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SIR WALTER BODMER FRS, PRINCIPAL

In spite of an overall decline in University applications, Hertford's has increased. This year, only three of the 36 Oxford colleges attracted more applications than Hertford. Our Admissions Office does much to 'demystify' the process of applying, and we are fortunate that our 'Neil Tanner Fund', established by Mike Thorne (1966), enables us to pay for potential students to visit and experience Hertford's welcoming atmosphere. To help us support our outstanding students, provide the best facilities, and maintain the quality of teaching which is attracting so many applicants to Hertford, please support our Campaign 2000 in this, its final year.

In July, my wife Julia and I had the rare pleasure and privilege of visiting the trial fields of world-famous Harkness Roses to choose a rose for the College. Thanks to the generosity of Peter Harkness (1950) and his nephew Philip Harkness, who now runs the family business, our spectacular 'Bridge of Sighs' rose will be launched with a special offer to Members in May. Its sales to the general public also will benefit the College. Read about it on page 15, and save a place in your garden for our rose.

I look forward very much to meeting Members in New York on the evening of 1st April during the Oxford North American Reunion; in Vancouver on 14th April; and on Sunday afternoon, 25th June, at our Graduate Centre Open House. (See *Calendar of Events*, p.16)

Walter Bodmer

Hertford Annual Giving 1999 - 2000

£25,000 Matching Challenge for New Donors

In order to encourage new donors to Hertford, John Porter (1972) has offered to match every gift from a Member who has not made a contribution since 1996. John will match (ie, double) every new gift up to a sum of £250 in matching funds per gift and a total sum from him of £25,000. Help us make the most of this generous challenge which could raise an extra £25,000 for the College. We are immensely grateful to John Porter for his offer.

If you contributed last year, thank you! Every gift helped participation double from 7% to 14%. If we can reach 25%, Annual Giving will raise a valuable sum for the College every year. (*UK Members with active covenants count as Annual Givers for each year of their covenant.*)

If you have not received your blue 1999-2000 Annual Giving form, please ring the Development Office on +44 (0)1865-279440 or 279428.

The enclosed *List of Donors* gratefully acknowledges all those who have made a donation to Hertford since 1996. If you or your friends are not included on the List, please encourage others to join you in supporting the Campaign in this, its final year. We will give special recognition to the matriculation year with the highest percentage of participation at the end of the Campaign!

NORTH AMERICAN CAMPAIGN LEADERS

Our Leaders form a communication network and serve as Ambassadors for the College.

Canadian Leaders

Chairman: Jim Catty (1954) President, Corporate Valuation Services, Inc., Toronto	Professor Thomas Hutton (1972) The University of British Columbia Vancouver
Members in order of matriculation year: David Youston (1949) Retired, Toronto	Sheila Niven (1977) Deputy Chief, International Department, Bank of Canada Ottawa

US Campaign Council

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Jurek Martin OBE (1960) Bureau Chief and Foreign Editor, <i>Financial Times</i> (retired) Writer, University Lecturer Washington, D.C.	Robert Lusardi (1975) Executive Vice President, Exel Ltd Hamilton, Bermuda	Ann Hodgetts Tozzi (1989) Printed Book and Manuscript Specialist, Christie's New York City
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Professor Eric Martin (1961) The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University New York City	Margaret Platt (1980) Vice President, Deutsche Bank Jersey City, New Jersey	Dr Mark van Osnabrugge (1994) Marakon Associates Chicago, Illinois

Please let us know if you are willing to represent Hertford in your country.

Wolfson Foundation Grant for Graduate Centre Hertford Members Sponsor Garden Quad

The Wolfson Foundation, well-known for its generous support for higher education and scientific research, has awarded a grant of £150,000 to Hertford's new Graduate Centre, now in the final stages of construction at Folly Bridge. A seminar room in the ground-floor Teaching Centre will be named to commemorate this valuable benefaction.

The attractive Garden Quad of the Centre is now almost fully sponsored thanks to new support from Hertford Members. A gift from Sir John Whitehead (1952), Honorary Fellow and Campaign Leader, will make possible the ornamental paving for the Garden Quad, while Dr David Barry (1967) and his wife Caroline, of British Columbia, will provide seven trees to shade the area. Dr Pierre Loebel (1955) and his wife Felice Selipsky Loebel (St Anne's 1954), of Seattle, are sponsoring a set of seven

benches for the Quad. These will be joined by a bench donated by Dr R.G.P. (Patrick) Almond (1934) of Oxford and another given by Dr Brian Sayers (1945) of Wolverhampton in memory of his late son, David. The first footbridge over the Quad Boat Basin having been sponsored by John Phillips (1939), a second bridge will now be provided by Dr Ian Williams (1975) and his wife, Nancy Hutson Williams, of Connecticut. The College is immensely grateful for the support of these generous Members.

From Michaelmas Term, 2000, the Graduate Centre will provide accommodation for 86 postgraduates and new facilities for conferences. Many opportunities remain to sponsor aspects of the project and be acknowledged on the Centre's Benefactors Board and at the official Opening by the Chancellor on 29th September. For details, please contact the Development Office.

The Record is Coming! See page 14

Annual Dinner for The Drapers' Company

The College's annual dinner for officers of the Drapers' Company was held in June, 1999. Hertford's much-valued link with the Drapers goes back more than 100 years to the time when Henry Boyd was both Principal of the College and Master of the Drapers' Company. Over many years, the Drapers have given valuable support to the College. Currently they provide



AT THE COLLEGE'S 1999 ANNUAL DINNER FOR OFFICERS OF THE DRAPERS' COMPANY: (L TO R) NICHOLAS PLAYNE, MASTER; CHARLES BENNET, JUNIOR WARDEN; SIR NICHOLAS JACKSON, BT., PAST MASTER; ALISTAIR LANG MBE, CLERK; PETER BAKER, COLLEGE BURSAR; AND THE PRINCIPAL.

continuing support for Drapers' Company Fellowships and additional funds for student hardship. At each annual dinner, the Principal and Fellows welcome the opportunity to express their gratitude for past support and bring the officers of the Company up to date on the College. At the 1999 dinner, the Master, the Junior Warden, and the Clerk were joined by Past Master and Chairman of the Drapers' Charities Committee, Sir Nicholas Jackson, Bt., who is an Honorary Fellow of the College. He is the grandson of Sir T G Jackson, the architect of much of Hertford, including the Hall, Chapel and Bridge. Sir T G Jackson also designed the entrance and grand staircase of the Drapers' Hall in London.

Hertford Society Graduate Centre Gift

Thanks to the generosity of the Hertford Society, two carpets in 'Hertford Red', incorporating the College crest, have been specially commissioned for the Dining and Conference Hall at the new Graduate Centre.

New sponsorship opportunity

The College seeks a sponsor for wood tables and chairs to be designed especially for the Dining and Conference Hall of the Graduate Centre. A donation of £10,000 will provide this important gift. For more information, please contact the Development Office.

Tax Changes Benefit UK Donors Have you considered giving shares?

On 6th April, 2000, changes in UK tax law will encourage and simplify charitable giving. For the first time, in addition to the existing capital gains relief, donors of shares and securities will receive income tax relief for the full market value of the shares. Gift Aid donations will no longer be limited to £250 and above. This will enable the College to re-claim the basic rate tax on donations of any size, whether one-off or regular. A Gift Aid form and bank standing order effectively will replace covenants, but those already in existence in April, 2000 will run their course. Higher rate UK tax payers will be able to claim their tax relief either against income tax (as now) or against capital gains tax. Finally, companies will receive full tax relief for the gross amount (ie, the gift plus tax) of their donation. Full details in the next newsletter or from the Development Office.

