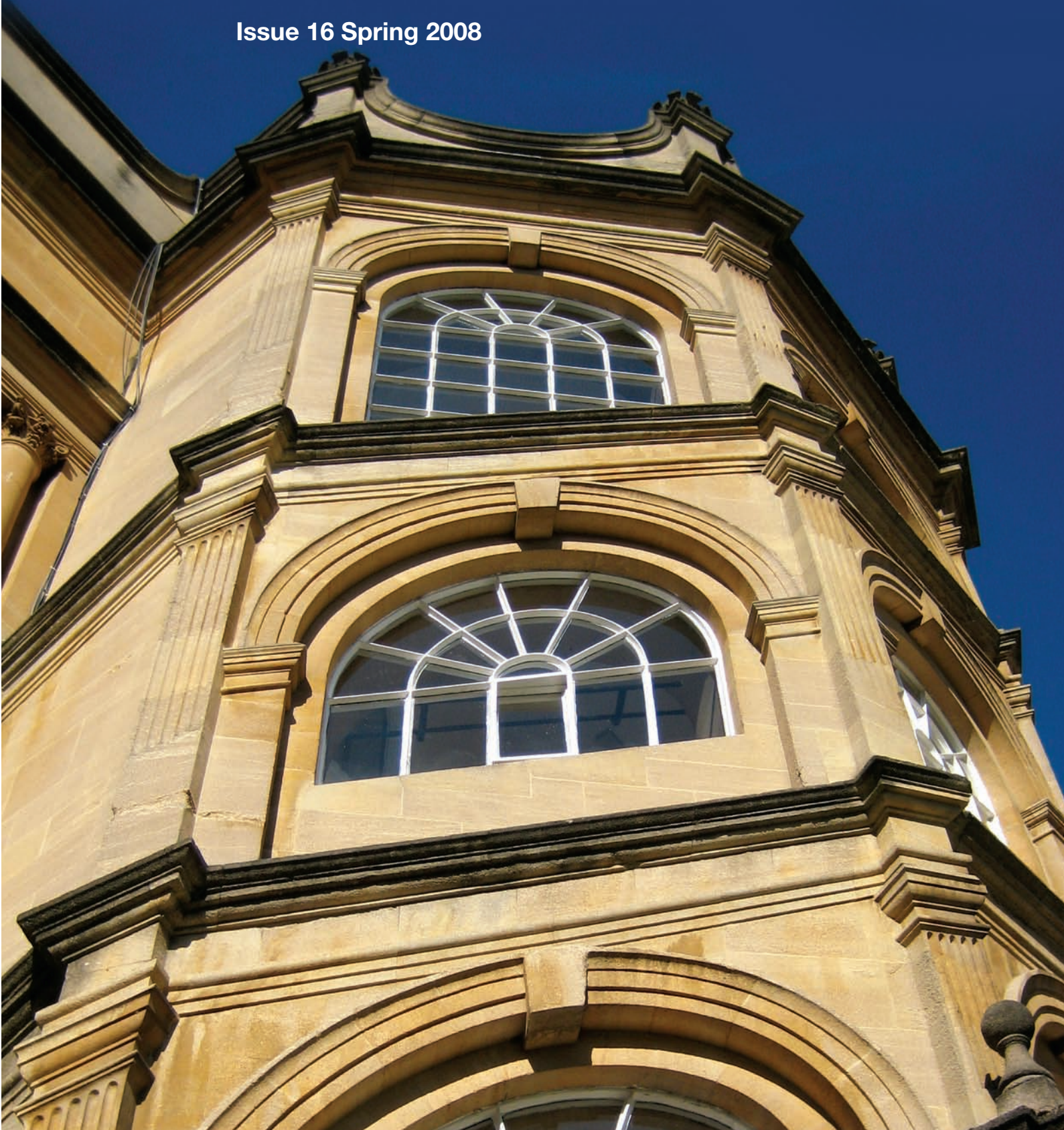




# Hertford College News

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**GOING FOR GOLD:**

Hertford celebrates its rowers, authors and wine makers!

## Principal's Column

This issue of the Newsletter goes to press shortly after Lord Patten of Barnes, the Chancellor of Oxford University and Visitor of Hertford College, launched the 'Campaign of Campaigns' linking the University's academic divisions and the colleges in a fund-raising venture aimed at raising £1.25 billion. Setting a target on such an ambitious scale – unprecedented for a UK educational institution in this country – raises the question of just what it is we do that should make us worthy of such generous support. At Hertford we answer this question in terms of a dual commitment: an unflinching commitment to academic excellence on the one hand, combined with a commitment to making that excellence accessible to all who are capable of benefiting from it, regardless of their social background.

The pages of this Newsletter contain many examples of our commitment to excellence. Among the Fellowship, we were delighted to celebrate Dr Toby Barnard's election as a Fellow of the British Academy in Michaelmas Term, whilst the New Year Honours List saw Kay Davies, Dr Lee's Professor of Anatomy, made a Dame of the British Empire. It has been a remarkable year for Dame Kay who also achieved the distinction of appointment as a Governor of the Wellcome Trust. Hertford scientists at an earlier stage of their career also gained distinction, with Drs Alan Lauder, Ros Rickaby and Claire Valance securing highly sought after European Research Council awards. This was a remarkable achievement for the College since only five such awards were made across the whole of the University – and Dr Rickaby made it a double by being named Outstanding Young Scientist by the European Geosciences Union.

Support for Fellows' research and for postgraduate education is becoming an increasingly important aspect of collegiate life in Oxford, but in the public eye we remain best known – and most often judged – for the quality of our undergraduate programmes. Here too Hertford excelled in 2007, occupying a place in the upper third of the Norrington Table, and we hope to do even better in this year's Final Honour Schools. I described our commitment to excellence as 'unflinching'. This may seem an odd expression but it's quite an apt one because the notion of excellence is something often found embarrassing, often tagged with the label of 'elitism'. In fact, elite status that stems from ability, commitment and sheer hard work is something to be celebrated rather than a cause of embarrassment. What we should set our face against is the idea of privileged access – whether inherited or otherwise – to high-quality education. For nearly half a century now Hertford has done just that. The College pioneered 'Access' programmes before the



term was coined and it's pleasing that recently released University statistics show Hertford to be the most popular choice for state school applicants, and among the top five Colleges for applications overall.

