

# TRINITY

REPORT 2022-23











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### On the cover

The wildflower meadow in front of Kettell Hall. Created as a trial after building work removed the original lawn, it has attracted a noticeable number of pollinating insects, as well as passers by looking through the railings from Broad Street.

### Inside front cover

Front Quad, looking towards Broad Street Photograph: Cosima Gillhammer (2015)

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A quiet corner of Library Quad during the first Personal Development Weekend, at the end of the summer vacation

Photograph: Ian Wallman

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## Firing on all cylinders

The past year saw the Trinity community 'firing on all cylinders'.

Our finalists achieved a commendable set of results. Over 50 per cent of the cohort in Chemistry, Classics, Engineering, Mathematics and Physics achieved a First, and there were some very notable individual achievements, including University prizes for students in Classics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Medicine and Materials. It is especially pleasing to note the high achievement of students across a wide range of subjects.

Within our graduate community, 27 successfully completed their course of study, including II who were awarded their DPhil. For the first time in recent memory, all of the DPhil students who started in October 2022 had full funding in place for the duration of their course. The fulfilment of this long-held strategic ambition is thanks in large part to the generosity of Old Members, demonstrating the strong sense of community between Trinity members past and present.

### **Access and student support**

Our Access team continued to offer an extensive programme of activity, delivering on our ambition to cast our recruitment net as wide as



possible. Eighty-five teachers took part in a year-long programme of professional development designed to help them to support their students to make competitive applications to selective universities, with a further 124 teachers attending CPD and enrichment sessions. In total, over 1,900 school students visited Trinity, and over 500 parents attended interactive online talks. which provided guidance about life at Oxford and at university more generally. Thirty per cent of those attending had no first-hand experience of university.

Not least because of the radically different school experiences of our incoming students as a consequence of the pandemic, we provided additional academic support to help students make a successful transition from school to university. The 'long tail' of the pandemic also prompted us to offer all the 2022

undergraduate intake the chance to participate in a tailored personal development programme at the end of September, immediately before the start of their second year, to provide an opportunity to learn more about themselves, and to be introduced to a range of skills that could help them both during their time in Oxford and subsequently. I am deeply grateful to Andrew Tucker (1973), whose generous support of this programme meant that the entire year group could participate free of charge.

With a view to enhancing our graduates' academic and social experience, we made considerable progress towards our ambition to offer all first-year graduate students accommodation on site. This year we were able to increase the number from 14 to 35 and, once the refurbishment of Staircase 11 is complete, we look forward to being able to accommodate all 50.

### **Five-year strategy**

The Governing Body approved a new Five-Year Strategy in Hilary term, setting out its ambitions and priorities for the period 2023 to 2028. Amongst these priorities, investing in the academic and personal development of our students features strongly, as well as ensuring that Trinity's academics can flourish at all stages of their career development. We aim to increase opportunities for early career researchers; having already achieved our ambition to ensure that all DPhil students are fully funded at the point

of entry, we will aim to maintain this and to achieve the same for masters' students.

A focus on reducing Trinity's carbon footprint will begin in earnest in the coming period, starting with the installation of ground source heat pumps to provide heating and hot water to the Jackson Building, for which we have secured a government grant of £0.6 million towards the overall cost.

### The fellowship

Our academics continue to deliver distinctive work in their chosen fields. Amongst a plethora of achievements. awards and peer group recognition, detailed on following pages, Professor Marta Kwiatkowska was awarded Poland's highest recognition, a titular professorship, to mark her contribution to computer studies. Professor Stefano Evangelista (English) was awarded a three-year Einstein Visiting Fellowship that will enable him to establish a research group and host a series of workshops and events in Berlin. Professor of the History of Art, Geoffrey Batchen, mounted two wonderful exhibitions in the Weston Library, documenting early photography in Britain, Professor Susan Perkin (Physical Chemistry) received an esteemed Blavatnik Award for Young Scientists in the UK, and Professor Dame Frances Ashcroft was awarded the prestigious 2022 Manpei Suzuki International Prize for Diabetes Research.

We were delighted to welcome new colleagues in a range of roles. The Revd Joshua Brocklesby is our new chaplain, having come to Trinity after serving his curacy at St Mary's church Watford. In January we were joined by the highly distinguished Cell and Molecular Biologist, Professor Dame Amanda Fisher, as the new Whitley Chair in Biochemistry; Amanda was director of the Medical Research Council London Institute of Medical Sciences hospital campus for more than 10 years.

We were also delighted to welcome three new Tutorial Fellows: Dr Natalia Gromak (Medicine), Dr Alison Andrew (Economics), Dr David Parker (Computer Science) and a number of Junior Research and Career Development Fellows.

In the course of the academic year, we bade farewell to our distinguished colleague and friend, Professor Alexander Korsunsky, following some 23 years at Trinity, during which time he made a world-leading contribution to his field of engineering science. We warmly wish Alexander and his wife, Tanya, well for the future.

### **Trinity events**

The still 'new' facilities of the Levine Building continue to fulfil their promise, and provided a perfect setting for the inaugural public events programme, designed to share Trinity's knowledge and resources to create wider public benefit.

The series of 'Trinity Talks' delivered by Fellows and alumni

were, without exception, entertaining, stimulating, informative and expertly delivered. Subject matter ranged from implementing change in the National Health Service, to international criminal law, combatting cyberterrorism, and the pottery evidence trail that helps us to understand the economic recession in post-Roman Britain of the 5th century CE. An eclectic mix!

A terrific music recital series showcased the world-class performing environment of the de Jager Auditorium. We marked the tercentenary of Sir Christopher Wren with a symposium and exhibition; and a series of garden talks and tours sold out. The pilot season achieved over 3,000 ticketed attendances and demonstrated that there is an appetite on the part of the wider public for such events. We were particularly delighted that many Old Members chose to attend, several combining their visit with dinner in College.

It remains for me to thank all my colleagues for their professionalism and commitment to life at Trinity: to Anna Bekauri and Ishbel Henderson (respectively JCR and MCR presidents) for representing their student peers so ably; and to our students who make Trinity the life-enhancing place that it undoubtedly is.

Hilary Boulding

Dame Hilary Boulding, DBE

## The Fellowship 2022-23

The Governing Body comprises the President, Fellows, Senior Research Fellows, and Junior Research Fellows, excepting those indicated by an asterisk.

### President

Dame Hilary Boulding, DBE, MA Oxf, FLSW FRWCMD

### **Fellows**

**Dr Steve Sheard**, BSc PhD Lond, MA Oxf, MIET, CEng: *Hunt-Grubbe Fellow and Tutor in Engineering Science* 

Professor Dame Frances Ashcroft, DBE, MA PhD ScD Camb, MA Oxf, FRS, FMedSci: Royal Society SmithKline Beecham Professor of Physiology

Professor Justin Wark, MA Oxf, PhD Lond: Fellow and Tutor in Physics

Professor Jan Czernuszka, BSc Lond, MA Oxf, PhD Camb: Fellow and Tutor in Materials Science

Professor Martin Maiden, MA MPhil PhD Camb, MA Oxf, FBA: Professor of Romance Languages

Professor Louis Mahadevan, BSc New Delhi, MSc PhD Lond, MA Oxf: Fellow and Tutor in Biochemistry

Professor Alexander Korsunsky, BSc MSc Moscow, MA DPhil Oxf, CPhys, MInstP: Fellow and Tutor in Engineering Science (to December)

Dr Keith Buckler, BSc Lond, MA Oxf, PhD Newc: Fellow and Tutor in Medicine Professor Nick Barber, BCL MA Oxf: Wyatt Rushton Fellow and Tutor in Law

Dr Kantik Ghosh, BA Calcutta, MPhil PhD Camb, MA Oxf: Stirling-Boyd Fellow and Tutor in English, Vice-President

Professor Stephen Fisher, MA DPhil Oxf, MSc S'ton: Fellow and Tutor in Politics, Dean

Professor Peter McCulloch, MB ChB Aberd, MA Oxf, MD Edin, FRCS, FRCS Glas: Professor of Surgical Science and Practice

Professor Johannes Zachhuber, MA MSt DPhil Oxf, Dr theol. habil. Humboldt Berlin: Fellow and Tutor in Theology

Professor Stefano-Maria Evangelista, BA East Ang, MA Lond, MA MSt DPhil Oxf: Fellow and Tutor in English, Fellow Librarian

**Professor Marta Kwiatkowska**, BSc MSc Cracow, MA Oxf, PhD Leic, FRS: *Professor of Computing Systems* 

Professor James McDougall, MA St And, MA MSt DPhil Oxf, FRHistS: Laithwaite Fellow and Tutor in Modern History, Fellow Archivist

Professor Valerie Worth\*, MA DPhil PGCE Oxf: Tutor for Graduates, Professor of French

Professor Francis Barr, BSc Lond, PhD EMBL Heidelberg: *E P Abraham* Professor of Mechanistic Cell Biology

Dr Paul Fairchild\*, BA Leic, DPhil Oxf: Fixed-term Fellow and Tutor in Pathology **Professor Anil Gomes**, BA BPhil DPhil Oxf: *Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy*,

**Dr Gail Trimble**, MA MSt DPhil Oxf: Brown Fellow and Tutor in Classics, Dean of Degrees

Professor María del Pilar Blanco, BA William and Mary, MA PhD New York: Fellow and Tutor in Spanish

Dr Michael Moody, BSc Adelaide, PhD South Australia: Fellow and Tutor in Materials Science

**Professor Susan Perkin**, BA DPhil Oxf: Fellow and Tutor in Physical Chemistry

**Professor Ian Hewitt**, MMath DPhil Oxf: Fellow and Tutor in Applied Mathematics

Mrs Sue Broers, BA PGCE Leeds, MA Oxf: Director of Development

Professor Christopher Butler, BA Rhodes, MB ChB Cape Town, DCH College of Medicine of South Africa, MRCGP, CCH Toronto, MD Wales, FRCGP, Hon FFPH, FMedSci: Professor of Primary Healthcare

Dr Melanie Rupflin, DrSc DiplMath Zurich: Fellow and Tutor in Pure Mathematics

Professor Charlotte Williams, OBE, BSc PhD Lond, FRS: *Professor of Inorganic Chemistry* 

**Dr Luke Rostill**, BA BCL MPhil DPhil Oxf: Fellow and Tutor in Property Law, Equalities Fellow

Mr Chris Ferguson, BA Oxf, MSc Sur, ACMA: Estates Bursar

Professor Katherine Ibbett, BA Oxf, MA PhD Berkeley: Caroline de Jager Fellow and Tutor in French, Chattels Fellow

Mrs Lynne Adam, BA Westmin: Domestic Bursar, Garden Fellow

Dr Fanny Bessard, BA MA Lyon, PhD Sorbonne: Fellow and Tutor in Medieval Eurasian History

**Professor Geoffrey Batchen**, BA PhD Sydney: *Professor of the History of Art* 

Dr Sam Vinko, BSc MSc URTV, DPhil Oxf: Fellow and Tutor in Physics

Dr Rebecca Bullard, BA DPhil Oxf, MPhil Camb: Senior Tutor

Dr Alison Andrew, BA Camb, MPhil MRes MSc PhD UCL: Fellow and Tutor in Economics

**Professor David Parker**, BSc PhD Birm: Fellow and Tutor in Computer Science

The Revd Joshua Brocklesby, BA Oxf, MA Camb: Chaplain

Professor Dame Amanda Fisher, DBE, BSc PhD DSc Birm, FRS, FMedSci: Whitley Chair and Fellow in Biochemistry (from January)

Dr Natalia Gromak, BSc Edin, PhD Camb: Fellow and Tutor in Medicine (from April)

### Senior Research Fellows

Professor Janet Pierrehumbert, BA Harvard, PhD MIT: Professor of Language Modelling

Professor Andrea Ferrero, BA Bocconi, MSc Barcelona, MA Oxf, PhD New York: Professor of Economics, Levine Senior Research Fellow

### Research Fellow

**Dr Beatrice Groves**, BA Camb, MSt DPhil Oxf: *English* 

### Junior Research Fellows

**Dr Xavier Bach**, MA Toulouse, MSt DPhil Oxf: *Linguistics* 

Dr Christopher Fowles\*, BA York, BPhil DPhil Oxf, MA KCL: Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy

Dr Lucy Powell\*, BA Birm, MA McGill, PhD UCL: *English* 

**Dr Gautam Gurung**, MPhys Nepal, PGDip ICTP, PhD Nebraska: *Physics* 

Dr Meia Walravens, BA MA KU Leuven, MA SOAS, PhD Antwerp: *History* 

**Dr Christopher Nicholls\***, MEng DPhil Oxf: *Engineering* 

Dr Krisztina Ilko\*, BA MA Eötvös Loránd, MA CEU, PhD Camb: *History* of Art

Dr Archie Bott\*, BA Hons MMath Camb, DPhil Oxf: UKRI Future Leaders Fellow, Physics (from January)

### Career Development Fellows

**Dr Katherine Backler**, BA DPhil Oxf: *Ancient History* 

**Dr Zoe Walker**, BA MPhil PhD Camb: *Philosophy* 



### Lecturers 2022-23<sup>‡</sup>

**Dr Tom Ainsworth**, BA BPhil DPhil Oxf: *Philosophy* 

Dr Aurelia Annat, BA York, PGCE MA Lond, DPhil Oxf: *History* 

**Dr Richard Ashdowne**, MA MPhil DPhil Oxf: *Linguistics* 

Dr Andrea Bernini, BSc Nott, MPhil DPhil Oxf: Economics

Dr Sophie Millington, BPTC ULaw, BA BCL DPhil Oxf: *Law* 

Mr Hugh Collins Rice, BA MLitt Oxf, MA Sus: *Music* 

Dr Greg Colyer, MA DPhil Oxf, MA Camb: *Physics* 

Dr Anna Crysostomides, BA Mary Washington, MA Temple, MPhil DPhil Oxf: *Theology* 

Dr Tamás Dávid-Barrett, MA Budapest, MPhil Camb, PhD Lond: *Economics* 

**Dr Julian Fells**, BEng UCL, PhD Bath: *Engineering* 

Ms Melanie Florence, BA MPhil Oxf: French (ob. September 2023)

Dr Jessica Frazier, BA PhD Camb, MSt Oxf: *Theology* 

**Dr Lydia Gilday**, MChem DPhil Oxf: *Chemistry* 

Dr Guadalupe Gerardi, Letras Buenos Aires, Lic Complutense Madrid, PhD UCL: Career Development Lecturer, Spanish

Dr Cosima Gilhammer, MA Munich, DPhil Oxf: *English* 

**Dr Matthew Golesworthy**, MChem DPhil Oxf: *Chemistry* 

**Dr Francesco Hautmann**, PhD Florence: *Physics* 

Dr Anna Hoerder-Suabedissen, BSc Lanc, MSc DPhil Oxf: *Medicine* 

**Dr Felix Hofmann**, MEng DPhil Oxf: *Engineering* 

Dr Sinéad Hofmann, BSc NUI, PhD Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies, MSc Oxf: *Mathematics* 

**Dr Chris Horton**, BA BM BCh Oxf: *Medicine* 

**Dr Sarah Jenkinson**, MChem DPhil Oxf: *Chemistry* 

Dr Alexandros Kampakoglou, BA Thessaloniki, MSt DPhil Oxf: Research Lecturer, Classics

Dr Adrian Kendal, MA BMBCh DPhil Oxf, FRCS Ortho: *Medicine* 

**Dr John Kiappes**, BS Rice, DPhil Oxf: *Biochemistry* 

Ms Momo Komatsu, BSc Amsterdam, MPhil Oxf: *Economics* 

**Dr James Larkin**, MBiochem Oxf, PhD Warw: *Biochemistry* 

Dr Sarah Larkin, MBiochem Oxf, PhD Warw: Medicine

Dr Dorota Leczykiewicz, MSt DPhil Oxf, MLaw Wrocław: *Law* 

Mlle Marie Léger, Lic MA Grenoble: French

Dr Charlotte Lynch, MEng DPhil Oxf: *Materials* 

**Dr Mark McAllister**, MEng PhD Edin: *Engineering Science* 

**Dr Mary McMenamin**, BSc PhD Belf, Dip DipLATHE Oxf: *Medicine* 

Dr Neale Marlow, BSc MMBS UCL, MRCS Royal College of Surgeons, MSc Oxf: Clinical Medicine

Professor Emeritus Peter Mirfield, BCL MA Oxf: *Law* 

Professor Lynda Mugglestone, MA DPhil Oxf: English

**Dr Anna Paradis**, BA MA Barcelona, PhD U Barcelona: *Spanish* 

Dr Kyung Chan Park, BSc KCL, DPhil Oxf: Clinical Medicine

**Dr Claudia Pazos-Alonso**, MA Lond, MA DPhil Oxf: *Portuguese* 

**Dr Naomi Petela**, MBiochem DPhil Oxf: *Biochemistry* 

**Dr Matt Phillips**, BA MPhil PhD Camb: *Modern Languages (French)* 

**Dr Anca Popescu**, BSc TU Bucharest, PhD Camb: *Engineering* 

Ms Gerda Raissar, BSocSc (Hons) Manc, MPhil Oxf: Politics

**Dr Duncan Robertson**, BSc Imp Lond, MA DPhil Oxf: *Management* 

Mlle Ysaline Rossi, BA Grenoble: French

Dr Gabriel Santos, BA Santa Catarina, MSc St And, MSc INRIA, DPhil Oxf: Computer Science

**Dr Elina Screen**, BA MPhil PhD Camb: *History* 

**Dr Andrew Seel**, MChem DPhil Oxf: *Chemistry* 

**Dr Dean Sheppard**, MChem DPhil Oxf, FHEA: *Chemistry* 

Mr Dylan Sherman, BSc BLaw Sydney, PGDip ULaw: Engineering Science

**Dr Hannah Smith**, BA MPhil PhD Camb: *History* 

Dr Susannah Speller, MEng DPhil Oxf: Materials

Dr Jennie-James Strawbridge, BA MSt DPhil Oxf: Academic Support & Development Lecturer

Dr Melissa Sweeney, BA BSc (Hons) PhD Monash: *Biochemistry and Medicine* 

Dr Pierre Vila, BA BM BCh Oxf: Medicine

**Dr Robert Watt**, BA BPhil DPhil Oxf: *Political Theory* 

Mr Christopher Wright, MMath Oxf: *Mathematics* 

Dr Lingyi Yang, MMath Nott, DPhil Oxf: Probability & Statistics

‡Names are listed of the Lecturers who have taught for the whole academic year; the college gratefully acknowledges the contribution of all Lecturers during the year.

