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**Special Feature: Music at Hertford
College News**



Sir Walter Bodmer FRS, Principal

The implementation by the University centrally of the new system of governance, involving a single Council, and five divisions (humanities, life and environmental sciences, mathematical and physical sciences, medical sciences, and social sciences) each under a Head sitting on the University Council and each with a considerable amount of delegated authority, has inevitably placed increasing pressures on the relationship between the colleges and this new divisional structure. A key problem is the balance between research and administrative responsibilities on the one hand, and teaching, in particular tutorial teaching, on the other. The College has to play its role in responding to these questions and consider its future strategy in these challenging times, on a continuing basis.

The College officers play a major role in dealing with these issues and we are therefore very pleased that Sonia Mazey, our Fellow in Politics, has agreed to take on the challenging role of Senior Tutor following Bill Macmillan's four years of excellent stewardship. She will be the first woman Senior Tutor in the College's 700-year history. We are similarly very grateful to Emma Smith, one of our tutors in English, for taking on the role of Tutor for Admissions following a year of shadowing her predecessor, our Bursar, Peter Baker, who excelled in this role given his personal experience as a secondary school head teacher.

Another major change follows the retirement of Michael Chantry as our Chaplain for a record 40 years. He has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the College, not only directly through his role as Chaplain, but also through his personal support. A splendid event to celebrate his retirement was held on Sunday 10 June 2001, with Bishop Tom McMahon, whose identical twin brother was once Hertford's law fellow, giving a special sermon which included a dedication of a plaque in the Chapel to Sir Geoffrey Warnock, my predecessor but one. We are pleased to welcome Simon Oliver as our new Chaplain. He has very rapidly established his presence in the College and continues, in his own way, the strong tradition of the chaplaincy.

An important new development in support of the College's medical students is the appointment of a clinical coordinator, Dr Rob Davies, a chest physician, as a Fellow and member of the Governing Body. He will play an invaluable role in the support of students in their clinical years, and also the pre-clinical students as they approach their clinical commitment. This adds considerably to the College's already strong presence in medical studies. Two other new tutorial appointments are Ros Rickaby in earth sciences, and Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra in philosophy jointly with Oriel College.

We welcome Carol McCall as our new Head of Development in succession to Nancy Giles and incidentally, of course, as editor of the newsletter. Carol comes to us with welcome and extensive experience both in colleges and in the University's central development office and has already spearheaded plans for a new Hertford College development programme.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Sir David Spedding, one of our most recently elected honorary fellows. He had an outstanding career in government service and was very committed to supporting the College and helping us in our development programme.

We have had the usual events for members, including a 'five years on' reunion in June and two gaudies, for the years 1986-1989, at the end of September. We are always very happy to welcome back members on these occasions and indeed at any time. We aim to have an event to which members can be specifically invited to return to the College at least at five year intervals. The support of members of the College as part of the overall Hertford family is extremely important to us.

Walter Bodmer

The Geoffrey Warnock Society Lunch

On Saturday 12 May 2001, members of the Geoffrey Warnock Society returned for the Society's Annual Lunch. This is the second year that the Society has



Eric Doorbar, the Principal, Iris Doorbar, John Wilkinson, Michael F Harris

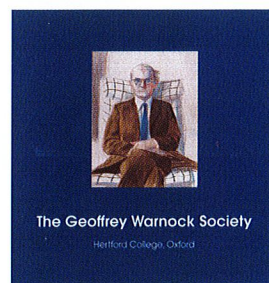
been entertained in College, and Members enjoyed meeting and talking over drinks in the Principal's Lodgings before moving to the Old Hall for luncheon. The Guest of Honour was Baroness Warnock, and among those present were Alfred Nathan (1940), Basil Williams (1932), and William Gutteridge (1946).



Lunch in the Old Hall

At the Lunch, the Principal expressed the College's deep appreciation to those who had agreed to support its activities by stating an intention to include the

College in their wills. He recalled that Geoffrey Warnock, during his 17 years as Principal, had made many contributions to Hertford which continue to bring great benefit today. It is fitting that the College's special Society, which honours those whose own legacies will play an important part in the future of the College, should be named in his memory.



The Geoffrey Warnock Society Brochure

For many years, gifts and bequests from generous Members and friends have helped to shape the College. Today, more than ever, such help is needed. Hertford must ensure that its future is secure in three crucial areas: safeguarding

key academic posts; providing student assistance; and maintaining its fabric and buildings.

If you would like to help in this very practical way by leaving a gift to the College in your will, or if you would like further information about the Geoffrey Warnock Society, please contact: Carol McCall, Head of the Members and Development Office, Hertford College, Oxford OX1 3BW, tel: 01865 279440, fax: 01865 289142.

Welcome to the Members and Development Office

In June 2001, Carol McCall arrived at Hertford as the new Head of the Members and Development Office. After five years in the University's Development Office, where she had responsibility for scholarships, legacy fund-raising and liaison with colleges, Carol is delighted to be at Hertford, and is working closely with Fellows and Members, current and past, to help build a strong future for the College, both in terms of links with Members and the financial support needed for College activities. Carol has considerable experience of working in the University – via three departments, one other college, and two sections of the University's central administration – as she says, "... for more years than I care to recall!" She is keen to carry on the tradition of a friendly and welcoming College, and looks forward to meeting many Members in the future.

The Members and Development Office is located near the famous Bridge, and has a splendid view across to the Bodleian Library, the Sheldonian Theatre and the Clarendon Building. As Head of the Office, Carol would be delighted to discuss the various opportunities available for supporting Hertford College activities through donations, sponsorship of events and publications (such as future editions of *Hertford College News*), and bequests. Fund-raising is crucial to Hertford's future and the generous gifts of Members ensure that this future is made more secure. The College is deeply grateful for the support it receives.