Maintaining excellence in teaching and research requires a constant input of resources. Maintaining access will also become increasingly expensive if the level of 'top-up' fees rises as expected in the next few years. Given Government's persistent underfunding of Higher Education we require a range of alternative income sources if these needs are to be met. Hertford has shown great enterprise in generating income from our International Programmes Department's courses in English language and culture, but the active support of our Old Members is increasingly important. With this in mind we launched our first ever telephone campaign in the autumn of 2007. Spearheaded by 16 of our current students, the 'Telethon' raised more than £340,000 in 11 days, a remarkable achievement for which congratulations are due to the students and the Development Office staff who oversaw them – and many thanks to our very generous Old Members!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Landers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Dr John Landers  
Principal

I joined Hertford College's Development Office a year ago and was instantly struck by the warmth of the welcome and by the feeling that I was now part of something quite out of the ordinary. However, I was only just finding my feet, when Yvonne Rainey, the then Director of Development, resigned to become Director of Development at St Edmund Hall, where she could work a more family-friendly three-day week. She has been much missed but is enjoying her new environment. Despite this, and various other staff changes, the Development Office still went on to organise a wide number of events including Gaudies for years 1992-3 and 1976-79, a lunch for the parents of 2007 Freshers, the Annual Eights Week event, a lunch for the Geoffrey Warnock Society, drinks in London, a 1999 Summer Reunion and an Organ Fund Dinner. As I write, I am still savouring very recent memories of the 2008 North American Reunion in New York. This was made particularly special as Rob Lusardi (Engineering & Economics, 1975) and his wife Sabina, hosted a very elegant party at their house close to Central Park (see page 13). Whether in New York or in Oxford, I have discovered that it is always a great pleasure to meet Old Members from Hertford and I hope that I will meet many more in the months to come.

## Hertford's First Telephone Campaign

As well as events for Old Members, we also held our first Telethon. On 23 September 2007, a group of very excited but rather nervous Hertford undergraduates and post graduates gathered in the Principal's Lodgings for Hertford's first telephone campaign. After two days of training, there was high anticipation but also an understandable anxiety about the difficulties that might lie ahead. How would Old Members respond? Would anybody actually agree to donate? How easy would it be to talk to complete strangers? However, I am delighted to report that our fears were almost entirely groundless! Our hard-working, enthusiastic team not only greatly enjoyed the experience, but raised nearly £345,000 for the College through single and regular gifts (this figure includes Gift Aid.). On behalf of the whole College, I would like to thank everybody who took the time to talk to our student callers and special thanks to all who made a donation. Everybody here was hugely impressed and touched by the warmth and generosity of the response. There are more details about the event on page 10 and in the enclosed list of donors.

## Annual Appeal 2007-08

We have just launched this year's Annual Appeal and the College's needs are many and varied. In the current chilly economic climate, funds to support bursaries and grants to students are more important than ever. Although £59,000 including Gift Aid has been collected to endow an Economics Fellowship, we are still a long way from the £2m required. As usual, money is also needed to support core activities such as the Library, IT, sports (particularly renovation of the Pavilion) and music, (the organ urgently needs expensive repairs). The newly created John Stubble Fund for Chemistry has so far raised £2,900 in single gifts and pledges, but more contributions in

memory of this outstanding student, whose life was so tragically short, would be very welcome. However, our academic goals can only be achieved if both staff and students are not at risk from falling masonry! Hertford's graceful façade, built to designs by T G Jackson in 1887 is beginning to show its age. Softened by over 100 years of Oxford weather and pollution, some of its stone is crumbling and even falling into the street. Hertford needs well over £350,000 to pay for this urgent restoration project. Please see page 10 for the whole story.

You will recently have received our Annual Appeal brochure. Please give as generously as you can and make a real and lasting contribution to the current and future life of Hertford.

## New Year's Honours at Hertford

Prof Kay Davies – Dr Lee's Professor of Anatomy, and Fellow of Hertford College – has been made a Dame of the British Empire (DBE) for services to science. Terence Hanafin (1967 Engineering and Economics) has been made a CBE for his services to the NHS; and Dr E Borowski (1974 Philosophy) was awarded an MBE for services on behalf of the Jewish community in Scotland.

## And finally.....The Antiques Roadshow with Fiona Bruce comes to Hertford!

Fiona Bruce (Modern Languages, 1982) will be presenting this popular show from Hertford on Saturday 28 June. Doors open from 9.30am to 4.30pm and admission is free. For more information on this and other future events, please see the back page or the Hertford website ([www.hertford.ox.ac.uk](http://www.hertford.ox.ac.uk)). We are always very glad to welcome back Old Members and I look forward to meeting you.

*Sarah Salter, Members and Development Office*

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# Hertford Wine Makers Flourish in Provence

*Hertford Vignerons Digby Hubbard and Mike Henderson (History & Geography 1965–1968) are joint owners of the Domaine de PiqueRoque in Provence. How two beer-swilling rugby players ended up as French wine makers is told by Digby in this two-part article:*

The College Buttery was a popular destination in my days at Hertford. My father, not an alumnus but a trencherman of some standing, never cavilled at the size of my Buttery bills, recognising, he said, my need to keep up my strength away from my mother's excellent table. I certainly did not find it necessary – and neither did Jim Cooling, the Head Steward – to itemise my purchases, which were admittedly seldom in the dairy category. The College then had a wide selection of traditional clarets and some fine as well as some everyday ports – Taylor's 48 sold at under 30 shillings (£1.50) and Dow's at under 15 shillings (£0.75). There was also a good range of the then fashionable German whites, only today regaining some of their former popularity.

During the 1960s Malcolm Gage of Christopher's, the London wine merchants, held tastings for the SCR to which Nick Keith (History 1965–8), a friend of Malcolm's was invited, with me in tow on occasion. I remember a very bibulous pre-lunch session and the euphoric ordering of an entire case of Jaboulet's white Chevalier de Sterimberg. The die was cast.

I suppose it was inevitable that my wine focus was on France. As a young child in the early 1950s I had watched the family

car being swung in nets aboard the Newhaven-Dieppe car ferry. We stayed at family hotels on Brittany's magnificent beaches and ate exotic *fruits de mer* and *crustaces*. Later in my pre-teens, my brother and I spent summer and skiing holidays on 'return' to our French au-pair's family. How we loved those French girls who helped my mother out in the summer holidays – creatures, it seemed, from a warmer, more colourful and demonstrative society.

Life at Hertford was a liberating experience. The depressing politics and economics of the sixties, whilst not impinging on our full enjoyment of that swinging era, did however create a somewhat gloomy backdrop for emerging graduates, and I sought and gained employment with a Hong Kong-based multinational. The next ten years were spent in various Asian capitals. Jardines, my employers, realised that as one of the rare non-family/non-Scots in the Firm, I'd best be kept away from their key import and distribution activities, so I started as a 'ship-jumper', eventually graduating to less colourful and acrobatic jobs.