COVER: 'Bridge of Sighs', the Hertford College Rose. Photo courtesy of Harkness New Roses Ltd.

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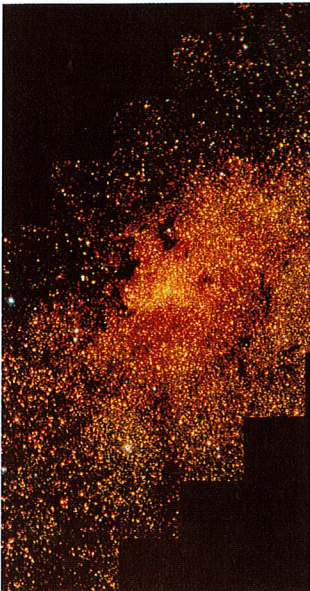
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Reaching for the stars



THE GEMINI OBSERVATORY ON THE SUMMIT OF MAUNA KEA, HAWAII



A 'TRUE-COLOUR' IMAGE OF THE CENTRE OF OUR GALAXY, TAKEN WITH THE FAST TRACK IMAGER, AN INSTRUMENT BUILT AT OXFORD AND DELIVERED TO THE UK INFRARED TELESCOPE IN HAWAII IN 1998. THE PROMINENT CENTRAL CLUSTER IN THIS IMAGE IS COMPLETELY INVISIBLE TO TELESCOPES WORKING IN VISIBLE LIGHT.



THE 8.1-METER DIAMETER PRIMARY MIRRORS OF THE GEMINI TELESCOPE INSIDE THE OBSERVATORY IN HAWAII.

British weather reminds us why astronomers look overseas for their research facilities. High mountain tops in remote areas are best for capturing the faint lightwaves from dim and distant astronomical objects, and observatories are now concentrated in a handful of the best sites known. Britain has almost a quarter share in the Gemini Project, an international collaboration to build and operate two high-performance 8-metre aperture telescopes on the summits of Mauna Kea, the 14,000 foot high dormant volcano in Hawaii, and Cerro Pachon in the Chilean Andes. These huge but extraordinarily precise instruments, among the largest in the world, have been specifically designed to produce some of the sharpest images possible in infrared light. Together, the telescopes can access the whole sky.

I have been involved in Gemini since its inception, having moved to Oxford from Edinburgh 10 years ago to help develop the original proposal. A modern astronomical observatory relies on a mix of science and engineering, covering optics, electronics, and thermal and dynamic mechanics, controlled by very sophisticated real-

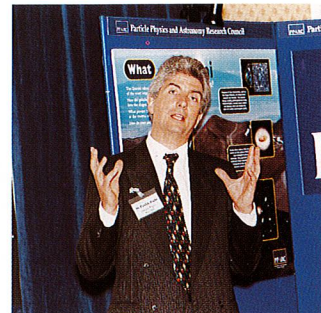
time software and driven by ambitious scientific goals. Britain's partners in the Project are the USA, Canada, Chile, Australia, Argentina, and Brazil. Over the last few years, I have had meetings in all the partner countries as well as at both telescope sites.

The first telescope, Gemini-North, in Hawaii, was completed in February, 1999. The first results were unveiled at the official dedication last June. The images obtained are truly spectacular, justifying our high expectations and whetting our appetites for full access to Gemini later this year. The second new telescope, Gemini-South, in Chile, is on schedule to become available early in 2001.

At the heart of the telescopes are the primary mirrors, 8.1 meters in diameter. Although weighing 22 tonnes, they are only 20 cm thick so cannot support themselves against gravitational deformations as the telescope points to different positions in the sky. A computer-controlled support system, developed by scientists and engineers in the UK, corrects for distortions to produce the exquisitely sharp images required.

Astronomy holds a fascination for most people and attracts bright young people into

science. When we interview applicants to read Physics at Hertford, we see that many are motivated by the big questions posed by the study of the Universe and the nature of matter, and go on in astronomy or other branches of physics.



DR PATRICK ROCHE, UK SCIENTIST ON THE GEMINI PROJECT, SPEAKS AT THE UK PRESS CONFERENCE, JUNE 1999.



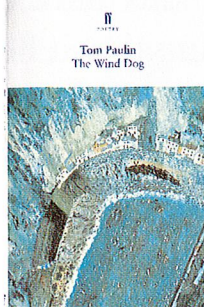
PATRICK ROCHE DESCRIBES GEMINI TO LORD SAINSBURY, UK MINISTER OF SCIENCE, AT THE DEDICATION IN HAWAII.

I have been privileged to work with many talented and dedicated people who have turned Gemini into reality. Now we are working to ensure that astronomers at UK universities can make full use of these new opportunities to probe deeper, and with higher definition, into the Universe.

A New Book for Tom Paulin

Tom Paulin's sixth collection of poems, *The Wind Dog* (in the north of Ireland, a 'wind dog' is a fragment of a rainbow), was published late last year and immediately short-listed for the prestigious T.S. Eliot Prize.

Its 33 poems include 'Chagall in Ireland' (dedicated to Roy Foster and his wife), poems commissioned to celebrate the founding of BBC



Radio 3 and Salisbury Cathedral's 700th anniversary, and a lovely short poem, 'Oxford'.

THE WIND DOG BY TOM PAULIN IS PUBLISHED BY FABER AND FABER, LONDON (1999).

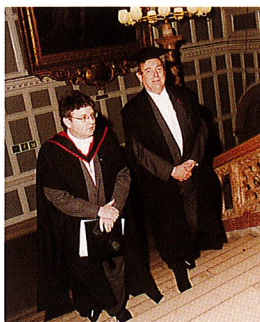


Eclipse!

Just after 11 am, on 11 August, 1999, Britain experienced its first total eclipse of the sun for 40 years. I was fortunate to spend the week at an astronomical conference in Guernsey. On eclipse day, a boat took us to nearby Alderney which lay in the path of totality. Conditions were less than perfect, with broken cloud moving across the sky. Cloud thickened, and when totality arrived, darkness fell, lights twinkled from boats in the harbour, and the sun disappeared. Astonishingly, with about 20 seconds of totality left, the clouds thinned and the faint corona, the million degree tenuous halo, and the 'diamond ring' flash of light became visible just before daylight crept back. The experience was awesome, darkness during totality providing an eerie atmosphere which added to the majesty of one of nature's greatest spectacles.

Dr Patrick Roche

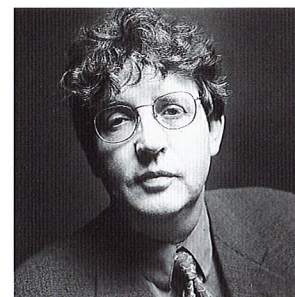
Professor of Poetry Among Three New Hertford Fellows



THE VICE CHANCELLOR ESCORTS PAUL MULDOON TO HIS INAUGURAL LECTURE AS THE NEW OXFORD PROFESSOR OF POETRY.