### Clinical Specialist Advisors

Dr Noura Al-Juffali, BSc Tufts, PhD MBBS UCL: *Psychiatry* 

Dr Simon Braithwaite, MBBS iBSC UCL: Radiology

Dr Ashok Chhabra, BSC MBBS UCL: Internal Medicine

Dr Michael FitzPatrick, MA Camb, Dip Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, MBBS Barts, CILT QMUL, DPhil Oxf: Gastroenterology

Dr Henrietta Mann, iBSc Lough, PG Cert MBBS KCL: General Practice & Women's Health

Dr Alex Novak, iBSc MBChB Leeds, MSc ICL: *Emergency Medicine* 

**Dr Siôn Williams**, MBBCh Card: *Renal Medicine* 

### Emeritus, Honorary and Sir Thomas Pope Fellows 2022-23

### **Emeritus Fellows**

FRCS

MA Oxf

Dr Michael Brown, BSc MA DM Oxf Dr Peter Carey, MBE, MA DPhil Oxf Mr Jack Collin, MB BS Newc, MD Oxf,

Professor Russell Egdell, MA DPhil Oxf Dr Clive Griffin, MA DPhil Oxf

Professor Gus Hancock, MA Dub, MA

Oxf, PhD Camb

Dr Dorothy Horgan, MA PhD Manc,

Dr Michael Jenkins, BSc Brist, MA DPhil Oxf

Professor Alexander Korsunsky, BSc MSc Moscow, MA DPhil Oxf, CPhys, MInstP (from January)

Professor Jonathan Mallinson, MA Phd Camb, MA Oxf

Dr Alan Milner, OBE, LLB PhD Leeds, MA Oxf, LLM Yale

Professor Kim Nasmyth, BA York, MA Oxf, PhD Edin, FRS

The Revd Canon Dr Emma Percy, BA Durh, MA Camb, MA Oxf, PhD Nott

Mr Michael Poyntz, MA Oxf

Dr Chris Prior, MA PhD Camb, MA DPhil Oxf

Professor Peter Read, BSc Birm, MA Oxf, PhD Camb

Professor Simon Salamon, MA DPhil Oxf

Professor George Smith, MA DPhil Oxf, FRS

Mr Frank Thompson, BSc Lond, MA Oxf

**Professor Bryan Ward-Perkins**, MA DPhil Oxf

### **Honorary Fellows**

Professor Simon Armitage, CBE, BA Port, MA Manc, Hon DLitt Hudd, Hon DLitt Leeds, Hon DLitt Port, Hon DLitt Shef Hallam, DUniv Open, FRSL, Hon FBA

The Rt Revd John Arnold, MA Oxf, Barrister at Law, JCD

The Hon Michael J Beloff, KC, MA Oxf, Hon DLaws Buck, Hon DLaws De Mont, Hon DLitt Fairleigh Dickinson, Hon DUniv Open, FASS, FICPD, FRSA

Mr Richard Bernays, MA Oxf

Professor Dinah Birch, CBE, MA DPhil Oxf, FEA

#### **FELLOWS & LECTURERS**

Mr Julian (Toby) Blackwell, DL, Hon DLitt Robt Gor, DUniv Sheff Hallam, Hon DBA Oxf Brookes

**Sir Hugo Brunner**, KCVO, JP, Order of St Frideswide, MA Oxf

Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey, Bt, MA Oxf

Sir Anthony Cleaver, MA Oxf, FRCM, Hon FREng

Professor Craig Clunas, BA Camb, MA Oxf, PhD Lond, Hon DLitt Warw, Hon DLitt Courtauld, FBA

Professor Paul Collier, CBE, MA DPhil Oxf

Mr Geoffrey de Jager, LLB Natal, BCom DLitt Rhodes

Professor Martin Goodman, MA DPhil DLitt Oxf, FBA

Professor Sir Malcolm Green, BM BCh BSc MA DM Oxf, FRCP, FMed Sci

Sir Brian Jenkins, GBE, MA Oxf, FCA, FRSA

Professor Martin Kemp, MA Camb, MA Oxf, Hon DLitt H-W, FRSA, HRSA, FBA, FRSE, Hon RIAS, FRSSU

Mr Peter Levine, MA Oxf

Professor Sir Andrew McMichael, MA BChir MB Camb, PhD Lond, FRS

Ms Kate Mavor, CBE, MA Oxf, DUniv H-W

Judge Theodor Meron, CMG, LLM SJD Harvard, Hon DLaws Calisia, Hon DLaws Warsaw, Visiting Professor of Law The Revd Professor John Morrill, MA DPhil Oxf, FBA, FRHistS

Mr Stephen Pearson, MA Oxf

Sir Michael Peat, KCVO, MA Oxf, MBA, FCA

Sir Ivor Roberts, KCMG, MA Oxf, FCIL

The Rt Revd Anthony John Russell, BA Durh, DPhil Oxf, FRAgS

Mr Wafic Saïd, Ordre de Mérite du Cedre, Ordre Chérifien

Professor David Sedley, MA Oxf, PhD Lond, FBA

Professor David Soskice, MA Oxf, FBA

Professor Sir Edwin Southern, BSc Manc, MA Oxf, PhD Glas, FRS

The Rt Revd David Stancliffe, MA Oxf, Hon DLitt Port, FRSCM

Sir Peter Stothard, MA Oxf, FRSL

The Lord Tyrie, PC, MA Oxf

### Sir Thomas Pope Fellows

Mr Peter Andreae, DL, MA Oxf

Mr Perry Crosthwaite, MA Oxf

Mr Simon Edelsten, MA Oxf, and Mrs Alison Edelsten, MA Oxf

Sir Roger Fry, CBE, BD Lond, Hon DLitt Port, AKC, FRSA

Mr Wyatt Haskell, BA JD AB Amherst, LLB Yale Law School

Mr Adrian Hohler, MA Oxf

Mr Robert Hunt-Grubbe, MA Camb, and Mrs Julia Hunt-Grubbe

Mr Roger Michel, BA MA Williams, MA JD Harvard, MPhil Oxf

Mr Robert Parker, CB, MA Oxf, MCMI, FRSA

Mr Richard Setchim, MA Oxf

Mr John Singer, MA Oxf, MBA INSEAD

Dato' Robert Kim Kuan Tan and Dato' Soo Min Yeoh

Dr Trudy Watt, BSc Open, MA DPhil Oxf, MSc Shef Hallam

### **Honorary Visiting Fellows**

Professor Dame Sally Davies, GCB DBE, MB ChB Manc, MSc Lond, FRS, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge

Mrs Mica Ertegun, CBE, Founder of the University of Oxford Ertegun Graduate Scholarship Programme

Professor Maxim Vengerov, Menuhin Professor of Music; Goodwill Ambassador, UNICEF; Artist in Residence, Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra



### **SUCCESSES AND DISTINCTION**

In January 2023, the college bid farewell to one of its distinguished colleagues of over twenty-three years' service, Professor Alexander Korsunsky, Fellow and Tutor in Engineering Science.

Alexander first came to Oxford in 1995 studying for a DPhil at Merton College. After short spells at Cambridge and Newcastle, he joined Trinity in the Michaelmas term before the new millennium. Alexander's research has made significant contributions to the understanding of the structure of engineered and natural materials through techniques such as neutron and X-ray beam diffraction. In 2020 he was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Physics in recognition of the advances made in the study of microstructure, and in particular residual stress and its influence on the performance of advanced materials. Alexander holds visiting professorships at many key institutions around the world and is a senior visiting scientist at the Diamond Light Source.

At Trinity, Alexander has been passionate about teaching Engineering as a science and has encouraged our students to think more deeply about the relationship between the observed world and theory. His enthusiasm for research and links with major industrial sponsors such as Rolls Royce has inspired many of our



Alexander Korsunsky

students to follow research careers of their own. Recently, in the department, Alexander has taken a leading role in introducing additive manufacturing into the undergraduate degree.

His contribution to college has been on many levels, including holding the college offices of Dean and Vice-President. Trinity will miss lively and engaging conversations at High Table, where Alexander's wife Tanya was a regular guest, and in the SCR (where examples of Tanya's embroidery skills can be found). We wish Alexander and Tanya well for the future and

look forward to their return visits to Oxford.

Dr Xavier Bach concluded his JRF in Linguistics at the end of the year. Xavier, who studied French and Medieval History in Toulouse, worked as a teacher for a few years before returning to studies and coming to Oxford for a master's, and then a DPhil on the diachronic typology of inflectional classes. Before his JRF at Trinity, he held research and teaching positions in various Oxford colleges. He has been a committed member of the Governing



Xavier Bach

Body and Grants Committee during his time at Trinity. He has returned to Toulouse to take up a postdoctoral research and a teaching post, in which we wish him well.

#### The President

Hilary Boulding continued to chair the College Contribution Committee for the Conference of Colleges and to chair the board of the University's excellent chamber choir. Schola Cantorum of Oxford. She oversaw Trinity's inaugural public events programme, which aims to deliver a cultural enrichment programme of talks and performances for both the Trinity community and the general public. The programme provided a platform for several Fellows to present their work to an audience beyond their discipline and raised Trinity's profile in the local community and further afield.

### **Biochemistry**

The spinout company co-founded and run by James Larkin, Oxomics, was awarded £1.25 million in Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst grant funding to advance development of its cancer diagnosis technology. The award is transformative for the Oxomic team's ability to advance the technology development. Oxomics technology diagnoses cancer using a simple, universal blood test, coupled with machine learning that identifies cancer-specific patterns of

small molecules in the blood called metabolites. The test will enable rapid and earlier diagnoses.

### Chemistry

Susan Perkin, together with members of her research team, published work in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, describing how zwitterions modify interactions in electrolyte solutions. Susan presented work at several conferences, including a plenary lecture at the International Congress on Ionic Liquids in Lyon. She also co-organised a Faraday Discussion on iontronics ('We harness *electronics*, but perhaps in future also iontronics?'). Susan offered lecture courses in Statistical Mechanics and States of Matter. During the year she was named Laureate in Chemistry at the Blavatnik Awards ceremony in the Banqueting House in London.

Charlotte Williams published 19 peerreviewed research papers, focussed on making, using and recycling polymers (plastics). The report in Advanced Materials describes how to use carbon dioxide in polymer structure to produce strong, tough and recyclable elastomers (elastics). Two papers in the Journal of the American Chemical Society describe a new chemical recycling applicable to the commonly sold, compostable and bio-derived plastic, polylactide. In some scenarios, these wastes would be better recycled than composted; the work of Charlotte's team describes a highly active catalyst, and implementable

recycling process. (They tested their new recycling process using waste coffee cups and lids from the departmental café—and were pleased to confirm that the catalysis works with real-world wastes.)

Charlotte's team has published three papers, reporting on new insights into how polymerization catalysts function—important to design better manufacturing processes in future. They also reported in the *Iournal of the American Chemical* Society upon polymers for use in solid state batteries, improving upon currently used fluoropolymers; this work addresses the long-term need for sustainable materials in energy storage devices. She gave 10 lectures in various international locations, including the 2023 IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) World Chemistry Congress plenary address.

Dean Sheppard was delighted that his lectureship in the Department of Chemistry was made permanent. He was also thrilled to receive an MPLS Division Teaching Award for his innovative remote tutorials and lectures during the pandemic. Dean drew on these experiences while completing a PGCert in Teaching & Learning in Higher Education, receiving a distinction and gaining fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA). He has been elected to join the Trinity Fellowship and take over the role of Dean from October 2023.

### **Classics and Ancient History**

Gail Trimble worked on the final stages of her commentary on Catullus 64 before submission to CUP. She participated in the international and interdisciplinary Diachronic Metalepsis Network, contributing a paper on literary characters who seem to refer to the texts in which they feature, and hosting a colleague from Heidelberg to speak about authors who kill their characters. As schools liaison officer for the Faculty of Classics, she developed a new faculty outreach policy and strategy, and she enjoyed returning to in-person school visits, as well as welcoming the fourth cohort of students to Trinity's OxLAT Extension Programme in Classics and the Ancient World.

Katherine Backler enjoyed a happy and productive first year at Trinity. She taught a range of Ancient History options across all year groups, revised her thesis for publication as a monograph with CUP, worked on the introduction and notes for a new translation of Lysias' speeches, and delivered conference papers on Lysias, pain in ancient literature, women's epigraphic poetry, gendered and life-cycle approaches to poverty in classical Athens, and Athenian thinking on sisterhood and slavery.

### **Computing Science**

Marta Kwiatkowska was awarded Poland's highest recognition for her work, a titular professorship. She



Dave Parker

was given her award in person by the President of Poland, Andrzej Duda, at a ceremony in the presidential palace. In April, Marta was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Janet Pierrehumbert and her students presented three papers at the prestigious NAACL-HLT 2022 (North American Association for Computational Linguistics) meeting in Seattle. She began a collaboration with the Department of Economics and the Alan Turing Institute on a DSTL-funded project about detecting and tracking narratives in social media, financial reports, and other types of text. She delivered a keynote address at the NLP-SoDaS Conference (Natural Language Processing for

social data science), which was held at Oxford in June with support from the Oxford-Man Institute and the Department of Economics.

Dave Parker enjoyed a busy and productive first year in post and was delighted to see Trinity's first undergraduate in Computer Science completing their degree. His recent research activity has been on the formal verification of AI systems, including a keynote this summer at the International Conference on Quantitative Evaluation of Systems and tutorials at the inaugural European Summer School on AI.

#### **Economics**

Andrea Ferrero became a Senior Research Fellow in September 2022. He is very grateful to the Governing Body for the opportunity to remain part of the Trinity family. One of the main responsibilities of his new role is to interact with graduate students in social sciences, and he had the pleasure of learning more about their research projects. The other main duty is to be a member of the Investment Committee, which is facing several challenges in these complicated times. On the research front, his main accomplishment was to publish 'House Price Dynamics, Optimal LTV Limits and the Liquidity Trap' in the *Review of Economic Studies*. The paper shows that the optimal loan-to-value (LTV) limit decreases during expansions and increases during contractions,

alleviating debt deleveraging dynamics and complementing monetary policy in stabilising the economy.

### **Engineering**

Steve Sheard continued to work parttime, balancing work commitments with caring responsibilities at home. He enjoyed giving both lectures and tutorials and maintained his research interests in optoelectronic devices. There were also a number of opportunities to re-connect with former students.



Beatrice Groves at an outreach session at an Oxfordshire school

Chris Nicholls spent several months in Chicago collaborating with colleagues at the Illinois Institute of Technology conducting experiments on the fluidic devices he studies. He published several papers this year on how fluid jets respond to acoustic perturbations, and proved experimentally that the jet's response obeys the Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem—a concept borrowed from digital control systems.



An image from Geoffrey Batchen's collection of photographs of the moon shot by American spacecraft in the 1960s

### **English**

Kantik Ghosh served as Vice-President. He continued with a collaborative research project on the late-medieval conscience with colleagues from EPHE Paris and Cambridge.

Stefano Evangelista was awarded a three-year Einstein Visiting Fellowship at the Humboldt University, Berlin. He will lead a Berlin-based research group focused on literary cosmopolitanism and world literature, 1870-1930, and coordinate a series of academic events. He will spend regular periods in Berlin over the next three years, where his presence is also intended to strengthen the existing research partnership between Oxford University and the Berlin University Alliance.

Beatrice Groves continued her work on the reception of Psalms in early modern England, reading all of the readerly marginalia in the Bodleian's extensive collection of Bibles and Psalters, and has published an essay entitled 'Questioning the Psalms in Shakespeare' in the book Christian Shakespeare: Ouestion Mark. She has also continued her work on the literary sources of the world-wide enthusiasm for Harry Potter, including outreach with schools, blogging at 'Bathilda's Notebook', podcasting and publishing an essay on 'Communities of interpretation in Jane Austen and Harry Potter' in Open at the Close: Literary Essays on Harry Potter. Her Harry Potter tour can be found at the Ashmolean.

Rebecca Bullard featured on BBC Radio 4's *Great Lives* in conversation with Ian Hislop and novelist Jay Arnott about the 18th-century satirist and writer of *The Beggar's Opera*, John Gay.

### **History**

James McDougall attended (online) the annual Arabic Pasts workshop in London, which he co-convenes, in October, and (in person) the Middle East Studies Association meeting in Denver, Colorado, in November, In January, he stepped down as Director of Graduate Studies in History, and began a 12-month leave of absence. He declined invitations to Paris. Naples, and Helsinki to concentrate on writing, but continued to supervise graduate students, whose work has varied from researching French social services for immigrant families in the 1960s and 70s, to interviewing the exiled political leadership of Palestinian militant group Hamas about the 2007 crisis in Gaza.

Geoffrey Batchen curated two exhibitions about early British photography that were shown in the galleries of the Bodleian's Weston Library in early 2023. He published two books to accompany them, both about the work of the English inventor of photography, William Henry Fox Talbot, and also organised an international conference that brought scholars from as far afield as Australia and the United States to discuss issues related to the



Krisztina Ilko with a 14th-century chess board at the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna

exhibitions. In addition, he mounted an exhibition in the gallery at St John's, using his own collection of photographs of the moon shot by American spacecraft in the 1960s.

Meia Walravens began her Junior Research Fellowship in History. She researches Persian and Arabic epistolary collections, and is developing her first monograph on late-medieval networks and diplomacy between India and the wider Islamic world. Her article on 'Puzzles and Patronage in the Persian Cosmopolis' was published open access in the *Journal of Persianate Studies*. She also organised the colloquium 'State Documents from the Medieval Islamicate

World', which took place in June in Trinity's Garden Room and attracted historians from around the world.

Krisztina Ilko, who holds a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Faculty of History, joined Trinity as a Junior Research Fellow and started her project on chess pieces and the game of chess, entitled 'The Pawns of History: A New Approach towards the Global Middle Ages'. For this, she has undertaken field trips to Spain, Germany, Austria, Italy, and France, as well as presented her findings at the Africa session of the International Medieval Congress at Leeds and the Khalili Research Centre at Oxford. Her first article deriving from this project, entitled 'Chess and Race in

the Global Middle Ages', has been accepted for publication in *Speculum* and is forthcoming in 2024.

### Law

Luke Rostill took on the roles of director of the BCL/MJur in the Faculty of Law, and Equalities Fellow at Trinity. He was also elected as an academic fellow of The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. He edited (with Natalie Mrockova and Aruna Nair) a collection of essays on the law of property, *Modern Studies in Property Law, Volume 12* (Hart 2023), which includes a chapter on the law of leases that he co-authored.

### **Materials Science**

Michael Moody chaired a session at the International Microscopy Congress, which is held every four vears, this time in Busan, South Korea. The majority of his research group travelled to Belgium for the Atom Probe Tomography and Microscopy meeting, where a number of students made their in-person debut at a scientific conference. He also (foolhardily) agreed to organise the International Group on Radiation Mechanisms Conference to be held at Trinity in March 2024. He proudly (and sadly) bid farewell to a troop of five DPhil students who each submitted fantastic theses and passed their viva examinations most triumphantly.

### **Mathematics**

Ian Hewitt has continued his work modelling ice sheet melting and dynamics this year, presenting his own and DPhil students' research in Ireland, Switzerland and Japan. He has begun a joint NERC/NSF (UK/US) funded research project with collaborators at Stanford and Kansas to investigate meltwater pathways on the Greenland ice sheet. He has also taken on a new role as Associate Head of Department in the Mathematical Institute.

Melanie Rupflin's research has been focused on understanding the energy spectrum of harmonic maps and the influence of multi-scale phenomena on the behaviour of (almost) critical points. She published three papers on this topic, including a rather surprising new result related to meromorphic functions and has been invited to present her work at conferences and seminars throughout Europe.

### **Medicine and Physiology**

Frances Ashcroft was awarded the Manpei Suzuki International Prize for Diabetes Research. She very much enjoyed travelling to Tokyo for the ceremony and meeting many Japanese scientists with whom she had worked. She also travelled to Hungary to collect the Debrecen Award for Molecular Medicine, sat on the Balzan Prize Committee and was elected to honorary membership of the European Association for the

Study of Diabetes. She also gave a public talk on 'The Spark of Life' as part of the Events at Trinity programme. The highlight of her year was a scientific meeting in her honour that was organised by the many students and post-doctoral scientists who have worked in her lab.

Peter McCulloch started work on a major trial (RESPOND) using Human Factors science to improve rescue efforts for patients who develop life-threatening complications after major surgery in 24 hospitals across England and Wales. His other research group, IDEAL, has completed a comprehensive set of recommendations for how we should evaluate surgical robots, which will be published in *Nature Medicine* early in 2024. He has begun work on a long held ambition to develop an Oxfordbased group of medical and scientific experts to advocate accelerated strategies for adaptation to climate change to protect human health.

Chris Butler published, in the Lancet, pivotal findings from the PANORAMIC trial about the effectiveness of a novel antiviral drug for treating Covid-19. Over 26,000 people were randomised in this aspect of this novel platform adaptive trial, making it the largest and fastest recruiting trial of a drug treatment ever in primary care. Chris was 'chief investigator of the year', and PANORAMIC was 'trial of the year' at the Thames Valley and South

Midlands Clinical Research Network annual awards. His PRINCIPLE trial won the category of 'Covid-19 Learning' in the UK Health Security Agency Antibiotic Guardian Awards, 2023. Chris continues to develop programmes to ensure clinical trials are inclusive: he was featured in a presentation to the United Nations about the Neasden Temples health mission and promotion of research participation, and together with Professor Mahendra Patel (University of Bradford), has contributed to the development and launch of the Centre for Research Equity at the University of Oxford.

Natalia Gromak joined Trinity as a Tutorial Fellow in Medicine in April. She is also an associate professor at the Dunn School of Pathology. Natalia came from St John's College. where she was a senior research fellow in Biochemistry. In June Natalia was awarded a prestigious senior research fellowship from the Medical Research Council to work on mechanisms of human neurodegenerative disorders. During the year she presented her work at international conferences in Canada, Croatia, Germany and the USA and published several articles, including a paper in *Nature Genetics*.

### **Modern Languages and Linguistics**

At the end of the academic year, María Blanco completed her threeyear stint as Academic Champion at The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH). During this



Natalia Gromak, new Tutorial Fellow in Medicine

time, she assisted academics from all career stages in the establishment of interdisciplinary networks and research programmes, and international exchanges. Over the summer, María received news that she had been promoted to full professor, as part of the 2022-23 Recognition of Distinction exercise.

Katherine Ibbett served as director of graduate studies for the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages; it was a year of too many meetings. Returning to her interest in historical emotion, she published an essay on 'Feeling Early Modern' in *The Routledge Companion to Gender and Affect* (ed. Todd Reeser), and

also finally managed to get an edited volume on the history of love, forthcoming in 2024, to the press. At the end of Trinity term she was looking forward to getting back to her book on rivers, 'Liquid Empire'.

Valerie Worth continued to enjoy her role as Fellow and Tutor for Graduates, working with Trinity's outstanding postgraduate (and postdoctoral) community and collaborating with Rebecca Bullard, Senior Tutor, and other college officers and Fellows. On the research front. she followed up the theme of the theology of the evocative vet elusive sense of smell in the writings of the French protestant poet, Agrippa d'Aubigné (1552-1630). As part of her Knowledge Exchange activities, she accepted invitations from several German-language midwiferv associations to write articles for their members about the history of childbirth, subjects ranging from the delivery of twins to the first textbooks by European midwives!

### **Philosophy**

Anil Gomes completed the manuscript for his book, 'The Practical Self', which will be published by Oxford University Press in 2024. He presented papers on Descartes, Kant, and the nature of self-consciousness in Hamburg, Luxembourg, and London. His review of Brian Dillon's Affinities was published in the Guardian.

Zoe Walker, who joined Trinity as a Career Development Fellow, won the American Society of Aesthetics Irene H Chayes New Voices Award 2023 for her paper 'Seeing the Funny Side', on the effects of sexist humour on thought and action. She also has a paper on the sense of humour as a matter of taste forthcoming in the *British Journal of Aesthetics*.

Christopher Fowles started a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship, the project for which focusses on Nietzsche's distinctive understanding of Erkenntniß (cognition). He gave invited talks on a number of pieces of work from this project, specifically concerning Nietzsche's remarks on 'perspectivism' and on perception and the reliability of the senses. He also started writing a short book on Nietzsche and affective states for Cambridge University Press.

#### **Politics**

Stephen Fisher completed his third and final year as Dean. He published papers on the politicisation of climate change attitudes in Europe and on the roles of economic crises and leadership changes for election outcomes in Britain.