In 1978 we decided to return to Europe on a sabbatical and renovate a ruined farmhouse we had acquired the year before in the mountains behind Nice. One feature of the farmhouse was



Hertford vignerons at the Domaine de PiqueRoque

a two cubic metre fermenting vat. With our French neighbour, Antoine Prandi, we put it to good use, buying in a mixture of white and red grapes from the coast and fermenting them in the vat before running off into about thirty 54-litre glass demijohns to finish fermentation and racking. It was wine-making at its simplest, most idyllic and least precise. We produced about 1500 litres a year like this for three or four years. In the first year, we even took the marc (grape skins that have been pressed) to the village still for distillation. My wife Lotta used the end result to clean windows. She was probably right.

During the 1980s, as our children grew up attending the village school, we made ends meet frugally by working part time for Jardines in Monaco. In 1985, I joined forces with a Dutch lawyer and developed a small, successful management company. Over the following years, we searched with varying degrees of intensity for a small vineyard which we could restore and eventually operate as a business.

There is never a shortage of vineyards for sale in France; the problem is to find estate agents who work in the non-millionaire sector of the market. We visited vineyards in the Gers, Aude, Gard and Var. We photographed, measured, walked the fields, examined vats, crawled into attics, inspected tractors, puzzled over production figures and 'management accounts' and generally listened and learned and saved money. We made at

least four serious offers and got close to deals on two occasions. However, nothing seemed to click until 1999, when we found a wonderful property on our doorstep in an area we had always assumed would be beyond budget because of generally inflated property prices in Provence.

The Domaine de Piqueroque lies 40 km inland from St Tropez and consists of a small hamlet lying at the end of a lane which leads nowhere. The Issole River forms its western boundary and the estate lies around a central plateau. Much of the 170 acres are evergreen oak forest (wild boar country) and the 33 acre vineyard contains Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Grenache and Cinsault (red varieties) and Ugni Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc (whites). Because there was such a lot of potential accommodation, all but 10% being uninhabitable, we decided in 1999 that the best solution was to form an ownership syndicate with friends.

Mike Henderson (Geography, Hertford 1965–8) was the first to throw his hat into the ring and three others followed quickly, each receiving a share of the accommodation and vineyard, proportional to their investment. The regeneration of PiqueRoque was about to start.....

TO BE CONTINUED....

*Digby Hubbard  
(Modern History, 1965)*

## EFL at Hertford

Hertford College has been running English as a Foreign Language (EFL) programmes for over ten years now, as part of the International Programmes and Conferences Department headed by Julie Dearden, an Old Member of Hertford College (Mod. Langs.1979). We have a permanent team comprising Caroline Rice, Fatjon Alliaj and two Senior EFL teachers: Hannah Gregory and Andrew Hemingway. We then recruit and employ over 60 people during the summer months; EFL teachers and Residential Advisers (RAs) to help with the programmes. Many of the teaching team return to Hertford year after year to teach on our programmes. The RAs are Hertford College students who do a magnificent job taking care of our overseas visitors. This summer we are expecting more than 300 students to come and study here on our increasingly popular and successful programmes, and they will be looked after by 35-40 of our own students who find a summer job at Hertford.



**Japanese visitors, 2007**

The students on these programmes come to us mostly from universities in Japan and now, for the first time, from China. This all started with a visit to China a couple of years ago, resulting in a university from Beijing sending its students to Hertford College to be taught Business English. Caroline Rice, who speaks Mandarin Chinese, is now in charge of developing our contacts in China and we are expecting to deliver some new programmes for Chinese universities this summer. This year we have already run a made-to-measure EFL programme for Volunteers for the 2008 Olympic Games and were excited to have a representative of London Olympic Games to lecture on the programme: Hannah Gregory taught the programme and organised an Olympics day in College to enable the students to practise their English. This summer we launch a new Economics, Finance and English programme which we hope will prove popular with Chinese universities.

If you would like to organise a Summer School, English as a Foreign Language Programme or a Conference at Hertford College, please email Julie Dearden at [julie.dearden@hertford.ox.ac.uk](mailto:julie.dearden@hertford.ox.ac.uk).

# Hertford's olympic medallists

## And other star athletes

At the Winter Olympic Games of 2002, held in Salt Lake City (on the palindromic date of 20.02.2002, which is only recorded once in a millennium), Royal Air Force officer Alex Coomber, nee Hamilton (1992, Geography) became what was thought to be Hertford's first Olympic medallist when she won the bronze medal in the frighteningly difficult discipline of bob skeleton. This involves hurtling down a steep icy track on an object like a tin tray, with your chin within inches of the ice, and steering with your toes.

Alex had indeed been one of the favourites for the gold medal, having three times been the winner of the World Cup at the event. Hertford rightly celebrated nevertheless, British and Oxonian Olympic medallists being few and far between at any sport in the modern era.

There was no 'folk memory' in the College of any previous medallist, and it was the fact that any research carried out on the subject probably related only to British medallists that misled the researchers. Hertford had an earlier medallist, a silver one at that, but he lived long ago and was an American, a gigantic one.

I am indebted to the website of Oxford University Athletic Club for the information, given in passing, which I have supplemented from other sources, that William Wesley Coe, known as Wesley, who was placed second in the shot put at the St Louis Olympic Games in 1904, the third of the modern era, was at Hertford from 1901 to 1902, even before the days of the Rhodes Scholarships.

This was by no means Coe's only feat at the event, for on 5 August 1905, he broke the world record for it, with a distance of 15.09 metres (49ft. 6ins.), which he held for two years. He won national titles in England (i.e. the Amateur Athletic Association Championships), the United States and Canada and also took part in the London Olympics of 1908, when he was placed fourth in the shot put and was a member of the American tug-of-war team. His last title, the AAA title for throwing the 56lb. weight for height, the only occasion on which the event was ever held, came as late as 1920, when he was aged 41. At a more domestic level he set a record of 13.36 metres (43ft.10ins.) for the usual shot put event on his single appearance in the Varsity Match, which stood for no less than 34 years.

