present were the retiring Principal, Sir Walter Bodmer FRS, and his successor, Dr John Landers, and his wife, Diana Parker, as well as Mrs Lesley Atkinson, widow of Bill Atkinson, the Society's founding father. A marvellous example to all of us was the Senior Member present, Dr Robin Mowat, who matriculated in 1931.

The Society Chairman, His Honour Judge Charles Gibson, introduced the Chancellor with some wonderful stories



Below: The plaque unveiled



of how when Lord Patten as an undergraduate had been the editor of a satirical magazine called 'Mesopotamia' he and the Proctors had not always seen eye to eye.

Lord Patten, in proposing the Toast to the Society, gave members an interesting talk on the challenges facing the university over the next few years, which was very well received by the audience.

Finally the Principal replying to the Toast to the College summarised some of the changes that he had been able to make to the college since he took over from Sir Christopher Zeeman in 1996. Increasing the size of the SCR, as well as the variety of nationalities, the increase in women SCR members, and the building of the Graduate Centre were some of the highlights.

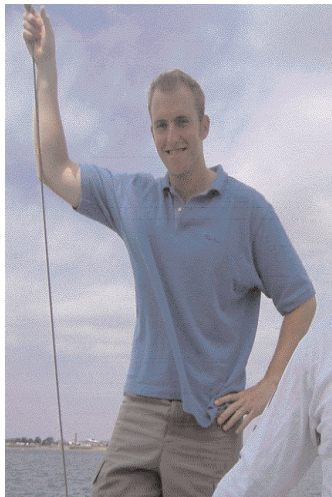
The Society will be holding a Buffet Lunch in College next year on Sunday, 25 June 2006.

*Anthony Swing
Entertainment Secretary of the
Hertford Society*



Summer Reunion Lunch

The Summer Reunion, held on Saturday 7th May, was for those who matriculated in 1997. Over fifty members and their guests gathered in the quad, where drinks were served, before enjoying lunch in the Hall.



MCR News

ANOTHER year draws to a close and I think you will agree that, for Hertford graduates, the MCR has successfully provided a particularly full and varied agenda for both sport and leisure activities.

Members continued their success in Hertford sports teams. They proved to be crucial members of 1st and 2nd VIIIs in the Hilary Term Torpids Regatta and in the

Summer Eights competition held in Trinity. The MCR mixed rowing crew was recently resurrected for the Oriel Regatta. They were so enthused that they have continued to train since, only to be thwarted by the recent shocking arson attack on the Hertford Boat Club at Longbridges. They will hopefully be able to resume their training schedule in the not too distant future. MCR members proved to be extremely valuable in the college rugby team in the Hilary term Cuppers Competition and the winning habit of the MCR football team continued to the end of the season. Some members have proved that research can be successfully combined with sport at a high level. At University level, the Hertford MCR had representatives in Men's Blues Athletics, Women's 2nd VIII rowing and Karate.

On the social side of graduate life the MCR has continued to flourish. Undeterred by the ENTZ ban that came into effect at the start of Trinity term, the season for events outside college began. The MCR Prohibition Party at the Grad Centre (a previously much under-used resource), the picnic in the Park, BBQs at Winchester Road, and a punting trip, all proved particularly popular. The Graduate Dinner and Photo was, as ever, extremely well attended and I hope that all who were there appreciated, as I did, the honour of being present at the last Hertford Graduate Dinner with Sir Walter Bodmer as Principal. Following the MCR-JCR integration that commenced with the Asia Night Event at the start of Hilary Term, collaboration continued with jointly organised Bops and a joint wine tasting event. Apparently, a great time was had by all and, since organisational burdens were much reduced compared with independent events, I am hopeful that the collaboration trend will continue.

I believe that, with the diversity of events organised over the year, the committee has excelled and my thanks go to all who have given time and energy to this end. Needless to say, the sheer number of members who have attended many of these events has to be applauded, and we are grateful for your participation and support throughout the year.

The annual boat party on the Isis saw the culmination of this participation. Despite offering a dramatic increase in capacity from last year, the event was sold out within a couple of weeks, exemplifying the tremendously high level of involvement and commitment of Hertford MCR members.

David Harding
MCR President 2004-5

JCR News

THE beginning of term saw work begin on the soon-to-be-transformed sports pavilion at Hertford's Sports Ground, and, not long after Trinity was in full swing, the new JCR chillout room was completed. It is Moroccan in style, with themed lamps and mirrors and even a few plants to brighten the place up. It certainly seems to have been a welcome addition to the popular Swift Room. A JCR Referendum resulted in the room being named the Van Noorden room after the well-liked fellow who was himself once an undergraduate at Hertford. The grand opening of the room took place in the presence of Mr Van Noorden himself who dutifully cut the ribbon and sipped some bubbly with the Executive Committee but sadly declined the invitation to join us on the beanbags!

Having barely recovered from the May Day celebrations, over 250 members of the JCR and their guests attended the Hertford Ball held at Oxford Town Hall on May the 3rd. The theme was Midsummer Nights Dream and the Ball Committee did a superb job, ensuring it went just like the dream intended, including romance of course, but luckily minus the ass!