### **Physics**

The highlight of the year for **Justin Wark** was his participation in the inaugural 'DiPOLE' experiment at the European X-Ray Free-Electron-Laser (XFEL) in Hamburg. Over the past decade he has obtained the funding



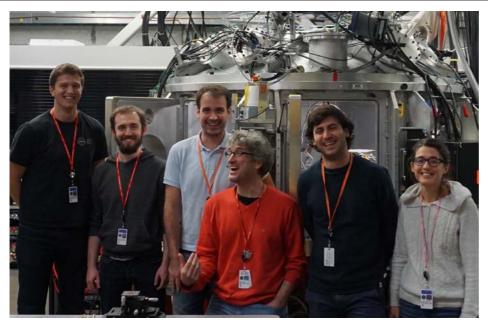
Dr Thomas Butcher, STFC (project manager for the DiPOLE Laser), Professor Donna Strickland, and Professor Justin Wark, beside the UK 'DIPOLE' Laser at the European XFEL in Hamburg. Photo credit: European XFEL.

for, and led the UK contribution of a bespoke high-power laser (named DiPOLE) to one of the end-stations on this billion-euro facility. The first experiment to use the combined UK-German system took place in May with much trepidation, given it was the culmination of such a long design, build, and installation process. The experiment involved close to a hundred scientists from over twenty institutions across Europe and the US. The system worked perfectly, and allowed the team to subject matter, via laser ablation, to pressures similar

to those found at the centre of the earth. Whilst these pressures can only be sustained by the material of interest for a few billionths of a second, that time is more than sufficient for the X-rays from the XFEL to scatter from the targets within a fraction of a trillionth of a second and give detailed information about their structure at the atomic level. The team successfully demonstrated that they could carry out this whole procedure faster than once a second, whereas in the past this process has taken many, many minutes to repeat.

A few months earlier in February the facility had been formally opened by Professor Donna Strickland, who won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2018 for her work on high-power lasers. Justin and Professor Strickland worked in the same laser laboratory at the University of Rochester in the mid-1980s, where her pioneering work took place.

Sam Vinko led an experimental campaign at the Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS) facility, the world's first X-ray free-electron laser. Located at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in California, this milelong facility delivers some of the brightest X-ray pulses on the planet, allowing the research team to explore how non-thermal electrons relax and equilibrate in solid-density plasmas. The experiment was scheduled during the nights in California, to the delight of the small remote team supporting the effort from Oxford.



Sam Vinko, third from left, led the Oxford team at the Linac Coherent Light Source X-ray freeelectron laser at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in California

Gautam Gurung was one of the contributors to the work published in Advanced Materials that demonstrated unconventional spin transport can be induced in high symmetric materials by controlling the epitaxial growth in the lab. Two of Gautam's collaborative works in the field of antiferromagnetic spintronics have been published in Nano Letters and Physical Review Letters. He also submitted two research works on antiferromagnetic magnetic tunnel junctions and 2D layered ferromagnetic materials for publications.

A highlight of **Archie Bott**'s year included completing a successful laboratory astrophysics experiment at the Omega Laser Facility (Rochester, USA) in June that investigated the decay of magnetic fields in turbulent plasmas. He was also awarded time to perform another experiment on the Orion Laser Facility (the UK's largest laser) in 2024. He presented seminars at Imperial College, the OxCHEDS annual meeting, and the IOP's annual Plasma Physics Conference about a theoretical paper he has completed on the basic material properties of hot, magnetised plasmas (the main research topic of his Junior Research Fellowship).

### Theology

Johannes Zachhuber spent two terms of the academic year teaching, but took a sabbatical in Trinity term. The year saw the reissue in paperback of his 2020 monograph, The Rise of Christian Theology and the End of Ancient Metaphysics and the publication of a shorter book on Time and Soul: From Aristotle to St Augustine. He has also taken on the role of editor-in-chief of the Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie, a leading journal in his field.

#### **Associate Fellow**

Mykola Tarasenko, Ukrainian scholar and Associate Fellow at Trinity, published a monograph, Twenty-Fifth Dynasty Coffin Types Reconsidered (Carlisle PA, 2023), with American Egyptologist Jonathan Elias. It is based on their research of the ancient Egyptian coffin lid from the collection at the 'Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra' national historic-cultural preserve. He made research trips to Denmark and Egypt and gave several talks in seminars at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Queen's College, Oxford and the University of Alcalá in Spain. He continued his research into the ancient Egyptian funerary texts and museum objects and published several articles.

## A flourishing academic community

**Rebecca Bullard**Senior Tutor



This academic year was an exciting one at Trinity in many different ways. At the beginning of the year, Governing Body signed off the next five-year strategy for the college, including a new academic strategy that will guide us through the next half decade. We have plans in place to foster students' academic and personal development, facilitate career progression for junior academics. and support Fellows' research and teaching. We want to make sure that Trinity remains a flourishing academic community, in which everyone, from first-year students to the most senior researchers, can do their best academic work and feel a strong sense of belonging. We began to implement aspects of the strategy this year, and I look forward to offering regular updates as our plans progress.

### Changes in the Fellowship

Over the course of the year, we marked the retirement of a number of key members of our academic Fellowship, as well as welcoming new colleagues into our community.



A break out session in the Café during the personal development weekend held for 2022-23's first year undergraduates, ahead of their second year

Professor Alexander Korsunsky stepped down as Fellow and Tutor in Engineering Science after almost a quarter of a century in post. We will miss very much his wisdom in Governing Body discussions, his careful oversight (along with Professor Steve Sheard) of Engineering students at Trinity, and his convivial presence at college dinners.

At the end of the academic year, Professor Louis Mahadevan retired from his Tutorial Fellowship in Biochemistry. As the sole Fellow in the subject, Louis has offered his students unstinting support, both pastorally and academically, and Trinity's Biochemistry results are regularly among the best in the subject across the University. We are very grateful to Louis for agreeing to remain in College for a year following his retirement in order to ensure that our new Tutorial Fellow in Biochemistry is well supported during his first year in post.

### **New appointments**

On that note, I am delighted to report that over the course of the year we made four appointments to tutorial fellowships. In April, Dr Natalia Gromak joined us as Tutorial Fellow in Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; she holds an Associate Professorship at the Sir

William Dunn School of Pathology. Elected to join Trinity in the new academic vear were: Dr Tobias Warnecke, from the London Institute of Medical Sciences, to become Tutorial Fellow in Biochemistry; Dr Meera Mehta as Tutorial Fellow in Inorganic Chemistry, having previously been a lecturer at the University of Manchester; and Dr Dong (Lilly) Liu who will join us from the University of Bristol to be Tutorial Fellow in Engineering Science. All are outstanding researchers and are keen to inspire new generations of students at Trinity.

Our group of postdoctoral Fellows at Trinity goes from strength to strength. Earlier in the year, we elected Dr Kristina Ilko, a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the Faculty of History, and Dr Archie Bott, a UKRI Future Leaders Fellow at the Faculty of Physics, to Junior Research Fellowships, which they will hold alongside their prestigious, externallyfunded posts. We also elected one Trinity-funded Junior Research Fellow, Dr William Winning, to join us in October 2023 as a IRF in Classics, having completed a PhD at our namesake college in Cambridge. We were sorry to say goodbye to Dr Xavier Bach, JRF in Linguistics, who left for a postdoctoral position in Toulouse at the end of his Fellowship.

One especially exciting development over the course of the past academic year was the appointment of the first Dame Louise Richardson Professor of Global Security at the Blatvatnik School of Government. Professor Janina Dill takes up this chair at the start of the new academic year, along with a Professorial Fellowship at Trinity. Her research on the role of law and morality in international relations, specifically in war, has had a global impact. We are thrilled that she will become a member of our academic community, and we look forward to supporting her work in her new University post.

### **Undergraduates**

Trinity's junior members had a very successful year, both academically and in their wider endeavours at Oxford. Some 88 undergraduates took their Finals this year, the highest number of finalists at Trinity since 2009. Forty per cent of them were awarded a first-class degree—a tremendous achievement for any cohort, and especially for a year group which had not sat Prelims or, in many cases, A-levels due to the pandemic.

Our candidates for First Public Examinations (Prelims and Mods) also did extremely well, with some 31 per cent achieving a Distinction or First. Trinity students were well-represented among the recipients of University prizes, taking awards in Chemistry, Medicine, Materials, Mathematics, Engineering, Classics, and Spanish. We are hugely proud of all our students' achievements, and of the hard work, commitment and dedication that they represent.

### **Graduates**

Valerie Worth, as Tutor for Graduates, continued to look after masters' and doctoral students. In October 2022, we realised our goal of having all our doctoral students fully-funded at the start of their course, thanks in large measure to the generosity of Old Members and Friends who responded to the tireless work of Director of Development Sue Broers. Trinity co-funded (with departments and the University) approximately half the intake of doctoral students, the others having won full funding from other sources (including Rhodes House and the Iardine Foundation).

One of our strategic aims over the coming years is to prioritise cofunding for more masters' students, both to ensure that the strongest UK students feel able to undertake a master's, and to ensure that Oxford in general and Trinity in particular can continue to welcome international students for their master's course. Each term, the MCR ran a Research Showcase, convened by MCR president Ishbel Henderson and Academic Affairs Rep (and former president) Kam Poon. We are always deeply impressed by our graduates' grasp of their specific areas of research, and also by their ability to make their presentation resonate with an audience from all academic disciplines. They are an essential part of the vibrant academic community here at Trinity.

## New undergraduates

### Michaelmas term 2022

Ancient and Modern History Adam Paterson

Biochemistry
Tyla Pugh
Arthur Sinclair-Loutit

Grace Taylor Julia Tondera

Biomedical Sciences

Rosie Barber Ningyi Zhou

Chemistry

Juan Arcos Sterling Isaac Nicholls Kayleigh Sewell Noor Shabeeh

Classics

Henry Mawson James Ashley Niamh Balroop Marcus Burns Katerina de Jong

**Computer Science** 

Ella Carran Qiushi Jin Yunke Zhao Economics and Management

Cham Chan Karina Klimkowska Simeon Nedkov

**Engineering Science** 

Mobing Cai Chuqi Hu Thomas Seabourne Jay Shah Andrew Walker

English

Aimee Birch
Euan McBride
Daniel O'Keefe
Mery-Lena Orleans-Murray
Lola Picard
Kitty Womack
Ngo Chun Leung

English and Modern Languages

Maria Caserta de Arruda Machado

History

Vedanitya Dharwar Oluwasolademi Oduyoye Carolyn Rong Jun Shin Eben Terry

History and Modern Languages Isabella Bray History and Politics Amelia Bishop

Law

Stefan Danev Elsa Horne Alphonse Loh Adham Saeid Dilia Thovez Sulega Warsame

**Materials Science** 

Ella Bolland Eliza Harris Renjie Lu Murray Sanderson Kephren Tu

Mathematics

William Boulanger Yurie Ito Quang Le Guoxi Liu Sumaya Felic Sakunori Nagumo

Medicine

Akash Dubb Isla Finlay Ashley MacLauchlan Eden Mellor-Davis Calvin Neoh Syed Shah Modern Languages Alexander Dunn Alexander Evers

Eliot Heywood Olivia Wohlberg Anabelle Zaris

Music

Ella Machtynger Kata Pal

Philosophy, Politics and

**Economics** 

Ibrahim Chaudry
Paul Furey
Christopher Ritchie
Polina Ryzhuk
Angela Shi

Philosophy and Theology

Robert Butcher Anna Marshall

**Physics** 

Yashkanwar Dadwal Robert Doherty Emma Goodliffe Finn Kearns Soham Laha Yuanfei Li

Theology Khalid Ali

Hugo Roma Wilson

## New postgraduates

### Michaelmas term 2022

Jood AlThukair

King Saud University (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia

Danilo Angulo Molina

University of British Columbia, Canada

Federico Barbero

King's College London

Lars Bathe-Peters

University of Cambridge

Rowan Bradbury University of York

Jean Claude Billy Byiringiro

Trinity College

Julia Cabrera Lozano

University of Central

Lancashire Yifei Chen

Trinity College

Wing Kei Cheng

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Oliver Chiriac

University of Toronto, Canada

**Zachary Coleman** 

Pepperdine University, USA

Nathan Coundon

University of Oxford, St Stephen's House

**Thomas Cross** 

University of Cambridge

Zak Devey

University of Auckland, New Zealand

Georgina Fooks

University of Oxford, Merton College

Matthew Frey

University of Oxford, Jesus College

**Avital Fried** 

Trinity College

Beth Gilmour

University of Oxford, Mansfield College

Spencer Grayson

Columbia University, USA

Ross Guinea McIntyre University of Cambridge

Alexandra Gunn

University of Cambridge

Sufanah Hamza

McGill University, Canada

Charles Heaton

University of York

Patrick Hegarty Morrish

Central European University, Hungary

Joanna Helme

University of Cambridge

Stephen Hoy

Trinity College

Sofiia Korn

University of Kyiv, Ukraine

Deniz Küçükahmetler Sabanci University, Turkey

Yat Hei Hugo Kwong
University of Hong Kong

Jack Ledigo

King's College London

Bisharo Maalim

Mt Kenya University, Kenya

Wakithi Mabaso

University of Cape Town,

South Africa

Paulina Maziarska

Trinity College

Laurence Milstein

Yale University, USA

Lizzie Mushangwe University of Teesside

Farai Mzungu

University of the Free State, South Africa

Irene Nampewo

Makerere University, Uganda

Aminath Dhahau Naseem Pace University, USA

Bushra Naz

University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Pyae Sone Oo

University of Cambridge

**Daniel Pajer** 

University of Cambridge

William Poole

Trinity College

Amira Ramdani

University of Oxford, Oriel College

Sashini Ranawana

Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine

Isabelle Roach

Trinity College

**Euan Sarson** 

University of Durham

Catharina Savelkoul

King's College London

Baliana Shani

Universita Degli Studi Ca' Foscari di Vanezia, Italy

Kathryn Sheridan

University of Oxford, Wolfson College

Paulína Smolárová

University of Oxford,

St Cross College

Alexander Sojourney

Goldsmiths University of London

Ruiran Su

Peking University, China

Ivan Tolkachev

University of Glasgow

Konstantinos Vasiliou

University of Oxford, St Anne's College

Jack Warburton

University of Oxford, Wolfson College

Kanyapat Yiamsawat

Kasetsart University, Thailand

Kaidi Zhu

Peking University, China

### Hilary term 2023

Soumyajit Maitra

University of Calcutta, India

Suzanne Maynard

University of Birmingham





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### Degree schools' results and awards 2023

In the academic year 2022-23 there were 319 students reading for undergraduate degrees and 151 graduates reading for higher degrees.

Thirty-seven out of eighty-nine, gained first class degrees in Final Honour Schools in 2023. Their names are shown in bold.

James Allen

Midhura Arulkkumaran

Cosima Aslangul

Alice Awdry

Sam Bailey

Jan Barraclough

Daniel Beer

Anna Beever

Omarr Belhaj-Fahsi

Andrew Birchall

Gabriel Blackwell

Aerin Blood

Gracie Bolt

Rosa Bonnin

Ella Boot

Laura Bradby

Otis Brankin-Frisby

Isabella Calder

Margherita Calice

**Jacques Cloete** 

**Benedict Conevbeare** 

Ieuan Corcoran

Harry Cowell

Rebecca Denny-Holmes

Martin Dimitrov

Louisa Dollimore

Codrutza-Maria Dragu

Rhys Duncan

Isabella Farrance

Rose Faure

Nelson Fernandes Serrao

Louise Fitzpatrick

Sam Flower

Kyriacos Foti

Michael Freeman

Nicolo Gaggero

Aadithya Ganeshram

William Godfrey

Alice Hardaker

Nadia Hassan

Marcus Heal

Kian Hocking

**Daniel Holmes** 

Isabella Holmes

Tyreke Holness

Stephen Hughes

Ben Hunt

Joshua Jacobs

Anna Jones

Pomme Kashemsri

Na Ayudhaya

Niamh Keegan

Miko Konii-Govier

Sabire Krasnigi

Yincheng Liu

Yuqi Liu

Katie Maddock

Abhishek Manikandan

Farid Manzoor

Gigi McCauley

Lorna McEvoy

Iona Mellis

Joseph Mellor

William Nakhoul

Louis Negri

Emily Ng

Andrew-Hiroaki Okukura

Caitlin Pang

Siamur Rahman

**Zachary Rawlinson** 

Io Ross

Olviya Silvary

Nathan Skinner

**Ioshua Soifer** 

Jamie Spiller

Isobel Stuart-Smith

Kelsev Trevett

Thang Tu

Conrad Tuckey

Max Tyrie

Caroline von Lampe

Putuchon Vongvorakul

**Guy Ward Jackson** 

Aloxandra Waxen

Alexandra Wayne

Zoe Webb

Natasha White

Frankie Wright

Zhiyun Xu

Kazuki Yamakage

Alice Yates

### Advanced degrees and certificates

### **Doctors of Philosophy**

Kay Chong Biochemistry

Sophie Clarke Clinical Neurosciences

Fungai Dengu Surgical Sciences

Avital Fried *Philosophy* 

Hazal Gezmis Materials

Pascale Gourdeau Computer Science

Rachel Hindmarsh Medieval and Modern

Languages
Megan Jones
Materials

Alessandro Lodi

Materials

Callan Meynell

History

Chloe Nahum

English

Samuel Putra Engineering Science

Xin You Tai

Biomedical and Clinical

Sciences

Maura Valenti

History

Robert Williamson *Particle Physics* 

Louisa Zolkiewski Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics

### Master of Science (by Research)

Anna Esenther *Statistics* 

### Masters of Science

Danilo Angulo Molina Global Governance and Diplomacy

Rowan Bradbury
Radiation Biology

Julia Cabrera Lozano Clinical Embryology

Zachary Coleman Mathematical and Theoretical Physics

Chantal Degen

Surgical Science and Practice

Zak Devey

Comparative Social Policy

Murat Eczacibasi Financial Economics

Deniz Küçükahmetler

Neuroscience

Wakithi Mabaso

Global Health Science and Epidemiology

Bisharo Maalim International Health and Tropical Medicine

Farai Mzungu

Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation

Irene Nampewo
International Health and

Tropical Medicine

Bushra Naz

International Health and Tropical Medicine

Pyae Sone Oo International Health and Tropical Medicine

Sashini Ranawana Integrated Immunology

Isabella Roach

Translational Health Sciences

Catharina Savelkoul Comparative Social Policy

Alexander Sojourney
Comparative Social Policy

### Masters of Philosophy

Thomas Osborne *Economics* 

Swathi Srinivasan History of Science, Medicine, and Technology

Xilai (Steven) Yang Economics

### Masters of Studies

Jood AlThukair

Comparative Literature and Critical Translation

Spencer Grayson

English (1550-1700)

Sofiia Korn

Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Tack Ledigo

Music (Musicology)

Aminath Dhahau Naseem Global and Imperial History

William Poole

Philosophical Theology

Amira Ramdani

Linguistics, Philology and

Phonetics

### Masters of Business Administration

Jean Claude Billy Byiringiro Sufanah Hamza

Laurence Milstein

### Bachelors of Civil Law

Matthew Frey Beth Gilmour

Ross Guinea-McIntyre

### Awards and prizes

### Undergraduate scholarships

Nicky Bacon Sam Bailey Gabriel Blackwell Isabella Calder William Couston Louise Fitzpatrick Michael Freeman Ilias Gkriniatsos Anna Iones Emir Kocak Yincheng Liu Ellie Marsh Gigi McCauley James McQueen Zac Rawlinson George Shaw Alex Wayne Amper Xu Kazuki Yamakage

Ben Zelin

### Undergraduate exhibitions

Iames Allen Lily Bamber Arda Battalgazi Dorian Chang Mary Chen Bowen Cheng Ben Coneybeare Alex Craig Grace Davison Clemency Day Fawcett Ujjawal Dugar Olivia Endacott Daniel Holmes Tyreke Holness Sabire Krasniqi Zhining Li Otto Marks Raffael Marth Colin Ng Megan Perry

Eva Plajer
Araminta Plumstead
Peter Sadhani
James Scarsbrook
Alex Schweich
Joshua Selfridge
Ayush Sinha
Rohith Srinivas
Valerina Tjandra
Rupambika Tripathy

### Graduate scholarships

Mats-Philip Ahrenshop Rowan Anderson Sophie Clarke Helen Dallas Matthew Hankins Ryan Herold Guosheng Ji Daniel Kodsi Fanmiao Kong Mu-Huan Lee Shangshang Li Martin Meier Callan Meynell Fionn Montell-Boyd Chloe Nahum Iamie Wilmore

### College prizes and awards

Amratlal K V Shah Prize for Medicine Ayush Sinha

### Bellot International Law Prize Aerin Blood

Britton Instrumental Scholarship Rosa Bonnin Brian Chan Dorian Chang Mary Chen Lucy Keeley Jack Ledigo Laura Massey Jun Wha-Shin

### Caistron-Calgary Access Award

Rebecca Denny-Holmes Sumaya Felic Marcus Heal Ore Jacobi Jennifer Kelly Rosalind McDonald-Hill Clarice Mihele Edward Staniforth Grace Taylor

Caitlin Watson

Caistron-Calgary Award

Isabella Dover Lucy Keeley Kelsey Trevett Frankie Wright

Charles and Cynthia Phillips Prize for Neuroscience

Louis Negri

Christopher Prior Prize for Mathematics

Laura Bradby

Douglas Sladen Prize

Edward Staniforth (*winner*) Rosalind McDonald-Hill (*runner up*)

Dr K Thiruvukkarasu Scholarship

Malgorzata Wojtala

Hinshelwood Chemistry Prize Aadithya Ganeshram

James and Cecily Holladay Prize

Tristan Gauthier

John and Irene Sloan Prize for PPE (FHS)

Joshua Soifer

John and Irene Sloan Prize for PPE (Prelims)

Polina Ryzhuk

Lady Astbury Law Prize (Mods)

Elsa Horne

Monique Meron Law Prize

Elsa Horne

Odette de Mourgues Prize (French)

Alice Awdry

Peter Fisher Prize for Physics Anna Beever

Peter Kirk Memorial Fund

Ishbel Henderson

A further eight students from the following colleges: Brasenose (2), Harris Manchester, Jesus, Lincoln, St Anne's (2), St Anthony's

R A Knox Prize

Biochemistry Zachary Rawlinson

Biomedical Sciences Kyriacos Foti

Engineering Science Jacques Cloete

English

Louise Fitzpatrick Daniel Holmes

History

Miko Konii-Govier

Materials Science Zhiyun Xu

Medicine

Natasha White

Modern Languages

Gracie Bolt

Philosophy

Joshua Soifer *Theology* 

Genevieve McCauley

Richard Hillary Writing Competition

Patrick Hegarty Morrish Alexander Schweich

Honourable Mention Swathi Srinivasan

Sally Ball European Law Prize

Nicolo Gaggero

Sarah and Nadine Pole Scholarship

Sophie Beaumont Ryan Herold Sofia Savastano Reshmaa Selvakumar **Stirling Boyd Prize** 

Kam Poon Alice Hardaker

Honourable mentions

Agnieszka Gryguc

Ishbel Henderson

Ore Jacobi

Oliver Pearn

Harry Walton

**Suthrell Travelling Award** 

Bushra Naz

Swathi Srinivasan

Sutro Prize

Thang Tu

Whitehead Travelling Scholarship:

Henry Cowell

The JCR

**David Evers Prize** 

Henry Hall

Presidential commendations

Mary Chen

Henry Cowell

Isla Finlay

Eden Mellor-Davis

Jun Wha Shin

## Celebrations and achievements

midst the excitement of Freshers' Week, the JCR faced a unique challenge as the post of president remained unfilled (I was elected later, at the end of second week). Nevertheless, the Freshers' and JCR committees did a fantastic job of curating a week of thrilling activities to help the first years settle into a new environment.