The Office has the valuable help of Juliet Lall, as Development Office Assistant. Juliet has a background in graphic design and computing, and has been at Hertford since March 2001. She is responsible for dealing with day-to-day enquiries, ensuring that the database is kept up to date with address changes, and helping with arrangements for College events, publications, and our links with Members. All these activities have been greatly helped by the installation of new computer software in the Development Office, thanks to the generosity of Allan Milne Lees (1984).

Carol and Juliet look forward to continued contact with Hertford Members.



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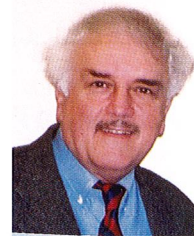
The Michael Baring Travel Scholarship Fund

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of members of his family, together with many friends and colleagues, Hertford has established the Michael Baring Travel Scholarship Fund. Michael Baring (1967, PPE) died suddenly in October 1999 whilst stalking deer in the Scottish Highlands.

The Michael Baring Fund has now reached £50,800 and the College is immensely grateful for contributions from the Baring Foundation, the Delaporte Foundation, and many other organisations and individuals who have supported the initiative.

The scheme will provide travel support for students of History at Hertford, and the first recipients will shortly be selected.

"Oxford and the English Countryside" Lithographs by Bulent Atalay



Professor Bulent Atalay

Professor Bulent Atalay (Visiting Professor at Hertford, 1972-73) has generously provided copies of his splendid book of lithographs for distribution to those who have given or pledged \$5,000

(£3,000) to the College. There are now over 40 such supporters of Hertford. The College is most grateful to Bulent Atalay for his magnificent gift.

Cover: The Chapel Organ
by Norman McBeath

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Hertford College Choir singing in the Quad

Farewell to the Revd Michael Chantry and dedication of plaque to Sir Geoffrey Warnock

A special celebratory tea was held in the Quad on 10 June 2001 to mark the Reverend Michael Chantry's retirement as Chaplain after a remarkable 40 years. (See profile in Hertford College News, Issue 5, Spring 2001.)

The College Jazz Band, under the direction of Hannah Madsen, accompanied by the singing of Adebayo Alli, entertained Members and guests, including Baroness Warnock, Jim Bertie, the former Bursar, and Bill Atkinson, a key figure in establishing the Hertford Society.

Afterwards Michael took his last service in the Chapel on the theme "Going Down Now, Sir", at which the preacher, The Rt Revd Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood, spoke of his long friendship with Michael, and Michael's association with Hertford, with the city of Oxford, and especially his involvement in College and University sporting activities.

During the Chapel service, a plaque was dedicated in memory of the late Principal, Sir Geoffrey Warnock, in the presence of Mary Warnock and members of the Warnock family. Choral Evensong was accompanied by music composed especially for the occasion, including an Introit by Andrew Sheppy dedicated to Revd Michael Chantry.

"Unsung Heroes" (or heroines)

The College Lodge team of Judy Mullee and Pam Horwood received public recognition in *The Oxford Student*. The issue dated 1 November 2001 contained an article by Jo Khinmaung entitled "Unsung Heroes" about College porters and scouts, and our team at Hertford were singled out for recognition. "... I met two lovely ladies at Hertford lodge, one of whom has been working there for 19 years. I was only there for about 10 minutes but I immediately got the vibe of the lodge – warm, friendly and motherly. They seemed to know everyone and the students coming in and out greeted them as if they were close friends. They had a brilliant sense of humour."

The Oxford Student was named Student Newspaper of the Year 2001.

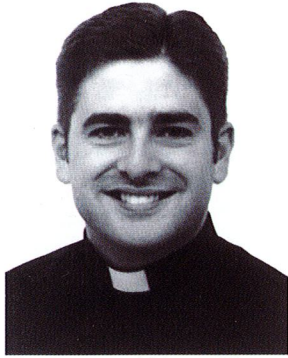
Retirement of Hall Manageress

On 19 June 2001, College staff gathered in the Old Library to bid farewell to Betty Rudman, who was retiring after 11 years at the College, most recently as Hall Manageress. The Bursar, Peter Baker, expressed the gratitude of the College for



The Bursar, Peter Baker, with Betty Rudman

Betty's tireless work, starting as House Keeper in Warnock House before taking over management of the Hall in 1998. She was presented with flowers and a bracelet as a farewell gift. Her successor as Hall Manageress is Kathy Wyatt, who has been on the staff of the College since 1993.



The Reverend Simon Oliver

Welcome to the new Chaplain - the Revd Simon Oliver

To follow the long career of the Revd Michael Chantry is no mean feat. However, the Revd Simon Oliver has taken on the task with verve and alacrity. Since his arrival at Hertford at the beginning of September 2001, Simon has ensured that the Chaplain continues to play an important role in the life of the College.

Simon read PPE at Oxford (Mansfield College), graduating in 1993. After a time working in Central Africa as a teacher and aid worker, he went to Cambridge in 1995 to read Theology and train for the priesthood. Simon was ordained in 1998 and remained in Cambridge to study for a PhD. He combined academic work with a part-time curacy in two parishes on the outskirts of Cambridge. From January 2001 he was Acting Dean and Director of Studies in Theology at Jesus College, Cambridge. His research interests lie in the fields of Christian doctrine and ethics. Simon is married to Jayne, who is a speech and language therapist.

A full programme of services and preachers in Michaelmas Term included a commemoration of the martyrdom of William Tyndale, and visits by the Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths, former President of the Methodist Conference, and the Revd Professor John Polkinghorne, Emeritus Professor of Mathematical Physics, University of Cambridge, and former Master of Queens' College.

Further information about Chapel services and events can be found on the Chapel web page: www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/chapel

Conferences at Hertford

Julie Dearden (1979, MA Modern Languages) joined the College in 2001 as Conference Manager. Julie is delighted to be back at Hertford after a number of years language training in Germany and France, and owning a Professional English Language Training School in France.