On his election to Oxford's prestigious Chair in Poetry, **PAUL MULDOON** was 'thrilled but daunted, because I realise I have to come up with some wonderful lectures.' Audiences overflow the largest halls in the Examination Schools to hear the distinguished poet and critic, and now Hertford Fellow, skillfully involve them in the dynamic process of creating a poem. His highly intellectual lectures are lightened by an engagingly modest manner and perfect comic timing. Born in County Armagh, Paul Muldoon read English at Queen's University, Belfast. Now Professor in the Humanities at Princeton, he moved to the U.S. in 1987 and is married to the American novelist Jean Hanff Korelitz. Much admired by his peers (to Tom Paulin,

his work is 'extraordinary... so subtle and playful and clever'), Paul Muldoon has published 50 volumes of poetry, drama, criticism, children's literature, and anthology. His many honours include The T.S. Eliot Poetry Prize (for *The Annals of Chile*, 1994); the *Irish Times* Irish Literature Prize (1997); and the American Academy of Arts Award in Literature (1996). As Professor of Poetry, he succeeds Robert Graves, Matthew Arnold, W.H. Auden, and Seamus Heaney, and he is the first poet in living memory to have been elected unopposed.



PROFESSOR PAUL MULDOON

PHOTOGRAPH BY NORMAN MOBEATH



DR SONIA MAZEY

DR SONIA MAZEY, (BA Leicester; D.Phil. Oxon), new Fellow and Tutor in Politics, was a University Lecturer and Teaching Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge. She has published widely on her main research interests: EU and French politics, administration and public policy-making. Currently working on two books: *Women and the EU* and *Organized Interests in the EU: Filling the Hollow Core?*, the latter with her husband, Oxford Professor Jeremy Richardson, she is on the editorial board of the *Journal of European Public Policy* and *Regional and Federal Studies*. Sonia recently was awarded a substantial research grant by the Economic and Social Research Council to analyze the impact in the EU, UK, and Sweden of 'gender mainstreaming.' Rather than treating men and women the same, this policy approach aims to achieve equality between them by integrating into all public policies a perspective which recognizes their differences in terms of economic status and policy needs. Sonia and her husband have two small children, ages 3 and 4.

DR ALISON WOOLLARD, (BSc. London; DPhil. Oxon), new Fellow and Tutor in Genetics, was a Medical Research Council Fellow at the Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge and a Research Fellow of Clare Hall. Her main research interest is the genetics of development: how cells, which in all animals are born genetically equal, differentiate into many types of cells. Because many human genes are identical to those of worms, she studies genes in the nematode worm *Caenorhabditis elegans* as this may offer important insights into how human development is regulated. She has also published on the genetics of cell division. A Trustee of the Simon Wolff Charitable Foundation, which among other activities funds research in Public Health and promotes Science in schools, she was born and educated in London and recently married Dr. Alan Storey, who heads a skin cancer research group at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.



DR ALISON WOOLLARD

PHOTOGRAPH BY ADRIAN GREEN



Andrea Ashworth

Hertford was a turning point in the lives of one American. Each had survived a fire, and both, it was against all odds that their paths crossed, a memoir so compelling that it became a

Andrea Ashworth's first book, a memoir of her early life, Once in a House on Fire, is 'one of the most extraordinary stories you will ever read of the triumph of the human spirit.'

Andrea Ashworth arrived at Hertford in 1987 'with one suitcase holding just about all I owned - three books, a pair of jeans and a clock.' She had almost delayed a year, so frightened was she of leaving her younger sisters to face alone the violence and poverty at home.

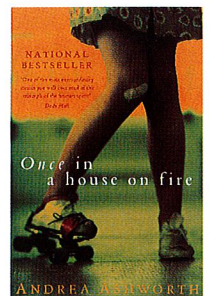
Oxford was Andrea's escape from a childhood in inner-city Manchester so terrible that her sheer survival, and that of her sisters, seems no less a miracle than the 'astonishingly unembittered grace' with which she has described it in her best-selling memoir. Andrea's father drowned when she was five, and after that, two brutally abusive step-fathers bullied the sisters and beat their vulnerable mother so badly that she had to wear sun glasses to hide her black eyes. The house 'burned' with violence, and Andrea and her sisters lived in fear, often sleeping on bare floorboards with little to eat. 'Books,' she says, 'were both escapism and my road to escape', and she did well at school. Writing 'made me feel invincible, for a moment. I could put poetry into clouds and puddles and gutters and all kinds of filth. I could turn nasty things at home into stories. I could cut myself off.'

Encouraged by her teachers, she was accepted at Oxford; but while there, she led a double life. 'I was buoyant, yet at the same time I would queue for the phone box opposite the Bridge of Sighs every night to call my mother just to check she was still there.' In spite of what she calls 'great gaps' in her knowledge, Andrea achieved a double First, and won a scholarship to Yale. On her return to Oxford, she became, at 23, Hertford's youngest Junior Dean. She continued at Hertford for her DPhil and is now a Junior Research Fellow at Jesus College.

Once in a House on Fire was published in 1998, went on to win the Somerset Maugham Prize, and is still a best-seller both at home and in other countries where it has been translated. Andrea is especially proud that her book now is being studied in schools across England. She was touched by the reception she received when she returned recently to her old school in Manchester to talk to the children, eager to do something positive to help those who may be suffering as she did.

Now working on her second book, a novel about an artist who is going blind, and with her memoir being made into a film, Andrea is still astonished at her own good fortune. She pays tribute to her English Tutor at Hertford: 'To Julia Briggs I would like to express my profound and enduring thanks; she has helped me to save myself, to create myself over and over, and to celebrate that ongoing regeneration.'

Near the end of her memoir, Andrea describes her first visit to Oxford: 'I lay on my back in the quadrangle court of Hertford College, my eye on the moon. It shimmered, a coin I dreamt I could pocket. The moment my interview was over, my feet had left the ground as two real live undergraduates dragged me between them, gowns flapping like wings I might grow myself. ... As a child with holes in your soles, you don't think you'll be going anywhere very far. ... My place at Oxford was not just about books; it made me suspect I might be as good a person as anyone else. ... University was my miracle of transition.'



ONCE IN A HOUSE ON FIRE BY ANDREA ASHWORTH (1998) IS PUBLISHED IN PAPERBACK BY PICADOR, AN IMPRINT OF MACMILLAN PUBLISHERS LTD., LONDON.

Tobias Wolff

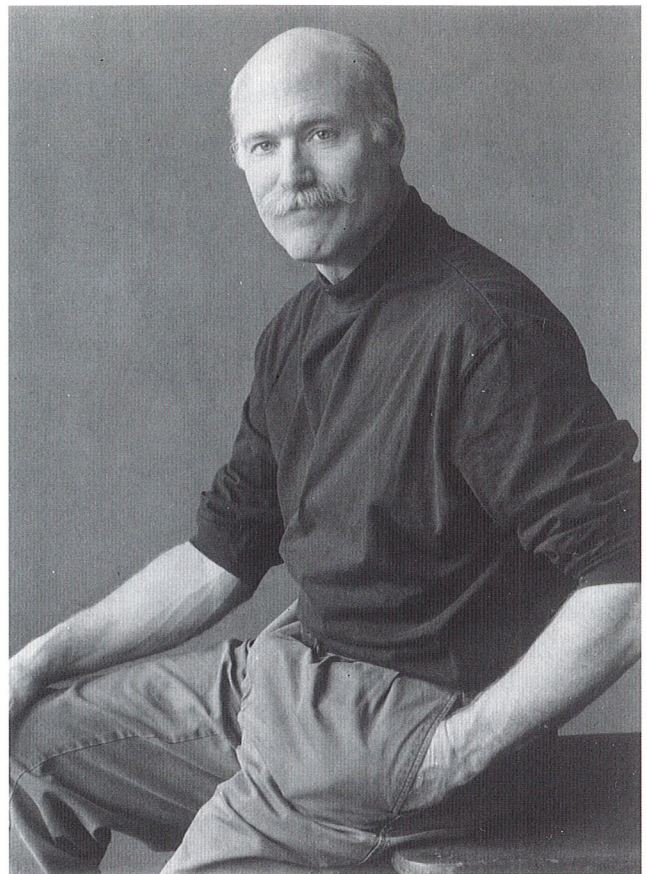
of two brilliant writers, one English and deprived and traumatic childhood, and for would lead to Oxford. Later, each wrote best-seller and was filmed.

