



# Hertford College

## News

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SIR WALTER BODMER FRS, PRINCIPAL

The first women to be admitted to Hertford matriculated 25 years ago, in October 1974. Today, it is difficult to imagine the College without our undergraduate and postgraduate women and our female Fellows, Research Fellows and Members.

In this issue, there is room to highlight only a few Hertford women, but we hope that as many Members as possible will celebrate with us at our special 25th Anniversary Women's Gaudy on Saturday 25th September.

I was a Professorial Fellow at Keble College when admitting women was first being considered. The Fellows at Keble were not, in their first round of voting, persuaded. Two years later, the motion passed with a clear majority but by that time, Hertford was already fully coeducational.

It has taken more time for the proportion of women Fellows in the former men's colleges to reach a reasonable level. Currently, of our 38 Fellows, eight are women, and of the eight Fellows elected in the three years since I have been at Hertford, five are women.

I am certain that over a period of time we shall approach a 50/50 balance amongst our Fellows as we have amongst our undergraduates and postgraduates.

*Walter Bodmer*

## Hertford Annual Giving: We're Half Way There

If 525 more Members send a donation now, we will reach our goal of 25% participation.

If you have made a donation already, and persuade just **one** other Member to do the same, we will succeed!

*Results in the next issue!*

*"The amount I can give is too small to make a difference."*

*"I'm afraid Hertford won't appreciate my small donation*

*... so I won't bother."*

Do these thoughts deter you?

### Remember:

- Participation is what counts, whatever the size of your gift.
- A £5 gift increases our % participation as much as a gift of £5,000.
- The College values all gifts equally.
- Many small donations add up to a valuable sum for Hertford.\*
- At other Oxford colleges, 25% or more of old members already participate in Annual Giving, providing essential support.

If Hertford has made a difference to you, please endorse and help the College by participating in Annual Giving (even if your gift is small). Thank you for helping.

\* For example, if 25% of our members make a donation annually, and the average of all their gifts is £250 (i.e. even if half the gifts are less than £250), this will result in over £260,000 in new income for the College each year, the same income as raising £5.8 million in new endowment. (In the UK, a gift of £250 a year can be made by covenanting £14.60 per month, because Hertford can reclaim the tax already paid.)

Please send your cheque made out to 'Hertford College' to the Development Office, Hertford College, Oxford OX1 3BW, U.K. or ask for another Annual Giving form (which also explains how to give tax effectively in the UK, USA and Canada) by ringing +44 (0)1865 279428.

We want to include your name on our list of all those who have made a donation to Hertford since 1996. This 'List of Donors' will now be published with our Autumn issue along with our list of International Leaders (our Ambassadors for Hertford and its Campaign 2000 around the world). We also hope to complete the updated *Hertford Record* by the Autumn.

## Million Dollar Donation for the Graduate Centre and Valuable Support from Hertford Members

A generous donation of \$1 million from a U.S.-based grant-making trust has given Graduate Centre fundraising a boost. The trust has no previous connection to Hertford but has supported Oxford and other distinguished institutions in the UK. For the time being, its trustees wish to have no publicity, but the Principal and Campaign President Sir Nicholas Henderson have expressed the College's immense gratitude for this outstanding contribution.



THE BURSAR KEEPS AN EYE ON PROGRESS AT THE GRADUATE CENTRE SITE AT FOLLY BRIDGE

Hertford Members are also stepping forward with valuable support. **Lorne Whiteway** (Maths, 1981) and **Jacqueline Glomski** (Mary Starun Scholar, 1982), who met when they were graduate students at Hertford and later married, will sponsor the Graduate Centre Bar. **John Philips** (Maths, 1938), who lives near Harrogate, has chosen to name the footbridge over the Boat Basin. It has occurred to John that 'Pons Asinorum' – a reference to the famous proof in Euclid's First Book – might be an appropriate name for a bridge sponsored by a former maths scholar. (It now looks as if a second footbridge may also need a sponsor.) Other Members have expressed their interest in sponsoring parts of the project, to be acknowledged in the next issue.

**A second list of sponsorship opportunities is enclosed.** Now that the walls of the Graduate Centre are up and work has begun on the roof, planning is under way for the Garden Quad and landscaping. Groups of Members might consider banding together to sponsor a part of the Graduate Centre. Their generosity will be recognised on brass plaques or the benefactors board to be placed centrally in the building. The project will be completed in April 2000.

## Welcome to Harriet Irvine



HARRIET IRVINE, MEMBER RELATIONS OFFICER

Having said farewell in May to Charlotte Dewhurst, who had been at the College since 1996 and is now working for a company, Hertford is delighted to welcome Harriet Irvine to the Development and Members Office. Harriet has more than three and a half years experience as Alumni Relations Officer at Oxford's Linacre College. Born and raised in London, Harriet worked in public relations, including nine years at the Tate Gallery, before moving to Oxford with her family. She looks forward to meeting Hertford Members and keeping them in touch with the College through our newsletter and programme of events.

## Geoffrey Warnock Society

To safeguard its excellence, Hertford must take a long-term view. While increased annual revenue is needed to meet current needs, and capital gifts are needed for the new Graduate Centre, longer-range pledges are essential in planning for the future. Including Hertford in your will is a practical way in which you can play an important part in helping the College. The Geoffrey Warnock Society has been launched to recognise and thank those who have made a bequest to the College or intend to do so. A leaflet, with reply slip, is enclosed. Extra copies are available from the Development and Members Office.

## Degree Days at Hertford

As our cover shows, returning for Degree Day is one of the pleasures awaiting graduates. Members who have not yet collected their degrees, even after many years, may like to be reminded that there is no time limit on participation. Recently one of our Honorary Fellows took his degree in his 90s, together with a son and grandson. Degree Ceremonies take place on several Saturdays each term. Candidates and their guests gather for lunch in Hall before processing together to the Sheldonian. Remaining 1999 Degree Days are: 6 & 27 November. Details are available from the College Office (tel. 01865 – 279423).

### FRONT COVER: DEGREE DAY, 1ST MAY 1999.

DEAN OF DEGREES PAUL COONES LEADS HERTFORD'S CANDIDATES TO THE SHELDONIAN. (L TO R) BEN GARNETT, RACHEL BONE, RUTH HANNA, SIMEON GABRIEL, VICKY SINGH-CURRY, ISABELLE MAST, PAUL COONES, MICHAEL GREER, CHRISTIAN RAITZ VON FRENTZ, NOOR UL ISLAM, RICHARD CUNNINGHAM, CAROLINE ALLISON, PETER BRUCE, LEE RAYNER.

