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The major happening of the year has been the actual start — in July — of completion of the Holywell quad by construction of the (mainly) residential block on its south side. We judged this — not without a certain amount of agonizing — to be within our means; and certainly there seemed to be no reasonable case for delay. It will be most interesting to see, next summer, how this project turns out. Since we are building out to the limit of the College's property, the sinuous approach to the Turf from Hell Passage will be narrower — I think to its advantage, giving it that air of medieval complication which future squads of tourists will believe, no doubt, to be authentically medieval. From inside, the Holywell quad with its south side filled in must, I suppose, be rather darker — but not too much so, since the new block will not be enormously high, and in any case we retain that opening in the southeast corner, over the single storey of the existing lecture-room, which has been a feature of the plans ever since Dr. Vaughan Williams first thought of it about ten years ago. The extra accommodation, of course, will be invaluable. Undergraduates like — as they should and I hope always will — to live actually in the College; we shall now be able to offer them a proper deal in that respect, and will also be in a position to do more, perhaps in College and certainly in College houses, for graduate students.

Another sizable venture is one that has a more distant pay-off. A few years ago we bought, and converted for use as rooms, the defunct hotel not far from Folly Bridge now known as Abingdon House. We have now been able to acquire, adjacent to that, a row of property on the south side of Western Road. Part of this is also usable as rooms, and part has been temporarily leased for University purposes; but the main point is that we now have, with Abingdon House and those other houses, the freehold of a large, square corner site close to the city centre, which we can either, if that suits the College in due course, develop for its own purposes, or, of course, sell. In either case, an important asset, for which I believe our successors will be grateful.

In other respects it has been a year, I think, in which things have gone on much as usual. That is in most ways an excellent thing — academic results, after all, seem nowadays usually to be excellent (a record twenty-one Firsts this year, and second, for the second year running, in the notorious Norrington table); the first Eight, as usual, has edged its way a little further up the river; our soccer players — this perhaps not quite so usual — have done great things; admissions to the College, now back in the hands of the indefatigable Dr. Tanner, continue to prosper; and so on. But it is also almost an inevitable thing; for, along with the University and indeed all other universities, we have extraordinarily little scope these days for variation. We are not allowed to grow; we could not afford to shrink (and would also probably not be allowed to); we have little option but to go on doing the things that we do, and always trying, of course, to do them a little better. Which being said, I shall perhaps be shamed and astonished by some colleague's brilliantly original project for some bold new departure; well, I would him to the Chancellor. It was a great pleasure to see him in the College on that occasion, and also to see something of his wife and family. He is retiring, regrettably to us, in a very serious sense of that word — to Barbados; but he is habitual, if not actually addicted, traveller, and we look forward to many future visits.

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The ancient Greeks believed that the Islands of the Blessed lay somewhere out in the Western Ocean, the exact location was unknown to them. That, however, is quite clear to us, since our next honoree was born and bred there. Do not imagine that your orator is indulging in fantasy: it is a custom of the islanders today to express their feelings of jubilation in extremely tuneful songs for which the name is 'Calypso'. Now do we not read in Homer of the nymph Calypso living in a faraway island and singing the sweetest of songs as she weaves in her care? That hits the nail right on the head: so welcome a guest who comes from those parts and the most loyal of Oxonians to be found anywhere must be greeted in the most festive of Latin metres:1

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1The umbrium septemtrius, a rhythm 'appropriate to merry occasions' (according to an ancient metrical), may serve as a Latin counterpart to a Calypso. The Orator is indebted to Mr. Thomas Aquinas Carmody, of the University College of the West Indies, a distinguished Calypso-composer, for the chole-structure and spiritually authentic rending of the Latin.
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The ancient Grecia believed that the Islands of the Blessed lay somewhere out in the Western Ocean; the exact location was unknown to them. That, however, is quite clear to us, since our next honoree was born and bred there. Do not imagine that your orator is indulging in fantasy: it is a custom of the islanders today to express their feelings of jubilation in extremely tuneful songs for which the name is 'Calypso'. Now do we not read in Homer of the nymph Calypso living in a far-away island and singing the sweetest of songs as she weaves in her cave? That hits the nail right on the head: so welcome a guest who comes from those parts and the most loyal of Oxonians to be found anywhere must be greeted in the most festive of Latin metres:

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THE HERTFORD COLLEGE MAGAZINE 1930 and 1940

1930: Holywell — Decline and Fall

“Our block of Holywell rooms have long been a source of uneasiness: their collapse has at times seemed very imminent, and there has been at least one member of the College within recent times whose tread was several times fatal to the staircase... the aim of the College is to put up a block of buildings which will be in keeping with the general characteristics of Holywell, and, with that in view, it is to be carried out in brick and plaster, not in stone. It is felt that there is much to be said for a style of architecture which will to some degree harmonize with the most pleasing features of the street... rather than a building which would rival the Gothic suggestions of the New College facade.”

1940: Sandbags — Men at Arms

“College A.R.P. measures were a formidable undertaking in September. The Bursar surprised himself in ingenious activity and crowned his efforts by producing some armour-plate protection for the cellars of the new quad. Reassuring piles of sandbags grew under the expert eye of the Principal, who disclosed for our benefit and alarm his experiences of the effects of high explosive. The merits of the New Bodleian became more apparent when he inspected its convenient deep cellars and solid concrete floor.”

“Engineering Class III. D. Mintoff.”

At a dinner with members of the Hertford Society Committee and its President, Bill Atkinson was asked to put on paper his own memories of how The Society came into being. Here is the result:

THE HERTFORD SOCIETY — HOW AND WHY IT STARTED

A personal account

In 1959, the Principal, Dr. Ferrar, announced at a Gaudy that after a lot of agonising the Governing Body had decided to launch an appeal for money which would enable the College to undertake some modernisation of its buildings and to introduce some plumbing into the staircases. For those who have come up later it may be difficult to realise that even in this post war era it was still necessary for an undergraduate to go down his staircase and cross the quad to go to a lavatory, have a bath or even to wash in hot water. Bedrooms had wash stands with basins, jugs of cold water and chamber pots. Water for shaving was brought round first thing in the morning by Scouts but how much longer could this go on? Possibly of greater importance, the College wanted to have a larger number of undergraduates living in College, and it was proposed to start splitting ‘sets’ into two bedsitters. Dr. Ferrar assured the guests that there was no intention of increasing the numbers of undergraduates; Hertford was to remain the small friendly college we had all known. He realised that its members had never been a wealthy lot but their affection for the College was undoubted and he was going to ask them to get the appeal started by digging as deeply into their pockets as they could. After that he would be in a position to approach outside parties who might be better heeled.

I thought that this announcement was received with rather less enthusiasm than the rest of the Principal’s Oration usual at Gaudies. It was not just the appeal to our pockets, although most of those present were of an age to have heavy family responsibilities, probably struggling to pay school fees, but too. I had already been approached by their old schools or their children’s schools which also found it necessary to launch appeals for building funds of one sort or another.

That night I slept badly, no doubt due to the excesses of the table. I found myself constantly thinking about the appeal. It was true that Hertford had always meant something special even if it was rather undistinguished and not too well known (Oxford? Oh, which College? Hertford, Where?) We had been a happy well knit bunch even if half the J.C.R. thought our subscription to La Vie Parisienne should be given up and the Daily Worker taken instead. Divided as we had been about this, it was probably the most serious subject to divert us from the rather remarkable similarity of view to most problems. Or so it seemed in retrospect. Was it partly that for some of us those were our last days of happy innocence before we were robbed of our simplicity and a way of life we would never see again?

How many people, I wondered, would be prepared to come up for a dinner, perhaps even for a weekend, in College if asked to pay for it? Something like this happened at Peterhouse, I had heard. Only those who had taken their M.A.’s were invited to Gaudies (cruelly a minority): what about those who had never got round to this? Or who had gone down without taking a degree? College had never shown any interest in them as far as I knew, not much in M.A.’s come to that. Was College interested in its old members, did any Oxford College do anything to keep in touch? Was it any part of a college’s ethos? My old school had a highly organised old boy’s society run by the school but except for once playing rugger for the old boys at the school I had never gone to any of its functions. Why then was I thinking that it would be different at Hertford?