Tobias Wolff has been called the greatest living exponent of the short story. 'The magic of his fiction cannot be explained. It is the ancient art of the master storyteller.'

When he visited England in 1969, after serving in Vietnam, Tobias Wolff lacked even a high school diploma. 'Some people I'd met encouraged me to take the Oxford entrance exams in early December. That left four and a half months to prepare myself in Latin, French, English History and Literature.' Modestly crediting his success in the entrance exam to an eccentric tutor he had hired, he continued on to gain a First in English at Hertford. Today, he is one of the most distinguished writers in America, and his books are read and admired around the world.

Brought up alone by his spirited mother, who had left his deceitful father, Tobias Wolff has described the peripatetic life of mother and son, their mistreatment by the abusive men she seemed to attract, and his streetwise education in betrayal, injustice, humiliation, and how to fight, in his award-winning memoir *This Boy's Life* (1989). Like his short stories, the book is so honest, wry, uplifting and funny that it has become a classic. It was even made into a film starring Robert de Niro.

After a series of poor schools, he was offered a place at an Eastern prep-school, but failed miserably. 'I did not do well at Hill. How could I? I knew nothing. My ignorance was so profound that entire class periods would pass without my understanding anything that was said. The masters thought I was lazy, except for my English master, who saw that I loved books but had no way of talking about them' His Hertford Tutor Tony Cockshut recalls, 'My first impression of Toby will surprise anyone who has read his own eloquent account of his early years. He was sober, respectful, studious. He knew little but he was anxious to learn. In 1972 he was awarded a First.'

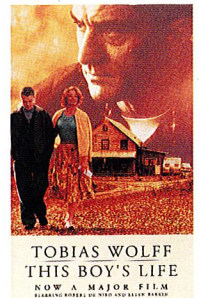


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Tobias Wolff is revered by general readers and practising writers alike, and his books seem routinely to win prestigious literary prizes. 'I wrote him a fan letter once,' says Tom Paulin, 'something I almost never do.' Focusing on the everyday, even the prosaic, his stories deal with the great moral issues, with betrayal and the times when people are afraid, corrupt or weak, and with the love of friends and family. In this most demanding of crafts, the short story, Tobias Wolff draws you in with the first sentence, and in simple, forceful vernacular conveys 'the arc of a whole life.'

Now Professor of English at Stanford, where he earned his M.A., with an honorary doctorate from Santa Clara University, Tobias Wolff has held many distinguished writers' fellowships. Of Hertford, he has 'only the finest memories ... except for the food, of course,' remembering Tony Cockshut, Julia Briggs and Felix Markham 'who first invited me to apply and who was a kind friend to me.'

Tobias Wolff's second memoir, *In Pharaoh's Army* (1994), which focuses on his Vietnam years, ends in Oxford. 'I was in the Bodleian one night, doing a translation from the West Saxon Gospels for my Old English class. ... I looked up from the table. From where I sat I could see the lights of my college, Hertford, where Jonathan Swift and Evelyn Waugh had once been students. I was in a country far from my own, and even farther from the kind of life I'd once seemed destined for.'



TOBIAS WOLFF'S BOOKS ARE PUBLISHED IN PAPERBACK IN THE UK BY BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING PLC, LONDON, AND IN THE US BY ALFRED J. KNOPF, NEW YORK.

'Five Years On' Reunion ... a New Tradition Begins

Last June, Members who had left Hertford five years earlier were invited back with their guests for an informal Sunday Lunch. A Jazz Quartet in the Old Hall, organized by Tim Muller (1997), on keyboard, accompanied drinks with the Principal and Fellows Roger Van Noorden, Roy Stuart, and Dr Stephanie West, before everyone adjourned to the Hall for lunch.

Attending from matriculation years 1990 and 1991 were: Charlotte Beckford, Mike Barnard, Antonia Branston, Bryan Dunne, Daniel Ellis, Anne Maria Briggs

Farnsworth, Emma Forsyth Juniper, Giles Hamblett, Paul Harrison, Judith Hudson, Natasha Kaplinsky, Adam Kennedy, Andrea Lewis, Heather Newton, Rachel Nixon, Matthew Pearson, Ian Rogers, Julia Stephen, Darren Wake, Tim Wilson, Kate Wilson, Jayne Woodside, and their guests. Many thanks to all these Members who have helped us begin a new College tradition.

This year, those in matriculation year 1991 who left in 1995, plus all of 1992, will be invited for lunch on Sunday, 7th May. Ring your



WELCOME BACK 'FIVE YEARS ON'.

friends and try to arrange a group to come! It will be an informal and fun occasion, and you can bring a guest. If anyone from another matriculation year would like to join in on 7th May, please contact the Members Office on +44 (0)1865 279428.



ROGER VAN NOORDEN CHATS WITH KATE WILSON (1991) AFTER LUNCH.

Women's 25th Anniversary Gaudy

We can be certain that the Women's Gaudy of 25th September, 1999 is the only occasion in the College's long history when the Hall has been filled to capacity exclusively by Hertford women, joined by the Principal and Chaplain. With Honorary Fellow Baroness Warnock DBE as Guest of Honour, the Gaudy also welcomed Emeritus Fellows Professor Julia Briggs and Dr Anne Holmes, and current Fellows Drs Charlotte Brewer, Sonia Mazey, Emma Smith, and Stephanie West, along with Mrs Michael Chantry, Junior Dean Andrea Iaboni,

Admissions Secretary Edith Spencer, and JCR Women's Officer Clare Thomas (1997). A truly memorable after dinner speech by Mary Warnock recalled Geoffrey Warnock's Principalship when, 25 years earlier, Hertford was one of the first five Oxford colleges to admit women. Kate Stross and Leonie Richards Caldecott, representing the first small group of women admitted in 1974, shared their personal recollections of the challenges and sometimes startling situations they had faced at the time. Sarah Crompton (1976) concluded

by telling how her experience as a 'pioneering' woman at Hertford had equipped her well for the wider world. The Gaudy week-end began with Saturday afternoon tours of the Bodleian, All Souls, recent Oxford architecture, Warnock House, and the new Graduate Centre. At teatime, a talk on 'Hertford Today and Oxford Admissions' was popular. As a special project to help celebrate the anniversary, current JCR women had photographed women Members from various professions, and their portraits were on display in the Old Library.



BARONESS WARNOCK DBE, HONORARY FELLOW, ADDRESSES THE WOMEN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY GAUDY.



EMMA GOUGH (1990) REMINISCES WITH JANETTE GEORGE (1990).



GAUDY SPEAKERS KATE STROSS (1974), LEONIE RICHARDS CALDECOTT (1974) AND SARAH CROMPTON (1976)



ALICE HARPER (1987) AND ANNA BUNN (1988)

For Chapel, Members formed a special Women's Choir, and readings were by Judith Baron (1977) and Dr Stephanie West. Drinks and the formal dinner followed. Sunday brunch with the Principal ended this special celebration which brought 120 women Members back to Hertford.