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# Celebrating 25 Years

*Twenty-five years ago, Hertford was one of the five Oxford colleges – Jesus, Wadham, St Catherine’s, Brasenose, and Hertford – to admit women undergraduates for the first time. These colleges were at first limited to a quota of 25 women each. That same year, 1974, Hertford also celebrated the Centenary of the refounding of the College by Thomas Baring. Perhaps that event overshadowed the advent of women, because the 1974 College Magazine afforded them only a brief mention: ‘Seventeen women undergraduates are to be admitted this Michaelmas Term, including one scholar and one exhibitioner. Several old members have already brought their young daughters to look the place over.’ Derek Conran, then Secretary of the Hertford Society, recalls, ‘Because everyone wanted the experiment to work, it did.’ Four years later, in 1978, Hertford’s*

*Thanks to Jane Furnival and Sarah Walker for responding to our request*

## An Unforgettable Welcome



**Jane Furnival**  
(1976, English)

*Jane Furnival, in the third group of women at Hertford, was President of the Oxford University Literary Society. After a career in TV commercials she is now a journalist and author. Jane recalls her unusual welcome to Hertford.*

“1976. My first night at Hertford. There weren’t many women, but I felt secure and left my door unlocked. My room, on the far side of New Buildings Quad, was wobbly-floored and old, but newly done up. It stood alone in a corridor between two staircases.

About three in the morning, a noise woke me. Coarse cloth rustling, and movement. A black-hooded figure sat on my bed, leaning towards me. His face was shaded, but in a strip of streetlight shining through the window, I saw a hooked nose,

lips and chin. I screamed. He recoiled, then ... melted.

Seeing monks on your bed doesn’t exactly add to your credibility among new people. I didn’t seek ‘help’. What could anyone do? I bedded down on the stone floor of a girlfriend’s room in the Quad most nights instead.

How I doubted my own eyes, until experience taught me to trust myself. It was twenty years later when I saw another ghost and discovered others saw it too. Now I am told that the Octagon, the building next door to my room at Hertford, was once a medieval chapel. Perhaps, on his regular centuries-old beat, the monk who sat on my bed had felt the need to investigate this first-ever woman on his premises.”



**Jacqueline Glomski**  
(1982, Mary Starun Scholar)

**Dr Jacqueline Glomski** was the College’s first Mary Starun Scholar. She came to Hertford with a B.A. in Classics and an M.A. in Comparative Literature to do research in Polish Literature for her Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago. She has gone on from Hertford to become a well-known expert on Renaissance Poland. Now working at the University of London’s Warburg Institute, she is married to Hertford graduate Lorne Whiteway (D.Phil. Maths, 1981). Both are Leaders of the College’s Campaign 2000. Last term, she gave a paper to the Oxford West Slavonic Seminar Group in the Old Library at Hertford, focusing on her recent research.

## Tessa Bamford (1977, Geography)

In the fourth matriculation year to include women, Tessa joined BZW immediately



AFTER 20,000 KM, TESSA BAMFORD REACHES THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

# of Women at Hertford

first woman Fellow, Julia Briggs, was elected. Today, Hertford has eight Women Fellows – and in addition is one of the few Oxford colleges to have female Head Porters. Notable women graduates include: Mary O'Hagan (née Francis), political advisor and consultant, and Kate Stross, Finance and Development Director, ITV Network (both 1974); Sarah Crompton (1976), Arts Editor, Daily Telegraph; Margaret Platt (1980), a Vice President, Deutsche Bank, New York; Jacqui Smith MP (1981); Helen Mumford (née Williams) (1982), CEO, Wentworth Research; Vanessa Collingridge (1986), the broadcast journalist, now on ITV's 'Tonight with Trevor McDonald'; Andrea Ashworth (1987 and D.Phil.) the best-selling author and Oxford academic; and Joanna Yarrow (1992) who has her own environmental consulting firm, Sequoia.

*in the last issue for reminiscences of the early days of women at Hertford.*

## The First Ever Hertford Women's VIII



HERTFORD'S FIRST EVER WOMEN'S VIII ROWING IN EIGHTS WEEK, 1976. THE CREW: CLAIRE GRIFFITH-JONES, 2 YVONNE WILLIAMS, 3 KATE SUTTON, 4 SARAH WALKER (WHITE HAIR BAND), 5 PAT CRABTREE, 6 ANNE URWIN, 7 CATHY BENNET, STROKE LEONIE RICHARDS, COX CARA WILLMOTT. COACH: ROBERT LUSARDI.

### Sarah Walker (1975, PPE)

This photo of the first Hertford Women's VIII in action was sent in by Sarah Walker, who went on to a successful

career in the Civil Service, including H.M. Treasury, and is now an Assistant Director with Inland Revenue. She writes: 'I also rowed the following year in the

College's first mixed VIII, the Tachyons. I appreciated Hertford's policy in those days of letting anyone row who wanted to, regardless of talent or strength!'

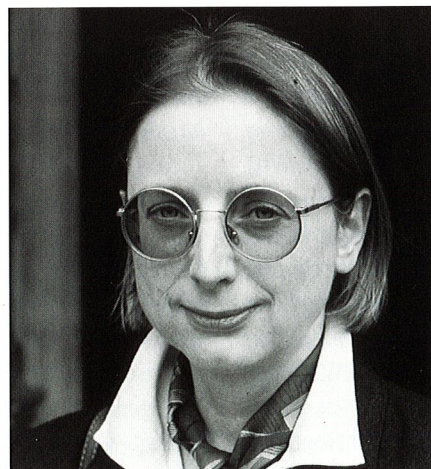
after graduation and went on to a successful career in international banking. After six years she joined Schroders where she became a Director based in London and New York.

Last year, deciding to take a break from the hectic life of a merchant banker, among many other activities, Tessa successfully completed the demanding London-Cape Town Car Rally. The 85 cars in the Rally covered nearly 20,000 km and crossed 24 different countries.

At the moment Tessa is in Florence studying History of Art and Italian at the British Institute where a fellow student is Katherine Roberts, Hertford 2nd year Modern Languages undergraduate.