Most of the revenue from the Conference Department comes from our own EFL (English as a Foreign Language) courses which are run during the Easter and Summer vacations. The purpose of these courses is to raise money to support our own teaching and research, Fellows and students. They also provide vacation jobs for our own students. These courses are organised for Japanese Universities with which we have other links, such as the Kwansai Gakuin Exchange Programme, in which approximately 40 Hertford students take part each year.

This year the Conference Office is hosting events such as visits from the Sutton Trust for potential candidates to Oxford. Another initiative being hosted at Hertford is the 'Headstart' programme run by the Department of Engineering Science to attract engineering candidates to Oxford.

A Summer School is also being organised on History and English for the University of Hartford (USA), and a Summer School for law students from the University of Loyola (USA).

A conference will take place in 2003 for the Centenary of Evelyn Waugh (one of the College's illustrious old Members) for a group coming from Lock Haven University, Pennsylvania.

For further information about holding meetings, events, etc., at the College please contact:

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11 September 2001

The tragedy which occurred in the USA on Tuesday 11 September affected a great number of Oxonians, not only in the United States but worldwide. The College remembered the victims of the attacks in New York City, Washington DC and Pennsylvania at a Memorial Service held in the Chapel on Thursday 13 September, attended by Fellows, students and staff, together with many of our American visiting students.

We extend our sympathy to the families of those who died, and our continued thoughts for Members of the College affected by the events of September 11th.

“Blood of the Vikings”: Martin and Birthe Biddle

Professor Martin Biddle and his wife Birthe Kjølbye-Biddle featured in a BBC television programme in November 2001 in the series entitled “Blood of the Vikings”. Hosted by professional archaeologist Julian Richards, the series has been exploring the history and culture of the Vikings as they made their way by conquest and settlement through the British Isles.



Photograph by Norman McBeath

Professor Martin Biddle and his wife, Birthe Kjølbye-Biddle in the Winchester Excavations Office, Oxford.

Over 15 years ago, Martin, who is Fellow and Tutor in Archaeology at Hertford, together with his wife Birthe, a Danish archaeologist, uncovered the body of a warrior in the churchyard at Repton in Derbyshire. The remains had been buried with a sword and a small Thor’s hammer – the sign of the Viking god Thor, and a boar’s tusk. In 865 the Danish Great Army landed in England, and made its way across the country attacking villages and towns along the route. The Viking’s progress was described in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, which tells how in the autumn of 873 they reached Repton, and took up quarters there for the winter, before splitting up and leaving for York and Cambridge the following year.

Martin and Birthe returned to Repton and described the experiences of uncovering other Viking burial mounds, and how their research has contributed to the study of the Viking archaeological trail.

See: Hertford College News, Issue 2, Spring 1999
See: www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/vikings/dig_repton.shtml

Japanese Linguistics Workshop, September 2002: Dr Bjarke Frellesvig

Doctoral linguistics students from around the world have been invited to participate in a international workshop to be held in Oxford in September 2002. For the period 15-21 September the students will participate in activities connected with their research projects.

The workshop is being organised by Dr Bjarke Frellesvig, Fellow and Tutor in Japanese at Hertford, and University Lecturer at the Oriental Institute. His Fellowship is funded by a generous gift from Tokyo Electric Power Company which continues to provide support for student exchanges with Japan, and for senior member visits to maintain connections.

Dr Emma Smith: Hertford’s link with University of Hartford, USA



Photograph by Norman McBeath

Dr Emma Smith

Hertford has a now well-established link with the University of Hartford in Hartford, Connecticut. In September 2001, Dr Emma Smith, our Fellow and Tutor in English, was invited to visit the University and to give the annual Hartford lecture.

Emma’s lecture, entitled “Author vs Actor in Shakespeare’s Theatre” was enthusiastically received, and she took part in a number of Shakespeare workshops with students and tutors.

Hertford College, Oxford, has also welcomed Martin Scholars from Hartford University since 1987, and currently has four students: Russell Shannon (1998, DPhil Engineering), Jessica Dunmore (1999, DPhil Physics), Katie Christoffers (2000, MSc Neuroscience) and Mark Peter (2001, 2nd BA PPE) in residence for the academic year 2001-2002.

Zavoisky Award 2001: Professor Keith McLauchlan

In September 2001, Professor Keith McLauchlan travelled to Kazan, Tatarstan, to receive the prestigious Zavoisky Prize from the Russian government.

He was awarded the prize in recognition of his work on electron paramagnetic resonance, which has been a key focus of his research over the past 10 years.

Keith is due to retire from Hertford College in 2002 after 37 years as Fellow and Tutor in Chemistry, and a retirement dinner is planned for Friday 27 September.

Web site: www.chem.ox.ac.uk/researchguide/kamclauchlan.html

Retirement of Dr Brian Steer



Dr Brian Steer and Martin Bridson

Dr Brian Steer, former Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics, has been elected to an Emeritus Fellowship of the College following his retirement in June 2001. Brian came to Hertford in 1963 and during his 38 years with the College he

has taught over 200 undergraduate students and supervised many postgraduates. He was Guest of Honour at a dinner in Hall on 7 December 2001 at which many of his former pupils were present.