At breakfast next morning I asked some of my neighbours whether they would come again if they had to pay for it. Were they at all interested in keeping in touch with each other and the College? Encouraged by their replies I asked several others, including Ronnie Ellen to whom I had been introduced as being a post-war President of the J.C.R. I had been the last before the war, which may have had something to do with why I felt a curious urge, a responsibility even, to do something about bridging the gap between us the old members and those directing the College wherever they might be. Finding further interest I went in search of Dr. Ferrar. He was standing outside the Lodge with one or two others, and I put it to him that if the College wanted a good response from past members it really was up to College to show a little more obvious interest in them, whether they had taken their M.A.’s or not. Should we perhaps consider an old members Society? One or two others joined in and I particularly remember Dick Thomas’s enthusiasm and his suggestion that it might be called the Old Stags, which somehow didn’t fit in with ideas which were already going through my mind. It was well known that Ferrar’s predecessor had lived in his own world
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remote from the pressures of reality, whose dislike of writing letters (or answering them) had resulted in at least one head of school giving up trying to send his boys to Hertford. Perhaps Ferrar for whom I had a personal respect could do with some backing from outside — more power to his elbow, but would it be tolerated? This was not the moment to suggest anything more than an expression of interest in forging a link with those who had gone down. I don't know what went through his mind but it was probably something like "that damned young Atkinson making work for me again"; at least he said he would think about it.

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I submitted a draft letter to those who had been at that meeting and had the moral support of Gerald Darling, Ronnie Ellen and Alfred Nathan. The first two had been Presidents of the J.C.R., whilst Alfred had run the Pullen Society. The latter epitomised Hertford in its day. Qualification for membership required that one must be undistinguished, and the club tie proclaimed the mediocre. However it had retained the active membership of a number of the 1940's era after they had gone down. On 25th April, 1961 College at its own expense sent out my letter with a reply postcard addressed to me in London to the 1600 names on its register. The postcard was designed so that with a shoebox I could use it as the basis for an elementary card index, which in fact served us well for many years.

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The dinner duly took place on 15th September 1961 in College. Because it was impossible to accommodate more than 90 people we had decided to hold an inaugural meeting the following January to which everyone interested could come. However, a proposal was put to those at dinner that the Society should come into being and that the temporary committee should continue in office until the inaugural meeting in January. The Principal presided at the dinner and Tom Boase, who had previously told me he doubted whether I would get enough support to start a Society, was kind enough to come and speak in its favour.

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On the 2nd May the Committee, which had been giving much thought to the subject, voted unanimously to recommend the election of Robert Stopford, Bishop of London, as President and 7 distinguished past members to be Vice-Presidents. The first general meeting took place on 20th June 1962 and the formal elections took place. The Society was duly launched but there was still a lot to be done by the committee for the next few years.

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The building of the second phase of the Holywell Quadrangle is now proceeding, and we hope it will be completed shortly after the end of Trinity, 1981. The early stages were not without problems: a pile driver had to be called in to support St. Helen's Passage which was in danger of collapsing into the Holywell hole, and we avoided building our house on sand only by digging very deep and pouring in vast quantities of concrete. However, at the time of writing the new structure has reached roof level and the contractors are on time.

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The Governing Body was nearly unanimous in deciding to go ahead with the work, notwithstanding the frighteningly high cost of building in those days. There was a feeling that we owe it to the future to complete the last piece of development which is possible on the College site. We will be able to accommodate two full years of undergraduates in College; we will have a much-needed large assembly area, and we will improve our conference facilities — this last being an important factor in our budget. In short: if we were to build at all, the present seemed as good a time as any.

1979-80 was an ambitious year for the College in other ways. We have bought two more houses and obtained four more on long leases. The purchases are Nos. 1 and 3 Western Road, which are on the adjacent corner to Ablington House on Ablington Road at Grounspout, which we purchased some years ago. In the short term we can afford only limited development and conversion while we lease storage space to the University. But the whole site we now own in that area could be made into a new quadrangle in the future. If all goes well this development might be contemplated in ten or fifteen years time. In the meantime we have increased our accommodation for students and come by a valuable asset which, if the worst comes to the worst, we could sell at profit. The three houses we have leased from the University are in Winchester Road, and their gardens join those of the two houses in Banbury Road which we already lease. We have had to pay a good lot of money in repairs to these properties, but whatever we spend is reflected in reduced rents for the period of the lease. Finally we have leased a second house in Banbury Road from the de la Faille brotherhood—a most attractive property which we intend to use for graduate students.