### D.B. Lenck (1985, PPE)

Born in Hamburg, 'D.B.' gained her B.S. in the U.S., financing her university fees



PHOTOGRAPH BY NORMAN McBEATH

by setting up her own company at the age of 20 to expedite the transfer of computer parts from America to Germany. With similar initiative, D.B. financed her second B.A. at Hertford with teaching and editing work in Oxford. Joining the Bank of England after graduation, she worked on several projects involving the Bank's financial systems, eventually joining the team which prepared the Bank for the launch of the Euro. In this role, she served as the key link between financial, legal, and IT specialists.

Based in Oxford, D.B. also writes novels, and is currently writing a fantasy novel entitled 'A Young Lady of Threadneedle Street'.

# Sukhvinder Stubbs



*Sukhvinder Stubbs, Chief Executive of the Runnymede Trust, is a leading player in multicultural Britain. She is listed as one of the 100 most influential women in London.*

Public concern about racial discrimination was highlighted in the U.K. by the recent inquiry into the death of Stephen Lawrence. Leading the drive for changes which will promote a successful multi-ethnic society is Sukhvinder Kaur Stubbs (née Thethy), who read Geography at Hertford from 1981–84. As the youngest ever Chief Executive of the Runnymede Trust, an independent think tank on race relations and cultural diversity, she is a leading player in multicultural Britain and was recently listed as one of the 100 most influential women in London and among 10 prominent Sikhs in Britain. She is married to writer David Stubbs, who read English at Hertford from 1981–84.

After Hertford, Sukhvinder gained management training at BT, then broad experience in the public, private, and voluntary sectors. She led the Community Affairs Programme of English Partnerships, the government's urban regeneration agency, and worked for the welfare of prisoners and of dyslexic children, and in international affairs and community development. With a reputation for managing change, she was recruited in 1996 by the Runnymede Trust, founded thirty years ago by Sir Adrian Cadbury, Lord Lester, Jim Rose, and others. The Trust provides information, advice and research, and has an enviable reputation for independence and objectivity. Already Sukhvinder has restructured the organization, increased its profile with Whitehall and the media, and tripled its income base. With no statutory funding, the Trust depends solely on voluntary contributions. Current work includes projects on European legislation,

educational disadvantage, British Muslims and Islamophobia, and the Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain.

As a first-generation immigrant, Sukhvinder's first language is Punjabi, and she was almost nine years old before she learned to speak English. Her father arrived in Britain in the early Sixties with a C-class voucher and only £50 in his pocket, but he built a new life for his family in Handsworth in Birmingham. 'As soon as I learnt to speak English, the whole world started to come alive for me. I read practically everything that was in the local library.' Her father allowed her to stay on to the sixth form, and Sukhvinder was admitted to Hertford and eventually was awarded the top University Geography prize of her year.

Admitting that the immigrant work ethic still runs in her veins, Sukhvinder combines extensive public and voluntary service with the full-time demands of the Runnymede Trust. Among other activities, she is Vice Chair to the Education Minister on the Task Group for Raising Achievement, Independent Assessor for public appointments, and a Board Member of the new Regional Development Agency in the West Midlands. A recent challenge as Chair of the Secondary Education Commission for Birmingham City Council was to develop a vision for restructuring secondary education across the city. On a voluntary basis, she Chairs the European Network against Racism, and is a member of Lord Rogers' Millennium Villages Panel as well as a Trustee of DEMOS. When time allows, Sukhvinder likes to relax with mountain hiking and adventure travel.

# Helen Alexander

*Helen Alexander, Chief Executive of The Economist Group, is listed at number 12 in Management Today magazine's list of Britain's top 50 most powerful women in business.*



From her office at the top of the high-rise glass and stone Economist Building in London, Helen Alexander, who read Geography at Hertford from 1975–78, has a sweeping view over the Georgian and Victorian roof tops of St James's. She rose to the top of the company, as well as the building, in just a dozen years, having joined the Group in 1985 and been appointed Chief Executive in 1997. 'I have not changed employers since my MBA,' she says, 'but The Economist is an extremely special place to work. The fact that the publication has no editorial by-lines reflects a collegial atmosphere where prima donnas do not survive for long. It has been a very powerful formula for the Group and, personally, I hugely enjoy every aspect of my work.'

As head of The Economist Group, Helen oversees more than 10 magazines and newspapers across the world and several sizeable business information companies. 'Our publications aim to enlighten and lead the debate in their markets. We are in business to make a difference – and that means constantly moving into new markets, whether they be new segments or new geographic regions. We are launching and acquiring new publications and growth is fast in all our regional markets: the US (50% of our business), Europe (36%) and Asia. We are also regularly solicited with opportunities in Latin America which we are studying.'

From St Paul's Girls' School, where she was Head Girl, Helen joined the second matriculation year at Hertford to include women. She was also somewhat of a pioneer in women's sport,

playing tennis for Hertford, participating in University Athletics, and winning two half blues in Lacrosse. After Hertford, Helen gained five years' publishing experience – with Gerald Duckworth & Co and Faber & Faber – before going on to her MBA at INSEAD near Paris. On graduation, she joined *The Economist* as a Marketing Manager, and two years later, in 1987, was appointed Circulation Director. By 1996, circulation had more than doubled.

'The Economist Group is best known for its publication of the same name, now over 150 years old,' she says, 'but the Group's rapid growth over the past ten years has meant that *The Economist* itself now represents only 55% of the Group's profits. The 50-year-old Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) is now the second largest business in the Group in terms of profit, but it was not always in such a strong position.' Helen became Managing Director of the EIU in 1993 and led its transformation by tightening up, focusing on the industries of tomorrow, and advancing the electronic delivery of information.

As well as overseeing the growth of The Economist Group, Helen currently serves as a non-executive director of Northern Foods, British Telecom, and Writers and Scholars International, the publishers of *Index on Censorship*, and is on the ethics committee of the University College London Hospitals. She has also been an interviewer for the British Home Civil and Foreign Service. Married to Timothy Suter, she is also a mother of three. 'It takes some organisation,' she admits economically. Quotations by kind permission of the INSEAD Alumni Association newsletter.