Dr Cathy Head, Dr Brian Steer, Rachel Weiss, Robert Brodie, Dr Julian Stander

Fellows

Mr Peter Baker	Bursar
Dr Toby Barnard	Modern History, Archivist
Professor Martin Biddle	Medieval Archaeology
Dr Charlotte Brewer	Medieval English
Dr Peter Bull	Geography
Dr Paul Coones	Geography
Professor Zhan Cui	Chemical Engineering
Dr Tom Cunnane	Physiology
Professor Kay Davies	Anatomy
Dr Alan Day	Mathematics
Professor Karen Day	Biology
Professor Robin Devenish	Physics
Dr Fionn Dunne	Mechanical Engineering
Dr Geoffrey Ellis	Modern History
Professor Roy Foster	Irish History
Dr Bjarke Frellesvig	Japanese
Professor Andrew Goudie	Geography
Dr Godfrey Keller	Economics
Dr Bill Macmillan	Geography
Dr Sonia Mazey	Politics
Professor Keith McLauchlan	Chemistry
Professor Paul Muldoon	Poetry
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Mr Tom Paulin	English
Dr Roger Pensom	French
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Dr Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra	Philosophy
Professor Christopher Schofield	Organic Chemistry
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Mr Roy Stuart	Law
Dr Richard Thomas	Mathematics (JRF)
Mr Roger Van Noorden	Economics
Dr Stephanie West	Classics
Professor Tony Wilson	Engineering
Dr Alison Woollard	Biological Sciences
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Music at Hertford

Hertford College Music Society – A History By Lee Dunleavy

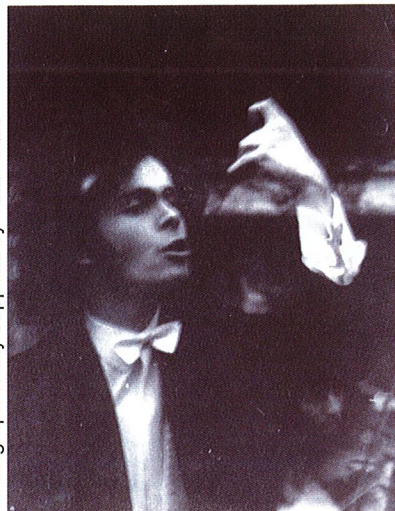


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Chapel Choir in the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin

The history of the Hertford College Music Society is, in many ways, as colourful as the history of the College itself. Formed in 1931 for “the promotion of madrigal singing and recitals on the new Chapel Organ” it continued pursuing these aims until the onset of war in 1939. After the war there were only sporadic bursts of musical activity which often emanated from the Organ Scholar of the day.

The birth of the musical stability we still feel today in College came in 1972 when Peter Dart (1972, Physics), the President of the revived Society and Organ Scholar, gathered together an orchestra for a performance of, amongst other things, Haydn’s Symphony No. 31 ‘Horn Signal’ and Samuel Barber’s ‘Adagio for Strings’. The conductor of these two pieces was a then unknown Simon Rattle (below), a student at the Royal Academy of



Photograph kindly supplied by Peter Dart

Conductor, Simon Rattle

Music in London. Rattle made a return visit the next year conducting Haydn’s Symphony No. 60 ‘Il Distratto’, Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto, Beethoven’s Eighth Symphony, Delius’ ‘On hearing the first cuckoo in spring’ and Mehul’s Overture ‘La chasse de jeune Henri’.

In Trinity term of 1974 a concert was organised by the Society in conjunction with the Warnocks, who did so much to encourage the musical life of Hertford. It was held in the Town Hall, and the performers were the Wilbye Consort under the direction of the legendary English tenor, Peter Pears. During his period as an undergraduate at Keble College, Pears spent time as Organist of Hertford, though there is little evidence that his presence was greatly felt by the College.

Throughout the 1970s and early 1980s the College orchestra went from strength to strength, performing numerous staple orchestral works, and combining with the College Choral Society (formed in the late 1970s and built on the enduring stability of the Chapel choir) for works such as Haydn’s ‘The Creation’. Also notable during this period was the collaboration with amateur and school groups such as Teignmouth Grammar School Chamber Choir and Berkhamsted School Chamber Orchestra. In recent years this noble practice has been revived by the Music Society, working with Sir William Borlase’s Grammar School Choir and a village Choral Society from just north of Bristol, the Congresbury Singers.

The Society has always been active in programming familiar and popular works alongside the unknown and new. In the early 1980s a youthful music student, Hugh Collins Rice, composed a

number of works for the College orchestra and also for the Chapel choir. Today he is the tutor in music. In recent years we have performed new works by our honorary patron and supporter of the last restoration of the Chapel Organ, Sir Nicholas Jackson, Bt., Aidan Liddle (1997, Lit. Hum.), and myself. We have also worked with the composers Gavin Bryars, Mark Hjelde, and James Saunders on works composed especially for us. Most notably, in Trinity 1997 we gave the UK première performance of Erkki-Sven Tüür’s Requiem. This performance was the culmination of a year of Requiems: beginning with Fauré and working through Rutter and Mozart. Our performance of



Photograph kindly supplied by Peter Dart

Concert in the Hall conducted by Simon Rattle

Fauré’s masterwork on All Souls’ Day has now become a regular feature in the Oxford musical calendar; indeed, this concert has sold out for every performance.

Recent years have given us performances of some of the classics: Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony, Bruckner’s Third Symphony (in a new performing edition by the society’s Senior member, Dr. Paul Coones), Franck’s Symphony in D minor, and the fifth symphonies of Sibelius, Tchaikovsky and Vaughan Williams, alongside the staples of a College orchestra’s diet: Haydn and Mozart. The majority of performances are in the College Hall and Chapel, although we frequently also perform outside the College, in the University Church and most

notably in the Sheldonian Theatre where we performed alongside the Oxford University Chorus in Elgar's oratorio 'The Apostles'.

As for the future of the society this much seems clear: with a narrowing of distinctions from college to college, and emphasis on lectures and classes rather than the traditional tutorial, extra-curricular activities, such as the arts and most especially music, will come to be more important when prospective candidates are choosing where to apply. However, the musical activities of a College should not only be seen as an extension of the after-school pleasures of secondary

education but also as a door into the further understanding of creation and learning. After all, in the words of John

Chesson, "an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger". Taking this into consideration, an Open Day has been instituted for those wishing to read Music at Hertford, those considering taking up the Organ Scholarship, and perhaps most importantly those who take music seriously and intend to read a subject other than music. In music, as in so many other fields, Hertford continues to transcend.