Incidentally, OUAC's website highlights 15 athletes in its All Time Hall of Fame, one for each decade, and no less than three of them are from Hertford; Coe is one, representing the first decade of the 20th Century. The second is the Magdalen Hall hurdler, Clement Jackson, 1860s, who recorded what is now deemed to have been a world record at 120 yards hurdles, became a don at Hertford and was Senior Treasurer of OUAC for 60 years. More recently Simon Mugglestone (1987, Geography), a four minute miler, won the 1500 metres the 5000 metres and the cross-country against Cambridge on four occasions between 1987 and 1991.

*Anthony Eady  
(1959, Law)*

Credit: Courtesy Chicago Historical Society



**William Wesley Coe – Olympic shot put**

# Champion Hertford Alumnus aims for Gold at Beijing

Feature

Last summer Paul Mattick, one of Hertford's more recent graduates, became rowing World Champion for Great Britain in the lightweight men's four. During 2007 Paul's crew won both the Lucerne World Cup Championship and the World Championships in Munich, aiding Great Britain to win both these events overall for the first time. This is a fantastic achievement, not least because Paul learnt to row at Hertford.

Paul studied for his undergraduate degree at Leeds University and then came to Hertford to read for a D.Phil in Pharmacology, which he completed in 2005. He began rowing in the 2000-2001 season for Hertford, having previously played club rugby to a high level for Frome Rugby Club. He continued to play rugby after arriving at Hertford in 1999, but a series of injuries made him re-think. Steph Cullen, then captain of the women's 1st VIII persuaded him to try rowing. Within a year, he was rowing for the men's 1st VIII and by the following year, he was captain of the team. Whilst at Hertford Paul competed in the lightweight reserve boat. He then joined Wallingford Rowing Club in 2003 to learn to scull under the eyes of Rob Dauncey and Pete Sudbury. Paul comments: "At College, a 10-mile outing would be a long one. At Wallingford I might do 50 miles in a weekend, in a single scull – much harder than an Eight. And seeing 9-stone lightweight women do that, and beat me, showed me how much harder I had to work."

In 2005 he raced in the Great Britain lightweight men's four at the Eton World Cup in May, and then came 7th in the world in the lightweight pair at the World Championships in Japan. After progressing to the Olympic lightweight men's four in 2006, he was 4th, 5th and 7th in the 2006 World Cup season and raced in the World Championships at Eton, coming a magnificent 5th.

Long-time supporter of the HCBC, Terry Hughes (1982, Physics) has purchased a Filippi single scull for Paul to use while he is training for the Olympics. After this, the boat will return to Hertford. Paul used this boat to finish 4th in the lightweight men's single at the GB Rowing Senior Trials in Belgium in April 2007.

Meanwhile, this outstanding rower has continued to coach the Women's VIII at Hertford. "I enjoy being part of it, and



Paul Mattick

I think it's important to get continuity in college rowing. The continuous change of club presidents and captains is not productive. I was well taught at Hertford – where the men have had that continuity – and I just want to give something back."

Later during the 2007 season, Paul was once again selected for the lightweight men's four and hopes rose, as his crew immediately showed good speed. In the Linz World Cup they achieved a bronze medal, the first in the history of Great Britain lightweights. In the second World Cup at Amsterdam, they went faster and came in a close Silver. To finish off this remarkable trend, his crew won the final Lucerne World Cup. The scene was set for the World Championships in Munich. After a faulty start, being beaten by the Canadians in the quarter finals, Paul's crew found a rich vein of form, winning their semi and being tipped to get a medal in the final. In the final, things didn't seem to be going their way, as when they came through half way they were 5th (out of 6 crews), but it was at this point that they made a big effort and slowly moved through the field, breaking into the lead with a minute to go and remaining in front. As Paul crossed the finish line and became a World Champion, he began to think of all the people who had helped him get there, and especially of Hertford College.

So far in 2008 Paul has made great progress and hopes to repeat the success in the Beijing Olympics on the biggest sporting stage in the world. Might we see Paul become an Olympic Champion this summer? All of Hertford hopes so!

Paul Mattick  
(1999-2005, D Phil Pharmacology)



# Hertford Fellows' new books are highly praised

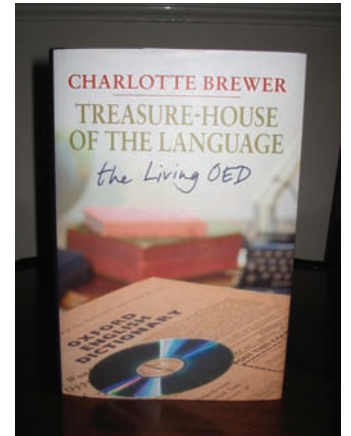
Hertford is very proud of the latest clutch of books to be published by its Fellows. Despite heavy teaching commitments and time-consuming administrative duties, Hertford Fellows continue to produce excellent research in all disciplines and some even manage to publish books on their subjects. For example, over the last year, books have appeared on the Crusades, the Oxford English Dictionary, modern Irish history, poetry, Japanese linguistics and Shakespeare's plays and all have been greeted with enthusiasm by the Press.



Christopher Tyerman's book **God's War: A New History** published by Penguin, was described by the Daily Telegraph as "A masterpiece...written with great breadth, clarity and human sympathy" and by the Spectator: "Of all the modern histories of the Crusades, it is the shrewdest, the most reliable and the most complete." Dr Tyerman himself says that the Crusades remain one of the most memorable features of the Middle Ages. "From my schooldays, what seemed a bizarre combination of intense piety, extreme violence, extravagant acquisitiveness, astonishing bravery and acute xenophobia drew me to investigate these wars, fought in the name of religion, that occupied a prominent place in western European culture for five hundred years. How could such acts be perpetrated in the name of the Prince of Peace? It soon became clear that aspects of crusading spoke directly to the modern world. Aspirations of nationalism, democracy, freedom, independence or cultural and religious identity have created our world as much as the image of an insulted God shaped that of the crusaders. My book tries to avoid facile judgementalism and the restrictive prism of the present by treating the crusades on their own terms. This is a history of the crusades written from the bottom up, and from the perspectives of victims as well as perpetrators, in order to understand the experience and cultural setting of ordinary crusaders and that it was an adventure in human nature as much as medieval war."

Meanwhile, according to Professor David Crystal (Honorary Professor of Linguists at Bangor), Charlotte Brewer was producing an "enthraling account of the personalities and events that shaped the history of the Oxford English

Dictionary". As Crystal describes, **Treasure-house of the Language -The Living OED**, published by Yale University Press, "illuminates the commercial realities of dictionary-making as well as the hopes, worries, and working practices of those who compiled and administered the project. This sympathetic yet judicious 'biography of a book' is a major contribution to lexical historiography, and a delight to read." Dr Brewer begins her account of the OED at the point where others have stopped – the publication of the final instalment of the first edition in 1928 – and carries it through to the metamorphosis of the dictionary into a twenty-first-century electronic medium.