# Spotlight on our

Today 45% of Hertford's students are women: 166 JCR and 61 MCR. We focus on

## JCR Women

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LEFT TO RIGHT: JO PLUMMER, SARAH MIDDLETON, RACHEL WILLIAMSON, AND RACHAEL PEARSON

**Jo Plummer**, Modern History finalist, has been JCR Secretary, Hertford Women's Football Captain, and an active member of the Music Society. She has also been Co-president of the Charles James Fox Society. 'One of the most striking aspects of Hertford has been the sheer scope and opportunity available to its undergraduates, both male and female.'

**Sarah Middleton**, second year Maths, from Cambridge, was born in Toronto and is Captain of the Women's Boat Club and rows in the Women's first VIII. This summer she will spend six weeks as a tutor in

Mozambique. 'Oxford is seen as male dominated, Maths as a male dominated subject, and rowing as a male dominated sport, so as a woman, I particularly appreciate the warmth, encouragement and support I have received from Hertford.' **Rachel Williamson**, second year Medicine, from Glasgow, is President of the Hertford College Music Society and JCR Welfare Officer. 'Being Music Society President has been one of the greatest challenges I have faced. As with everything else, I have never felt anything other than equal to my male peers.' **Rachael Pearson**, Physiological Sciences finalist from Suffolk, has a place next year at University College London to do a Ph.D. in Neuroscience. She was JCR Women's Officer, and is active in the University Medical Society. A member of the University Equestrian Team since matriculation, she was last year's Team Captain. (see page 15)

## JCR 25th Anniversary Photography Project



JCR WOMEN'S OFFICERS CLARE THOMAS (L) AND LAYLA RENSHAW (R)

*Layla Renshaw and Clare Thomas write:*

"As JCR Women's Officers we try to promote women's events and issues at both University and College level. This term we are involved in the OUSU campaign on diet and healthy eating and the Women's Open Day to

encourage female applicants to Oxford. We felt it important to do something different and lasting to commemorate 25 years of women in Hertford. We had noted the absence of images or portraits of women in College and thought it was an appropriate time to change this. We have asked a group of undergraduate

students with an interest in photography to help us photograph a small group of notable Hertford women to prepare a portrait exhibition which will be shown at the Women's Gaudy on 25th September and then displayed in the Library. It will be good to have student work on the walls; more importantly, it will remind everyone how much women members have accomplished in the last 25 years."

**Donations totalling £400 are needed for the Photography Project** to cover costs such as travel, film, and framing. Gifts will be gratefully received at the Development Office and donors acknowledged alongside the final display of photos. Thank you to everyone who can contribute.



# Women Students

a very few to show the diversity of their interests, activities, and achievements.

**Kandiah Binns**, from London, is pursuing her M.Sc. in Comparative Social Policy as a basis for a career in political journalism, following her B.A. (Hons) from the University of London. Kandiah has already appeared on BBC radio and TV as well as in the *Oxford Student* and *Cherwell*. The Oxford University Student Union representative for the MCR, she is active in Chapel Choir and the OU Athletics Club. 'Hertford's relaxed atmosphere and encouragement has given me the determination to follow both College and University pursuits.'

**Mariame McIntosh**, Rhodes Scholar, grew up in Jamaica before her MIT degree in Electrical Engineering and Economics. Two years as a management consultant in Boston, taking her to South Africa, and a summer teaching disadvantaged children in Mexico followed. Her M.Phil. in Economics focuses on the impact of globalisation on developing countries, and Mariame's dream is to found and operate a non-profit

organisation for Jamaica to promote economic development by emphasising quality education for all. **Rachel Buxton**, Rhodes Scholar for South Australia, has just been elected next year's MCR President. Born in Leeds, she completed her schooling in Australia. Her BA (Hons) in English is from the University of Adelaide where she was JCR President at her college. She spent time in India before coming to Hertford where Fellow Tom Paulin is supervising her D.Phil. on the influence of Robert Frost on the poetry of Seamus Heaney and Paul Muldoon. Other interests are football, theatre, water-skiing, travelling, and socialising in the College bar.

## MCR Women



LEFT TO RIGHT: KANDIAH BINNS, MARIAME MCINTOSH, AND RACHEL BUXTON

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## Our 'Mature Student'



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MARINA HAMILTON-BAILLIE

Marina Hamilton-Baillie, first year Modern Languages, came to Hertford as a 'mature Fresher' after producing and presenting for the BBC German Service for 13 years and bringing up three children. Although her father and grandfather, who was a Rhodes Scholar from Germany, were at Oxford, she was expected to go straight to work from school or get married. She did both before matriculating at Hertford last Autumn.

"After years of 'giving' in jobs or family, I am incredibly grateful now to be given so much – the libraries, the lectures, tutorials. It is an enormous privilege, and I feel I am the most appreciative undergraduate in Oxford. The Hertford Freshers took me into their midst and I was not made to feel like an outsider at all. I feel I now have lots of friends among people whose ages are closer to those of my children. When I finish, I would like to go back into the media – and not hit a 'glass ceiling' this time."

Note for international readers: 'Mature Student' is the official UK term for an undergraduate who is over 21 when joining the University. (It doesn't mean that all others are 'immature'!)

# Our Wom



ENGLISH FELLOWS DR CHARLOTTE BREWER AND DR EMMA SMITH

With three daughters born since she became a Fellow, **Charlotte Brewer** is currently breaking new ground as Oxford's first half-time don. A past Fellow of All Souls, her published works focus on editing texts written before printing, especially the 14<sup>th</sup> century poem *Piers Plowman*. Her research includes 19<sup>th</sup> century views of the medieval period and the history of the Oxford English Dictionary. A St Anne's graduate, her D.Phil. is from Wolfson.

**Emma Smith**, a Somerville graduate, became Hertford's third English Fellow in 1998 after holding a prize Fellowship at All Souls where she gained her D.Phil. in 1997. Specialising in Shakespeare and Renaissance drama, she is currently working on a history of *Henry V* in performance and researching the dramatic significance of ghosts in the late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> century. Emma also teaches classes for the Oxford Department of Continuing Education.



