Christmas Carols in the College Chapel

Tom

With all best wishes,

committees.

old son the report that Magdalen kill a deer each time a Fellow dies. Slightly shocked,

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

messages from your JCR President.

We've launched a challenge to find the most generous year group: listen out for

At this time of giving, have I mentioned the

and free speech

here, and captured in our college/student charter. You can hear David Dwan on Orwell

emphasising freedom of speech in her farewell messages (as I've heard her do many

Old Lodgings that she has long coveted. Louise has made a strong point of

Next week we host a farewell dinner for the Vice-Chancellor, Louise Richardson,

Fairy Tale of New York

Alongside some tough decisions we also had a Fellows trip to Emma Smith's

Governing Body has focused this term on weathering the financial storm. We have a

In the Bleak Midwinter

service saw a packed chapel for carols by candlelight, past and current members from

April (with Lyse Doucet) and the Hertford Festival (weekend of 1st July). The choir,

Also coming up in 2023, do watch this space for news of the John Donne Lecture in

Visiting Students from America. A theme of next year’s speaker series will be ‘The

On Thanksgiving, we debated prospects for the US, including with our excellent

surrounded by dinosaurs.

last 13 Prime Ministers were at Oxford (including three so far this term). I'm not sure

our academic community, including from Ukraine. I recently spoke at the Pitt Rivers

Beyond Catte Street, we are engaged as ever on the wider challenges which dominate

in 1922 (albeit probably not yet quite up to Waugh’s expectations). The trains remain

train. We are certainly not dreary, and many of the student rooms are much nicer than

all this was briefly forgiven and forgotten during the MCR’s celebration of his time here.

fell out badly with Principal Cruttwell, so we now draw selectively on his example. But

Sebastian Flyte window in OB Quad. Waugh got a Third, started ‘The Hypocrites’, and

will at some point have pointed out to visitors what we might delicately call the

January is the

the Hertford Quad) in The Times, on how school meal programmes fuelled her chances

Finally on food, English student Fiona Zeka has

college history. That half of the JCR Presidents were historians is testimony to the

was a real insight into much needed change and much needed continuity in recent

to one of the first women to be invited to dine at Hertford. Listening to the anecdotes

including David Baker (1960), who is about to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary

roast dinner. In recent weeks we have welcomed back six decades of JCR Presidents,

see the college so full of life again. 250 people now come in every Wednesday for a

invitation to stay in OB3 during his visit to Oxford, but it has been otherwise great to

Atkinson) the interviews vary significantly by subject but are all designed to help tutors

read in the grumpier parts of the media, the process is focused – with rigour and

tutors have concluded that this is fairer, greener, and more humane. Whatever you

Hertford now focuses on admissions for two weeks. Interviews are online again, as our

to the tutors, staff and families who support them with such care and patience.

DTB. Thank you to the students for throwing themselves into another packed term, and

Driving Home for Christmas