She describes the difficulties of keeping the OED up to date over time and recounts the recurring debates over finances, treatment of contentious words, public vs. scholarly expectations, proper sources of quotations, and changing editorial practices. With humour and empathy, she portrays the predilections and personalities of the editors, publishers and assistants who undertook the Sisyphean task of keeping pace with the modern explosion of vocabulary. Utilising rich archives in Oxford as well as new electronic resources, the author uncovers a history no less complex and fascinating than the Oxford English Dictionary itself. Randolph Quirk, Past President of the British Academy, has declared that Charlotte Brewer is "a scholar of formidable learning" and that "she has produced the most searching study yet of the greatest dictionary ever."

Another book that takes a very close look at the English language is Tom Paulin's **The Secret Life of Poems**. The author says that he intends it as a primer for students and the general reader. He takes nearly fifty short poems or excerpts from longer poems such as *Paradise Lost* and generally gives 1000-word essays on each poem, paying close attention to rhythm, metre and rhyme. In doing so, Tom Paulin aims to reveal the poem's musical structure. To quote from Michael Glover in the *New Statesman* "...what (Tom Paulin) is most interestingly alive to in poems is the sounds that poets make with their words, and how those sounds connect up and weave a pattern...through the length and breadth of a poem. These patternings of sounds, argues Paulin, often very persuasively, represent a kind of parallel meaning beneath the apparent meaning of the words. This is subtle, interesting and invigorating stuff." In the *Independent*, Olivia Cole was particularly interested in Tom Paulin's analysis of Muldon's poem "Quoof" which starts:



“How often have I carried our family word  
for the hot water bottle  
to a strange bed...”  
and goes on to mention “the smouldering one-off spoor...  
of the yeti...”

Her thoughtful review of Paulin’s book ends: “If you hope to protect the idea that poetry, too, can be a shy kind of a beast whose tracks aren’t always traceable, that’s not to detract from the fact that Paulin sets a dazzling and completely inspiring standard for criticism.” This book is clearly a significant contribution to the analysis not only of poetry but of how we use language itself.

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In November 2007, Penguin published Roy Foster’s **Luck and the Irish: A Brief History of Change, 1970-2000**.

Roy Foster says that “based on the Wiles lectures which I delivered at Queen’s University Belfast two years before, it surveys the manner in which, from about 1970, Irish history moved into a fast-forward phase. The book looks at the roots of the changes which came with an almost completely unexpected wave of prosperity. Sympathetically but (where necessary) astringently, it examines the upheavals in economics, North-South attitudes, international relations, demography, gender roles, sexual mores, culture and religion which accompanied the boom, as well as the significance of emblematic characters such as Mary Robinson, Bob Geldof and Charles Haughey. **Luck and the Irish** also discusses the themes of corruption, scandal, New Age Celticism, popular culture and the occasional retreat into reactionary attitudes that followed the liberalisation, enrichment and marketing of the New Ireland and what these transformations mean for Irish history in the long run.”

It has been widely reviewed and in *The Times*, Roy Hattersley wrote that this book “in 200 or so pages...combines continual entertainment with the erudition of a professor of Irish history at Oxford”. Paul Bew in the *Spectator* announced that “With this book, Foster reaffirms his status as the outstanding chronicler of modern Irishness.” **Luck and the Irish** is currently long-listed for the Orwell prize for political writing.

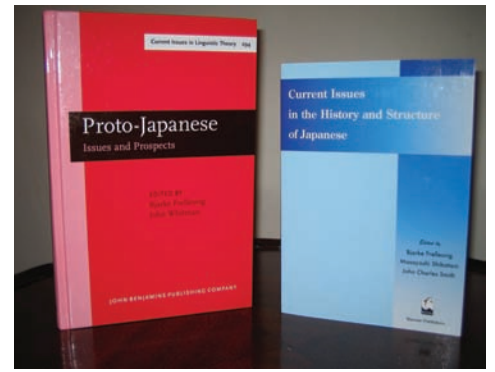
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Studying another part of the globe, Bjarke Frellesvig, together with Masayoshi Shibatani and JC Smith, has been editing **Current Issues in the History and Structure of Japanese** (Kurosio Publishers, 2007). This book is a collection of papers by leading authorities in the field of Japanese linguistics. Each paper presents original work on some aspect of Japanese, and the book as a whole reflects the issues currently of concern in the field of Japanese linguistics. In addition to editing the book, Bjarke has contributed Chapter 10: “On the verb morphology of Old Japanese”. Bjarke Frellesvig has also co-edited **Proto-Japanese: Issues and prospects with John Whitman** (John Benjamins Publishing, 2008).

Proto-Japanese is the reconstructed language stage from which all later varieties of Japanese, including Ryukyuan, descend.

This volume singles out key areas in the reconstruction of proto-Japanese: segmental phonology, use of dialect evidence, accent, morphology, and syntax. While

the book first of all presents new research which advances our understanding of proto-Japanese, it also gives an overview of the state of art in the field and its main issues. In addition to editing the book, Frellesvig contributes the “Introduction” (with Whitman; pp. 1-12), Chapter 1 “Evidence for seven vowels in proto-Japanese” (with Whitman; pp. 15-41), and Chapter 9 “On reconstruction of proto-Japanese and pre-Old Japanese verb inflection” (pp. 175-192).



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Meanwhile, Emma Smith was working on something altogether more home grown: Her **Cambridge Introduction to Shakespeare** was published by Cambridge University Press in 2007. It is aimed at undergraduate and postgraduate students but also at the elusive ‘general reader’. This innovative introduction to Shakespeare promotes active engagement with the plays, rather than recycling factual information. Covering a range of texts, it is divided into seven subject-based chapters: Character; Performance; Texts; Language; Structure; Sources; and History. It does not assume any prior knowledge but, instead, it is intended to develop ways of thinking. It also provides the reader with resources for independent research through the “Where next?” sections at the end of each chapter. Drawing on up-to-date scholarship, it emphasises that there is space for new and fresh thinking by students and readers, even in the most-studied and familiar plays. For example, Dr Smith begins the chapter headed “Character” with a vivid discussion about the existence of ‘Juliet’s balcony’ in Verona. She examines Shakespeare’s depiction of character and how it has led play-goers and readers alike into a rather desperate belief that his characters represent real people in a way that would have been scarcely recognisable at the time that *Romeo and Juliet* was written. Her style is thoroughly engaging and thought provoking, and her book would appeal to anyone with an interest in our best known playwright.