It took no time for students to start getting into the swing of things, engaging in the various club and society events taking place. Despite the lack of a bar, bops were as popular as usual, as were the Welfare Teas and newly introduced Welfare Brunches, which was a sign that the academic year had started, with students seeking these much-loved distractions from their studies.

For the JCR, the year was a celebration of culture and diversity. Students celebrated Diwali and Black History Month with the MCR, whilst also attending the JCR's joint BAME mixer and the 'International Snacks' event. Jointly with the MCR, the JCR introduced a new daily, hour-long gym slot for women and non-binary students to keep fitness inclusive and accessible to all.



Members of the JCR with Toby and Plum at the Corpus Christi College Tortoise Race

As the term drew to a close, the highly anticipated JCR Gala Dinner took place; it served as a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hard work and tireless efforts of the committee the past year. Aided by the wine and port, no one even noticed that we were in the Lawns Pavilion. Oxmas festivities concluded the term.

Hilary term commenced with the newly elected committee assuming office, their efforts swiftly directed towards facilitating a seamless transition for the JCR and laying the groundwork for a stellar year ahead. Lunar New Year celebrations started the term off strongly, bringing joy

and festivities that echoed through the JCR. Second-year students had their Halfway Hall, marking the midpoint of their degrees and their time at Trinity—a bitter-sweet moment for many.

Trinity was a term of achievements, despite the backdrop of impending exams. During Summer Eights, W1 won blades, a fantastic result for the Boat Club. Football also returned, unfortunately offering more enjoyment than victories. This year also marked the first time in years that we entered Toby and Plum into the annual Corpus Christi College Tortoise Race. Though no medals were won here either, the JCR had a great time meeting the tortoises, who got plenty of strawberries as their reward.

Arts Week brought the term to a vibrant close, with students participating in a variety of creative events. It also saw the return of the Trinity Players, with a hilarious production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

Trinity Monday and Schools Dinners marked the end of the year, celebrating individual achievements and encapsulating the spirit of community and shared experiences that defines our journey at Trinity. Thank you to my committee, Ishbel, Hilary and the college staff for their help making this year so wonderful. As I hand over the reins to Adham, I know the JCR is in fantastic hands.

Anna Bekauri JCR President

### MCR-vellous memories: a social renaissance in '22-23

After being cooped up for the pandemic, we were excited to make the most of socialising once again.

It began with a Freshers' Week fuelled by events ranging from tie-dyeing t-shirts and a hard-fought sports day against the JCR, to cocktails and bachata, and an unforgettable bop. Some events started year-long traditions, such as weekly coffee and chat mornings, and the creation of a wild swimming club.

The MCR plunged enthusiastically into the year. We hosted regular 'Sips and Dips' to unwind at the end of a hard week, as well as salsa lessons, welfare pizza, and many bops. We had our first Trinity's Got Talent, where MCR members battled it out with singing, comedy, poetry and more (everyone had better start practising for next year, as the standard was extremely high).

The Equalities team put on several successful and important events. In addition to a feast for Eid, a musical celebration for Black History Month, a lecture series for LGBTQ+ History Month, and an event for Holocaust Memorial Day, we also inaugurated the multi-faith prayer room in Durham Quad.

We worked closely with Anna and the ICR to continue strengthening the college community. This included introducing a women and non-binary hour in the college gym, and access to Balliol bar (whilst the Beer Cellar is closed). Originally disheartened at having to drink with Balliol students, we were very grateful and truly enjoyed it (we even managed to retrieve our beer cellar sign from Balliol, with

some help from our Cambridge sister college, Churchill, here for the Trinity Monday dinner).

Our first MCR showcase, in which MCR members offer a 'three-minute thesis' presentation on their work, was so successful that we continued them termly, with presentations on topics from colonial Spanish literature and cybercrime, to the neuroscience behind our dreams and the history of photography—a fabulous opportunity to find out about the diverse research going on amongst us.

With the Hall closed, we held an MCR gala with a twist: an 'Enchanted Forest' dinner in the fairy-lit graduation marquee. MCR members, college staff, and local businesses donated a range of raffle prizes and we raised £2,480 for Oxford FareShare and Oxford Mutual Aid, two local charities that have been struggling in the cost-of-living crisis.



Members of the MCR at the MCR Gala

We had some money saved from previous years due to pandemic event cancellations, so we set up a clubs and societies grant, open to MCR members. This supported the costs of the choir tour, and a wild swimming trip.

Alongside all our fun events, everyone was (hopefully) studying and working hard. The Levine Building Café helped—a fresh space to study, with lots of windows to make studying on sunny days a bit easier.

I would like to thank the MCR committee for all their hard work, as well as our MCR members for making our college so friendly and making the role of president such a fulfilling and enjoyable one. Also, a big thank you to college for its amazing support throughout the year, making it a fantastic and memorable time for everyone.

Ishbel Henderson

MCR President

## REVIVALS AND BEGINNINGS

### **Boat Club**

■ The 2022-23 season saw the final stages of revitalising TCBC following the pandemic, as the club was reintroduced to racing outside Oxford courtesy of the new 'foreign secretary' Jan Barraclough. Both men's and women's crews were entered into the Quintin and Bedford Small Boats heads, and the women won an outstanding victory in the beginners category at Women's Eights Head of the River Race (WEHORR) in a Trinity/LMH composite crew.

Our women's co-captain, Grace Davison, was scouted by the lightweight women's blues squad, racing WEHoRR in a crew alongside Katherine Ferris. We look forward to seeing how far they both reach through the next training season with the Blues.

On the local front, the women continue to impress, achieving a +4 blades campaign in Summer Eights, despite races being stopped on at least two days. Saturday's race didn't last more than two minutes before being stopped, but W1 still managed to bump St Catz W1. The women's 2nd crew were the calm and relaxing crew many of us needed to see during the stressful bumps season. M1 landed at the top-end of Division 2, after many senior rowers ended up confined to the



Trying out rowing at the freshers' introduction to TCBC event

library and Exams School. With a new cox every day, the men showed amazing resilience through hardship, enjoying every minute of each race, even when it didn't play in their favour.

Many of the more senior members will continue to train with TCBC for another year; growth is expected over the 2023-24 season with new captains aiming to enter more races nationally and ignite even more power into both top crews as competition increases.

Harry Walton

### **Badminton**

■ This year saw Trinity restore badminton to its sporting endeavours. With a healthy amount of interest from first years through to post grads, it was overall a promising return to university badminton, with bigger numbers and bigger wins to come!

We put our best foot forward this year in the inter-college League, with M<sub>I</sub> finishing top of Division 2 with zero losses, and M<sub>2</sub> finishing a strong fourth out of six teams in Division 3. An impressive performance by all players saw M<sub>I</sub> promoted to Division I and M<sub>2</sub> remain in Division 3.

Our men's team put a valiant effort in Cuppers against the formidable Hildham (Hilda's and Wadham), a team packed with Blues players. The games were close and the rallies fast-paced, but we were forced to leave with a loss. Lucius Wong

### Cricket

■ Cricket might be described as a quilt of adversity punctuated by patches of great joy. So, it was thus for TCCC in the season of 2023.

After forfeiting our first T20 league match against LMH, we returned for our ever-excellent yearly game against Magdalen. Solid batting from fresher Chris Ritchie, stalwart Abdallah Reza, and guest player Evan Slater ensured that Trinity put on a decent total after an initial collapse, and this was swiftly followed by the ravenous consumption of the always-delicious Magdalen tea. But, despite determined bowling and wicket-taking from veteran Otis Brankin-Frisby, and new team member Shriraj Mody, Magdalen were able to just match our total of 117 runs in the penultimate over.

At this stage of the term, with TCCC mainly composed of finalists, we had to take an extended tea break from fixtures, but all rallied round for the first match of the Cuppers knock-out to play Brasenose. In spite of being undermanned and having a hobbling captain in to bat (I was recovering from a rolled ankle at the time). Trinity's very own magnificent seven held its nerve to put on a valiant total just above 100 runs, fuelled in part by the promise of free beers. Holding on till the final four overs, much like against Magdalen, a tension was palpable in the air that maybe somehow victory was at hand. Brasenose, however, had other intentions and were readily able to make the total in a single over despite having lost seven wickets hitherto.

Though these were the only two fixtures played, they were great fun and much promise could be seen amongst the fresher intake. It has been extremely enjoyable to be captain for the past two seasons. TCCC possesses an indomitable spirit and sense of good sport. I have handed the baton to Chris Ritchie, who with, hopefully, a slew of new recruits from the 2023 freshers, will restore success and glory to the club.

### Men's Football

■ The 2022-23 season went far better than expected. Coming off the back of a season full of forfeits and a lack of players (due to Covid's aftermath) I was not hopeful of our situation. Bringing on second year Morgan Lynch-Davies as 2s captain was my first good decision.

Together, we managed to recruit many other second years and a smattering of freshers (along with the Chaplain and an exchange student from Boston) to bolster the ageing squad we were currently fielding.

The season started off well, considering the fact that we only forfeited one game, but poorly when considering the actual games, losing most if not all of our first 10 games and being knocked out of all three cups. Once we recruited a couple more players to the team, we took a turn for the better, putting in some solid scores and challenging for promotion in the second league and looking like we would not come bottom in the first.

Sadly even after winning our final four games of the season, we only managed third place in League 2, but did manage to pip Lincoln in League 1 to come out the titans of the bottom of the league. It was an absolute pleasure to be captain in my final year, and I am sure Morgan will do a fantastic job as the 1st team captain next year.

### Rugby

■ Trinity rugby had a modest yet promising year. Lack of numbers is still a problem when attempting to put out a full XV. Fifteens rugby was quiet this year with only one game against Christ Church joint with Merton and Mansfield. We hope to work on this by recruiting more freshers from the 2023 intake with the aim of playing a more frequent fifteens schedule.

However, this did not preclude an involvement in cuppers sevens, in which a joint Trinity/Wadham team made the bowl final. Perhaps the highlight of the year was a series of mixed touch rugby sessions joint with Merton and Mansfield, which attracted a significant host of first-time players. This culminated in a joint Trinity/Merton/ Mansfield team reaching the final of the mixed touch rugby cuppers, narrowly missing out to a strong St Catz team. We hope to keep growing Trinity rugby and introducing the sport to as many as possible in the next year! Eben Terry

### Blues

#### **Full Blue**

Rory Buckeridge, Field Hockey William Coulston, Hockey Henry Cowell, Sailing Hristo Efimov, Fencing Isla Finlay, Lacrosse Louise Fitzpatrick, Lawn Tennis Eliot Heywood, Squash Thomas Osborne, Rugby

#### **Half Blue**

Louise Fitzpatrick, Real Tennis Stephen Hughes, Orienteering Elizabeth Jones, Korfball Jack Ledigo, Eton Fives Alphonse Loh, Volleyball Shriraj Mody, Korfball David Pugh, Indoor and Open Water swimming Dylan Sherman, Orienteering Putuchon Vongvorakul, Karate

### **Chapel Choir**

■ The year began with an apposite theme for services of 'new beginnings', as the new chaplain and the new junior organ scholar, Jun Wha Shin, joined the chapel community.

There were several memorable highlights. The choir successfully tackled choral classics such as Ireland's Greater Love bath no man and Howell's *Like as the hart*. At carol services, senior organ scholar Ben Hunt comfortably handled the notoriously difficult Mack Wilberg arrangement of Ding Dong Merrily on High. His efforts drew great praise from attendees! The choir also had the privilege of singing beyond the hallowed environs of the chapel, notably at 'FloFest' at the invitation of Trinity's own Jon Flint (SCR Steward) and the Intercollegiate Service at the University Church.

The jewel in the choral crown was undoubtedly Handel's *Zadok the Priest*: our rendition was polished and refined under the direction of Anna Lapwood (director of music at Pembroke College, Cambridge) in a special masterclass, and it formed the cornerstone of our tour repertoire in Ljubljana, Slovenia, where the choir was welcomed by eager audiences in stunning venues, including the cathedrals of Ljubljana and Koper. Jun Wha Shin

### Music Society

■ TCMS had another very active year with two President's Concerts, in the chapel and the auditorium. We

have many keen instrumentalists and vocalists at Trinity, and with our new senior member, Gail Trimble, there has been lots of support. The instagram page is still thriving, and is a key part of promoting events. We also enjoyed collaborating with the St Peter's College music society, with many students getting involved with orchestral performances at St Peter's. We look forward to planning more exciting events for the coming year, with some gig nights and community events.

### Christian Union

■ The Christian Union enjoyed a year joined with the St John's CU, gathering to study the Bible on the lawns, in the St John's gardens or in people's rooms. In Michaelmas, we welcomed freshers with a picnic and ran a Text-A-Treat event to supply brownies to our peers, discussing any questions about faith/Christianity they had. Nearing Christmas, we attended the carol service held by the Intercollegiate CU (ICCU), 'Christmas Unwrapped'. In Hilary term, the highlight was the ICCU's Events Week, with sports, banquets and talks from guest speaker, author Dr Rebecca McLaughlin.

As usual, the CU has enjoyed several healthy dollops of ice cream at G&D's (ice cream parlour) socials. Rounding off the year, we conducted prayer walks, a watermelon stand and a film night (watching *Chariots of Fire*) and studied books of the Bible, from Mark to Romans, in our

'Stronger Than' series, looking at how our weaknesses are overcome in God. We have been grateful for another year of freedom, welcoming all to engage with the good news of Jesus and look forward to continuing this in the new academic year.

Poppy Agarwal and Calvin Neoh

### **Gryphon Society**

■ In Hilary term, Jun Wha Shin succeeded Osian Williams as Master of the Gryphon Society. In Trinity term the society triumphantly reembraced its role as the college's forum of intellectual discourse.

In April, Professor David D Friedman—son of economist Milton Friedman—addressed members in the de Jager Auditorium, as part of a European tour. Members were treated to an intriguing lecture on the theoretical privatization of the legal system and police force, supported by historical and modern-day case studies.

May brimmed with excitement as the annual Michael Beloff After-Dinner Speaking Competition unfolded. The judges adjudicated a record number of 30-plus contestants. The event showcased insightful and well-researched speeches, ranging from philosophical humour, to thought-provoking discussions. Congratulations to the three joint winners: Tristan Gauthier, Isla Finlay and Hugo Roma Wilson!

In June, the society hosted a roundtable discussion with Professor Carl Gombrich, Founder of the London Interdisciplinary School. He shared his educational journey and his current work and vision on interdisciplinary education: from being a professional opera singer, to holding degrees in mathematics, philosophy, and physics.

Jun Wha Shin

### Law Society

The Law Society enjoyed a range of career and social events. Membership was officially opened to non-law students for the first time, and we created an Instagram account (@TrinityLawSoc), which has seen our community grow considerably.

Our career event highlights were our Freshfields Dinner in Michaelmas and our visit to Slaughter & May in Hilary. Both taught us about life as lawyers and provided fantastic advice for vacation schemes and training contract applications. We would like to express our appreciation to Benjamin Crompton (2012) of Freshfields and Andrew Jolly (1992) of Slaughter & May for helping to coordinate these events.

Our social event highlight of this year was the return of the Michael Beloff Law Society Dinner, after its brief hiatus due to the pandemic. We were honoured to be joined by Dame Victoria Sharp, president of the King's Bench Division, as guest speaker. It was inspiring to hear about Dame Victoria's career and meet so many



Members of the Law Society with Lord Neuberger, former president of the Supreme Court, on his visit to Trinity

Old Members who too have gone on to achieve wonders, in the law and beyond.

It has been our utmost pleasure leading the Law Society this year, and we wish the very best of luck to our successors.

Dorian Chang, Oliver Pearn and Tamanna Steven

### **Medical Society**

■ With a new influx of clinical medical students at Trinity, the Medical Society has been revamped with the aim of supporting clinical students and inspiring pre-clinical medical students in clinical topics.

This year we organised a lecture by Professor Peter Friend on organ transplantation and new techniques in organ preservation. We also organised a very popular careers event, with junior doctors teaching students how to prepare applications for foundation and specialty training. The society has

been very active in planning for the needs of clinical students. The elective is a very formative time in the aspiring careers of medical students but they can be challenging and expensive to arrange. With this in mind, Neil (1968) and Barbara Iones have generously supported students who wish to undertake electives or research in the developing world. With all students in third year choosing to stay at Trinity for clinical medicine, we are very excited to grow

the society over the next couple of years as we continue to support our members.

**Edward Staniforth** 

### **Trinity Players**

■ Trinity Term saw the revival of staged Trinity Players productions after a two-year hiatus. To mark their return, the Players performed Shakespeare's Twelfth Night on the lawns. An 'all-star' Trinity cast and crew, led by director Hannah Davis and producers Theo Finlan and Veda Dharwar, had four sell-out performances. The story of drunken antics, confused identities and love was framed by perfect summer sunshine. With the ball now rolling once more for drama in Trinity, we look forward to many more performances in the future.

Theo Finlan

### Members of Staff 2022-23

### **Academic Office**

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Thomas Knollys, Alumni Relations Officer

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Albie Freitas, Bar Manager (to August)
Ian Stacey, Assistant Bar Manager
Arthur Colle, Bar & Wine Cellar
Assistant (to December)
Juan Gonzalez, Bar & Café Assistant
(from January)

### **Boathouse**

Mark Seal, Boatman

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Chris Green, Conference & Events
Manager (Maternity cover to March)
Louise Kernahan, Conference &
Events Manager (Maternity leave to
April); Head of Events (from April)
Megan Kerry, Conference & Events
Officer (to June)
Megan MacLean, Conference and
Events Manager (from May)
Thomas Ryan, Conference & Events
Officer (Maternity cover February to
August)

### Gardens

Kate Burtonwood, Head Gardener Aaron Drewett, Senior Gardener Bob Dunn, Assistant Gardener Hannah McKay, Apprentice Gardener (to January), Gardener (from January)

### Housekeeping & Site Services

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Bianca Ciubotaru, Housekeeping Supervisor Joao Barbosa, Scout Brenda Bassett, Scout (to March) Rachel Clerkin, Scout Gislanda De Moraes, Scout Carmen Dulgheriu, Scout (from February) Eka Hadinvati, Scout (from February) Lana Ip, Scout (President's Lodgings) (to May) Miroslawa Krezel, Scout Tracy Madden, Scout Barbara Mazur, Scout Sue Peach, Scout (to March) Ivania Ribero, Scout (from May) Yeti Santos, Scout Darron Smith, Scout (Off-site properties) Kerry Stacey, Scout

### Site Services

Fabiana Chiaratti, Site Services & Housekeeping Supervisor Wilton Chiaratti, Site Services Assistant Darren Cox, Site Services Assistant

### Kitchen

Julian Smith, Head Chef Jonathan Clarke, Second Chef Matthew Bradford, Third Chef Kalaivanan Kalyanasundram, Third Chef

Tom Rush, Third Chef Mark Banks, Chef de Partie Rachel Barnes, Chef de Partie (to June)

Leonardo Kurti, Chef de Partie (to January)

**Agata Kutereba**, Chef de Partie (*to June*)

Charlotte Smith, Chef de Parite (from April)

Simon Wallworth, Chef de Partie Denise Matzen, Kitchen Assistant Olderico Da Costa Nunes, Kitchen Porter

John George, Kitchen Porter Tome Pinto, Kitchen Porter Domingos Rodrigues Vitor, Kitchen Porter

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Martin Reeve, Head Porter Martin Wizard, Deputy Head Porter (to September) Clarindo Almeida, Night Porter Kirk Ellingham, Porter Dominic Lantain, Night Porter Maria Sommaggio, Porter

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Andrew Hooper, Clerk of Works Elion Angjelo, Maintenance Operative Damian Blachnio, Maintenance Operative Gary Kinch, Painter and Decorator (to April)
Wayne Shorter, Multi-Skilled Maintenance Operative David Thomas-Comiskey, Maintenance Operative Dene Warman, Multi-Skilled Plumber Pauline Wizard, Facilities co-ordinator (to September)

## Medical

*June*)

Joanna Bowd, College Nurse Nicola Selway, Interim Wellbeing Advisor Lynn Cross, Senior Wellbeing Advisor

(to June)
Lizzie Shine, Head of Wellbeing (from

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# Outreach & Access

Hannah Rolley, Head of Access Richard Petty, Teacher Engagement and Access Officer Rob Harrison, Access Officer

# President's Office

Claire Judd, PA to the President Sue Leadbeater, Clerk to the Governing Body (from March) Jennifer Long, Clerk to the Governing Body (to March) Julia Paolitto, Head of Communications

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Jonathan Flint, SCR/Hall Steward Lisa Linzey, Dining Hall Supervisor (to November), Deputy SCR/Hall Steward (from November) Zorica Leskovac, Dining Hall Supervisor

**Leah McLennon**, Dining Hall Assistant (to January), Dining Hall Supervisor (from January)

Milka Parojcic, Dining Hall Supervisor (from April)

**Simon Reeves,** Dining Hall Supervisor (to December)

Andrei Stefanescu, SCR Butler Semira Ali Yemamu, Dining Hall Assistant

Arfan Bakar, Dining Hall Assistant Omer Buzaljko, Dining Hall Assistant Simon Wild, Dining Hall Assistant

# **Sports Ground**

Paul Madden, Groundsman Michelle Brown, Grounds Scout

# Challenging times

**Chris Ferguson** *Estates Bursar* 



In the previous three years, it is pleasing to report that 2022-23 was much more of a 'normal' year. That's not to say that it was without challenges—both the Trinity-specific complexity of the Hall and kitchen project and the global impact of high inflation affected the college significantly—but the core activities of teaching and research were once again able to flourish. The whole community breathed a collective sigh of relief!