College orchestra in the Sheldonian Theatre

Photograph by Rob Judges



Lee Dunleavy (1997)

College Choir: Fundraising Concert

Estonian composer Arvo Pärt's 'St John Passion' was performed by the Hertford College Music Society in the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin on Friday 4 May 2001.

Lee Dunleavy, College organist, arranged the concert with nearly 40 members of the Chapel Choir and top musicians from the University to raise funds for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. The event, in front of an audience of nearly 180 people, raised £500 for ICRF funds in memory of Lady Bodmer, wife of the Principal, Sir Walter Bodmer. Lady Bodmer, who died from breast cancer in January 2001, was, like her husband, a keen supporter of the College's musical life, as well as being a leading scientist working at the Cancer and Immunogenetics Laboratory in Oxford, supported by the ICRF.

Mr George Murray, Head of Project Funding at ICRF visited Hertford on 18 June when the cheque for £500 was presented to him by the Principal, together with Lee Dunleavy, and other Members of the College Music Society including Paul Coones and William Falconer, organ scholar.



The Principal, George Murray, Paul Coones, Lee Dunleavy, William Falconer

Chapel Choir – recordings and performances

The College Chapel choir is now the only non-auditioning group of its kind in Oxford. It is, like all of the College's musical ensembles, amateur in the most fundamental sense of the word. Nevertheless it works towards real professionalism in performance. Last year it recorded a CD with emeritus fellow David Daniell entitled 'A Tyndale Christmas'. The disc contains a sequence of nine lessons and carols and is available via the Lodge (see below). This year the choir is hoping to record another CD, singing Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral, and a tour to Catalonia is in the bag for this summer.

"A Tyndale Christmas" CD

The College Chapel Choir, under the direction of Lee Dunleavy, has made a CD entitled "A Tyndale Christmas" which features the service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with William Falconer, organ scholar, and readings by Professor David Daniell (Honorary Fellow).

With music composed by John Stainer, John Tavener, Peter Maxwell Davies, Judith Weir and others, it has proved a popular item for sale at £10 in the College Lodge.

If you would like a copy, please contact the Lodge (tel. 01865 279400) or the Members and Development Office (tel. 01865 279428).

Death of Sir David Spedding, Honorary Fellow

On 16 October 2001, a number of Fellows and Members were present at a Service of Thanksgiving in memory of Sir David Spedding, KCMG, CVO, OBE, held at the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, in London. Sir David, who came to Hertford in 1961 to read Modern History, died in June 2001. He had a distinguished career in the Foreign Service, culminating in his appointment in 1994 as Head of the British Secret Intelligence Service, known as MI5.



Dr See-Sew Gue

Dr See-Sew Gue: *President of Malaysian Institute of Engineers*

In April 2001, Dr See-Sew Gue (1981) was installed as the new President of The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM). Dr Gue, who was a postgraduate student at Hertford, obtained his DPhil at Oxford. He has had a distinguished career in geotechnical engineering, and is now Managing Director of Gue & Partners Sdn. Bhd., a geotechnical consulting firm based in Kuala Lumpur.

Ambassador to Israel: Sherard Cowper-Coles

Sherard Cowper-Coles, CMG, LVO (1973, Classics) has been appointed as British Ambassador to Israel and took up his new post in September 2001. He has held various posts within the Diplomatic Service, including most recently serving as Principal Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary.

At the College's successful Careers Day held in November 2000, Sherard was a key participant on the politics and civil service panel, together with Jeremy Heywood (1980), Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, and Jacqui Smith MP (1981), now Minister of State in the Department of Health. In January 2001, Sherard kindly arranged for a large group of undergraduates to visit the Foreign Office and see for themselves the inside of a major government department.

See: Hertford College News, Issue 5, Spring 2001



Oxfordshire Gathering

An informal lunch was held in South Moreton, Oxfordshire, at the end of August 2001. The occasion was hosted by Tony Ryder (1942), former Treasurer of the Hertford Society, and his wife Rosemary, and included a number of Hertford Members. Among those present were Derek Conran (1944) and Graham Jones (1964, current Secretary of the Hertford Society).

Lost – but Now Found: Colin Bradley

The College (and not least the Members and Development Office!) is always glad to have news of lost Members. So it was good to hear from Colin Bradley (1970, PGCE), now ordained in the Church of England and living in Sussex. He writes:

"Since leaving Oxford, I taught English at Wood Green Comprehensive School in Witney before ordination to the priesthood in the Church of England. I then worked in the parish of Easthampstead in Bracknell New Town (as it then was), but also taught English part-time in Easthampstead Park Education Centre. Subsequently I worked full-time as the Parish Priest of three country parishes in North Shropshire in the diocese of Lichfield. I then moved to Portsmouth, where I was the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and a Residentiary Canon of the cathedral. I then went back into teaching and taught A-level English and Latin in a sixth form college before moving here [Midhurst, West Sussex], by way of a parish in Chichester, to this post which combines parish work with writing. I am working on the Latin poetry of Richard Crashaw, particularly his *Epigrammata Sacra*, with a view to producing a detailed study with, if necessary, a new edition of the poetry with accompanying translation."

San Francisco Gathering

In April 2001, the Principal, Sir Walter Bodmer, attended the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Club Dinner held in San Francisco. Before the dinner, a drinks reception, organised and sponsored by Dennis Bonney (1951), was held for Hertford Members in San Francisco.