Engineering Gaudy

100 Engineers Return in Force



LEFT TO RIGHT: GRAHAM FELD (1983), DR LATHA WESTON, IAN WESTON (1983), GRAHAM DELL (1984), AND TIM MORRIS (1984)



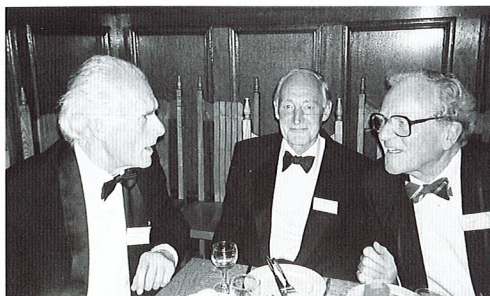
RIGHT TO LEFT: DARREN WEST (1987), GREGORY PARKER (1987), SIMON LEEFE (1978), AND RICHARD HUGHES (1985)



PROFESSOR TONY WILSON (LEFT) WITH R W JACKSON CBE (1926) AND BRENDA JACKSON



DR FIONN DUNNE (RIGHT) WITH IAN LAWRIE (1954) AND MRS LAWRIE



(LEFT TO RIGHT) PROFESSOR LASZLO SOLYMAR FRs WITH JOHN DENTON (1952) AND JIM SAYERS (1947)

Seldom has the Hall reverberated to such energetic enthusiasm as it did on Friday, 24th September last year when 100 Engineers and guests gathered for their special Gaudy. From matriculation year 1926 up to the 1990s, every decade was well represented, and a more spirited group could not be imagined.

After drinks in the Old Hall, Members seated themselves in informal decade groups for dinner, with the most senior joining the Engineering Fellows at High Table, with R W Jackson CBE (1926) and his wife Brenda, and Basil Williams (1932), with his son Geoffrey, on either side of the Principal.

Professor Tony Wilson's speech over coffee brought rousing cheers as he reminded everyone of the glorious history of Engineering at Oxford, acknowledging the contributions of Emeritus Fellows Gerry McCrum (who could not be present) and Professor Laszlo Solymar FRs. Dr Fionn Dunne picked up the story, ending, to much applause, with a moving tribute to the achievements of Hertford and its Engineering graduates. (The research interests of Professor Wilson and Dr Dunne were featured in the last newsletter. Back copies are available on request.)

With after dinner drinks in the Old Library, and the JCR Bar kept open late especially for Engineers, the evening was still young when the formal dinner ended.



BASIL WILLIAMS (1932) WITH HIS SON GEOFFREY AFTER DINNER.

Engineering Fellowship Appeal

An important goal of Campaign 2000 is to endow one or both of the College's two Engineering Fellowships in order to safeguard the excellence of Engineering teaching at Hertford. While individual donations of any size are welcome, introductions to Engineering firms are also sought as this opportunity is particularly appropriate for corporate sponsorship. Fellowships can be named for 5 or 10 years, or in perpetuity, to recognize important benefactions. If you can help with contributions or introductions, please contact the Development Office on Tel. +44 (0)1865 279440.

Double Gaudy Weekend for 1979-80 and 1981-82



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: PETER HASLETT, MARK DAVIES, MARIO POLYWKA, MARK GLOVER, NICKY CHERRY GATT, AND IAN GATT (ALL 1981)

Gaudies on both Friday and Saturday, the 1st and 2nd of October, 1999, enabled more than 130 Members to attend. (The College aims to invite Members back every five years, but is aware that some years have had to wait very much longer!) On both occasions, at teatime, the Principal gave an informal illustrated talk on his field of expertise, 'Cancer and Genetics', in the Old Hall, before the traditional Chapel, drinks, and black tie dinner in Hall. On Friday night, Emilio Cattaneo (1980) had been asked to reply to the Principal's Toast, and Hazel McLean (1980) to propose a 'Toast to the College'. On Saturday, these two duties fell to Ian Gatt (1981) and Lorne Whiteway (1981). Four admirable and entertaining speeches resulted, Ian Gatt notably proceeding through the alphabet with an amusing 'A to Z' of Hertford recollections.

Fellows who joined the Principal and Chaplain to welcome everyone included Roger Van Noorden; Dr Brian Steer; Professor Keith McLauchlan; the Dean, Roy Stuart; Geoffrey Ellis; Professor Andrew Goudie; Dr Gerry Stone; the Bursar, Peter Baker; Emeritus Fellows Tony Cockshut and Professor Neil Tanner; and Honorary Fellow Sir Philip Randle.



PROFESSOR NEIL TANNER WITH PHILIP MARTIN (1982) (L) AND ADRIAN JACK (1982) (R)



PROFESSOR KEITH MCLAUCHLAN FRs AND ELISABETH BELLAMY SMITH (1981). HER HUSBAND, PETER SMITH (1979), ATTENDED HIS GAUDY THE NIGHT BEFORE.



LORNE WHITEWAY (1981) AND DR GERRY STONE FBA, NOW EMERITUS FELLOW, WHO RECENTLY RETIRED AS TUTOR IN SLAVONIC LANGUAGES AFTER 27 YEARS AT THE COLLEGE.



CERI SULLIVAN (1981) AND EMERITUS FELLOW IN ENGLISH, TONY COCKSHUT

We're sorry that we only have photos from the 1981-82 Gaudy.

Birmingham Area Gathering

On Sunday 16th May, 1999, Fred Price (1950) and his wife Margaret, who live in Edgbaston, kindly hosted a Buffet Lunch at their home to give Hertford Society Members from the area and their spouses a chance to meet each other on an informal basis. Invitations were sent to all Hertford Society Members who live within reasonable driving distance of Birmingham. The College was represented by the Principal and Dr Martyn Bracewell, Lecturer in Medicine, with his wife Dr Ann Vernallis. Hertford Society Chairman Anthony Eady (1959) and his wife Carole greeted those who attended, including Paul Barker (1966), Malcolm Busfield (1954), Gary Collins (1979), Tony Fells (1945), John Foster (1950), Patrick Hughes (1946), Hugh Nicklin (1961), Dr Brian Sayers (1945), and Anthony Swing (1965), along with many of their spouses.



BIRMINGHAM AREA HERTFORD SOCIETY MEMBERS GATHER FOR LUNCH.

Everyone was grateful to Fred and Margaret Price for their generous hospitality and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to meet, talk, and reminisce.

Sussex Reunion at Brighton College



SUSSEX AREA MEMBERS GATHER FOR A REUNION LUNCH AT BRIGHTON COLLEGE. FRONT ROW (L TO R): JOANNA YARROW (1992); MRS JUNE INGLETON; RICHARD MALPAS, SENIOR FELLOW AND TUTOR IN PHILOSOPHY; ALEXANDER BRISTOW (1969); MRS ELIZABETH BLACKSHAW; AND THE REV TREVOR MACDONALD (1952). BACK ROW (L TO R): W.J.A. (FREDDY) MANN (1941); W.S. (BILL) BRADSHAW (1949); JOHN INGLETON (1954); MRS CORDELIA WHEELDON; AND A.J. (ALAN) WHEELDON (1940)

The College is grateful to Bill Blackshaw (1949) who kindly hosted a Lunch for Sussex area Members and their guests at

Brighton College where he was Headmaster from 1971 to 1987. On a warm Sunday afternoon, June 13th, 1999, a congenial group admired the outstanding architecture of Brighton College, designed in the mid-1800s by Sir George Gilbert Scott and Sir T G Jackson, architect of Hertford, before gathering in the Library where round tables had been set up for lunch in the attractive Neo-Gothic interior with its book-lined walls.