**Dr Karen Day**, Fellow and Reader in Molecular Epidemiology, is a founder of Oxford's Wellcome Trust Centre for the Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases, established in 1993, which

now has a new building and over 100 staff. Born and educated in Australia, Karen previously was Senior Research Officer at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne and Lecturer in the Department of Biology at Imperial College London where, prior to her move to Oxford, she had her own research programmes, students, and staff as part of the Wellcome Centre for Parasitic Infections. Internationally recognized for her work on Malaria, in particular the diversity and transmission dynamics of the malarial parasite *Plasmodium falciparum*, Karen has many research papers to her name



STEPHANIE WEST FBA, FELLOW IN CLASSICS AND LIBRARIAN

A Somerville graduate, **Dr Stephanie West** has been Senior Research Fellow in

Classics and Hertford Librarian since 1990. She first came to Hertford in 1966 as Lecturer in Classics and has also held a Junior Research Fellowship at Somerville and a Lectureship in Greek at Keble. Stephanie was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1990. Her written works include *The Ptolemaic Papyri of Homer* and a commentary on Homer's *Odyssey*, and many articles and reviews. Her husband, also a Classicist, is Senior Research Fellow at All Souls.

and is spending this summer at the Department of Tropical Health at Harvard's School of Public Health before returning to Hertford in October

**Dr Margaret Dallman**, Emeritus Fellow, came to Hertford in 1985 following her Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at Stanford, and she remained at the College as a Senior Research Fellow until 1994 when she took up her current position in the Department of Biology at Imperial College, London. A graduate in Cellular Pathology from Bristol University, her



MARGARET DALLMAN

D.Phil. in Transplantation Immunology is from Linacre College, Oxford and she is a Director of Lorantis. Maggie's first child, a son, was born last year.

# en Fellows



**Dr Patricia Critchley** (née Ferguson), gained her BA and D.Phil. at Hertford, winning four University prizes when she obtained her First in 1993. The College's second Tutorial Fellow in Jurisprudence, she was born in Cumbria, and attended High School in Wales. Her special interests are in Land Law and Trusts, in particular the law relating to the family home, an area on which she worked as a

**Julia Briggs** (right), Emeritus Fellow, became Hertford's first woman Fellow in 1978. She is perhaps best-known for her edition of Virginia Woolf and her biography of E. Nesbit. Her study of English literature 1580-1625, *This Stage-Play World*, is a standard introduction for students of the period. She has also written on William Golding, and her wide range of interests include ghost stories and books written for children. She is now Professor of English and Women's Studies at De Montfort University, Leicester.

research assistant at the Law Commission in London. She has also published articles on formality requirements in Property Law and contributed to *Judicial Review Handbook*. Her first child, David Alasdair Critchley, was born in April this year, so she is currently on maternity leave, but will return to Hertford in October.



**Dr Keiko Tanaka**, born near Kobe, Japan, and educated at Kobe City University of Foreign Studies and Essex University, obtained her Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of London.

Formerly a Tutorial Fellow at Hertford, she became a Senior Research Fellow in October, 1998. A sociopragmatist, she works on the language of the media in both Britain and Japan and on aspects of Japanese linguistics. Her first monograph *Advertising Language* has been reprinted repeatedly and has just been published in paperback. She has also published on figures of speech and Japanese discourse markers and has an interest in translation theory and practice, having had much experience as a simultaneous interpreter.



JULIA BRIGGS AND ANNE HOLMES

**Dr Anne Holmes**, Emeritus Fellow and Newnham College graduate, began teaching at Hertford when it was still a men's college. 'The admission of women improved the College in every way.' She also served as Tutor for

Admissions. After her 1993 book on the French symbolist poet Jules Laforgue, she is now writing a more general work on French poetry of that period. Married to the historian George Holmes, she has three children.



**Professor Kay Davies** CBE, Hertford Fellow and Head of the Oxford University Department of Genetics and Human Anatomy, is also Dr Lee's Professor of Anatomy at Oxford. Her main research interests concern the molecular analysis of inherited neuro-muscular and neurological disease, and she has many publications and honours to her name. A

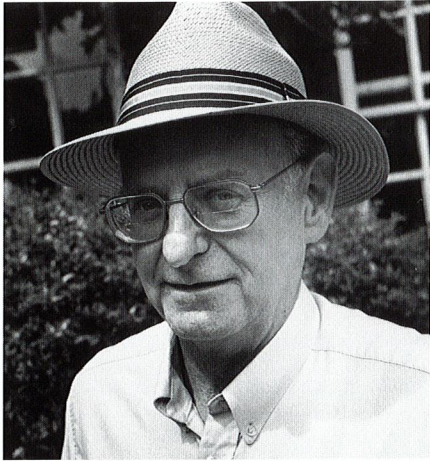
Somerville graduate, she has held a number of research positions and distinguished lectureships in the UK, France and the US. She serves on the Government Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing and is founding Editor of *Human Molecular Genetics*. Her talks on radio and television have contributed greatly to the public understanding of science.

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Richard Malpas to Retire

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After 40 years at Hertford, Richard Malpas, the College's Senior Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, will retire in October. 'I cannot accurately compute the number of my past pupils,' he says 'but it must be between four and five hundred. As I empty the shelves in my College room, I am surprised at the number of subjects on which I have ventured to lecture. Of recent years it has mostly been the British Empiricists, peppered with some classes on the Philosophy of Action – a subject which continues to baffle me. Strange to think that there will be no more tutorials on Descartes' *Cogito*. I was just beginning to decide whether it was valid.'

An Anglo-Scot brought up in Merseyside, after Harrow and Merton College where he read Greats and was a lecturer, Richard was elected a Fellow in 1959, and also became Bursar. 'That was the time of the Franks Commission, and I remember going before that august assembly to indicate the College's parlous financial state'.

'I lived in College for 15 years until I married. Since then home has been in the village of Cassington (where I aim to stay for a while yet). Many an August has been spent on the island of Arran where I have climbed most of the hills and fished all the lochs.' Sabbaticals included a Visiting Professorship at Brown in the eventful year 1968 and a pleasant stay in Trinidad.

Aside from following the careers of his three children, retirement will bring fishing, gardening, amateur astronomy, and, we hope, his continued presence at College events.