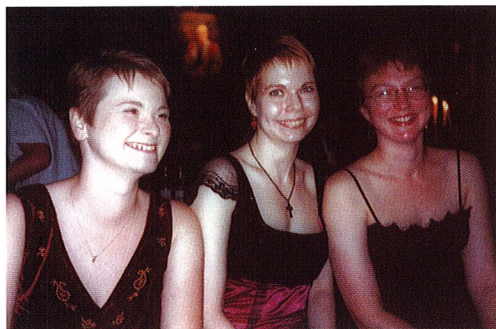


Melanie Stewart (1992), Stephen de Berry (1996), Professor David Hooson (1943), Eric Hunter (1995), the Principal, Terence M Kane (1975), Ann Ganesan, Dennis Bonney (1951).

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Gaudy Weekend:

Matriculation Years 1986-87 and 1988-89



Janet Tonge, Helen Oliver, Claire Conway-Crapp

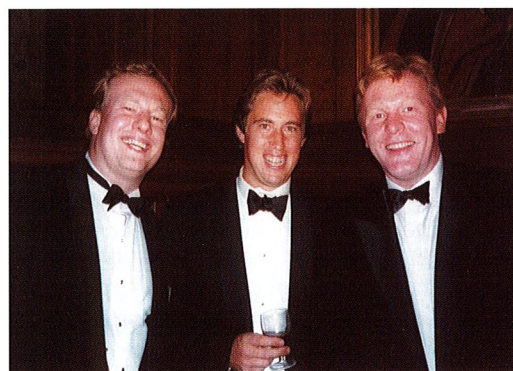
The last weekend in September 2001 saw the return to College of more than 150 Members. On Friday 28 September those from matriculation years 1986 and 1987 gathered for a celebration which, for many, was the first time they had been back to Hertford since graduating. On Saturday 29 September it was the turn of Members from 1988 and 1989. Over tea in the Old Library, there was a chance to meet old friends and renew acquaintances. On both days, the weather held fair for drinks outside in the Quad, before the black

tie dinner in Hall. With wine, food, good company and plenty of stimulating conversation, the two Gaudies were a great success.

On Friday evening, Esther Jeapes (1987) replied to the Principal's toast, followed by Martin Dunsby (1986) who proposed a "Toast to the College", recalling personal memories during his time at Hertford.

The reply to the Principal's toast on Saturday evening was given by Dr Zulfikar Najmudin (1988), and the toast to the College was proposed by Robert Stevens (1988).

The Principal was joined on these two occasions by a number of Fellows, including Professor Karen Day, Dr Stephanie West, Professor Neil Tanner, together with Anthony Eady (1959), Chairman of the Hertford Society.



Martin Dunsby, Stephen Duckett, Jonathan Park

Hertford Society Dinner

A large and enthusiastic gathering of Hertford Society members attended the Society's Annual event in College on 23 June 2001. This year the occasion was a black tie dinner in Hall, preceded by drinks in the Old Hall and the Quad, and gave a splendid opportunity for members and guests to exchange news and views. Lord Waddington, President of the Hertford Society, was in the Chair.

The Guest of Honour, Helen Alexander (1975), Chief Executive of The Economist Group, proposed a toast to the Society. Anthony Eady, the Chairman, replied.

In 2002, the Society's annual event will be a Summer Luncheon on Sunday 23 June. The Hertford Society has made important contributions to improving the fabric and facilities in the College, including a generous gift last year for carpeting in the new Graduate Centre.

If you would like to become a member of The Hertford Society please contact: The Secretary, The Hertford Society, Hertford College, Cattle Street, Oxford OX1 3BW. The subscription is £10 and covers membership for five years.

Another 'Five Years On' Gathering



Members gathered in the Quad for drinks

On a glorious day in June 2001, the College welcomed back those who left five years previously. A Sunday lunch party on 3 June saw the return of 38 Members who matriculated in 1992 and 1993. As on previous occasions, two adjacent matriculation years were invited as some Members left at the end of three-year courses and some after four years.

This lively and informal occasion is an opportunity for Members to bring a guest, and to enjoy catching up with five years of news from each other and to chat with the Principal and a number of Fellows.

Drinks were served outside in the Quad, before lunch in the Hall, at which the Principal, Sir Walter Bodmer, welcomed Members and guests, and gave an up-date on College activities.

The Hertford Society - 40th Anniversary Party

The Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn, was the venue for a memorable party held on 7 January 2002 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of The Hertford Society. The Society was launched at the same venue on 5 January 1962, largely as a result of the initiative of Bill Atkinson (1936), and an enthusiastic committee of members, and has now grown to a total membership of 2,246.

Over 150 members and guests were present for the 40th Anniversary Party including 14 members who had been at both the original launch and the Silver Jubilee Party in 1987. There were representatives from almost every year since the 1920s. The most senior member, Bob Jackson, matriculated in 1926, whilst the younger generation was well represented by a large number of members from the 1990s. Lord Waddington, President of the Society, was present, together with all members of the current committee. Anthony Eady, Chairman of the



Alfred Nathan (1940), Lord Waddington (1947)

Society, welcomed members and their guests, as well as the guests of the Society: the Bursar, Peter Baker, and Elaine his wife, and Carol McCall, Head of the Members and Development Office.



Members from the 1990's.

The Party was a very happy and lively event, and reflected the current strength and diversity of the Society.



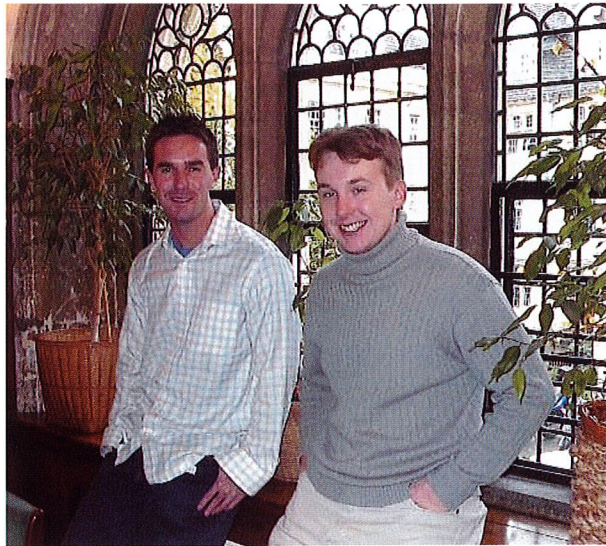
General Sir Roger Wheeler (1961), with Society Member and Anthony Eady (1959)

March 2002 – North American Reunion

The University of Oxford 2002 North American Reunion took place at the Waldorf–Astoria Hotel in New York on 15-16 March 2002.