Dr Anthony Seldon, the current Headmaster, joined the group for a sumptuous buffet, with special wines supplied by Bill Blackshaw. It was particularly appropriate that Richard Malpas, Hertford's Gilbert Ryle Fellow in Philosophy and Senior Fellow, could be present. Ryle, a Brighton College alumnus, became Waynflete Professor of Philosophy at Oxford. It was to him, with J.L. Austin, that Oxford philosophy largely owed its international reputation in the post-war years. The Philosophy Fellowship at Hertford was named after him in recognition of his generous bequest to the College. As one of his last official duties before his retirement, Richard Malpas, on behalf of Hertford and everyone present, thanked Bill Blackshaw and Brighton College for their generous hospitality.

House of Lords Reception



DEREK CONRAN (1944), VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HERTFORD SOCIETY; ALFRED NATHAN (1940); AND GRAHAM JONES (1964), SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY



KATE STROSS (1974) WITH BARONESS WARNOCK DBE, WHO KINDLY HOSTED THE HOUSE OF LORDS EVENT



HIS HONOUR BRIAN GALPIN (1940); NANCY GALPIN; ANTHONY EADY (1959), CHAIRMAN OF THE HERTFORD SOCIETY

With Baroness Warnock DBE kindly hosting the occasion, the Hertford Society held a reception at the House of Lords on 9th September, 1999. The opportunity to tour the House of Lords Chamber beforehand was an added bonus for many, and everyone was grateful for the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones in such splendid surroundings.

Barbara Paxman MBE



BARBARA PAXMAN (RIGHT) WITH EDITH SPENCER, COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SECRETARY

The College is delighted that Barbara Paxman, College Secretary since 1991, has been awarded an MBE for services to Higher Education. The award was announced in The Queen's New Year's Honours List. Barbara has worked within the University for 25 years, in the Museum of the History of Science, the Dunn School of Pathology, and at Hertford where she is a key figure supporting the academic life of the College. There can be no student who has passed through Hertford in the past nine years who has not been grateful for her calm and efficient help and advice. With characteristic modesty, Barbara says, "The cleaning, catering, maintenance and secretarial staff with whom I've been privileged to work, should really all have a share of the award, since they work so hard behind-the-scenes to provide a pleasant environment for those in Higher Education."

Joan McLauchlan Retires



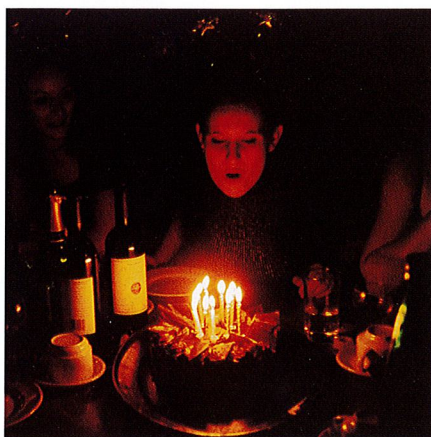
JOAN MCLAUCHLAN, HERTFORD'S FIRST CONFERENCE SECRETARY, AT HER RETIREMENT PARTY WITH PETER BAKER, BURSAR (LEFT) AND HER HUSBAND, PROFESSOR KEITH MCLAUCHLAN FRs, HERTFORD FELLOW AND TUTOR IN CHEMISTRY.

After four and a half years at Hertford during which she worked with the Bursar to help establish Hertford's thriving conference business, Joan McLauchlan has retired as the College's Conference Secretary. When staff and Fellows gathered to say thank you and wish her well, the Bursar, Peter Baker, paid tribute to her contribution to the College. After a career as Senior Mistress and Maths Mistress at St. Helen and St. Katherine School in Abingdon, Joan came to Hertford in 1995 when the rapid expansion of the use of College facilities during vacation periods was just beginning. Thanks to Joan's efforts, the substantial income now generated by conferences, private functions, and summer language courses for students from Japan and other countries plays a crucial role in maintaining the College financially. Hertford's new Conference Manager is Lynne Doherty who previously worked at St. Antony's College. She is happy to supply information and to take bookings. Lynne can be reached on +44 (0)1865 279456.

JCR Women's Silver Anniversary Dinner



L TO R: AMBER ARNOLD, CLARE THOMAS, INSA KLASING, JO MONTAGU BLOWS OUT 25 CANDLES. BETH BISHOP, NISHANTHI THALAYASINGAM, AND ROBERTA DIONELLO

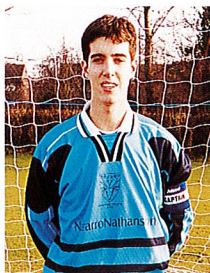


SUSANNAH PATEY WITH JUNIOR DEAN ANDREA IABONI (R)

JCR women celebrated 25 years of women at Hertford with their own Gala Dinner in Hall, complete with silver decorations, special balloons, and on each table, a huge chocolate cake with 25 candles. Andrea Iaboni, the new Junior Dean, joined in, along with English Fellow Emma Smith, Tutor for Women, who gave a witty and inspiring speech in honour of the occasion.

Hertford College 1st XI Football Report

The 1st XI Football Squad are pleased to report the purchase of a new kit, thanks to sponsorship from law firm Nabarro Nathanson, through the association of Glyn Taylor (1979). The 1st XI have had a successful season so far, always providing top entertainment and plenty of goals. They have made useful progress in the competitive league and are looking good for promotion. The exciting cup run came to an end against first division St. Catz, 6-5 after extra time.



CAPTAIN CHRIS SAN JOSE IN THE NEW KIT KINDLY SPONSORED BY LAW FIRM NABARRO NATHANSON.

One of the highlights has been the victory in the three-way annual tournament between the current 1st team, a recent leavers side, and the Old Boys Cuppers winning side of 1981. The team has an exciting blend of youthful exuberance in 1st year prospects 'Fingers' Robinson and Randman, and the experience and panache of Attwood, Burns and Captain San Jose. The goals have been flying in from Craemer, Kynaston, Rickard and D'Aubyn, whilst goal-keepers Allen and McAteer have kept things quiet in defence.

James Attwood



THE FIRST XI FOOTBALL SQUAD SHOW OFF THEIR NEW KIT. TOP ROW, L TO R: PAUL CASSELL, RICHARD TITE, ALISTAIR ALLEN, GEORGE BURNS, AND TIM RANDMAN; BOTTOM ROW, L TO R: CHRIS SAN JOSE (CAPT.), JAMES ATTWOOD (VICE-CAPT.), JOHN MCAATEER, ALEX ROBINSON, AND FERHAD MEKIC.

JCR News

The JCR entered the new millennium with an exciting Michaelmas term behind it. The past term witnessed the restoration of Hertford sporting glory. All three men's football teams improved drastically on previous terms' achievements, with the First XI reaching the top five of the division and the Second XI enjoying a long unbeaten streak. The Ice Hockey Cuppers' team finished third in the university tournament, the Women's Rugby team brought home silverware, and the Christ Church Regatta provided the usual rowing successes.

Social life remained vibrant, with several very popular bops, a fabulous end-of-term Christmas dinner, and many other activities, including film-nights and hypnotists. On the political side, the old JCR constitution was thoroughly revised and amended and made ready for the 21st century. Work has now begun on the beautification of the Holywell Quad, and the process should be completed this Spring. The coming year should prove as stimulating as the past one, with hopes to improve the sports pavilion, create a JCR handbook, and keep up the sporting success.