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It is only possible in this short space to mention a few of the publications produced by Hertford Fellows over the past twelve months, but I think it makes clear the range, talent and vibrancy of their output. The College is very fortunate in its Fellows!

Sarah Salter

# Hertford's first telethon and the next campaign

## The Telethon

The first task, once you have decided to run a telephone fund raising campaign, is to select your callers. This involved interviewing more than 25 students and it was really my first introduction to Hertford's student population. I was very impressed by their maturity, by their enthusiasm for their studies, by the range of their activities and by their ready commitment to the job ahead. The most striking thing was, however, that when asked what they liked most about Hertford, they all replied that it was its friendliness and lack of pretension. The chosen team of 16 then underwent two days of intensive training, led by Dan Keyworth, Deputy Development Director at University College, our consultant for the Telethon. Dan has run over a dozen Telethons, both for his college and for others throughout Oxford, and was as hard working as he was inspirational.

On 23 September, the team moved into the Principal's Lodging which had been equipped with 15 tables, telephones and a large number of chocolate bars. The first call was bravely made (by the future President of the JCR), and soon the room was buzzing with animated conversations and expressions of delight as Old Members generously responded to the charm and persuasiveness of current Hertfordians.

It was a remarkable event to witness: the energy and enthusiasm with which the student callers tackled each call; the pleasure that the students gained from the interesting conversations they had; the delight when they were able to walk up to the Principal's Dining Table with the all-important gift form filled in. Occasionally, of course, a call would be unwelcome, or people felt unable to respond financially, but out of 638 calls made during the 11 days of calling, 65% responded with a donation. Of these, 325 were single donations and 128 were regular donations. The total amount from single gifts came to



£91,986.57, but the amount that we will receive from regular gifts comes to a very impressive £252,672. This amount was made up from gifts as small as £5 per month for 4 years to a very generous £1,500 a year. The most important point however, was that this was a team effort in which student callers and Old Members all played their parts with enormous generosity and goodwill towards their College.

I am very proud to have also been a part of it.

A list of donors to the 2008 Telethon is enclosed with this newsletter.



## What next?

The money raised by the Telethon is extremely welcome but the College has a great many needs, ranging from financial aid to students and supporting the College Faculty and College activities, to endowing Fellowships and – last but not least – maintaining the bricks and mortar.

A few months ago, Diana Parker, the Principal's wife, was doing a little gardening in front of the Lodgings and was very surprised to find a substantial piece of stone from a cornice above, lying in a flower bed. This alerted the College to the toll that weather, age and pollution had extracted from the stone covering T G Jackson's fine façade. By the 1860s, Jackson had begun to doubt the universality of High Gothic and so when he came to design the Hall and Gateway in 1887, he used a florid, classical style with references to early Italian Renaissance decoration. Now, however, the crisp fluting of the columns and the fine pediments above the windows have begun to crumble and, in some cases the edges have become soft and blurred. Three firms of stone masons have been called in to give their opinions and it seems that, for around £350,000, the stonework can be restored, made safe and also cleaned. The result will be that this familiar façade, which both announces Hertford's presence and shields it from the bustle of the surrounding streets, will once again display the clean-cut features of one of Jackson's most satisfying works.



Sarah Salter

# The Chapel

## Trinity Term 2007 – Hilary Term 2008

This past year has been a busy and enjoyable one in the Chapel. The spiritual and pastoral life of the college has continued to be nurtured and fed through the daily offering of a variety of worship. We have also celebrated various feasts and festivals, including special services for Ascension Day, Corpus Christi, All Saints', and Ash Wednesday. A highlight of the academic year was our Eucharist for All Souls' Day: the Choir sang a full liturgical setting of Mozart's Requiem, with soloists and orchestra, and the Chapel was overflowing. It was a moving and impressive occasion.

Hertford also hosted two well-attended Roman Catholic Masses for staff, students and Fellows. Events with Hertford's Christian Union are also popular, and a good way for students from different traditions to socialise. Michaelmas Term wouldn't be complete without the Christmas Carol service (as usual, held before Advent!) which, with the Chapel full to capacity, is not only a magical evening, but a valued Collegiate event.

We are fortunate in having an excellent team of Chapel Wardens: Vicky Arnold, Thomas Brodie, Teresa King and Dan Trott assist in the running of the Chapel, and are an indispensable part of Chapel life. We have also been delighted to welcome on placement Bertie Pearson, a new ordinand studying in Oxford for a year before returning to San Francisco to be ordained.

The year has also seen a variety of Chapel events, from a well-attended Lent Course on Prayer to a convivial St David's Day party. Over the Easter Vacation, a group of us went on retreat to Ty Mawr Convent in Wales; we lived alongside the nuns, spending quiet time together and alone – much-needed after a hectic term.

The state of the College's organ remains a source of concern to us all. Our series of lunchtime Organ Fund recitals continues to flourish, providing a platform for musical students. We said farewell to Christopher Bentley, our Senior Organ Scholar, after his Finals. Tom Hammond-Davies succeeded him, but has done so unassisted by a Junior Organ Scholar. We have been grateful for Tom's ingenuity in ensuring that the Choir remains singing!

A musical highlight was our summer Choir Tour to Manhattan. Our first performance was to members of the parish of St Mary's, Staten Island, where we were given a warm welcome (not to



Hertford Chapel, Winter 2007

mention tea and croquet) by the Revd Dr Richard Major; the Tour was rounded off with a concert at All Saints' Church on the Upper East Side. We sang at the Parish Eucharist



Practising in the cold before the Budapest concert

at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, and performed for the guests at the busy Holy Apostles' Soup Kitchen in Chelsea, where many students later volunteered. We also sang at the University of Oxford North American Office for Hertford Alumni, who greatly enjoyed the combination of sacred and secular music.

Following this success, we organised a 'mini-tour' to Budapest for 9th week of Michaelmas! We gave two concerts in just three days: one at the beautiful St Elizabeth Parish Church at Rózsák tere; and the other at the prestigious Basilica in Esztergom. We also saw Verdi's *Otello* at the State Opera House, and explored the Christmas markets. Plans are fast developing for a summer 2008 tour to Japan.



St Elizabeth's Parish Church, Budapest

The long vacation was busy with the weddings of alumni, and it is also good to welcome former members back to Chapel for Evensong during Gaudy events. Among the charities we chose to support were: Victims of Torture, Oxfordshire Mind, Help the Aged, and Oxfordshire Playbus.