Hertford Members in North America were warmly invited to join the Principal for a special Buffet Reception on Saturday 16 March 2002.

A full report on the Reunion will appear in the next edition of *Hertford College News*.



Jaremev McMullin (2000) and Jonathan Butler (1999)

MCR News

At the start of Michaelmas term 2001, we welcomed over 70 new graduate students to Hertford. Judging from the outstanding success of Freshers' Week events, Hertford's MCR remains one of the most welcoming and friendly around. Building on an amazing calendar of events in Trinity term 2001 (the banks of the Thames will never regain their innocence and tranquillity after our end-of-year boat trip), the MCR entered Michaelmas determined to offset large workloads with plenty of social diversion. Our events, from our Halloween bop to our guest night dinners, have been popular with other colleges as well. According to our social secretary, we have a waiting list of colleges anxious to organize exchange dinners with us. Also, after trying out a new format for our well-attended quiz nights, we can confirm that our Wine Steward does one fine Jancis Robinson impression.

The new Graduate Centre continues to be a popular place to live and acts as a strong magnet for prospective graduates. Weekly movie nights at the plush Grad Centre common room, as well as the second annual Thanksgiving Feast held there in November, make the Grad Centre a very social place as well. The Octagon, however, remains the heart of our MCR activities, whether it is a gathering for a cocktail party or studying in front of the fire. Anyone walking down Catte Street during our fifth annual "Soul Night" in November will have seen disco lights reflected from the Octagon windows, making the Octagon a beacon of hope for students stuck in the Bod that particular Friday night. We have also introduced a programme of second desserts in the Octagon after Sunday formal hall to bring graduates together in the MCR, no matter where they might

live. Downstairs, the MCR Computer Room saw the arrival in the autumn of six new computers with flat-screen monitors.

The MCR Committee has worked hard to combine hardy social activity with events of significant academic seriousness. We have seen increased MCR participation at SCR academic soirées and we have successfully persuaded some of our own members to organize academic soirées of their own, giving us a chance to better acquaint ourselves with the studies and academic interests of our friends. Another successful event was a display of Hertford's rarer books, specially organized for the MCR in November by the College Librarian. And our women's lunches consistently boast terrific speakers. Most of the time, however, the academic accomplishment and activity of our graduates speaks for itself independent of any committee-sponsored event. Last year, an impressive number of graduates finished with distinction. To continue to attract and retain the best students, we are working with the College to increase funding opportunities for graduates at Hertford in the form of fully funded Senior Scholarships. With the help of alumni and other donor contributions, this is a goal we hope to achieve as soon as possible.

In sport, the MCR continues to excel. A number of men and women from the MCR compete on varsity teams for the University, from athletics to badminton. Summer Eights last year saw bumps galore for Hertford's crews, many of which had MCR members rowing in them. Our own MCR men's VIII rowed to victory in June's Oriel Regatta and continues to practise with a fierceness and determination rarely seen on the Isis. And speaking of great diligence and heroism, our graduate footballers persist in rising at unspeakably early hours every Saturday morning to don the Hertford jersey and make us proud.

Perhaps one of the more exciting developments in the MCR is the total redesign of our MCR web pages (accessible via the college site at <http://www.hertford.ox.ac.uk>), allowing everyone to follow our activities online. The new pages feature links to our term card, college welfare information, sources of funding, sports opportunities and updates, and freshers' pages. The new web page will ensure that prospective students know of all that Hertford has to offer, from top-notch accommodation to a social MCR, helping to consolidate our reputation for attracting some of Oxford's brightest and most friendly graduates.

Jaremev McMullin, President 2001 - 2002

JCR News

A tremendously busy Trinity Term 2001 for the JCR got off to a great start with the annual summer black tie event held at Freud's Café and themed 'A Masquerade Ball'. This was followed by the establishment of the new colours system and the first awards were made at the Colours Dinner. A great term of social events was rounded off by the annual sports day, this time held in honour of the retiring Chaplain, Michael Chantry. It has been a great year in terms of continuing practical improvements on many fronts in the JCR. The new Hertford JCR website went online, and now provides students and potential students with a 'one stop shop' for information ranging from the week's menus and JCR meeting minutes to information on college societies and photographs of recent JCR events. The JCR re-issued its successful publications, the JCR handbook, the Alternative Prospectus and 'Meet the JCR Executive'. In terms of communication, the JCR e-mail system was improved to become a twice-weekly bulletin of information for all Members. The college bar continued its successful bursary scheme for the benefit of JCR clubs and societies, whose recipients included the rugby club and the welfare group. Other improvements around College saw better storage space and the removal of the scourge of old bikes from the quads, their renovation and hiring to JCR Members for the term. The result of food questionnaires carried out by the JCR with the MCR and SCR also saw the standard of food in Hall improve immeasurably!

A successful Freshers' week in Michaelmas gave way to an excellent term of work and play with a blend of themed guest dinners, bops and exciting sporting fixtures and activity over development of new facilities. One of the JCR's most important issues, regarding the Hertford Sports Pavilion, has begun to be addressed this term. A college-wide committee has been convened with the intention of putting into action plans to build a new Hertford Pavilion. This long-term project is something that current Hertford students may not see in their time here, but will be a lasting legacy to generations of future Hertford students. Looking to the future, the fun looks set to continue as we have a democracy bonanza later in term when all JCR positions come up for election, and of course the traditional JCR Christmas celebrations (held in November!) complete with carols, mistletoe and a great Christmas dinner.