# Engineering

*From microscopes to aircraft engines, the work of Hertford's two Engineering Fellows, Professor Tony Wilson and Dr Fionn Dunne, is at the cutting edge of new technology.*

The first Engineering Tutor at Hertford was Dr Gerry McCrum, now Emeritus Fellow, followed in 1984 by Professor Tony Wilson, and later Professor Laszlo Solymar FRS, who retired last year, and Dr Fionn Dunne. A specialist in optics, Tony Wilson is Editor of the *Journal of Microscopy*, and in addition to his teaching has been instrumental in developing the confocal microscope, a new technology which has had a major impact in the Life Sciences, particularly in Cell Biology, and in the field of semiconductors. Confocal microscopy enables a high-resolution, three-dimensional, real-time image of a thick specimen to be created by recording a series of very thin sections of the speci-

men using an ordinary light source. Having developed two types of confocal microscopes, now widely available, Tony Wilson is now working to apply confocal techniques to medicine and the treatment of disease. With a First from Pembroke and D.Phil. from Christ Church, where he was a Senior Scholar, Tony Wilson was first elected a Fellow of Brasenose, then spent a year at Bell Laboratories in New Jersey, and joined the Department of Engineering Science in Oxford in 1982. With three books, over two hundred published papers, and numerous awards to his credit, Tony Wilson was recently elected the youngest Honorary Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society.



"[Tony Wilson's lecture] was most definitely one of those 'you should have been there' occasions. I was enthralled from start to finish."

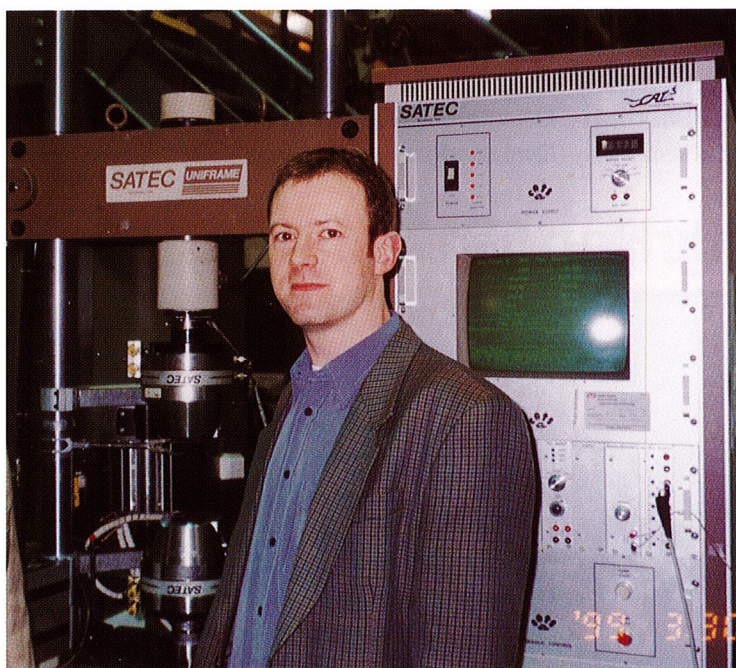
*Proceedings of The Royal Microscopical Society on Tony Wilson's 1998 Abbe Lecture*

PROFESSOR TONY WILSON RECEIVING HIS HONORARY FELLOWSHIP OF THE ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY IN 1998. HE IS BY FAR THE YOUNGEST HONORARY FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY. ON THE SAME OCCASION, AFTER HE PRESENTED THE THIRD ERNST ABBE LECTURE, PROFESSOR WILSON WAS GIVEN A SPECIAL GIFT BY THE CARL ZEISS COMPANY: A HALF-SCALE 1859 STATIV II ZEISS MICROSCOPE

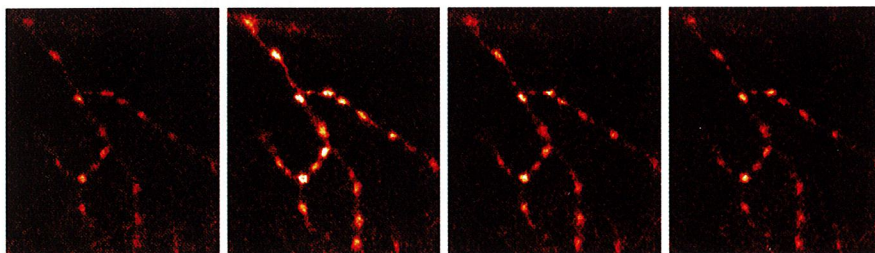
# in Focus

Dr Fionn Dunne, who specializes in the mechanics of materials, came to Hertford from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology by way of Sheffield, Galway and Bristol. Dr Dunne works closely with companies such as Rolls-Royce and British Steel and researches deformation, structure, and failure of materials. This is used in practice for the improved safe design of aircraft

engine components, for example. Fionn Dunne also co-organizes Oxford's 'Headstart' scheme, funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering. Over several days each July, 30-40 sixth-formers gain an introduction to Engineering through laboratory work, projects, and visits to local companies, culminating in a formal dinner in Hertford's Hall. A number of successful Hertford applicants has resulted.

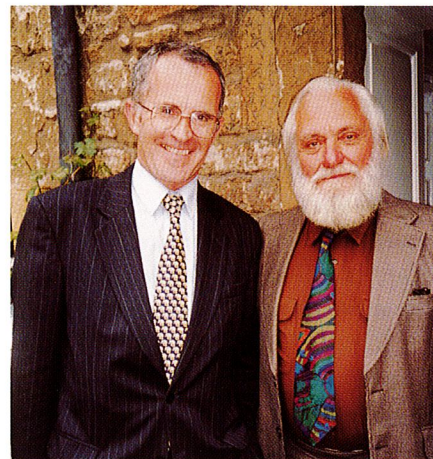


DR FIONN DUNNE PAUSES FROM HIS RESEARCH IN THE MECHANICS OF MATERIALS LABORATORY IN ATLANTA'S GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ('GEORGIA TECH'), CARRIED OUT WHILE ON SABBATICAL LEAVE IN THE US EARLIER THIS YEAR. DR DUNNE'S RESEARCH IS OF INTEREST TO ACADEMICS AND INDUSTRIALISTS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, AND OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, HE HAS ORGANISED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTED PAPERS IN JAPAN, THE U.S., MEXICO, GERMANY, FRANCE, IRELAND AND THE U.K.



MAKING USE OF TONY WILSON'S CONFOCAL TECHNOLOGY, DR TOM CUNNANE, HERTFORD FELLOW IN PHYSIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, HAS SUPPLIED THIS MICROSCOPE IMAGE FROM HIS STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF CALCIUM DYNAMICS IN SYMPATHETIC NERVE TERMINALS. HERTFORD FELLOW KAREN DAY ALSO USES A CONFOCAL MICROSCOPE IN HER LABORATORY, ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE UNIQUE VALUE OF HERTFORD COLLEGE LIFE WHERE FELLOWS FROM DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES MEET AND INTERACT WITH MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RESULTS.