## 2008-09: A very special year

October 2008 will see the Centenary of the Chapel's dedication; an opportunity to rejoice in and reflect on the significant role it has played in the life of the College.

We are keen to hear Old Members' memories of the Chapel and the people who have been its life for a century. There will be a rededication by the current Bishop of Oxford, special choir and organ pieces, exhibitions, concerts, sermons, dinners, parties and talks. In short, it's going to be a truly celebratory year and I hope the whole College, members past and present, will enjoy being a part of it.

Among the Centenary events, open to all members, we hope to hold a special service for all those married here, providing an opportunity for couples to revisit the college and celebrate the Chapel and the role it has played in their lives.

Please get in touch if you would like more details or to receive our Chapel Card and Centenary itinerary.

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# Events

## Events for Hertford Old Members April 2007 to May 2008

The past year has seen the usual, rapidly-revolving pattern of College events, a few of which appear below. In addition, in April 2007, we held a successful London Drinks party in High Holborn and another is planned for 20 October (please reserve the date!) The Geoffrey Warnock Lunch in September, held

to honour those who have included Hertford in their wills, was attended by two dozen Old Members and their guests. Baroness Warnock was in attendance and is expected again for the next Lunch on 18 May. Last October, the College, with the help of Peter Dart (Physics, 1972) hosted a dinner to explore funding repairs to the College Organ. Thanks to the generosity of a number of Old Members, enough has been raised to keep the Organ playing for another 30 years.

## Eights Week, 2007

All Hertford's Rowers did well last year and expected to do still better this year, so there should be plenty to celebrate. Like last

year, there will be an Eights Week buffet lunch at the College Boathouse which Hertford shares with St Catherine's, the Saïd Business School, Templeton, Mansfield, St Hilda's and St Benet's.



## Hertford College Boat Club Society Dinner: 18 April 2008

Special presentations were made to Richard Norton and Hugh Scurfield to mark the 50th anniversary of their victory as undergraduates in the Silver Goblets and Nickalls Challenge

Cup at Henley Royal Regatta, and to recent graduate Paul Mattick to celebrate his victory in the 2007 World Championships as a member of the GB Lightweight Four.



## Oxford University North American Reunion, 2008

Rob and Sabina Lusardi very generously hosted a memorable reception in New York for Hertford Members. John Harrison was honoured by the Principal and the Lusardis as the oldest delegate attending the University Reunion at the Waldorf-Astoria.



## 1980-82 Gaudy, April 2008

The Gaudies for 1992-3, 1976-79 and 1980-82 were all very well supported and treated with great enthusiasm, although the 1992-3 Matriculands were probably the most boisterous ...



## Freshers' Parents' Lunch, February 2008

In 2007, we held a Freshers' Parents lunch that was just for parents and Fellows. Although it could then all happen on one day, the general feeling was that both parents and students gain more if students are there to introduce their parents to their friends and tutors. So on two Saturdays this February, we held very successful and happy lunches for both parents and students.



Here is my recap of what happened with the JCR in 2007, a great year to be in Oxford, and especially at Hertford. Last summer, the College bar was professionally cleaned and renovated, with one room repainted a lovely shade of peach. Improvements were made to the JCR Taxi Service, and it is now the envy of all other colleges in Oxford, providing a major welfare service and protecting our students at night. Rape alarms are now purchased automatically for all first-years.

Since September, vacation grants have increased 50% from 25 days a year to 37 days a year, allowing finalists (and conscientious first- and second-years) the opportunity to stay in Oxford and work on their degrees (which is why we're here after all!).

During 2007, the JCR organised and hosted a Mental Health Day and a Careers Day, both attended by over 60 people. In May the splendid Carnival Ball was held in the Divinity School and across Catte Street – an event that (quite literally) almost brought the roof down! After a break-in and wanton vandalism last summer, the College Pavilion has had new windows put in, as well as new lockable doors.

In Michaelmas term new sofas were purchased for the JCR, as well as an Xbox360 and a new 32" TV, making the JCR even more popular than it was before.

Looking to the future, and showing that the college is as forward thinking as ever, Hertford is set to become the second college in Oxford to achieve Fair-Trade status (Wadham beat us by a few weeks).

I would like to wish my successor Jon Colclough and the rest of his exec all the best for the forthcoming year. The JCR is in capable hands and the College remains the most friendly, and down to earth in Oxford.

*Tom Lowe, JCR President 2006-7*

The new year heralded in a new JCR 'Executive'; all of us full of delusions of grandeur. Thankfully, after a term in office, the JCR is still functioning, and there have been no Suez-like crises as yet. In fact, mid-1950s Conservative governments could probably learn a lot from the current set of JCR politicians...

It hasn't been an overly exciting year, but JCR meetings have lobbied me to support various issues such as a Living Wage campaign and the expansion of Oxford's access programme. OUSU meetings tend to be as interesting as ever, with discussions including a student-union ban on *Lonely Planet* for publishing a guidebook on Burma (apparently that is tacit support for the military junta).



**Tom Lowe**



**Jonathan Colclough**

Outside the sphere of student politics, the JCR sporting scene continues to go from strength to strength. The College rugby team successfully managed to avoid coming bottom of the bottom league (they came second to bottom), and the football team followed up last year's promotion with a brilliant relegation campaign. Rowing does, however, persist in bucking the trend with the Men's Firsts achieving blades at Torpids, and hoping for an equally successful Summer Eights. With each triumph, however, our beloved JCR rowers appear to become increasingly boisterous in their termly visit to the College bar.

Trinity is exam term, but there will be the odd occasion for non-work-related merriment. This year's Ball is being held at Oxford Masonic Centre, presumably as a precursor to Hertford students' future vocations within various societal-controlling organisations. Student life seems to be incredibly short, and as the Finalists prepare for exams and the world of work, I wish them the best of luck for the future.

*Jonathan Colclough, JCR President 2007-8*

The beginning of the 2007-08 academic year brought many enthusiastic and fun freshers to the MCR. Michaelmas term started off with the chaos of a slightly disorganised – but ultimately highly successful – Freshers' Fortnight. The freshers have been almost unanimous about the experience: it was incredibly welcoming and (according to rumour from their department colleagues) the best MCR welcome of any of the colleges. I would like to thank especially those Old Members who helped out, despite not being on the committee. If it hadn't been for their polite resignation while mopping cocktails off the Octagon floor for the nth time, Freshers' Fortnight would have ground to a sticky halt!