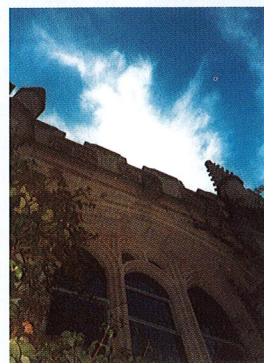
Jonathan Butler, President 2000-2001

Colours Dinner

Trinity 2001 saw the introduction of a 'colours' reward scheme for sport within Hertford College. The aim of the scheme was to show the JCR's recognition for all the talent, commitment and hard work which has been put into Hertford sport. Awards are made to those people leaving the JCR, be it after 3 or 4 years, with ties and pin badges presented to men and women respectively. Presentation of the awards occurred at a 4-course meal in Hall, at which former student and current Premiership football referee, David Elleray (1973, Geography), was the guest of honour. The dinner also served as one of the final engagements for our former Chaplain, Michael Chantry. He was presented with signed (and framed) shirts from the football and rugby teams, as a gesture of thanks for his long serving support of the teams. The evening was a great success and will hopefully form an important part of future summer calendars.

Sports Day

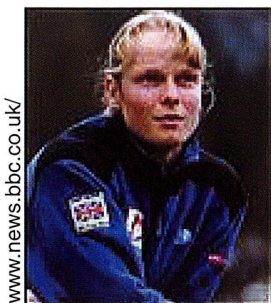
The annual Hertford College Sports Day was spiced up this year with the Old Boys Football Association being invited back for a 5-a-side football tournament. This event was indeed won by one of the relatively recent old boys teams, but there was plenty to keep everyone happy. The afternoon also saw the culmination of the intra-Hertford tennis competition, a rounders tournament, and the very popular bouncy boxing. Liquid refreshments were provided by the



bar, with hot food cooked by Jo and Yoojeong and Jimmy's Ice Creams providing cooler delicacies. Presentations were made to the departing Michael Chantry by both the Old Boys Football Association and the Hertford College JCR.

Winter Olympics Bronze for Hertford Graduate

Alex Coomber (néé Hamilton) (1992, Geography) won a bronze medal for Britain in the skeleton bob event at the Winter Olympics held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in February 2002. Alex, an RAF officer, has achieved a remarkable record winning gold at the 2000 Goodwill Games in Lake Placid USA and silver at the 2001 World Championships in Calgary, Canada.



Alex Coomber (1992)

Alex has been the centre of media attention with huge support from British fans, aware that she was Britain's main prospect to win a medal at the Olympics. She has dominated the World Cup skeleton circuit for the last three seasons, winning the past three overall titles in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Travelling headfirst at speeds of up to 80 mph on a 4-foot steel sled, and hitting up to 6Gs, she believed in staying focused and not allowing any pressure to get to her: "mentally and physically it's very demanding". Alex practised on and off track, using various sled designs and sprint training to gain an extra two or three seconds to improve her track times.

The sport clearly has its dangers, and Alex has narrowly escaped major injuries with only minor bumps and bruises. Recent reports show Alex competed in the Games with a broken arm. Afraid the organisers would stop her competing, she overlooked the pain in a fight to win a medal. Alex is now recovering and has plans to start pole-vaulting her way to the summer Olympics, which would make her the first British female to compete in the winter and summer Olympics.

Hertford student in Boat Race crew

Ian Weighell (2000, Human Biology), a postgraduate student at Hertford, was a member of the Oxford University crew for the 147th Boat Race which took place on Saturday 24 March 2001. The



Ian Weighell (2000)

annual race, which takes place on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake, attracts a television audience worldwide. After winning in 2000, and breaking the seven year winning streak of Cambridge, the Oxford Crew were beaten by two and a half lengths. The next race is to be held on Saturday 30 March 2002.

In July 2001, Ian Weighell was recruited to join the crew of GBR Challenge in the British America's Cup team.

Summer Eights 2001 – 15 Bumps for Hertford

The traditional Eights Week took place at the end of May 2001, and for four days from 23 to 26 May, Hertford College crews battled against other college boats in this annual event. Five College boats took part, achieving a total of 15 bumps. The Men's 1st VIII and 2nd VIII overtook three crews each to achieve, respectively, 12th place in Division 1 and 1st place in Division 5. The Women's 1st VIII Blades bumped four crews to finish 3rd in Division 2.

Fixtures for 2002:

Torpids, 27 February – 2 March

Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race, Saturday 30 March

Eights, 22 – 25 May

Members and friends are always welcome at the College Boathouse and on the towpath to support Hertford crews during Torpids and Eights.

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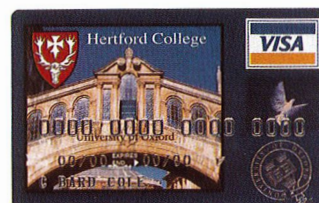
Dates for your Diary in 2002

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| Saturday 1 June | Geoffrey Warnock Society Lunch |
| Sunday 2 June | Five Years On Reunion Lunch
(for matriculation years 1994 & 1995) |
| Sunday 23 June | Hertford Society Lunch |
| Friday 27 September | Retirement dinner for
Professor Keith McLaughlan |
| Friday 4 October | Gaudy for matriculation years 1954 - 1959 |

For further information, please contact the Members and Development Office (tel: 01865 279428).

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Support the College by applying for a Hertford College Visa Card, issued by MBNA Europe Bank Limited. For details, contact the Members and Development Office, or see the advertisement in *Oxford Today*, the University's alumni magazine.



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A cat's life in focus ...



Simpkins at the Chapel entrance



Contemplation of the Quad



Testing the security fence



Wariness - students nearby!

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