A joint JCR/MCR wine tasting evening was also a popular addition to the social calendar this term. It was very successful, and we are keen that it be repeated in future, hopefully along with several other jointly coordinated events.

As the sporting roundup illustrates, there have been many success stories in this area. In the musical and dramatic departments too, JCR members have been excelling themselves. Several Hertford students will be starring in the Edinburgh Festival this summer as a result of their endeavours to wow the crowds this term.

As term drew to a close, the usual festivities began as finalists finished group by group. The reality soon set in however, that they would be leaving, and that they will miss college as much as we will miss them. Schools Dinners were nevertheless lively as ever! It is with certainty that I end on the message that the leavers will not be forgotten and I would like to wish them the best of luck for what is bound to be a promising future for all of them.

Stephanie Johnston
JCR President 2005



Sports Roundup

2005 has been a mixed year for Hertford's sports teams, with some major sports enjoying little success while others have prospered. In general, facilities at Hertford are improving greatly with the addition of a new gym on site and the complete refurbishment of the pavilion, something we have been wishing to do for some time and which will give us quality facilities on a par with far larger colleges.

The most notable successes have been achieved by the boat club who have had another excellent year and are on the verge of challenging the top rowing colleges in the university. In the autumn the men's squad had a very successful four's season, finishing as the fastest Oxbridge college IV in the Fours Head of the River for the second year running and winning two inter-collegiate four's competitions on the Isis. The novice men were also the most successful Hertford has ever had, winning Nephthys regatta and coming an unprecedented 3rd in Christ Church regatta. Later in the year saw successes for our lower boats; M2 narrowly missing blades to finish up three in Torpids, and M3 going up three places in Eights.

Hertford rowing was also well represented in this year's Henley Boat Races, with Franzi Heimberger rowing at 5 in the winning Osiris crew and Jude Cohen coxing the women's Blue Boat. The women's 1st and 2nd VIII both won blades in Torpids, while in summer eights the women's 1st VIII moved up 5 places into the 1st division (now 12th on the river).

The rugby team had a mixed season, with bad luck with injuries and a lack of first years to replace the large numbers lost last year making even getting a team out some weeks extremely difficult. Despite this, there was never a lack of enthusiasm or spirit and before Christmas, thanks in part to cameo appearances from some distinguished old boys we were able to remain in the third division and had high hopes of defending the cuppers plate which we had won the previous year. Unfortunately, this didn't occur as, having lost to eventual winners Teddy Hall in the main competition we were embarrassingly defeated by a weak Wadham team in the plate quarter final.

In cricket, another team who lost large numbers of players at the end of last year, it has also been a difficult season as, despite strong performances from

the captain James Midgley and a good win against Corpus bad weather and a couple of poor performances meant the team were unable to prevent relegation from the first division.

The football team, usually so strong at Hertford, also had a disappointing season, with the second team being relegated having won just one match all year while the firsts also lost their top flight status. In contrast, the hockey team had a good season, with the girls losing only one match all season to a strong Worcester side while the mixed team also performed well.

One of the great joys of sport at Hertford is the have-a-go attitude of many students. One of the most unlikely success stories was the water polo team who, despite many players never having played the game before, were able to reach the final of the cuppers tournament this year in what was a hugely enjoyable day out for all concerned. For me this in many ways encapsulates what sport at Hertford is about: whatever the standard or area in which we are involved, the enthusiasm and team spirit which make sport so enjoyable are always evident.

*Charles Wigglesworth
JCR Sports Officer 2005*

Weddings at Hertford



Above: Joanne Eaton (1997, Economics and Management) married Matthew Hall (1997, Physics) on Saturday 14 May 2005.

Below: Harriet Griffin (1989, Zoology) married Edward Downing (1989, Chemistry) on Saturday 2 July 2005



Above: Peter Galloway (1987, Physics) married Nicola Barretto on Saturday 18 June 2005. The best man was Loudon Blair (1986, Engineering).

Below: Steven Ward (2000, Geography) and Tanya Plant (1999, Geography) with their guests, including former College Chaplain Rev. Simon Oliver.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY **FORTHCOMING EVENTS** **IN 2005-6**

College Gaudy (for matriculation years 1967-1971)	Friday 30 September 2005
London Drinks Party At Freemasons' Hall	Monday 14 November 2005
Geoffrey Warnock Legacy Dinner	Friday 11 November 2005
Freshers' Parents Lunches	Saturday 28 January 2006 AND Saturday 4 February 2006
Roy Stuart Memorial Gathering	Saturday 25 March 2006
London Drinks Party	Monday 24 April 2006
North American Reunion in New York	Friday 31 March & Saturday 1 April 2006
Geoffrey Warnock Society Lunch	Sunday 21 May 2006
Eights Week Event	Saturday 27 May 2006
Summer Reunion (for matriculation year 1998)	Sunday 11 June 2006
Hertford Society Annual Lunch	Sunday 25 June 2006
College Gaudy (for matriculation years 1972-1975)	Friday 29 September 2006

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