Now, we have finally filled out our committee with both freshers and 'older' members. The result has been several successful events, including the 1920s-themed Waugh Night, a tribute to Evelyn Waugh. Other MCR members have thrown themselves into the physical and social demands of Oxford sports. Rowing has, as always, been a particular favourite – and I can't keep track of how many times I have heard that excessive use of the rowing machine has stopped someone from doing an essay or that there has been another collision on the Isis that absolutely was not the fault of the Hertford MCR cox!

Despite all this excitement, the MCR is also focused on intellectual pursuits. Once the freshers had found out where their libraries and labs were, the rest of us adapted to the shorter, colder days (that seem to extend into April) by staying inside and doing our work, only taking breaks every ten minutes or so to update our Facebook profiles.

*Jamie Anderson, MCR President*



**Jamie Anderson**

It has been another mixed term for Hertford sporting achievement. Rowing, however, has been thriving. The combination of a large intake of freshers and more experienced rowers has produced an extremely competitive boat club. Christ Church Regatta was cancelled due to high river conditions, but the river was low enough for Torpids where the M1 boat was particularly successful, reaching the top of Division 2. They were also the fastest Oxford college boat at the Head of the River race in Henley. The women fared less well, but are looking to build on their performance for Summer Eights. All rowers have committed a lot of time and effort to training and are now gearing up for a successful summer.

On land, the matches early in the term were hindered by the flooding of most sports grounds in Oxford. Once this had cleared, the men's 1st XI football teams, suffering from the loss of several graduating students, remained competitive in the league, but were relegated in the final game of the season. The 2nd XI has been more successful, recording some high scoring victories. The women's 1st XI has struggled for players this year, and this has been reflected in their relegation.

Hockey has seen more success, with the women's team (joined with Univ) winning the coppers competition, and the men's team gaining promotion to the 2nd division. The rugby team is going through a period of consolidation, but matches have been



competitive, with a notable victory over Brasenose. However, the team remains rooted in division 4, and will be looking for improvement next year.

This year the College has fielded teams in sports as varied as karting and skiing. The Captain of the University Kendo team is a Hertford graduate, and another graduate plays for the University Handball team. The social scene is as lively as ever, and the work completed in 2007-8 will be built upon for the forthcoming season.

*Ben Brash  
JCR Sports Officer*

## Fellows' News



**Prof Kay Davies, by Tess Barnes**

Fellowship at Hertford involves a joint commitment to teaching and to scholarly research. Some of this, however important, remains unsung, or takes time to come to notice, but we have enjoyed some particular achievements by individuals within the College over the last year. We are extremely proud of historian Toby Barnard's election to the British Academy, and of the remarkable Hertford presence in the European Research Council awards, including Ros Rickaby (Earth Sciences; also named Outstanding Young Scientist by the European Geosciences Union), Alan Lauder (Maths) and Claire Vallance (Chemistry). University Teaching Awards were given to Alan Day (Mathematics), Andreas Busch (Politics), Alison Young (Law) and Peter Millican (Philosophy). We are grateful to the Drapers' Company for their support for a Junior Research Fellowship in Arts and Humanities (Charles West, History), and to other institutional benefactors for the fellowships of Carles Guitierrez-Sanfiel as a Mellon Career Development Fellow in Spanish and David Williams as a British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow in English Literature. We have expanded our provision in Oriental Studies with the appointment of Jieun Kiaer, a specialist in Korean Linguistics. And finally, a portrait of Honorary Fellow, Professor Kay Davies, by Tess Barnes, has been included in an exhibition of the artist's work entitled 50 Women of Substance. The exhibition opened at Wolfson College in May and will also be at New Hall, Cambridge, from 26 July to 16 August. ([www-art.newhall.cam.ac.uk](http://www-art.newhall.cam.ac.uk))

*Emma Smith, Senior Tutor*

BBC ONE's ever popular Sunday evening programme *Antiques Roadshow* will be filming for its 31st series when it opens its doors to the public in the grounds of Hertford College on **Saturday, 28th June, 2008. Doors open at 9.30 am and close at 4.30pm.**



This will be a very special venue for new series presenter Fiona Bruce, as she is a graduate of Hertford College. She says, "Presenting the Antiques Roadshow is, for me, one of those rare and very lucky coincidences in television when you get to work on a show that you already love to watch. Exploring the human story behind every object is what makes Antiques Roadshow so fascinating. And

everyone loves the agony and ecstasy of the 'what's it worth?' moment. The AR isn't just about antiques – it's history, beauty and drama all wrapped up in one.'

Some of Britain's leading antiques and fine arts specialists will be on hand to offer free advice and valuations to visitors, who are invited to raid their attics and bring along their family heirlooms, household treasures and car boot bargains for inspection by the experts.

People with large pieces of furniture or other big items can send details and photographs of their objects to to: **Antiques Roadshow, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR** or e-mail them to: **antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk** by 19 June. It may be possible to arrange to look at the item in advance and organise transportation to the venue.

Executive Producer Simon Shaw says: "The team are all looking forward to visiting the Hertford College. It's always exciting to see what will come to light on the day. We regularly see between 1500 and 2000 visitors on the day. Despite the high turnout everyone will get to see an expert."



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Summer Reunion</b> (for matriculation year 2000)	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Hertford Society Dinner</b>	<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>
<b>Admissions Open Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Antiques Roadshow</b>	<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Admissions Open Day</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Oxford Alumni Weekend</b> <i>www.alumniweekend.ox.ac.uk</i> Although Hertford is not hosting an event, accommodation will be available	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Gaudy</b> (for matric years 1994-95)	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>London Drinks</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>

If you would like to hold a conference or other event at Hertford college, please contact Julie Dearden (see details on page 5).

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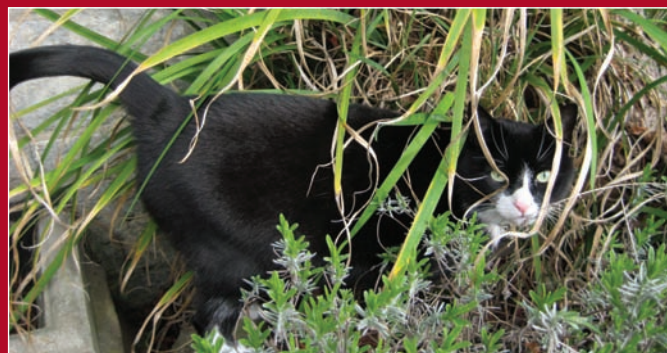
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