#### The bottom line

From the Bursary perspective, we knew from the outset that the 2022-23 financial year would be characterised by cost pressure. It was important to remember that this would not only affect the college's finances. Maintenance loans for UK students were set to increase by only 3 per cent, despite inflation of over 10 per cent—and for college employees, as for millions of others around the country, the headline inflation figures masked much greater increases in the basic costs of food, energy and, in many cases, mortgage repayments

or rent. It was clear that pricing and pay decisions would need to be informed more than ever by a spirit of fairness, and that this approach would inevitably have a short-term adverse impact on the college's bottom line. As a very long-term institution, Trinity is fortunate to be able to take the long view and absorb such bumps in the road—and of course this position has been underwritten by the extraordinary generosity and vision of many generations of alumni and friends whose giving has created our financial reserves.

What did this mean in practice? Student rent and catering price increases were applied at belowinflation rates, so the majority of the energy and food price rises were absorbed by the college. Meanwhile, the college remained committed to paving a minimum of the Oxford Living Wage rate to its lowest-paid employees, so the cost of pay to college staff increased accordingly. Yet some items remained outside the college's control. In particular, academic pay is determined according to a national settlement—and as a result of this has decreased in real terms by around 10 per cent over the last two years.

The funding for the college's increased commitment came from an adjustment in investment income. Since 2017-18 Trinity has applied a total return policy in calculating its annual investment income, using the five-year average year-end capital value of our endowments to calculate



The kitchen space while underpinning work was underway in the spring—the SCR rooms and Hall are on the right and the Balliol wall on the left

a notional percentage income. This notional rate is reviewed and fixed every five years. For the initial five year period the rate which applied was 2.5 per cent, net of all costs and fees. During this period the endowment capital value grew from £131m to £181m (38 per cent) whereas inflation (measured by RPI) for the equivalent period was 25 per cent—and indeed more than half of the inflation occurred during 2022. In its five year review of the policy, Governing Body considered the real-terms growth in the endowment over the preceding

period and adjusted the total return rate upwards to 3 per cent net of costs and fees for the period August 2022 to July 2027. This had the effect of increasing our income by around £0.8 million per year.

The overall financial outcome for the 2022-23 year has been a surplus of £1.2 million on the Unrestricted and Restricted funds before investment gains and losses. This was better than expected. However, the surplus is almost entirely due to a pension liability reduction of £1.1 million. Without this, the college effectively broke even, which is in line with our budget expectations. In the circumstances this was the fairest outcome. It meant that we effectively deferred the repayment of an internal loan (the college's own contribution to funding for the Levine Building) by a year; but in adverse economic circumstances this manageable impact is a sensible price to pay for intergenerational fairness.

#### Investments and land

For our investment portfolio, the year was one of mixed outcomes. On the liquid assets side of the portfolio, the performance of our stocks and shares was flat. Like many other investors, we experienced a second year in a row of small declines in capital values, offset by dividend income of around 2.5 per cent. However, on the landed estate the outcome was much more encouraging. The granting of outline planning consent for a new housing development site led to total capital

gains of more than £13 million. This asymmetry highlights the advantage of a balanced portfolio.

It is pleasing to report that during the year the college bought Home Farm, Clifton, situated roughly two miles east of Deddington in Oxfordshire. The tenant of this 475 acre mixed farm uses low-input farming methods (very limited use of chemical sprays and fertilisers), and roughly one third of the farm is given over to environmental Countryside Stewardship Schemes, A small farm shop sells their own produce. If you happen to be passing, it is always good to support our tenants! This acquisition re-stocks the agricultural estate following a number of sales of development land. Keen Trinity historians will have spotted that it is very close to the birthplace of our founder, and he would certainly have known it as a young lad.

# **College buildings**

Our Hall, kitchen and SCR restoration project proved remarkably challenging. The demolition of the modern kitchen range revealed an absence of any foundations under the surrounding historic buildings; and two separate botched jobs by our predecessors to overcome this shortcoming. The project engineers needed to devise a method to stabilise the ground and safely insert concrete behind an underground retaining wall before underpinning could begin. The impact on the duration and cost of the project was very unwelcome. Happily

we are now finally making good progress.

The project is now expected to finish a year late, in the early summer of 2024. On behalf of the entire project team I extend apologies to everyone who is patiently waiting to return to our beautiful Hall. I hope that by the time I write next year's update, many readers of the Report will have had a chance to see the outcome of the work. Meanwhile, it is pleasing to report that the recent restoration of the War Memorial Library was nominated for an Oxford Preservation Trust award. Following on from the Levine Building in 2022, this is the second consecutive year for such a nomination.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, the college has been successful in securing two Salix grants for the decarbonisation of its buildings. The first project will be the installation of a ground source heat pump system to power heating and hot water for the Jackson Building. This entails the drilling of a series of boreholes across the north lawn, with the work timed to coincide with the removal of the temporary Lawns Pavilion. Following swiftly on its heels will be a project to install a further heat pump system in one of the Rawlinson Road properties. We will also embark on a series of barn conversions on the landed estate. There are plenty of exciting projects to come—I look forward to updating you again on progress in the next edition of the Report.

# Back to looking ahead

**Lynne Adam** *Domestic Bursar* 



ooking back to my report of 2022, it is interesting to see the lingering focus on Covid planning; I'm very pleased to report that this year was very different, with students enjoying a full year immersed in a vibrant calendar of social and college activity.

Despite the ongoing exile from the Hall, as detailed in the Estate Bursar's report, our students continued to enjoy Trinity's dining options in the temporary dining hall, with the team working extremely hard to ensure a seamless operation and maintain our very high standards.

Students also devised creative solutions to replace the College Bar—bops took place at a local club and the Balliol students welcomed their Trinity peers to their own student-run bar in the heart of the Balliol site. I must remember to take photos so that this arrangement is not forgotten!

The Levine Building continued to work beautifully at the heart of the community, with students enjoying the excellent standard of accommodation, ease of access to the Library and variety of study spaces,



The new student kitchen in the former laundry beside Staircase 7

including the Café. We were delighted to welcome the general public for a range of music and spoken word

'Student kitchens had been a hot topic, due to the superior quality of the Levine Building kitchens.'

events and have recruited a team to support this activity.

Student kitchens had been a hot topic during 2022, due to the superior quality of the Levine kitchens compared to the older kitchen facilities—some of you may remember the JCR kitchen which hadn't changed

very much across the years. I'm pleased to report that we addressed this issue just prior to the start of the academic year and now have three refurbished kitchens (in addition to the Levine facilities) which provide modern and sleek cooking facilities as well as dining spaces.

#### Supporting students

The Wellbeing team were kept busy across the year with a range of issues. We worked successfully as a team and are very grateful to everyone from the Lodge porters to the Wellbeing and medical teams, including the GP, college nurse and college counsellor.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Lynn Cross, Senior Wellbeing Advisor, who decided to take early retirement; we warmly welcomed Lynn's successor, Lizzie Shine in June. Lizzie has a wealth of experience as a team manager in children's social services.

# Supporting staff

We were delighted to welcome a further cohort of work experience students this year. They were predominantly year II students who focused on administrative placements across the college, along with the maintenance and gardens teams. We are very grateful to the staff for taking the time to work with these students; the aspiring plumbing students were apparently particularly inspired!

We were able to offer a permanent role to our gardens apprentice, Hannah McKay and are now developing further apprentice opportunities in our maintenance and kitchen teams. It is wonderful to see this continued focus on providing opportunities for young people.

In December, we carried out our first annual training session for all staff. This covered a range of subjects from H&S, fire safety, and equality and diversity, through to managing stress. The day was rounded off by the annual staff Christmas party, held at Wadham.

I also sit on the University's Wellbeing Programme board, which was formed post-pandemic to focus on initiatives to support staff wellbeing. Wherever possible, we'll continue to implement recommendations at a college, as well as University level. So far, this has included better communication through the introduction of a regular staff meeting which, a year on, is still very well attended. We have also concentrated on greater transparency of information, so that staff members can easily access college information and policies without the need to ask their line manager.

# Sustainability

Governing Body approved our Sustainability Strategy which mirrors the University target of carbon net zero by 2035. We have retained our gold award as part of the Green Impact project and are now working towards 'Beyond gold'. Along with the ground source heat pump, and other planned capital projects that the



The wildflower 'meadow' by Kettell Hall

Estate Bursar mentions in his report, we have seen some very promising results with smaller measures, for example a renewed focus on waste reduction and smart radiator valves that provide the opportunity to easily turn off heating to empty rooms or teaching spaces.

#### **Commercial operations**

We hosted another successful summer school season in July and August, welcoming 230 students from across the US for a packed schedule of teaching and social activities. It's fair to say that our team were ready for a break by the close of the programme.

The appeal of our facilities for commercial events has obviously been

impacted by the closure of the Hall and so 2024 onwards presents an exciting opportunity to re-build our commercial business, making full use of our newly refurbished spaces.

#### **Gardens**

There is much to look forward to in the gardens. Kate Burtonwood and her team continued to look ahead to the restoration of the gardens following the ongoing building projects. In the meantime, the new Woodland Garden planting continued to draw many positive comments from visitors and the President's Garden shone as a beautiful, secluded floral space.

The team continued to impress by shifting their focus on to new styles of planting and plant care that better reflect a more sustainable approach to gardening, receiving praise in the Conference of College's biodiversity report. A bug survey was undertaken in the summer, which showed the immediate difference between grassed lawn and flower areas for pollinators. There were four times as many pollinators in the flower meadow than on the lawn, including nearly 30 times the number of bees.

Kate was awarded a Mediterranean Plant Society bursary to attend a conference on new ecological planting concepts in September and will give a talk on our sustainable gardening measures as part of the Events at Trinity programme in May 2024.

# A chance to take stock

**Sue Broers**Director of Development



fter the disruption of the pandemic and the thrill in November of receiving the donation that enabled us to hit the fundraising target for the building appeal, much of the year was a time for the Alumni & Development team to take stock.

More importantly, it was a year for saying 'thank you' to all those who have been so generous in their support of the appeal and ensuring that as many people as possible are able to enjoy the magnificent new facilities it provides.

Thanking people has taken several different forms in addition to the usual letters. It was a particular pleasure to welcome a succession of people who sponsored a seat in the auditorium or a room in the Levine Building to see 'their space' and many Old Members and Friends from around the world made a point of visiting College. We encouraged those who supported the building appeal and who live in reasonable proximity to Oxford to attend some of the events in the auditorium. A series of fascinating talks and splendid concerts



Meeting in the Café before a Benefactors Lunch

'It has been a particular pleasure to welcome a succession of people who sponsored a seat in the auditorium or a room in the Levine Building to see "their space".'

attracted growing public audiences and afterwards, on many occasions, Old Members and Friends enjoyed drinks with the President and the speaker or performer.

# Looking ahead

In terms of taking stock, once the Governing Body agreed the strategy for the next five years, we had to consider its consequences for alumni relations and fundraising. When the last Five-Year Strategy was written, it remained essentially an internal

document, though we referred to it frequently when fundraising for the Levine Building.

This time, we felt that the strategy should be shared with the college's Old Members and Friends and with this in mind, a summary was prepared and sent out with the summer Newsletter. We hope that this has given everyone an understanding of the college's priorities and a sense of our shared values.

#### **Events**

Alongside the new 'Events at Trinity' programme, we continued our usual programme of tailored events for

Old Members and Friends. Gaudies continued to be very popular, and this year it was a pleasure to welcome back the 1998-2000, and 2008-2010 cohorts. Subject reunions also attract good numbers and the Physicists who came back for the retirement dinner of Peter Read were no exception. As ever, the 'Fifty Plus Years On' lunch, Benefactors Lunches and other events were well-received, and at all the events, Old Members and Friends made the most of the opportunity to see the Levine Building.

For the first time since the pandemic, the President and I travelled abroad to see Old Members

and Friends. In September, we spent nine days in the USA, visiting people on both the east and west coasts. It was a wonderful feeling to be back on the road again.

### **Fundraising**

As thanking was the priority, this was a year when, in fundraising terms, we were more restrained in our asking. While some individuals were approached, and their support is hugely appreciated, there was no general mailing to Old Members and Friends. Despite the absence of a mailing, many still gave and we cannot thank you enough for your continuing support.

In terms of fundraising, some of the highlights of the year included donations for graduate scholarships, which remain one of the highest priorities for the college, the Personal Development weekend for incoming second year undergraduates, the public Events at Trinity series, and donations for the Hall and kitchen project, as well as an initial donation towards the creation of a three-year Career Development Fellowship in Law.

We hope everyone enjoyed the publications and online communications during the year and, those who were able to, returning to College for events. The support and continuing interest in the college of so many Old Members and donors could not be more appreciated.



Spilling out into Library Quad during tea for the 2008-2010 Gaudy

# Increasing access

**Hannah Rolley**Head of Access



he 2022-23 academic year saw further increases in the Outreach & Access team's engagement across our link regions of Oxfordshire, Milton Keynes and North East England.

#### For students

A significant development saw five students awarded offers to Trinity on the Astrophoria Foundation Programme, with four students going on to take up places. Across the University this programme—along with Opportunity Oxford, in which Trinity already participates—brings the transformative effects of an Oxford degree to up to 250 students from under-represented backgrounds with the aim of increasing their proportion from 15 per cent to 25 per cent of the UK undergraduate intake. In the Astrophoria programme, students have the opportunity to take one of four courses over a fully-funded introductory year, after which they then progress to one of 20 undergraduate degrees on the attainment of a pass, or to other universities. The college also



Richard Petty, Teacher Engagement and Access Officer, speaking to Target Oxbridge participants

supports two other University-wide programmes, UNIQ and Target Oxbridge, which aim to increase admissions of under-represented groups and it is a pleasure to host these well-qualified potential applicants in college.

This was the first full year of schools opening following the pandemic, and our volume of student engagement grew accordingly. Over 1,900 school students (2021-22: 1,171) joined us for day visits to college from 112 schools (2021-22: 90), and 118 students from North East England joined us for residential experiences. We visited 3,237 students in their own schools in Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes, and 4,027 students in the North East. The work of the Oxford for North

East consortium, partnering with Christ Church and St Anne's College to support delivery in North-East England, grew further and increased our reach in that region.

Fifty-seven Trinity offer holders were welcomed to the college in February and March, and 42 students from the North East with offers from colleges across the University were welcomed to an event in Newcastle in March, Our work with school students encompasses a broad age range; at the other end of this spectrum, among work with many primary schools, our twinning through the Oxford Hub with St Christopher's School ensured that pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 from this particular school in Cowley came to see us at Trinity.

## For parents

Our work with parents and carers particularly targets those with little or no direct experience of higher education themselves; it is also particularly important during a costof-living crisis that we address the costs and benefits of university, and Oxford in particular. We reached 876 parents and carers in online evening sessions in 2022-23 (2021-22: 743), 479 from the North East and 397 from Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes. Feedback has again been very positive, for instance 96 per cent of 'For Families: A Guide to University' session attendees reported that they felt better informed about the costs and benefits of university; 100 per cent of attendees to our 'For Families: A Guide to Oxford' sessions reported feeling more confident about supporting their young person if they chose to apply to Oxford.

#### For teachers

Our work with teachers remains a core part of our activity, given the influence they have over young people in schools and colleges. Eighty-five teachers took part in the Trinity College Teacher CPD (continuing professional development) programme in 2022-23, again with a significant cohort of people beginning their teaching careers, in particular those on the Oxford PGCE course. An exciting new development saw 13 'graduates' from the 2021-22 programme join us on a follow-up residential over





Left: student ambassador William, gathering visitors at the June Open Day; right: student ambassador Olviya with Hannah Rolley, Head of Access, at the Open Day Photos: Ian Wallman

the Easter school holidays, during which they undertook a research project using University and college resources. Ninety per cent of these teachers reported that their stay in College would positively influence the likelihood of their recommending an Oxford application to their students.

Collaboration with internal and external partners, such as the University's museums and galleries, our MCR community, and the Brilliant Club, is at the core of the content and methods of our work. Working further with teachers with a brand-new enrichment programme will form another exciting new development in 2024, and will offer another platform for our work with many of these partners.

In Michaelmas term 2022, Hannah Rolley graduated with an MSc in Education (Research Design and Methods) with Distinction, Hannah combined her study with continuing to work full time. Her thesis, wholly relevant to her work for Trinity. was on 'The influence of teachers' backgrounds and educational experiences on attitudes to state school students' applications to elite universities, such as the University of Oxford'. Hannah has adapted her research for use across the University access and outreach community and also published a piece on the higher educational website WonkHE.

# Opening up the library

Emma Sillett Librarian



The academic year began with a flurry of post-refurbishment activity, as we raced to get everything back in place (and in the right order!) in time for returning students.

The refurbishment of the War Memorial Library has restored it to its 1920s former glory, with a few mod cons to better meet current student needs. Period features like the parquet flooring, enormous sash windows and the library's beloved brown leather chairs were all revived. Readers also now benefit from better task lighting, plentiful plug sockets and some attractive ergonomic furniture across both floors. Importantly, the thoughtful relocation of some shelving has resulted in a more accessible space.

To celebrate, the reopened Library was graced with a new fleet of book trolleys. These now proudly bear names voted for by Trinity members: roll up Pull McCartney, Trolley Parton, Cart Vader and the Sir Thomas Pope Mobile!

Student feedback has been hearteningly positive and the design



The refurbished War Memorial Library

earned an Oxford Preservation Trust award nomination. Huge thanks go to everyone involved.

# **Engaging old and new audiences**

As well as serving our regular readers, the Library was increasingly involved in college outreach initiatives. We were delighted to host prospective students on the Aim for Oxford programme and to welcome teachers on a residential research week.

Outside the reading rooms, we participated in a challenging fact-finding hunt for primary school pupils. Older students were able to engage with some of our rare scientific books at a session for GCSE students.

Our historic libraries also welcomed a variety of visitors. Alongside our usual student sessions and alumni visits, we hosted local residents, architecture researchers, international librarian associations and several sold-out Oxford Lieder Festival tours, among others.

Perhaps the highlight was Trinity's Family & Friends Afternoon, which saw queues around the quad and over 200 visitors in all. It was wonderful to greet so many visitors and to see students proudly showing off the Old Library to their guests. Taking selfies with our first edition of *Pride and Prejudice* proved particularly popular!

Over the year, Old Library visitors were able to see a variety of themed

book exhibitions, on Halloween, trees and Victorian treasures. Thanks to the involvement of Trinity science tutors, the student library has a themed display of its own, celebrating Trinity's Nobel Prize winners. Readers can view a replica of Rodney Porter's Nobel Prize medal, cast from the original gifted to the college in 2018. Also on display is Sir Cyril Hinshelwood's painting of the former Balliol-Trinity laboratories in Dolphin Yard, where his experiments led to uncovering the workings of chain reactions.

Beyond the library walls, the relaunch of the termly Trinity Treasures events provided opportunities for up-close encounters with some of the college's most precious items. The series was kicked off by DPhil History student James Lees, whose talk on John Evelyn's *Sylva* (1679) conveyed the vital importance of timber in 17thcentury England. This was followed by Dr Ushashi Dasgupta (Trinity 2007 and Fellow of Pembroke) on the Library's original Charles Dickens letter, using the letter as a springboard to discuss Dickens' career and literary style.

On a larger stage, Trinity's copies of *The Yellow Book* were on view in the Ashmolean's major exhibition 'Colour Revolution'. The exhibition, opened in September and was informed by the Chromotope research team, including Fellow Librarian Stefano Evangelista.



Ushashi Dasgupta (Trinity 2007, Fellow of Pembroke) discussing the library's Charles Dickens letter

## **Discovering the collections**

The range of rare books enquiries continued to surprise and delight us.

Some researchers were drawn to scarce texts that have been preserved in the Old Library for centuries, on topics as diverse as divorce, Anglo-Saxon dynastic politics, and early Protestantism.