Johan Berggren



JCR PRESIDENT JOHAN BERGGREN (1998) MEETS WITH MCR PRESIDENT RACHEL BUXTON (1998) IN THE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM.

MCR News

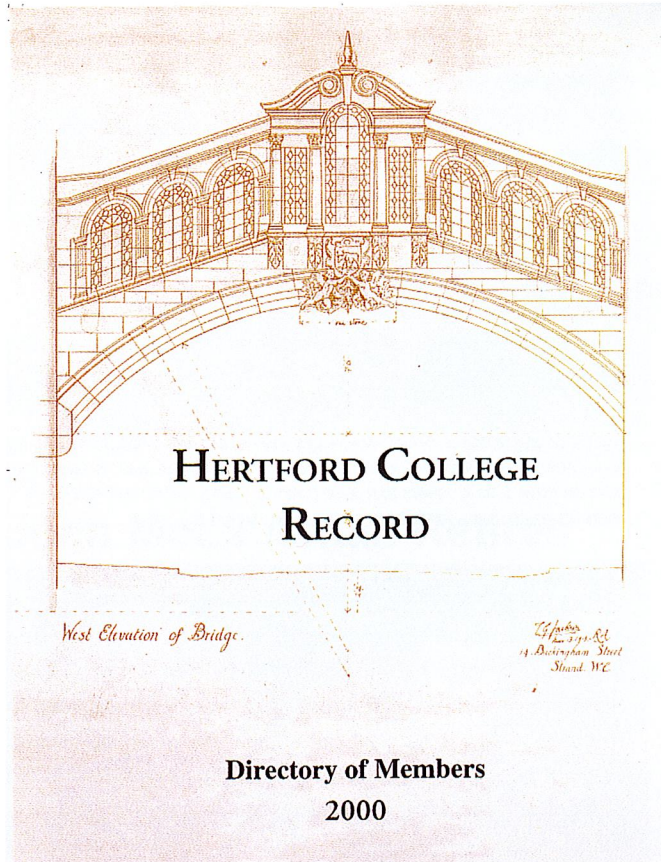
When I arrived in Oxford to begin my studies a year or so ago, I was under the impression that, with my undergraduate years behind me, all I had to look forward to for the duration of my DPhil were long hours in the Bodleian and little in the way of a social life. Well, last year's committee certainly put paid to that idea—and I trust that this year has likewise convinced new arrivals in the MCR that, if they'd like the opportunity to get involved in all that Oxford has to offer, they're at the right place.

Michaelmas term saw a staggering number of events, including guest and exchange dinners, cocktail parties (one of which raised £200 for cyclone victims in Orissa), the Chez Hertford music-fest, a ceili with the Irish Society, a self-defence course, and a trip to the Rocky Horror Picture Show. There was also the hugely successful Heaven-and-Hell party, run jointly with the JCR and held simultaneously in the bop cellar and Octagon. Hilary term promises to be similarly entertaining, with a visit to Stratford to see *King Lear*, a Burns Night, a pool competition, and a squash ladder all making their appearance alongside the usual events.

We have also seen the refurbishment of the MCR, with the staircase re-painted and wallpapered and new couches in the tea-room. Three new computers were purchased, a new photocopier leased, and the carpet in the computer room replaced. With the imminent completion of the Graduate Centre and the rest of the year promising to be as fun and event-filled as ever, there's much to look forward to here in the MCR!

Rachel Buxton

WORTH WAITING FOR...



Lost Members...Please help us find the 'missing' Members on the list enclosed.

The Hertford College Record

Your new *Hertford College Record*, the first directory of Members since 1993, will be useful for keeping in touch with old friends and making new ones. Names will be arranged by matriculation year, geographical location, and job sector, as well as alphabetically.

You will receive your copy later this Spring, but there is still time to let us know your up-to-date details if you contact us as soon as you read this.

The first *Hertford College Record*, in 1933, was edited by Dr Tom Boase, Fellow from 1922-1937, and later President of Magdalen College. He took a particular interest in 'old members', as did his successor as Hertford History Fellow, Felix Markham. The Second World War and the deprivations that followed interrupted publication, and the *Record* did not appear again for some time. Subsequent issues all were edited by Derek Conran (1944) who has kindly written a Foreword to our Millennium edition.

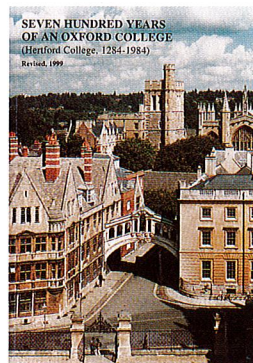
Having progressed from the card file to the computer database, production from now on should be more frequent!

Attention 1994, 1995 & 1996!

We have no information to include in the *Hertford College Record* for those who matriculated in 1994, 1995, and 1996 (as you will not have received our original questionnaire). If you want your details included, please e-mail, phone or fax us, or return the enclosed form IMMEDIATELY! *Absolute deadline: 21st April*

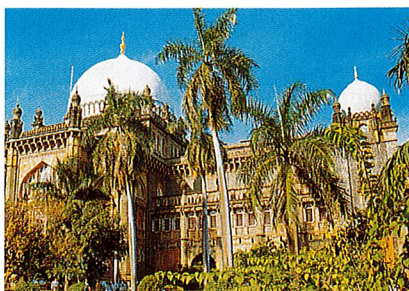
700 Years of an Oxford College

Our College History, *700 Years of an Oxford College*, edited by Professor Andrew Goudie, has now been updated and contains a dozen new articles. First issued in 1984, this anthology of selected articles from past *College Magazines* gives a glimpse of Hertford history and life, and profiles some of its great figures, including William Tyndale, John Donne, Thomas Hobbes, Charles James Fox, and Evelyn Waugh. The second edition is available in the College Buttery for £7.00, or by post from the Development Office for £8.00 (cheques made payable to *Hertford College*).



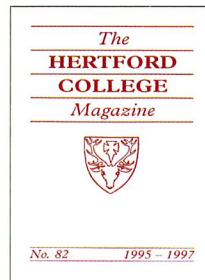
The Hertford College Visa Card

Support the College through our attractive Visa card. A portion of all transactions benefits Hertford. The 'Bridge of Sighs' card (*top*) is available to UK residents and those in other countries who have a UK bank account. US Members may obtain the card featuring the University of Oxford logo (*below*) which also benefits Hertford. A leaflet giving details is available from the Development Office. MBNA, the issuing bank, can be contacted in the UK on 0800 731 6966 and in the USA on 1 800 847 7378.



Hertford Millennium Cruise

Seven Hertford Members and spouses, a group of eleven, supported the College on the Muscat to Malabar Swan Hellenic cruise, 1-16 March, with Professor Martin Biddle, Fellow in Archaeology, as a Lecturer. For details of Swan Hellenic cruises, telephone +44 (0) 171 800 2200.



The Magazine is Coming!

To reassure Members who have asked about the *Hertford College Magazine*, you can look forward to receiving the next issue soon.

A Rose by any other name...

Harkness Roses are known throughout the world. When Peter Harkness (Modern History 1950) suggested that it might be possible for Hertford to name a rose to sell in benefit of the College, we were delighted.

R. Harkness & Co, rose growers and breeders, originated in 1879 with Peter's great grandfather. While at Hertford, Peter helped out at the firm during breaks, and after graduation joined the business full-time.

Now, in retirement, Peter is President of the British Association of Rose Breeders and a Director of the Royal National Rose Society. In 1996, he was awarded the Society's highest honour for services to the rose, the Dean Hole Medal. He has travelled widely over the years, lecturing extensively as a 'Rose Ambassador', and has written five books on roses and two on local church history.