## Geography's Centenary



PROFESSOR ANDREW GOUDIE AND PROFESSOR DAVID HOOSON (1943)

The School of Geography was founded in 1899, and so this year it has been celebrating its Centenary. All the holders of the statutory chair of Geography have been Fellows of Hertford (Kenneth Mason, Billy Gilbert, Jean Gottmann and, currently, Andrew Goudie), and Hertford has the largest number of tutors in Geography of any College (Bill Macmillan, Paul Coones and Peter Bull). Among those who attended the Centenary celebrations in Oxford on May 7th was Professor David Hooson, who came up to Hertford in 1943 and went on to become Chairman of the Department of Geography at the University of California at Berkeley, which also celebrates its centenary this year. Also present were the following Members of Hertford: Professor David Thomas (1977) of the University of Sheffield; Professor Tony Champion (1964) of the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr Sarah Metcalfe (1980), Reader in Edinburgh; Dr Heather Viles (1981), Fellow in Geography at Worcester College; and Dr Nick Middleton (1979), who has just been appointed a Fellow of St Anne's.

The School of Geography at Oxford, the oldest department in the country, inspired the growth of Geography at many other colleges and universities. Studies by the Department and its Environmental Change and Transport Studies Units, and the Radcliffe Meteorological Station, are influencing government policy at national and international levels.

**ATTENTION ALL ENGINEERS: SAVE FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER FOR THE HERTFORD ENGINEERING DINNER IN COLLEGE!**

## MCR News

*MCR President John Nemeč, from Old Greenwich, Connecticut, is about to complete his M.Phil. in Sanskrit. Having spent almost two years in India, often studying with Pandits or traditional Indian scholars, this summer he will begin his Ph.D. in Classical Indian Religions at the University of Pennsylvania.*

The MCR has maintained a busy schedule of activities this year. Our more popular and better known events went off very well, including the John Donne Poetry Slam and the once again gigantic

Halloween Costume Bop. We also held a Black Tie Dinner jointly with the JCR at Freud's, and the infamous Boat Party. Our regular trips to Stratford for Shakespeare have grown to 20-30 members each term.

Many other events and Dinners filled our calendar, but the new MCR Soirée is special. The Senior Common Room has been inviting us to their Soirées, or academic talks for non-specialists, and this term we initiated our parallel series with a 3-hour discussion on Linguistics, led by Britta Jensen.

Amidst this busy calendar, our committee also managed to light the Octagon and renovate the computer room, adding work space, a new scanner, printer, and four new computers. We have also instituted an annual scholarship of £400 per annum for exceptional MCR athletes, musicians and others representing the University.

With next year's MCR committee elected and to be led by Rachel Buxton, I can safely predict an extremely active and fun year to come for the Hertford Middle Common Room!



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JOHN NEMEČ, MCR PRESIDENT

## Martin Scholars link Hertford with Hartford



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**Martin Scholars Tina Cook, Russell Shannon & Lisa Ross.**

**Tina Cook**, born in Plattsburgh, New York, is studying the evaluation of leadership and management potential for her D.Phil. in Experimental Psychology. MCR Social Secretary and Oxford Student Union Representative, with a half-blue as Women's Ice Hockey Captain, she rock climbs, and is a certified Open Water Diver. **Russell Shannon**, born in Florida, lived in Scotland and Paris before settling in Princeton. For his D.Phil. in Robotics, he is building an ultrasound device to detect intramuscular fat levels in trout and salmon. He is active in the University Tolkien and Arthurian Societies. **Lisa Ross**, from Albany, New York, is pursuing a Master's in Women's Studies and will join the Peace Corps next year. MCR Treasurer, she rows for the College and is in the University Underwater Exploration Group (scuba diving). **Past Martin Scholars have been:** David Casavant, Stuart Pinette, Jason Koczela, Christopher Raymond, Julio Malo, Melissa Bergmaier, Rachel Gaul, Malika Mirkasymova, and Mark Paretti.

When Jessica Dunmore arrives in October to pursue a Master's Degree in Nuclear Physics, she will be the thirteenth John G. Martin Scholar to study at Hertford. The Martin programme enables graduates of the University of Hartford in Connecticut to pursue two years of study in Oxford, funded by the Martin Trust.

The story of the Martin Trust, established by the late Helen Moor Martin of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, in memory of her brother John Gilbert Martin, reflects the trans-Atlantic nature of the programme. The Martins' parents were Americans who moved to England shortly after their marriage. Their mother was the daughter of a Hartford, Connecticut food retailer, and their father an engineer who rose to become Managing Director of Daimler Motors in Coventry. John and Helen were born and raised in England.

While Helen remained in England all her life, her brother John moved back to Hartford in 1928, eventually becoming President of his grandfather's company, G. F. Heublein. Purchasing the rights to Smirnoff Vodka, he built the Heublein Corporation into a major international food and drinks distributor, later acquired by Grand Metropolitan (now known as Diageo plc). In the Second World War, John Martin was a Colonel in the US Army and was awarded the Croix de Guerre by Charles De Gaulle.

During his many years in Connecticut, John Martin and the Heublein Corporation were friends of the University of Hartford. When he died in 1986, it was with that friendship in mind that his sister Helen established the John G. Martin Scholarships in his memory. When Helen Martin died in 1988, only her closest friends knew of her many acts of generosity.

## JCR News

*JCR President François Murphy, who is studying Law, is half French and half Irish. Born and brought up in London until the age of 9, he lived in Zurich for 5 years before moving to his current home in Paris.*

This year Hertford's JCR pursued a number of projects whilst building on our traditional strengths. With the College installing telephone and internet connections in every room, the JCR is planning to expand its world wide web page. As junior members currently use e-mail

on a daily basis, the JCR has also decided to set up an e-mail list for circulating up-to-date information on JCR issues to our members.

The College Drama Society has been revived and having successfully produced *Private Lives* on a very restricted budget, should go from strength to strength. We are about to elect a Ball Committee to organise a Hertford Ball in the coming academic year. Social life will improve further when opening hours in the bar, the College's favourite meeting point, will be extended next term.

The past year has also seen the introduction of tuition fees and the abolition of the maintenance grant. As Hertford has traditionally taken great pride in its progressive admissions policy, students are naturally concerned by the potential repercussions of these cuts in higher education funding, especially as far as access to the University is concerned.