Other were seeking unique features of Trinity's copies that reveal how the books were used by previous generations. Readers consulted annotated copies of Sidney's *Arcadia*, hand-drawn sketches of Victorian theatres, and bindings with evidence of book chaining.

Connecting these books with researchers is largely possible through our rare books cataloguing programme. We are grateful to Alison Felstead, to whom we said goodbye this year after working with our rare books since 2016. During this time, Alison increased awareness of the college's Danson erotica collection and completed the considerable task of ensuring all Old Library books have a catalogue record.

Alison has also enabled readers to discover more recent additions to our early printed books collection. These include a 16th-century Book of Common Prayer donated by Paul Browne (1978), and a 1791 edition of Thomas Warton's poems gifted by Roger Michel (1984). These items complement our existing collections beautifully and we are grateful to the donors.

To encourage more people to encounter our rare books, Trinity Library collaborated with other colleges on a video for graduate students. It aims to give new researchers greater confidence in handling rare items and inspires them to explore the rich research potential of college special collections.

Finally, in recent Trinity Library tradition, it would not have been a summer vacation without a project! This time Oxford's libraries were replacing the shared software (Aleph) that underpins the catalogue and all library borrowing. We worked closely with the Bodleian Libraries to make the catalogue better for all users and to ensure the transition was as seamless as possible.

# A fruitful year, plus major exhibitions

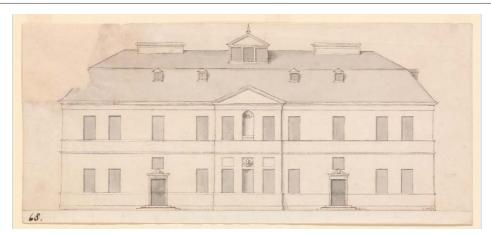
Clare Hopkins Archivist



The Archive's continued exile from the office and reading room notwithstanding, this was a fruitful year in terms of exhibitions, research and accessions. Readers worked very happily in the College Office meeting room, while the Levine Building's Kai Yong Tan-Yeoh teaching room and the Garden Room were used to showcase historical material to the wider public, with two exhibitions run in support of events in the de Jager Auditorium.

#### **Exhibtions**

In conjunction with a talk and performance at the Oxford Lieder Festival in October, documents, photographs and printed material were exhibited to illustrate the life, musical development and death in the Battle of the Somme of the composer George Butterworth (1904). Then in April, a major exhibition titled 'Trinity Transformed: The Buildings of Sir Christopher Wren' played a key role in the college's contribution to the Wren300 Festival, which marked the tercentenary of the death of Britain's most highly-acclaimed



Wren's elevation for the new accommodation block; now staircases 15 and 16. The architect's signature, bottom right. © The Warden and Fellows of All Souls College, Oxford

architect. Trinity is fortunate to have not one but two 'Wren' buildings, one dating from before he was famous, and the other built when he was at the height of his fame. Today's Garden Ouadrangle evolved from a free-standing two-storey building (now staircases 15 and 16) which was designed by Wren in 1665. His intention was that it should face down the garden from where its cuttingedge Mansard roof could best be admired. However, at the insistence of Ralph Bathurst (President 1664–1704), the block was rotated by 90 degrees to face the rear of the medieval Durham Quadrangle, and so appeal to prospective benefactors by giving the impression of a traditional quadrangle.

The long friendship of Bathurst and Wren underpinned the narrative of the exhibition. Bathurst was 12 years older; he was a Fellow of Trinity and

Wren an undergraduate at Wadham when they first met at early meetings of the Royal Society. By 1691 their relative positions were reversed, for Wren was now the Savillian Professor of Astronomy, who had rebuilt St Paul's Cathedral after the Great Fire of 1666. Very humbly, Bathurst sought his advice on the plans for Trinity's new chapel, most likely designed by Bathurst himself and already under construction. It was with great kindness and a few deft but significant tweaks, that the great man sorted out the pilasters, the rail, and the tower staircase, and so made Trinity's chapel into the magnificent world-class building we enjoy today.

#### Donations to the archive

As ever, we are very grateful to the many members and friends whose contributions to the archive have provided invaluable insights into Trinity's past. Welcome donations this year have included records of sports teams, memoirs, press cuttings and articles, and, from Chris Marsay (1962), a photograph of his mini parked outside the chapel with a dinghy on the roof.

Mrs Celia Charrington very kindly brought in four letters penned by her grandfather John Jaques (1899). These brief but vivid snapshots of one young man's experience of Trinity beautifully illustrate the intimate details of late Victorian Oxford in ways that still resonate today. In his first letter home, John used college notepaper to pen a breathless description of his,

Very nice rooms in the cottages they are at the right hand side of the gateway... Going under an archway under the chapel tower you come to another quad and next that again is the garden quad... This is where all the swell rooms are, some of them simply palatial. My sitting room is about 16 ft by 12, but the ceiling is very low—I can easily touch it—so that it gets very hot if the window is not kept open...

Perhaps not as very nice as all that then. By February 1890 John had found his feet, and sat in the Oxford Union library to update his mother on the excitement of a celebrity lecture by 'Gladder', as he called the Liberal leader and sometime prime minister William Gladstone.

He looks much older than I thought, his hair is very scanty and a dead white and altogether he looks very senile. I was awfully disappointed with his collar... As a confident second-year student, John wrote enthusiastically about the joys of a cold snap at the start of Hilary term, when with a group of friends he.

Skated down to Abingdon about 8 miles down the river...the ice was simply wonderful, it could not possibly have been better it was like skating on a polished mirror.

The last letter, written in John's final year, addressed that perennially popular source of anxiety for parents and students alike: money. The JCR had held a collection to buy a wedding present for the dean, Charles Cannan.

Concerning my tailor's bill it is nearly £11, which is tremenjus! I have hardly

spent anything this term except where necessity has coerced me...

For the dean 'they have collected about £90 (my subscription was 5 bob!) [5 shillings].' The bride-to-be had.

Been referred to & she has to choose between four things, which the Committee have selected, silver coffee services, entrée dishes, salvers etc. By *Jove! I wish she'd pay my tailor's bill.* The great joy of working in the Trinity archive is never knowing what might come in. Out of the blue in February, an email arrived from Harry Shulman (MCR 1974): was the archive interested in a sketch of the view from his window in Kettell Hall? Of course it was! Kettell Hall has had many occupants in the four centuries since it was built by Ralph Kettell (President 1599-1643) to provide comfortable accommodation for

Trinity's wealthier students. After many years as a private home, it returned to the college precinct in 1898, and was given over to the MCR in 1964. Beneath its windows meanwhile, Broad Street has evolved from marketplace to shopping street to alfresco café space, and has been home to multifarious cab stands, bus stops, car parks, and traffic management systems. Harry's exquisitely tranquil drawing of half a century ago is instantly recognisable today.



The view of Broad Street from Kettell Hall, captured by Harry Shulman (1974).

# Thank you for giving

This list records those who have given a gift or bequest in the financial year 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023. Every effort is made to ensure the list is complete—please contact the Alumni & Development Office to inform us of any omissions.

† Now deceased

1935

Professor C G Phillips FRS †

1941

Mr D le B Jones CB

1943

Professor B S Smith †

1944

Professor G I Bonner †

1949

Dr A D Ferguson FRCP Dr D T D Hughes

1950

Anonymous Mr D B Farrar Mr R M Young †

1951

Mr T B H Brunner Mr R E Mavor Mr G S P Peacocke

T952

Mr C A K Cullimore CMG †

1953

Mr W N M Lawrence †
The Revd Prebendary
D M Morris

Mr P S Trevis Mr J F E Upton

1954

The Revd Canon A C Hall Mr D M Wilson

1955

Mr J S Allan Dr D T Protheroe Mr M J V Wilkes

1956

Mr D J F Fecci

Professor J M B Hughes FRCP Mr J A Paine Mr B R Rea Mr F N P Salaman Mr J B Walker

1957

Anonymous
Mr E A Bates
Mr D J Culley
Mr A V Fontes
Mr J M Fry
Mr J M A Gregson
Mr G N Guinness
Mr L D Jenkins
Mr R M McNaught
Dr R D Thirkell-White
Mr M G L Thomas

1958

Mr J B Adams
Mr M F Attenborough
Mr J H Bottomley
Mr C G R Cary-Elwes
Sir Anthony Cleaver FRCM Hon
FREng
Mr R A Daniell

FREng Mr R A Daniell Mr P B Farmer Mr C A Fry Mr D H Killick Mr A G P Lang Mr I S T Senior Mr J A B Thompson Dr G A Tindale OBE Mr R D Welham

1959

Anonymous Mr P M H Andreae DL

Mr R J M Butler Mr R L Cordell Mr M W D Evans

His Honour Giles Forrester

Mr M J Gould
Mr M F Grey
Mr A C Hutton CB
Mr C R King-Farlow
Mr P F J Macrory
Mr P W Tilley
Mr R A Travis
Mr H W Turcan

1960

Anonymous (2) Mr J D Blake Professor T R Brown Professor Sir Malcolm Green DM FRCP

DM FRCP
Mr D F G Lewis
The Revd R A Morris
Mr M S Rainbow
Dr J B Rossell
Mr F A Smith

1961

Anonymous

Mr R P F Barber OBE Dr D Barlow Mr R O Bernays Mr T G Bewley Mr H B L Evans Sir Charles Gray † Mr C J Hemsley Mr J G Hill Dr J G Loken

The Revd Canon K W Noakes Mr M E Pellew CVO The Lord Petre

Mr A D Stewart

Mr C E Sundt Mr A W Warren

1962

Anonymous Mr A M Bark † Mr J H Duerr Dr D M Gillam Mr M J Hatch Dr C P Jackson

Dr John Tepper Marlin Mr C P Robinson

Professor Emeritus J D Sheridan

Mr C J Simpson

Mr A G Thorning CEng FRAeS

1963

Anonymous (2) Mr M B Baldwin Mr J J Baxter Mr R E B Browne Mr R C Chatfield

Professor C Hall FRSE FREng

Dr R D Hinge Dr S V Hunt FHEA Mr A J S Jennings Mr R B Landolt Dr R L Rusby Mr S W Westbrook

1964

Anonymous (3)
Mr J A F Alexander
Mr R F Foster PRP
Mr M R C Gatehouse
The Revd D H Hamer
Mr A C Johnson

The Revd Professor W K Kay

Mr N E Melville

The Revd Canon J S Richardson

Professor L C L Skerratt Mr J H Stroud

Mr J H Stroud Dr C H Vaillant Mr G P Williams

1965

Anonymous (2)

Dr L H Bailey Mr A D W Jackson Mr D P Jones Mr P C Keevil Mr M A Lavelle Mr H L Mallalieu Dr S A Mitton Dr C R V More Dr J Rees Smith The Revd Dr F J Selman Mr K A Stevenson Mr R C Turcan Mr D C Unwin KC Mr M J B Vann Mr W I Wolsey Sir Stephen Young Bt KC

# 1966

Anonymous (2) Mr G A Barton Mr J M Botros Mr J L A Cary OBE Mr I P K Enters Mr I M Fvfe Mr M S E Grime KC Mr W Hood Dr A S B Hughes Mr P I Luson The Revd Dr R A Roberts

Mr P I Sturrock MBE

Mr I D P Thorne †

Dr M C K Wiltshire

1967

Mr C J Cook Mr P K O Crosthwaite Mr M I Gifford Mr C F Hatton † Mr N W Jackson Professor N F Jones FRCS, FACS Mr D W Parker

Mr R S Parker CB FSA FRSA Mr S A Renton Mr G M Strawbridge

Professor G L Thomas

Colonel D C Thornycroft OBE

Mr D I Twomey

1968

Anonymous Mr P J Bretherton Mr C J B Bromfield Mr R Gillis Mr A A D Grant Mr D I S Green Mr J A H Greenfield Dr S H Large The Revd Dr R R D Spears

1969

Anonymous Mr A G Donald Mr M F Doswell Dr N C Elliott The Rt Revd C W Fletcher OBE Mr R S Goodall Dr C J Griffiths Dr C S Keeling-Roberts The Revd Canon D M Lindsay Dr S I S Martin Mr G F O'Shea Professor H I R Roberts

1970

Mr D B Sabetian

Mr C M D Setterington

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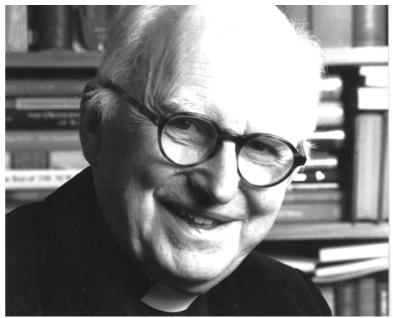
## Leslie Houlden

(1929-2022)

Fellow and Chaplain 1960–1970

the Revd Professor Leslie Houlden was an Anglican priest and theologian whose long and distinguished career encompassed pastoral work, academic teaching and research, and university and church administration. His ten years as Fellow and Chaplain of Trinity from 1960 to 1970 were some of the happiest and most influential of his ministry. Leslie's significant contribution to the wider college and to the individual lives of many students was attested by the large congregation at his memorial service in the chapel in June.

James Leslie Houlden was born at Knutsford, Cheshire on 1 March 1929. An only son, he was named for his father James, who was a commercial traveller. Leslie attended Altrincham Grammar School and won a scholarship to Queen's College, Oxford, which he took up after National Service, reading Modern History, a subject that remained a passionate interest and informed his theological work. Other strong influences at this time included the Student Christian Movement and the



Leslie Houlden, photographed while at King's College London by John Baxter (1963)

radical New Testament scholar Dennis Nineham.

Leslie prepared for Holy Orders at Cuddesdon and was ordained deacon in 1955 and then priested in 1956, serving his curacy at St Mary's, Hunslet, in the diocese of Ripon. After this he became tutor and chaplain at Chichester Theological College. The influence of wartime austerity remained with Leslie throughout his life, and he disliked waste, choosing to live a simple, structured life.

In 1960, Leslie returned to Oxford, applying for the position of chaplain of Trinity at the suggestion of his predecessor, Austin Farrer, who had been elected warden of Keble. The

two enjoyed a warm friendship, and Leslie, after Farrer's early death, went on to edit three volumes of his sermons.

For ten years Leslie lived in rooms in Garden Quad. As he recalled in an autobiographical memoir, written with characteristic humour and humility,

'I think I felt on top of the world...I was never told (nor did it occur to me to ask) what I might be paid or what were the conditions of my employment. How innocent I was!'

He soon made the job his own, combining twice-daily services with teaching the occasional theology student, plus courses off-loaded by over-burdened history colleagues John Cooper and Michael Maclagan.

At first perplexed by Trinity's preponderance of public schoolboys who had been inoculated against Christianity by years of compulsory chapel attendance at school, he made it his business to get to know members of his 'parish' individually, and, where appropriate, to 'adultise' their religion. This was done by the 'punishing routine' of inviting four or five each day to coffee, tea, or pre-lunch or pre-dinner drinks. As he described it.

'My pastoral role was to be friend and to be available, should need arise in the future... Few ever declined to turn up when invited, and I kept up the procedure right throughout my ten years. And many in due course would come to me for individual courses of religious instruction or discussion.'

In 1999 Leslie donated his Trinity sermons to the college archive. Neatly typed and carefully annotated, their tone is gentle and conversational, but the content challenging, and urgent. The listener could have had no doubt as to the vital reality of the Chaplain's personal faith.

Leslie is also remembered fondly for his summer vacation social outreach work. In 1962 Trinity was linked with the borstal at Usk, and groups of undergraduates would go camping at All Stretton in Shropshire with a corresponding number of juvenile inmates; a holiday followed by a second week of living in the borstal together. In running the camps, Leslie

enjoyed 'the happiest of relationships' with the University's Catholic chaplain, Richard Incledon (1946), and the Chemistry tutor, James Lambert (Fellow 1938-76). For the students and borstal boys alike, the experience could be life-changing, and many lasting friendships were made.

In 1970 Leslie left Trinity to succeed Robert Runcie as the principal of Cuddesdon. It was a unique and exciting time to lead the theological college as it negotiated a merger with Ripon Hall, Oxford. While principal he was also a member of the Church

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of England's Doctrine Commission—a body of distinguished theologians appointed by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey.

The final move of his career was in 1977, to King's College, London, where he continued his ministry and academic work, teaching on the New Testament, until his retirement in 1994. His roles included professor of theology from 1987, head of the department of biblical studies from 1988 and acting dean of the theology faculty between 1993 and 1994.

Leslie was an outstanding New Testament scholar, very much a liberal Anglo-Catholic in his interpretation of the Bible and his understanding of church liturgy. Between 1970 and 2007 he published 15 books, including commentaries, doctrinal essays and liturgical studies, besides numerous booklets, papers and contributions to edited works, while from 1983 to 1991 he edited the journal Theology. His final book, the handsome two-volume encyclopaedia *Jesus in History, Thought and* Culture (2003), republished as *Iesus*: The complete guide (2005), saw him as both editor and the largest contributor. It was the culmination of his career, and he dedicated it, very simply, to the memory of his mother, Lilv.

Leslie was known for his hospitality and gentle warmth but also his academic rigour and intelligence. In a tutorial he was never pushy or dismissive, but his pupils always knew when there was more work to be done. In 1999, he retired to the Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson at Temple Balsall, Solihull where, for as long as strength and memory allowed, he contributed to the life of the community and was much loved by parishioners and residents. He continued to write, to review, and to correspond with many former pupils and colleagues.

Leslie died peacefully at home on 3 December 2022.

Joshua Brocklesby, Chaplain

With thanks to the many Old Members who kindly shared their memories of Leslie

# John Pattisson

(1931 - 2022)

Commoner 1952; Honorary Fellow 2000

ohn Harmer Pattisson was born in 1931, in Kent. During the war, his prep school was evacuated to Cornwall and throughout his life, he retained a particular affection for the county. After school at Radley, where he was both head of house and senior prefect, he was admitted to Trinity in 1952 to study PPE. Here, he made life-long friends. Alongside his family, John's school, his college and Oxford played an important role in his life.

Soon after leaving Trinity, he joined Dawnay Day, a merchant bank specialising in raising finance for small and medium-sized companies. John remained there for 26 years and was managing director from 1969 to 1981. After the company was acquired by J Rothschild in 1980, he joined Hanson Trust, where he was executive director and later, senior executive with special responsibilities. He was also chairman of Hanson Pension Trustees Ltd.

His wide experience of the City, his dedication, kindness and affability meant John was much in demand. In addition to his work at Hanson, he was a council member of Aims in Industry and a member of the governing body of one of the first city technology colleges. He also held various non-executive directorships.



John Pattisson at the Trinity dinner at the Mansion House in 2013

A member of both the City of London Club and Boodles, John was also a founding member of the London nightclub Tramp.

His attachment to Trinity and Oxford remained firm, and having been invited to serve on St Anne's investment committee, he became an Honorary Fellow there. In 1992, John joined Trinity's Bursarial Committee and in 2000 was made an Honorary Fellow. In his letter of acceptance he wrote,

'In expressing my thanks and appreciation to the whole of the governing body, I must in particular express my thanks to...the Fellows whom I have got to know as good friends while serving on the Bursarial Committee.'

He took his responsibilities as an Honorary Fellow seriously and willingly agreed to be a member of the campaign committee for the 450th Anniversary Appeal.

After he left the Bursarial Committee, John continued to visit the college regularly, attending gaudies and other events, with a particular fondness for those relating to the chapel. He was a generous contributor to the chapel restoration, to the Oxford-Sir Ivor Roberts Graduate Scholarship and to the Levine Building. It is a mark of his affection for both Radley and Trinity that on his plaque in the building, John chose to commemorate Trinity Old Member John Comyn Wilkes (1921), who had been his headmaster at Radley. John never forgot that on the death of his father during his second year at Radley, Wilkes generously stepped in to allow him to stay at the school although the family could no longer pay the fees.

John was never too busy to listen, and he was a source of wise advice. He was a man of wide interests—education, Cornwall, heritage, art and wine—and it was always a pleasure to see him both in College, and in Winchester. In later years, when he could no longer drive himself, his family very kindly brought him to Trinity so that he was able to keep in touch with his many friends here. He is greatly missed.

Sue Broers, Director of Development

# Old Members

The college has learned recently of the deaths of the following members, obituaries of whom we hope to include in the 2023-24 Report:

Dr John Eliot Hodgkin (1941), on 1 July 2023

David le Brun Jones CB (1941), on 18 May 2023

Geoffrey Rogerson Barkes MA TD (1949), on 11 August 2023

Dr Derek Graham Wright Cooper FRCS (1952), on 1 June 2023

Michael Raymond Coulman (1953), on 22 August 2023

Professor (John) Gareth Morris (1954), on 10 December 2023

Anthony Haig Morse (1954), on 9 October 2023

Christopher George Briscoe (1956), on 15 September 2023

Professor Michael Alexander (1959), on 5 November 2023

(Denis) Anthony 'Tony' Colvin (1959), on 29 July 2023

Robert Leslie 'Bob' Cordell (1959), on 5 November 2023

Robert Henry Pawsey (1959), on 6 July 2022

Graham Blair Huntley (1961), on 24 March 2022

Adrian Mervyn Bark (1962), on 26 August 2023

Professor Richard Gerald Gray (1968), on 1 November 2023

Peter Alan Hill (1969), on 26 November 2023

John Campbell Boothman (1970), on 31 July 2023

The Revd Dr John Reader (1972), on 1 October 2023

Joseph Kenneth Robert Mellor (2018), on 21 October 2023

Melanie Florence, Lecturer in French, on 18 September 2023

Janet Underwood, Head Bursary Clerk and College Accountant 1978-2000, in November 2023

# 1940s

# Major John Harper-Nelson

(Commoner 1940) died at his home in Carnarvon, Western Australia, in October 2022, nine months after celebrating his 100th birthday. John was married three times and experienced both divorce and widowerhood, while his long life encompassed four distinct careers and homes in four continents. Among his most cherished memories were five terms at Trinity, from Michaelmas 1940 to Hilary 1942, which he recreated vividly in his autobiographical work, Oxford at War (1996).