Peter also plays a leading role in his local community. Last year, he became Chairman of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation, which uses the profits from its extensive estate holdings to benefit charitable projects in the town. He looks forward to continuing the sensitive development of this, the world's first 'Garden City'.

Last summer, Peter and his wife Margaret welcomed the Principal and Lady Bodmer to the headquarters of Harkness Roses near Hitchin in Hertfordshire to meet Managing Director Philip Harkness, Peter's nephew, and see the rose fields at their best. The trial fields were ablaze with colour, many of the roses in the early stages of experimental development. It can take up to seven years to develop a new variety, so the College is fortunate to have been offered a spectacular new rose which has been through its trials

already and in the company's opinion is a winner.

What to name a Hertford Rose? The Harknesses are experts, having named scores of roses, including a white one personally chosen by the Princess of Wales for one of her charities. The name of a rose must be simple and evocative. The Harknesses are certain that 'Bridge of Sighs' will have wide appeal and will attract the attention of the general public as they browse through catalogues

Hertford's Rose is the colour of the 'Bridge of Sighs' when glowing in the late afternoon sun. Its amber bronze single petals open to reveal golden stamens. 'Bridge of Sighs' is a repeat flowering scented climber; its foliage red when young, maturing to a dark, glossy green. A hardy plant with good disease resistance, it will grow with above average vigour; with support, in either a sunny position or one with up to 75% shade. All this, and an evocative name as well — what more could one want in a rose?

and rose books. The College is immensely grateful to Harknesses for their generous contribution of 'Bridge of Sighs' which will benefit us financially and bring pleasure to Hertford Members and many others besides.



ADMIRING 'BRIDGE OF SIGHS': (L TO R) MRS MARGARET HARKNESS; PETER HARKNESS (1950); LADY BODMER; THE PRINCIPAL; AND PHILIP HARKNESS, MANAGING DIRECTOR



THE PRINCIPAL AND PETER HARKNESS (1950) DISCUSS NEW VARIETIES OF ROSES IN THE HARKNESS TRIAL FIELDS IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

How 'Bridge of Sighs' will benefit the College

To celebrate the launch of 'Bridge of Sighs', an order form with a pre-introduction offer will be posted in May to all Hertford Members, and roses will be despatched direct from the company. Over the next three years, all sales originating through the College will generate a donation by the company of 30% of the retail price to Hertford. 'Bridge of Sighs' also will be featured in the widely circulated *Harkness Rose Catalogue*, and for the next three years, Harkness Roses will donate to the College 10% of all sales which originate through their *Catalogue*.

2000 Calendar of Events

- 31st March & 1st April Oxford North American Reunion, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York. *Contact: Tel (212) 726 6404.*
- 1 April 6:00 - 9:30 pm Buffet Reception with the Principal, New York Academy of Sciences. *Contact: Ann Gorski LoBue (1983) Tel (212) 390 6223.*
- 14th April 5:30 - 7:30 pm Drinks Reception with the Principal, Vancouver. *Contact: Tom Hutton (1972) Tel (604) 822 4818. thutton@interchange.ubc.ca*
- 15th April 6:00 for 7:00 pm Vancouver Oxford & Cambridge Society Boat Race Dinner with the Principal as Speaker. *Contact: Tom Hutton, as above.*
- 7th May 'Five Years On' Reunion for 1991 & 1992 Drinks and Informal Lunch in Hall
- 20th May Geoffrey Warnock Society Inaugural Lunch. *For a Society brochure, Tel +44 (0) 1865 279428.*
- 25th June 12:30 pm Hertford Society Drinks and Buffet Lunch
2:00 - 5:00 pm Graduate Centre Open House (*Open to all*)
4:00 pm Ceremonial Planting of Hertford's Rose
- 22 September Gaudy Dinner (1983, 1984 and 1985)
- 23 September 50th Reunion Millennium Dinner (1947-1953)
- 29 September 12 Noon Official Opening of the new Graduate Centre
By invitation



NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
2 EAST 63RD STREET, NEW YORK

Further Details

North American Reunion

Members in Canada, the U.S., and Mexico are cordially invited to join the Principal for a special Buffet Reception at the historic townhouse of the New York Academy of Sciences the evening of Saturday, 1st April. If you have not received your invitation and reply card, please contact Ann Gorski LoBue (1983), *see left*, or the Hertford Development Office. You should have received a separate invitation to Oxford University's North American reunion at New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel on 31st March and 1st April. If not, contact Eva Klimas at the Oxford University New York Office, tel. (212) 726 6404.

50th Year Reunion

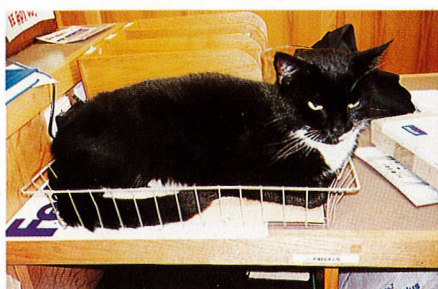
In this Millennium year, we will celebrate those who matriculated 50 years ago (give or take a few years) with a special Reunion Dinner on Saturday, 23rd September. We hope as many as possible from mat. years 1947-1953 will be able to come. Special invitations will be posted.

Inaugural Lunch, Geoffrey Warnock Society

Join the Society and come to a special Inaugural Lunch for founding members on Saturday, 20th May, with Baroness Warnock as Guest of Honour. The Geoffrey Warnock Society was launched in 1999 to acknowledge and thank those who have mentioned Hertford in their wills, or intend to do so. Invitations will be sent to all members. For a special leaflet about the Society, please contact the Development Office on +44(0)1865 279428.

We are most grateful to Peter Arkell OBE (1941)
for his contribution to the costs of this issue of *Hertford College News*.

Farewell to Simpkins



SIMPKINS IN THE LODGE 'IN TRAY,' ONE OF HIS FAVOURITE SPOTS IN THE COLLEGE.

Hertford's Darts Team took him along as their mascot and forgot him when the Bar closed. Although often to be seen with Rosie, New College's cat, there was no chance of any little Simpkins after a collection in the JCR Bar had paid for a small operation.

Carefully looked after by Judy and Pam in the Lodge, Simpkins was much photographed and admired by scholars and tourists alike. He received postcards from around the world, including one from the White House cat. Featured in student newspapers and the *Oxford Star*, Simpkins also has his own chapter and six photos, in *College Cats of Oxford and Cambridge* by Richard Surman (HarperCollins, London 1994). We know that everyone who was at Hertford during Simpkins' reign will pause now to remember him.

We are very sad to report that Simpkins, the College Cat, died on 17th December at the age of 14. Students, Fellows, and Staff returning after the Christmas and New Year break were sorry to find that Simpkins was missing, no longer to be found sitting on the Lodge counter looking for attention or curled up asleep in the 'in tray.'

Simpkins was given to the College in 1986 by Matt Hunt (1983 EEM) to replace the Warnocks' cat 'Simpkin' who recently had died. (Matt has kindly offered to provide a kitten to succeed Simpkins.) Often to be found birdwatching in the Quad, or in the Library or the favourite rooms he visited on a regular basis for a sleep, he was a frequent visitor to Blackwells, the Bodleian, and Brasenose. On one occasion he had to be retrieved from the S.E.H. Bar after



PHOTO BY NORMAN MOBEATH

Simpkins (1985-1999)