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Shortly after the refounding of the College through the munificence of Mr. Charles Baring, the College attained the proud position of Head of the River. The following letter was sent to T. G. Jackson, who was at that time engaged on the restoration of the Bodleian Library, by Mr. Madden, sub-librarian.

Bodleian Library, Oxford
May 26 1881

Dear Mr. Jackson,

Last night at about 10.45 I saw out of my window a blaze of light near the Bodleian, which at once reminded me of Hertford being head of the river and of concomitant festivities, so I went out and saw that not only were rockets, bombs, and every form of firework being let off in all directions (chiefly upward) in the front quad of Hertford, but also a huge bonfire was blazing just within the great gates of the College, fed with tables and chairs by a mad set of undergraduates who were chiefly occupied in dancing insanely round it. The sparks were flying straight up to about the level of the Schools tower, which, as you know, is swathed in wood-work and tarpaulins. Had there been any touch of east wind there would certainly have been showers of sparks all over the tower...

No notice had been given to any of us of the obvious danger if the wind had blown towards the Library and the Senior Proctor (one of the curators) had, I am told, specially sanctioned the fires... We stayed on the scaffolding until 2 a.m. when the men seemed to have gone to bed but it is so striking an instance of danger in a quiet summer term that you will pardon my telling you of it...

Very truly yours

F. MADDEN

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May 26 1881

Bodleian Library, Oxford

Dear Mr. Jackson,

Last night at about 10.45 I saw out of my window a blaze of light near the Bodleian, which at once reminded me of Hertford being head of the river and of concomitant festivities, so I went out and saw that not only were rockets, boms, and every form of firework being let off in all directions (chiefly upward) in the front quad of Hertford, but also a huge bonfire was blazing just within the great gates of the College, fed with tables and chairs by a mad set of undergraduates who were chiefly occupied in dancing innately round it. The sparks were flying straight up to about the level of the Schools tower, which, as you know, is swathed in wood-work and tarpaulins. Had there been any touch of east wind there would certainly have been showers of sparks all over the tower . . .

No notice had been given to any of us of the obvious danger if the wind had blown towards the Library and the Senior Proctor (one of the curators) had, I am told, specially sanctioned the fires . . . We stayed on the scaffolding until 2 a.m. when the men seemed to have gone to bed but it is so striking an instance of danger in a quiet summer time that you will pardon my telling you of it . . .

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**Barlow Harrow Scholarship:**
- B. A. Fyshsu, Harrow School.

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One of the most outstanding and thought-provoking sermons delivered in the Chapel this year was given by Ian Wilson on "The Shroud of Turin", a subject on which he has written a fascinating and widely-acclaimed book, which traces a very vivid and convincing history of the Shroud, dating from the period immediately after the Resurrection until the present day; and also summarizes the work that has been done on the Shroud by scientists in many different fields, ranging from medicine to botany and nuclear physics.

Ian Wilson himself became a Christian as a result of his researches though he told us that, if the Shroud were shown to be a forgery, his faith in Christ would not be diminished in any way.

In fact, no one has succeeded in proving the Shroud to be a forgery, and it seems highly unlikely that an artist, however skilful, working centuries before the discovery of photography, could have produced such an accurate "photographic negative", corresponding in so many details with the Gospel records of the Crucifixion. It also seems very unlikely that anyone would have unwound the wrappings from a body that had been prepared for burial, or that, had they done so, the marks on the cloth could have been so definitely and permanently recognizable. So the mystery of the Shroud and the mystery of the Resurrection seem to fit together, linking scientific workers today in a remarkable way with the Gospel writers of the first century.

Another of our preacher's referred to certain "out of the body" experiences, reported by people pronounced clinically dead who have been resuscitated and brought back to life. Modern advances in medicine and surgery have resulted in many more people going through this sort of experience, and research has recently come up with some remarkable discoveries. People all over the world have been brought back from imminent death by skilled medical treatment and nursing, and it has been possible to discover the thought processes undergone during the time of resuscitation.