John was born in Cheltenham on 13 January 1932. His father was a colonel in the Indian Medical Service and from the age of five John lived with his parents in princely luxury in a Kashmir hotel. At seven he was sent to England to board at Cheltenham Prep, then College. His two much older sisters—Margaret, a published author, and Annabel, later the casting agent for Ealing Studios—were strong influences in his life who together fostered his love of literature and theatre.

John's matriculation was delayed for a year by the outbreak of the Second World War while he was on a visit to his parents in India. Oxford at War is a very personal memoir of an intense and happy time. He read English and adored his tutor—Nevill Coghill at Exeter—and was fully involved in college life, playing rugby, rowing, and as a member of Trinity's ARP force. His greatest love was the 'Friends of the OUDS', and he haunted the Playhouse, dated an actress, and went on a long vacation tour as a stage manager.

Called up in 1942, John saw active service with the Eighth Army in Italy, and was three times wounded, making light of his serious injuries as an opportunity to enjoy pasta, red wine and pretty nurses.

With his first wife, Gillian, he settled in East Africa in 1949, making documentaries for the British Crown Film Unit. Returning to the family home on Mull, he was offered an army commission, which led ultimately to a posting in Uganda, where an unfortunate claim to fame was recommending for officer training a promising young soldier, Idi Amin. When Uganda declared

independence, John and his second wife Barbara emigrated to Western Australia, and he took up newsreading for ABC. Retiring in 1981, he immediately began work as a theatre critic and author, writing eight books and establishing his own publishing company, Acorn Press, with his third wife Helen.

John made a long visit to the UK and Oxford in the early 1990s, and it was a privilege to hear about his many adventures.

Clare Hopkins, Archivist, adapted from a eulogy given by Jenny Walsh, step-daughter

#### (Francis) Raymond Peters

(Commoner 1941) was born in Grantchester, near Cambridge, in 1922, the son of Frances (née Vérel), and Rudolph Peters (later Sir Rudolph, who in 1942 became Professor of Biochemistry at Oxford, and was subsequently elected a Fellow of Trinity).

Raymond was educated at Rugby School, and came to Trinity to read Modern Languages. Arriving in Hilary term 1941, he spent five terms in College (longer than many cadets on short courses, who would have been among his contemporaries), and lived on Staircase 5 under the care of legendary scout, Cadman.

He then served in the Army, with postings to the Middle East, Greece and Germany. He returned to Trinity in 1947 for a further year, to read Law.

He was employed for a time by Wallis Tin in Poole, Dorset. Then, in



Raymond Peters at his 100th birthday celebrations

1964, with his second wife Sheila, he moved to Italy, having accepted the position of managing director of Metal Closures, a British company, in Milan. A few years later, he added another company in the south of Italy to the business. He stayed with the firm until he retired, aged 66.

Raymond was a dedicated family man. He was an accomplished cellist and in later years, played in concerts, given by the University of the Third Age group, for elderly people in homes, in churches, and in Pavia University; his favourite audience being the elderly, who so enjoyed the music, and the staff who were so appreciative. He was a great sportsman, enjoying golf, tennis and skiing, but his favourite sport was undoubtedly swimming; a strong swimmer, he continued to swim until after his 100th birthday.

He died in March 2023, survived by Sheila, his four children, Fiona, Conrad, Julian and Romana, four grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

From information provided by Sheila Peters

## **John William Case Mooney**

(Commoner 1942) was born in Exeter, in November 1924. At Cranleigh School in Surrey he watched the Battle of Britain overhead. This had a profound effect on him and he determined his life should be about service to others. He came up to Trinity in 1942 to read Chemistry, and was a member of the Boat Club. After one year he gave up his reserved status to join the Fleet Air Arm as a pilot. He trained in Canada and the USA, before being posted back to Britain. He flew a multitude of types of aircraft here and in the Far East, but never saw active service. Returning to Trinity in 1946, he read Forestry.

He joined the Colonial Service in 1950 and was posted to the Gold Coast (now Ghana) where he worked for 12 years. The work entailed securing forest boundaries, silviculture, and educating forest rangers. For two years, he lived in Dunkwa in a bungalow with



John Mooney

no electricity, running water or sanitation. Paraffin lamps, a well and a 'thunderbox' served his purposes, with the help of his faithful cook/ steward. A doctor and a food store were 30 miles away down a dirt road that was impassable in wet weather. Conditions were more comfortable in Kumasi, where he was joined by his wife, Sela, a nurse, after they married in 1958. In 1962, with Sela and two sons, he returned to England and worked for English Woodlands, caring for private woodlands until he retired as company director in 1984.

At home in Bradfield, Berkshire, John developed a passion for gardening. He created a beautiful garden of over two acres, filled with unusual plants, which he and Sela opened for charity for the National Garden Scheme and for other groups. John was treasurer of the local village hall for 16 years and was chairman of the local branch of the CPRE for five years.

His last years were marred by Alzheimer's and he died in January 2023. He is survived by Sela, sons Peter and Ashley (1979), a daughter, Caroline, and six grandchildren. Sela Mooney

## **Brian Geoffrey Wellesley Weldon**

(Commoner 1942) was born in November 1924 in Crawley, Sussex and always considered himself a Sussex man.

After Sherborne School, he came up to Trinity to read Law. However, the War interrupted his studies and the following year, 1943, having passed the shortened part 1 in Law, he joined the Royal Navy. In spite of the war, he always spoke positively about his experiences in the navy, particularly the travels around the world on the ships he was stationed on. He returned to Trinity, changing to read PPE.

Leaving Trinity in 1948, Brian went to Hong Kong to work for the Bank Line (China) shipping company. He adored living in Hong Kong and always spoke fondly of his time there. He worked in shipping for his entire career in Asia. He met and married Angela Gauntlett in 1956 and had a large family.

In 1973, he and Angela decided to return to the UK, deciding it was time to settle in England. They found a house in Cranleigh, Surrey; Brian became the local estate agent for the next thirty or so years, enjoying being part of a village community.

Brian was a family man who was modest, with a terrific sense of humour, a tolerant and humane world-view, and immensely patient and kind. Once retired, he liked nothing more than to sit reading the newspaper with a cocker spaniel on his lap. He died in February 2023.

Brian is survived by Angela, their children Amanda, Lalage, Melanie, Lucy and Mark, and many grandchildren and great children. Lucy Weldon, daughter

(James) Melfort Paul Gordon **Campbell** (Royal Navy Probationer 1943), who died in May 2023, was born in April 1925 in Stirling, the only son of Captain James Campbell and Princess Catherine Galitzine of Russia. After school at Radley College, he came to Trinity for a wartime short course as a Royal Navy cadet. He was commissioned into the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) in 1944 and served on an Atlantic escort vessel, surviving when it was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Wales. While on 'survivor's leave' he danced at a ball with the then Princess Elizabeth. He was later posted for a year to the East Indies

Fleet. He returned to Trinity in Hilary



Melfort Campbell in his Royal Navy uniform

term 1947 to take a shortened degree in Modern Languages.

He moved to the United States and worked for 35 years for the Allstate Insurance Company of Illinois. As president of Allstate International, he travelled the world, opening several overseas offices, including in Mexico, Switzerland and Japan.

He married Barbara Hubbard, whom he had met while visiting his maternal uncle in the Chicago suburb of Lake Forest. He and Barbara remained in Lake Forest for the rest of their married life. Melfort was a keen golfer and in retirement served on the boards of several organisations, including the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Melfort is survived by his three children, James, Nicholas, and Turia, nine grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

From an obituary by Melfort's family

#### **Dr Brian Nicholl McQuade**

(Commoner 1943) died in October 2022, a month short of his 97th birthday (and having just seen out his near contemporary, HM Queen Elizabeth II).

Born in November 1925 in the doctor's house in Chertsey, Surrey, he grew up there with his Irish parents. Brian's father Cecil took over as the local GP, which role (in Shepperton and Chertsey) Brian was to fulfil for many years, still working as a locum at the age of 87.

After his schooling at Wallop and Radley, he came up to Trinity and then to St Thomas' Hospital London for his medical training, which was interrupted by his wartime service in the RAF. Despite being a trained pilot, he never flew in combat (medical personnel being considered too valuable).

Of his social and sporting activities at Trinity there are few verifiable details, though he was a cox for one of the Trinity boats and retained a lifelong appreciation for Trinity—his two sons Mark (1970) and Guy (1973) both followed him there, as



Brian McQuade on his last visit to College, with, from left, Johnny, Mark and Guy McQuade

did his grandson Johnny (2011). Indeed, one of his last outings was to Trinity for the 2022 'Fifty Plus Years On' lunch, together with the abovementioned Trinity McQuades, where at age 96 he was by some years the oldest attendee.

Married in 1951 to Joy (née Manning) he settled back in practice in Shepperton, close to his father still practising in Chertsey; after his parents' deaths the family moved back into the doctor's house in Chertsey, where he had been born and where he died.

While Joy was well known in the area as a teacher and in the local amateur dramatics world, Brian achieved an enviable reputation as a fine family doctor (including trips to Shepperton Studios to minister to a variety of celebrities) as well as stalwart of the local music society, finalist in *The Times* crossword competition over many years, and active member for over 60 years (and twice president) of the local rotary club.

Joy predeceased him by six months, and he is survived by his three children Mark, Guy and Kerry, and three grandchildren.

Guy McQuade (1973)

#### Ronald Victor 'Ron' Cox BEM

(Commoner as Naval Probationer 1944) was born in Southsea, the son of a naval engineer, and was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School. He wrote an account, published in the 1995 Trinity Report, of the college life of naval cadets of the 1944 intake, recalling the physical and military training, as well as the living conditions in Trinity, which though tolerable by wartime standards were 'a shade rugged'. But the college produced,

'A good main-course dinner each night, with stewed apples as the invariable sweet, [while] the formidable Cadman exerted a benign supervision, reflecting that he had seen previous generations off to both World War 1 and the Boer War.'

Ron was on active service from 1945, as sub lieutenant in the RNVR, including a highly secret mission to monitor radiation levels in the Pacific, investigating rumours of the Russians development of nuclear arms, which he was only able to speak of 50 years later. He also experienced an adventure-filled trip navigating a ship taking supplies to the British Antarctic Survey in 1947.

Ronald returned to Trinity in 1948 for a two-year degree in Physics. After a teaching post at Bradford Grammar School, in 1959 he was appointed head of physics at Gresham's School in Norfolk. His particular teaching technique was much admired and he went on to write three physics text books. He also taught navigation, electronics, sailing and amateur radio, as well as umpiring hockey games, despite admitting to not really knowing the rules. More seriously, he was warning of the 'greenhouse effect' long before it was commonly being discussed.

He served on the committee of the International Physics Olympiad, and in the school holidays, built sailing boats in one of the school classrooms. In retirement he sang in choirs, was a church warden and lay preacher, and with his wife, Heather, ran a B&B, until her death in 2011.

Ron died in June 2022, survived by his four children, Jenny, Judith, Jeremy and Jeff.

Information from the obituary in the *Old Greshamian Magazine* 

#### James William 'Jim' Bateson

(Commoner as RASC Probationer 1945) was born in Liverpool, the elder son of William Bateson and Julia (née Daglish). He followed the footsteps of many Batesons to prep school at Lockers Park and then to Rugby School, before coming to a short course at Trinity and military service in Palestine.

After the War he went into the law. Admitted solicitor, he practised at Bateson & Co, the family firm in Liverpool. As senior partner, he presided over a series of mergers which eventually, just after his retirement, resulted in the creation of DLA Piper.

Outside the law, he led an active life as treasurer of Liverpool University, director of the TSB, and supporter of various organisations, such as the Brunswick Boys Club and Liverpool Cricket Club. He was the fourth Bateson to be president of the Liverpool Law Society since its inception in 1827. He was well-known for his many after dinner speeches.

He met his wife, Dyfi, through the highly successful Twenty Players amateur music group, which he and his brother Michael helped to set up in the 1950s to raise money for charity. Dyfi was often the lead soprano in the many shows that Michael wrote.

After retirement, Jim and Dyfi moved to their farm in North Wales and subsequently moved to southwest France for the remainder of their lives. They enjoyed integrating into French life and entertaining their family and friends.

Even in advanced age, Jim's intellectual curiosity never left him. He was ever grateful for the opportunities he had at Trinity and referred to that period of his life with great enthusiasm.

He died in February 2023, survived by his daughters Sarah and Lucy, and four grandchildren.

Sarah Bateson, daughter

**Dr Ian Anderson Hill** (Commoner 1945) was born in 1927 and came to Trinity from Radley College to study medicine. He then completed the clinical training at the Middlesex Hospital in London. After two years' service as medical officer in Kenya, he joined his father in general practice at Mortimer, near Reading. He was a well-loved GP and remained there until retiring, aged 65.

He always spoke very fondly of his years at Oxford, even taking the family to visit the Turf Tavern. He rowed in the 1st VIII (his family retain his two oars from 1946 and 1948, listing the crew members for each year—Ian was always the lightest, at 10 stone 3 lbs), played rugby and represented the University in athletics. Later, he continued his love of rowing by joining Leander Club at Henley and went to the Regatta every year. He also continued to support Trinity, regularly attending gaudies and other events.



The 2nd VIII, Trinity term 1946, with Noel Staines as stroke

His main hobbies in retirement were travelling and stamp collecting and he did both with great enthusiasm. With his wife, Elizabeth, he took many far-afield and adventurous trips, particularly during the 1970s and 80s, travelling overland through Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Syria and Afghanistan, when it was still safe to do so. He enjoyed taking family to Disneyland in Paris for his 70th birthday and loved taking the grandchildren to the pantomime each year. He died in March 2022, five years after losing the love of his life, Elizabeth. He is survived by his son Alistair and daughter Caroline, and four grandchildren.

Caroline Jupp, daughter

## The Revd (Edward) Noel Staines

(Scholar 1945) was born in December 1926 and educated at Bexhill-on-Sea Grammar School. He came to Trinity to read Chemistry. He stroked the 2nd VIII in the Lent Torpids one year, and during a vacation went cycling in France with John Rowlinson (1944). After Bishop Stephen Neill's mission to the University, he thought that he might like to be ordained. James Lambert gave the laconic reply, 'Alleluia'.

At the end of four years, having been influenced by the many servicemen returning to Trinity, he volunteered to do National Service and was commissioned into the Dorsetshire Regiment, which was stationed in Austria. While on tour in Vienna, his tutor had given him an introduction to the British ambassador, Harold Caccia, who later became an Honorary Fellow of the college.

Returning to England after two years, he started at Chichester Theological College, but left after two terms and joined the Royal Navy as an instructor lieutenant. Because of his infantry experience, he was appointed to the Royal Marines, won the coveted Green Beret after a commando course, and joined 45 Commando in the Canal Zone. Accommodation was tented, opposite Port Said, on the west side of the canal and after several months the brigade was given 24 hours notice to return to Malta. He had just started the exams for General Ordination and half the papers had to be taken in Malta 'out of time'. Special dispensation had to be given by the secretary of the board—a Trinity man, Canon Douglas Vicary (1935), who had also read Chemistry.

The rest of his five years was with the Royal Marines at Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth. During this time he married Diana Featherstone, on the day of Trinity's quartercentenary celebrations—they attended the event at Trinity after the wedding.

Noel returned to Chichester for another two terms and was ordained deacon by Bishop George Bell. He served in Sussex throughout his ministry, first as curate at St Mary's, Eastbourne, then vicar of Amberley, two other parishes, and finally Rottingdean.

Having moved to Worcestershire in 1986, he did two stints on the Continent at the English churches in Lisbon and Marseilles, and took services in over 20 parishes in Worcestershire. In retirement, he spent many hours in the county record office, analysing over 7,000 wills, from the 1500s to 1900s. He died on 24 March 2023, survived by his children, Judith, Philippa, Nicholas, and Peter, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

With characteristic thoroughness and thoughtfulness, Noel wrote his own obituary for Trinity's records, which has been sent in by his family.

John Herbert Price Fox (Scholar 1947) was born in May 1929 in Glossop, Derbyshire. He was educated at Stockport Grammar School, where he excelled not only academically, but also in rugby, cricket, and above all else, tennis. He came to Trinity to read Chemistry. His sporting pursuits included training with Roger Bannister, and rowing in the 1949 3rd VIII, which went up three places in the middle of Division 4. He volunteered with the college mission to hop pickers.

He began his National Service with the Royal Artillery, later transferring to the Parachute Regiment, leaving with 96 jumps to his name and the rank of company commander. Afterwards he continued to serve at weekends with the Territorial Army. In civilian life, he started working for Proctor & Gamble.

In 1957 John married Winifred 'Freddie' Newlove, with whom he had three children—each born in a different county, as John's work took his family around the country, as well as to posts abroad. John and Freddie moved in the late 1960s to a Devon long barn, Millwater, in need of restoration, but with extensive orchards and gardens, which were enjoyed by their young family.

Following Freddie's death in 1987, John met Penelope 'Pen' Fletcher, with whom he spent the rest of his life though it was some years before John could be persuaded to leave Millwater and move to join Pen in her warmer, more practical modern house.

John is survived by Pen, his children, Simon, Bridget and Jeremy, five grandchildren, and a great granddaughter.

From the eulogy given by Colin Bomford, friend

# **Godfrey Vernon Holliday**

(Commoner as Ford Student 1947), an only child, was born in London in December 1928, his family moving to East Horsley in Surrey in 1930. He attended the local primary school and won a scholarship to King's School, Canterbury, which at the time had been evacuated to Cornwall, but returned to Canterbury for Godfrey's last three years at the school.

He came to Trinity to read Greats. He loved his time here and among his interests, he was a member of the Trinity Players, for example playing a guard in the famous production of *Susannah and the Elders*. He kept in touch with the college throughout his life. He always enjoyed attending the benefactors lunches and meeting Trinity friends.

After Trinity, he completed his National Service and stayed on to be commissioned, spending six years in the Life Guards, a time he really enjoyed.

He went on to work for British European Airways as a personnel officer at the headquarters and then at Heathrow. His next move was to the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) as a personnel manager at its south eastern headquarters, based at Bankside in London, where he met his future wife, Elizabeth. He stayed with the CEGB until his retirement in 1989 after twenty-three years.

His great interests included music, with a particular love of opera, and although he never played an instrument, he was extremely knowledgeable. He enjoyed visiting art exhibitions and had an amazing knowledge of many famous artists.

After retirement he and Elizabeth started to travel and he visited over 70 countries across all the continents, which included (a long time ago) both Syria and Ukraine. He enjoyed every country he visited and met the most amazing people from all walks of life.

Godfrey died in October 2022. He had no children, and leaves his wife, Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Holliday

Dr Alan Malcolm Smith FRCS(Ed) FRCP(Ed) FRCOG (Commoner 1947) was born in Pollockshields. Glasgow, in 1929, the son of two doctors, Charles Smith and Marion Armstrong. His younger sister, Jean, later became a doctor. The family relocated to Northamptonshire and from school there Alan won a scholarship to Rugby School and then a place at Trinity, to study Medicine. He later wrote that he had been inspired to go into medicine (and then obstetrics) while at school, after a favourite house master's young wife had died while having her first child.

Alan progressed to University College Hospital (UCH), London, where he won the Lister Gold Medal for Surgery in 1953. He then worked in London, Nottingham, Leicester and Bolton, before settling in the West Midlands and becoming a specialist in gynaecological oncology. He published dozens of papers.

At UCH he had met a nurse, Pamela Dennison; they married in 1953 and three daughters followed. Alan's long working hours took their toll and the marriage ended in divorce in the late 1970s, after which he married Liz Tooth.

After retiring in 1992, he combined pursuits such as golf, chess, history, the learning of Spanish and Italian, and rambling, with studying for degrees with the Open University, graduating with his fourth aged 89. He and Liz enjoyed trips to his eldest daughter in the Scottish Highlands as well as travels further afield.

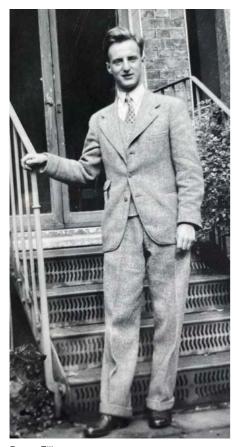
He died in February 2023, just a few days after Liz, survived by his daughters, Sally, Emma and Rosemary, six grandchildren (one grandchild predeceased him) and a great-grandchild.

From a eulogy by Sally Moore, daughter

Roger Wykeham Ellis CBE (Scholar 1949), who died in February 2023, was an inspirational head of history and housemaster at Harrow, before becoming a distinguished headmaster of Rossall and master of Marlborough, and chairman of the Headmasters' Conference.

He came up to Trinity at 20 on a scholarship from Winchester, where he had followed his father (Cecil Ellis, 1912) and grandfather—his middle name was Wykeham—and National Service as an ordinary seaman in the navy had developed his social skills in ways that were invaluable to his later career. A rare failure came when John Hollis (1949) asked him to meet his godfather, Evelyn Waugh, for tea: 'John tried to keep things going, but... terrifying'.

Although not impressed by some of his history lectures, he greatly enjoyed Trinity, and much of his social life was within college. After a first term in 'not very nice modern rooms' he won the prize of the Tower Room (now part of the SCR), sharing with Roger Brooke (1950). He was a member of the Trinity Singers and Players, and, 'was ready to have a go at things I wasn't necessarily going to be much good at. We had great fun.'