The most recent expression of our concern has been the creation of a Hertford undergraduate committee to discuss the implications of these funding cuts.



FRANÇOIS MURPHY, JCR PRESIDENT

## Saluting our Sporting Champions

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**MCR blue Vicky Gaitanis**, M.Phil. in European Politics, was in the victorious Lightweight Blue Boat which in March finished as the



VICKY GAITANIS, 5 SEAT, LIGHTWEIGHT BLUE BOAT, WAITS TO START AT HENLEY

fastest ever Oxford Women's Boat in the history of Henley. Born in California and brought up in Greece, Vicky started rowing at Harvard and now strokes our first VIII and coaches the second boat.

**Finalist Rachael Pearson**, Dressage, Horse Trials and Show Jumping competitor, is past Captain of the Oxford Equestrian Team. In Varsity competitions, an Oxford and a Cambridge rider are assigned the same horse, one they have never ridden before, with only 10 minutes to get to know the mount beforehand. Oxford has been victorious each year Rachael has competed. (see also p.8)



RACHAEL PEARSON ON HER OWN HORSE

**Charlotte Livingstone** (far right), 2nd year English, in the Oxford Heavyweight Blue Boat at Henley in March. From Hemel Hempstead School, she is now back with the women's first VIII at



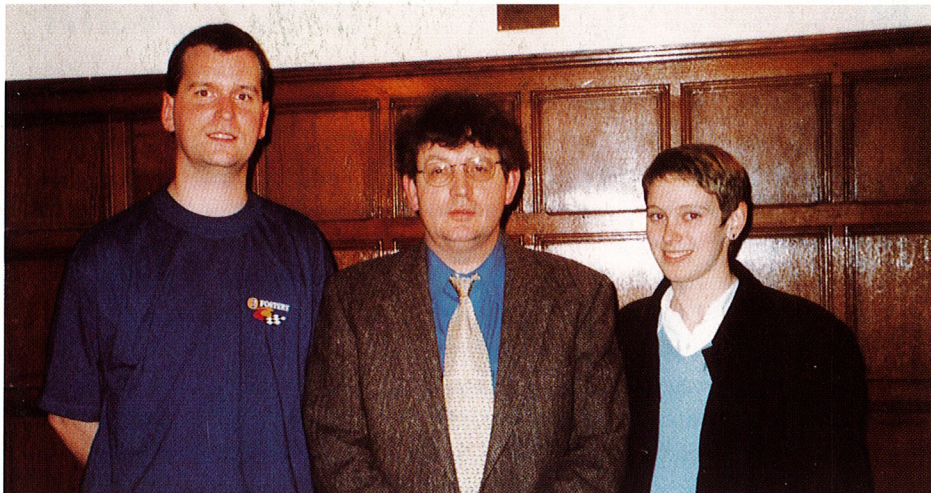
Hertford. Active in swimming, kick boxing, and volleyball, Charlotte is Vice President of the English Society (see p.16), and plans to be a journalist.

**Colleen May** (bottom left), 2nd year Law, Women's Ice Hockey Captain, and Lan Yip (top right), MCR Law, won the Varsity match 13-3 this year, a record margin. The team played for Oxford in Belgium and Holland, and in a French tournament won the most trophies. 'It took lots of determination, time, and effort but it paid off.' Born in Northumberland, Colleen aims to be a barrister.



COLLEEN MAY HOLDS THE TROPHY AND CELEBRATES WITH LAN YIP (TOP RIGHT)

## Paul Muldoon and the English Society



FRANK SHOVLIN, PAUL MULDOON AND XANA JONES

*"This much, at least, I know ..."* Words from the title poem of Paul Muldoon's latest collection, *Hay*, drifted across Hertford's Octagon Room, as a capacity audience listened to readings by the leading Irish poet who has just been elected unopposed to be Oxford's next Professor of Poetry.

A University English Society event, the reading was arranged by Hertford's Xana Jones, second year English, who has revived and reinvigorated the Society since taking on its Presidency a year ago. It was held in association with the University Irish Society, whose President, Frank Shovlin, is

a postgraduate studying under the supervision of Hertford Fellow Tom Paulin. Reading poems from throughout his career with all the charisma for which he is rightly known, Paul Muldoon led the audience from comedy to tragedy with the twist of a phrase. If the English Society is to continue to bring speakers of the calibre of Paul Muldoon to Oxford, whilst keeping membership fees at an unprecedented low (£10 life, £5 per year), it needs additional support. To join the English Society, to help out, or to offer sponsorship, please contact Xana Jones at Hertford.

Charlotte Livingstone

### NEWS FLASH

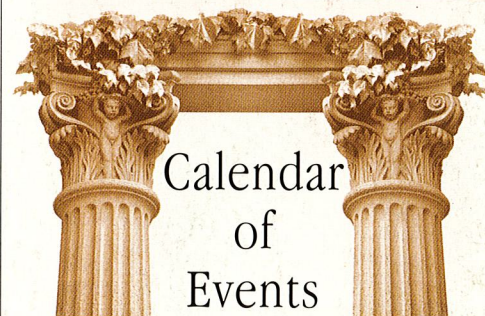
Jeffrey Preston (Hertford 1959) is the new Chairman of the United Oxford & Cambridge University Club in London. Women can be full members, subscription levels are based on age, and reciprocal arrangements exist with 125 clubs around the world. See [WWW.UOCUC.co.uk](http://WWW.UOCUC.co.uk) or contact United Oxford & Cambridge University Club, 71 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HD, UK, Tel +44 171 930 5151, Fax 930 9490.

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## Calendar of Events

### 1999

Hertford Society Dinner	26th June
5 Years On Reunion Lunch (1994 leavers)	27th June
Hertford Society	9th Sept
House of Lords Reception <i>(Booking form enclosed)</i>	
Engineering Dinner	24th Sept
Womens 25th Anniversary Gaudy	25th Sept
1979 and 1980 Gaudy	1st Oct
1981 and 1982 Gaudy	2nd Oct
Tyndale Lecture	21st Oct

### 2000

Swan Hellenic Cruise 2000 <i>(25% discount until 23rd July)</i>	1-16 March
Oxford University	31st March
New York Reunion	- 1st April

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## Simpkins Says....

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*"My favourite Hertford Women are of course Pam and Judy in the Lodge!"*