The results show a remarkable consistency of experience, although the people analysed were of different backgrounds, race, and culture. Doctors and other researchers found that such patients had an extraordinarily detailed knowledge of what was done to them while they were moribund or unconscious, a knowledge best explained by the suggestion that they were "out of the body", "watching" what was going on from a position above their bodies. Patients described how they were "welcomed" by friends and relations who had already died. Many also mentioned a figure of light whom they identified with Jesus Christ. Many were distressed at being brought back to life.

No one claimed visions of living relatives. Those who went through this experience became absolutely convinced of the reality of life after death and most of them have any fear of a subsequent death.

This concept is entirely compatible with Christian teaching about life after death. Jesus clearly taught about life after death in many of His parables and in His conversations with the disciples and with the Pharisees. He told His disciples "Let not your heart be troubled ... In My Father's house are many mansions. I am going to prepare for you. I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also." In reply to the Pharisees He clearly said: "God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

A modern poet has put it in this way:

"Can these closed eyes still open to new glory?
Can these stiff hands unfold to told again?
Is there another chapter in the story
That seemed to end in weakness and pain?
A time is yet beyond the reach of reason
A place just faintly visible to faith,
Where life can stretch beyond its customary season
And our true selves will be at home, and safe?
This is the promise of a loving Master;
This is the word of Him whose word is true,
Who on the Cross triumphed against disaster,
Who from the Tomb returned with life anew:
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A modern poet has put it in this way—

"Can these closed eyelids open to new glory?
Can these stiff hands unfold to toil again?
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That seemed to end in weariness and pain?
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**HERTFORD COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY**

The past academic year has been an especially important one for the College Music Society. The Society broadened its interests considerably: added to the usual Termly Orchestral Concert and Chapel Choir activities were two Madrigal Early Music Consort Evenings plus numerous gifted visitors to the College.

Louise Bertie’s Farewell Concert was largely one of Baroque Music, given to a large Chapel audience last Christmas (1979). Louise has proved an invaluable member of the Society. Her contribution is certainly one of the most glittering in recent years. We wish her pianoforte studies well and everything else she does in the future.
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Running through the year was a further series of Organ Recitals, the performers coming both from inside and outside the University. Clearly the highpoint came with Andrew Newberry's (Peterborough Cathedral) Modern French Programme in February. The standard of performance, as one would expect, was quite exceptional. It is a great pity that so few people support this sort of event.

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In common with most, the J.C.R. is faced with the problem of an ever decreasing real income. We have in the past formulated countless grandiose plans to improve our facilities, only to find drastic reductions in scale necessary. Nevertheless, with help from the College we intend to refurbish both the Octagon room and the Boathouse during 1980–1. Plans are also being made for the general redecoration of the Bar and the Laundry, the former continuing to be one of the most heavily used facilities in College.

Mention of the Boathouse prompts much deserved praise for the year's sporting achievements. The Boat Club flourished with over one third of the J.C.R. participating at some time; and interest in the Rugby, Cricket and Hockey clubs, if numbers at their respective dinners provide any guide, remained high. The greatest successes were achieved by the Football club, and a highlight of the year was their well-supported victory over Brasenose in the Coupers Final.

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J.C.R. life continues to be eventful, noisy — too noisy for some, and varied. Members of Hertford J.C.R. have made their mark both inside College and on a University level in many different areas of activity with an admirable degree of success.

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Activities organized for the members included theatre trips to London and Stratford, dinners, dances, and parties. In addition to some very fine Guest Dinners, a joint M.C.R.-S.C.R. dinner proved to be a very enjoyable experience for all who attended. A tour of the Houses of Parliament was also arranged and an authentic American Thanksgiving dinner was held in the Hall. Demonstrating that they were not yet “over the hill”, many M.C.R. members honorably represented their College on the playing fields and on the river, though the first annual M.C.R.-J.C.R. cricket match was lost in a close game to a more experienced side.

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Five boats were entered in Torpils. Despite a great deal of enthusiasm and conscientious training, each of the lower crews developed the diametric habit of hitting the opposition with the wrong end of their boat. The Men’s Second Torpil fell five places while the Third Torpil dropped three. In spite of being up two places after two days of rowing, the Ladies Second Torpil finished down three places.

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Social events continue in the pattern established and have been adequately supported. The Social sub-Committee is very cost conscious, and is well aware of the many additional costs involved in attending our functions. As the College will be holding a Gaudy regularly in the Autumn, we propose to shift the time of the Dinner to the Summer.
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