Roger Ellis

He long continued to enjoy amateur acting, and continuing enthusiasms were cricket and golf, at which he was indeed good. During naval training he had partnered Peter May (later England captain) at the wicket, and as a golfer he continued to play 18 holes into his eighth decade.

He loved teaching and found the best in his pupils. At Marlborough his role was to bed down the radical changes made by John Dancy, notably bringing girls into the sixth form. In this he was ably partnered by his wife, Margaret Stevenson—with whom he had three children, Katherine, Hattie and Alex. As at Harrow, they were warm hosts and their 'entertaining book' shows meals for boys and teachers right up to the days before she gave birth to twins.

And that honking laugh...
Huon Mallalieu (1965)

(Henry) Joseph Millington 'Joe' Hambrook (Scholar 1949) was born in 1928 in Sumatra, where his father was the manager of a rubber plantation. Joe went to Shrewsbury and then for his National Service he was an officer in the Royal Artillery. As a student at Trinity, Joe had close friends in college and lots of girlfriends. He was secretary of the college athletics club and a member of the Oxford University second team; he ran with the record-breaking Roger Bannister.

Joe then led a rather nomadic life, spending time in Spain and Italy, as well as three years teaching Latin and Greek at Eton. He worked with the animator Richard Williams and they set up a cartoon film studio in Rome, mostly making commercials. He met his wife, Maureen, in Rome; they returned to England, married, and had two children, Katie and Dan.

Joe became a television producer for BBC English by Television, making highly regarded programmes for teaching English as a foreign



Joe Hambrook, painted by Leslie Grimes

language. His much-loved children's cartoon, *Muzzy in Gondoland*, was later adapted for teaching many other languages. Joe was influential in promoting the use of video in English language teaching.

As Joe's work began to take up less of his time, he and Maureen resumed life in Italy, spending a part of each year in Umbria. He enjoyed attending alumni events at Trinity and making contact with old friends. Sadly, Maureen was diagnosed with cancer and died in 2010.

Joe died on 25 September 2022, and tributes from colleagues described their admiration for Joe's talent, expertise, hard work and sharp mind—many remembered him as an inspirational influence and mentor. Joe had a great gift for friendship, and was remembered as warm and generous, entertaining and full of fascinating stories.

Katie Hambrook, daughter

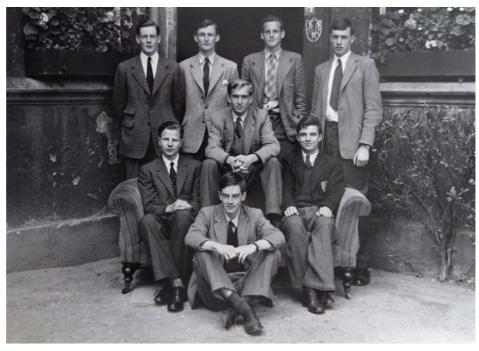
# 1950s

### (James) Hugh Francis Bown

(Scholar 1950) was born in Burma in 1930—the son of Arthur Bown MC (1912) and older brother of Mark (1951)—but came to the UK for school. After attending Shrewsbury School, where he learned to row, he obtained a scholarship to Trinity to read Classics.

Hugh joined the overseas civil service in 1953. Posted to Zambia, he took full advantage of his freedom to travel through Zambia and southern Africa and enjoyed the simplicity of life with a paraffin fridge, a wind-up gramophone and his classics books. Dedicated to his work, he took time to learn Bemba and went on to work for the Zambian government after independence in 1964. Hugh met Eira, a nurse stationed in Kasama, in 1966 and proposed at Chisimba Falls on the Luombe River.

Hugh returned to the UK in 1971, working first for the National Building Agency and subsequently as a director of a design consultancy in Covent Garden. His speciality was home energy efficiency. He recognised the challenge of heating homes for those on low wages and went on



Hugh Bown, seated front, in a 1954 group, thought to be a boat club VIII

to join the National Right to Fuel campaign, where he worked in his spare time to lobby government and raise the profile of fuel poverty.

Hugh had a delight for poetry and loved surprising his family with poems he wrote for special occasions. Through these he expressed his feelings, humour and wit in a way he would not otherwise usually do.

As the millennium rolled over, Hugh's role changed. As a grandfather, now into his 70s, he helped look after his grandchildren, regularly cycling 20-miles to do so, and came to those all-important Christmas plays. His kind and gentle

nature meant that he was loved and admired by his children and grandchildren. He also devoted time to publishing new editions of his father's autobiographical First World War novel, *Was it yesterday?* 

Predeceased by his daughter, Jane, Hugh, who died in November 2022, leaves his wife, Eira, three children, Jonathan, Rachel and Matthew and eight grandchildren.

Matthew Bown, son

**David Lionel Harland** (Commoner 1950) was born in London in August 1929 to John and Helene Harland. He and his younger brother,

Michel, spent their early years in Roehampton before moving to Glaisdale in Yorkshire during the war. David attended Harrow School before doing his National Service, as a 2nd lieutenant in the Life Guards, predominantly in Windsor.

He came to Trinity to read PPE. He then had a career in insurance but was fortunate to retire early. He was a keen climber, favouring the Alps in particular, and enjoyed many holidays in Portugal over the years.

David died in July 2022. He never married, and is survived by his two nieces, Ghislaine and Arabel.

Ghislaine Harland, niece

Peter Bernhard Rissik (Commoner 1951) was born in Johannesburg in 1929, the son of Harry Rissik (1914), a lawyer, and brother of Oliver (1962). After education at Michaelhouse School, Natal, and the University of Stellenbosch, he came to Trinity to read law, but left at the end of his first year. He died in June 2022.

# The Revd Angus Wilson Morrison

(Minor Scholar 1952) was born in Glasgow in 1934. His forebears were seafarers and farmers from Argyll and the island of Lewis. An only child, he spent much of the Second World War in the Highlands with his mother, Margaret, a former primary teacher, while his father, Thomas, worked as a marine surveyor in London. Reunited in Surrey, Angus attended Epsom College, winning an open scholarship to Trinity to read Greats.



Parish minister: Angus Morrison, with his daughter Lennox, in 1963

At Oxford he joined the Boat Club, the Trinity Players—he played the judge in *Toad of Toad Hall* in 1953—and the Gryphon Society. Through Presbyterian circles, he met and fell in love with his future wife, Isobel Taylor, an Ayrshire-born Somerville student. Trinity's chaplain, theologian Austin Farrer, influenced their thinking and after graduating, they took second degrees.

Angus gained a BD from New College, Edinburgh, and was ordained as a minister of the Church of Scotland in 1959. There followed 40 years of parish ministry in Elgin, Whithorn, Cults, Edinburgh, and in

Kildalton and Oa on the Hebridean island of Islay. Isobel became an enrolled nurse and joined in parish tasks.

Angus went on working visits to Nigeria and Norway, and represented the World Presbyterian Alliance at the Second Vatican Council—held in Latin. He preached for HM Queen Elizabeth II and was her guest at Balmoral.

Happy to conduct weddings and christenings on beaches and in gardens. Angus introduced outdoor ecumenical services at a Celtic stone carving, the Kildalton Cross. Well-loved in the close-knit island community, he continued working in retirement, whenever asked. He also kept up keenly with Trinity, recalling how his classical education had 'opened doors to travel and reading, languages and things human and divine.' His many languages included Aramaic and Ancient Hebrew, Notes for his own funeral featured Latin. Italian and Gaelic.

Angus died in September 2022, only weeks after Isobel's death. Buried overlooking a honey-sanded beach, he is survived by their daughters, Lennox and Mary, son Peter, and younger generations.

Lennox Morrison, daughter

Frederic Carl Glanville 'Fred' Bradley (Minor Scholar 1953), was born in April 1933, the eldest son of Frederic Bradley, a Lloyds underwriter. After Shrewsbury School, he was commissioned in the King's African Rifles for his National Service, serving in Malaya during the Malayan emergency.

He came to Trinity to read PPE, though he had initially considered reading Law. In later life he wrote to the then president, John Burgh, that he, 'Rowed, dined with the Claret Club and once read a paper to the Gryphon—on the novel, I believe.' He was a certainly a keen oarsman. In 1954 he stroked the Torpids VIII and was no. 2 in the 1st VIII (two bumps, finished fourth); in 1955 he was no. 6 in the Torpid boat and again in the VIII, which finished fifth. He was secretary of the Boat Club, and of the University Wine Society. He also had a number of run ins with the dean including after driving the President's car out of its garage—of which he later admitted he was not proud.

A very private individual, Fred was rather nomadic in his younger years. After graduating from Oxford he worked on the *Glasgow Herald* and then lived and travelled in Europe and North America. It was only in his 50s that he made a more settled home, in the Cotswolds, where he declared himself to be very happy.

He was a writer and philosopher with wide ranging interests, including art, music, opera, ballet and theatre. He lunched regularly at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, where he also attended talks and lectures, and he was an avid follower of the annual Oxford v Cambridge boat race.

He died in September 2021.

## **Michael Raymond Coulman**

(Commoner 1953) arrived at Trinity after National Service in the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Prior to that he had distinguished himself at Winchester College, not least on the sports field and as head boy.

Michael received a grant from the Christie-Miller Fund. Whilst at Trinity he played squash, rackets and real tennis for the University and he had trials for the cricket and soccer XIs. Shortly after leaving Trinity, he played squash for Wales and represented Great Britain against the USA at rackets. Michael read History. His tutor, Michael Maclagan described Michael, in a letter of reference, as a very likeable person who, in the early part of his career, allowed his sporting activities to come between him and 'any very close concentration on his books, although he was never conspicuously or dangerously idle'!

During the vacations he taught Latin and maths at Ludgrove Prep School. At the request of Alan Barber, the Ludgrove headmaster, Michael went to South Africa to tutor Nicky Oppenheimer, son of the prominent industrialist Harry Oppenheimer. On leaving Oxford in 1956, he joined the Anglo American public relations department in London and in early 1958, Oppenheimer asked Michael to work for him in South Africa.

When Michael returned to England, he became a most successful stockbroker at Rowe Swan (later Sheppards and Chase). He was known as a shrewd, intelligent and respected operator but, most importantly, as a man of integrity.

In the 1960s Michael fell over during a squash match and hurt his hip beyond repair. Undergoing five hip operations and then major heart surgery, he was in constant pain but never complained. He was restricted to golf and bridge; and later, when struck down by dementia, sport became only dreams.

He died in August 2023. His first wife, Jackie died in 1980; he is survived by his second wife, Paddy, his son Robert, daughter Willa and two of his three step-daughters, and his grandchildren. Michael was a talented and extremely modest sportsman, a kind and gentle man with an impish sense of humour. He was a credit to Trinity.

Andrew Myrtle, friend

#### Michael Richard Ludlow

(Commoner 1953) was born at home in March 1933, and died at his London home in November 2022—a mile away from the Oxford-Cambridge boat race finish line.

Michael was the youngest of four children of Katharine (Somerville, 1914) and Richard Ludlow (Balliol 1917) who met at Oxford. Richard became a barrister and was knighted in 1950, and Katharine was among the first 1,000 women to be awarded an Oxford University degree in 1921.

Michael followed in their footsteps to Oxford after Rugby School and National Service in Sierra Leone under the Royal Welch Fusiliers.



Michael Ludlow, standing second from left, for a hockey team photo in Garden Quad

After an interview for Balliol—'the most detestable ten minutes of my life'—Michael obtained a place at next-door Trinity, first lodged on head scout Cadman's Staircase 6, then in Kingston Road. Michael left with a law degree and lasting memories of work and play; competing in rugby, cricket, hockey, including for the 'Occasionals' and 'Authentics'; meeting friends at Elliston and Cavell department store by day, and by night in smoky coffee bars; and his lifelong Vincent Club membership.

Michael rose from trainee to senior partner over 35 years at law firm Beale & Co, remembered as 'fearless', 'far-sighted' and a 'gifted lawyer with a warm humanity'. He later took up private mediation and arbitration, and posts of chairman of the London branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and master of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators.

Michael had four children from marriages to Prue and then Diane, and—being widowered—found happiness in marriage to Sheila, playing golf and travelling. He later cared for Sheila lovingly until she died in 2020.

Appreciated by friends for 'jovial, engaging company', 'sage advice' and 'excellent curries', his children remember him for enjoying simple pleasures: golf, receiving a smile, his four grandchildren, and values of love, kindness, justice and independence. Michael wanted family and friends to know that he loved them and said that the best gift he had ever received was friendship.

Fiona Ludlow and Anna Ludlow, daughters

#### **Benjamin William James Perkins**

(Commoner 1953) was born in March 1932 in Istanbul, where his father, William, was a solicitor. When war broke out, with his mother, Millicent, and two sisters, he returned to England. He was educated at Sherborne School and came to Trinity to read History, but by the end of his first year he realised it was not going to provide him with the future he wanted, and so he left, to attend the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester.

From there he spent 20 years as farm manager in Essex, a role that included managing woodland, running a shoot and handling the estate's tenants. In the late 1970s, following the death of his employer, and growing disillusioned with modern farming and its impact on wildlife, he turned to develop his talent as a watercolourist. He exhibited widely and wrote and illustrated several books. He had

a wide circle of friends, and for 40 years spent his summer holidays in the Scottish Highlands. He never married and died in December 2022.

From the 'Remembering Loved Ones' obituary in *The Times* 

#### Dr Michael Pearce 'Mike' Smith

(Commoner 1953), who died in July 2022, was born in 1933 in Wiltshire, but soon moved to the Sudan, where his father worked for the Sudan Railways. Returning to England before the war, he was brought up by his grandmother, not seeing his parents or meeting his younger brother until after 1945.

Mike gained a scholarship to Dauntsey's School and subsequently a place at Trinity to read PPE. First, however, he revisited the Sudan then completed his National Service, studying the intensive Russian course at Cambridge. He enjoyed his time at Oxford, where he met Bridget Osborn, with whom he would have a close and happy marriage for nearly 65 years.

As a young lecturer at Kesteven Teacher Training College, near Grantham, Mike explored ideas about education with his students, who would go on to become lifelong friends. Child development was also a key topic at home, with four young children, and Bridget running a playgroup. Mike's interest in literature led him to take a BA, MA and PhD through the University of London. He then moved to Kingston Polytechnic, as lecturer and later head

of the department of liberal studies. He maintained a close friendship with Professor Ed Stones, and later edited the *British Journal of Teacher Education*. He published two books on alternative education. Under the name Michael Pearce, he wrote several successful historical crime series, notably the Mamur Zapt series for Harper Collins, set in early twentieth-century Egypt, and the 'Dead Man in ....' series.

Perhaps in reaction to his own childhood, Mike was a very involved father (to Caroline, Sarah, Marcus and Georgina) and grandfather (to II grandchildren), who played endless imaginative games, invented stories and provided sympathetic encouragement and gentle challenge. He took early retirement to concentrate on his writing, and to support Bridget, who became an independent local councillor and mayor of Merton. Always, there was reading and discussion with family and friends.

Caroline Moughton, daughter

# John Robert Jacquemot Watson

(Commoner 1953), was born in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1933. He was educated at Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire, and then, for his National Service, he read Russian in the Joint Services School for Linguistics at Cambridge, qualifying as a Russian interpreter with the rank of flight lieutenant in the RAF.

He came to Trinity to read Law, and while here was a member of

the University yacht club. On going down, he initially joined the family firm of J H Burluraux in Newcastle before branching into export sales management, mainly in Eastern Europe, the USSR and China.

In the late 1980s and early 90s, he and his wife, Joan, lived mainly in France, where he took over an existing French company in the leisure field before setting up a new company, Yachting Mediterranée, which looked after vessels belonging to an international clientele of some thirty owners running a boat charter operation. He died in July, 2022, survived by Joan.

From the obituary in the Ampleforth Journal

#### Dr (James) Michael Gumpel FRCP

(Commoner 1954) was born in Berlin in 1936. From Highgate School he came to Trinity to study medicine.

He did his clinical training at St Thomas' Hospital in London and then worked at the Whittington Hospital in north London, where he met his first wife, Shirley Fisher. In 1962, he and Shirley were both awarded fellowships for three years at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Once back in London, Michael was appointed consultant physician specialising in rheumatology and acute care medicine at Northwick Park Hospital. He pioneered treatment to ease the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis and co-authored over 100 papers in peer reviewed journals, as well as campaigning for better funding for medicine.

After retiring from the NHS in 1997, Michael and his second wife, Carole, ran his private practice, from which he retired in 2007.

Michael died in October 2022, survived by Carole, his three children, Nicky, Jon, and Sophie, a stepson, Andrew, and 10 grandchildren, two of whom have followed him into medicine.

Adapted from the obituary in the BMJ

**Dr (Arthur) Howard Malortie 'Jack' Hoare** (Commoner as Ford Student 1954), known as Jack during his time at Trinity, was born in 1934, in Colombo Sri Lanka (then Ceylon), where his father worked in the civil service. The family spent the war years in what was then Rhodesia, before moving to Oxford in 1945.

From King's School, Canterbury, Howard came to Trinity to read Mathematics. He stayed on to take a DPhil, going down in 1961. He was an active sportsman; for Trinity he was in the 1955 winning rugby cuppers team, rowed in the 1st VIII, and also played squash; he played as hooker for the University and later other prestigious teams, notably the Harlequins, and toured as reserve for the England squad. He returned to Trinity for events in recent years, and was especially glad to attend the memorable reunion dinner for the 1955 and 1965 rugby cupperswinning teams in 2015.

Howard served for more than 40 years on the academic staff of the school of mathematics and statistics at



Howard 'Jack' Hoare played for the Harlequins

the University of Birmingham, where he was universally liked and respected by his colleagues and students. He wrote some 25 significant research papers, covering a wide range of topics. He was made Reader in Algebra in 1980.

He was married twice, first to Janice Williams, a professional pianist, and then to Liz Clayton, also a musician; both marriages ending by divorce. When Howard was 70, one of his daughters, Louise, already widowed, was killed in a car crash. Howard decided to move from Birmingham to the west of Scotland to help look after his two young grandchildren. He bought a log cabin, restored an old sailing boat and became active

in the local community. However, following a devastating cycling accident in 2013, he was confined to a wheelchair, later complicated by Alzheimer's, and moved to a nursing home nearer family in England. He died in December 2021, survived by seven children, including Jonathan Lawrence (Hoare, 1982), and seven grandchildren.

From information provided by Jonathan Lawrence (1982), son

#### **Anthony David 'Tony' Jenkins**

(Commoner 1955) died on 28
October 2023, aged 85. Tony grew up in Guildford and came up to Trinity in 1955 to read law from King's School, Canterbury. He was not a model student, but loved being at Oxford, finding lifelong friends and crucially his future wife, Pat, who was studying zoology at St Hilda's. He also spent a lot of time playing hockey and tennis for Trinity, and in the White Horse playing shove ha'penny, at which he excelled so much that he was Oxford University champion for three years running.

After graduating, Tony trained in Portsmouth and Reading before joining the family solicitors' practice, Barlow Norris and Jenkins, in Guildford. He practised in the firm all his working life, retiring in 2002. Tony was completely committed to his work in a way that he had not been to his studies. His happy marriage was in marked contrast to those he encountered in his litigation career, where he specialised in divorce.

He realised that managing divorce well could at least minimize further suffering.

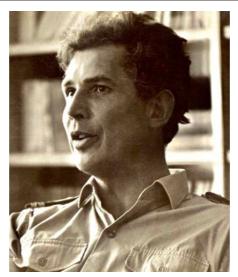
He had a strong commitment to the Guildford area: he was an active rotarian, and a governor at Royal Grammar School Guildford for 31 years. He died at home after a short illness, and leaves his wife Pat, daughters Louise and Kate, five grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Kate Vineall, daughter

Peter Lanfear (Commoner 1956) was born in 1937, in Newton Abbot, the son of Alan and Nora Lanfear. He spent his early childhood exploring the seas and moors of Devon, where he cultivated passions that would go on to define his life. After attending school at Wolborough Hill, and later Kelly College, he came up to Trinity to read French. This happy time was chiefly characterised by his expertise in sailing, for which he won a much-coveted Half Blue.

After graduating, he began his long teaching career, in which his enthusiasm for language and culture influenced generations of students. Well-known for his mischievous humour, keen intellect and love of the outdoors, Peter was heavily involved with the CCF and Ten Tors, and will forever be remembered looming out of the Dartmoor fog, having walked further and faster than anyone else, still laughing.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, France became a home from home, and



Peter Lanfear

Peter eventually retired to Brittany in 1997. A generous father, with a ready sense of adventure, he instilled in his children and grandchildren a passion for water and wild places, for open moor and windswept beach, quiet pool and rocky scree, and a duty to swim, whatever the weather.

A lover of stories and painting, poetry and music, but above all of boats, his last tide has ebbed, but we hope he is sailing still. He died in April 2023 and is survived by Helen, his wife of 46 years, his four children, Jenny, Su, Ibby and Rob, and ten grandchildren.

Ibby Lanfear, daughter

**David John Loveridge** (Commoner 1956) came to Trinity from King's School, Canterbury to read Law, but left at the end of his first year,

later regretting that he had wasted the opportunity. He kept up lifelong friendships, nonetheless, with two or three Trinity contemporaries. He went on to do Bar Finals, spent four years in the army and later worked in industry. He died in July 2023, aged 85, survived by his wife, Gillian, three children, and nine grandchildren.

**Dr Carel Mulder** (Commoner with senior status 1956) was born in Arnhem in March 1928. During the German occupation of the Netherlands, Carel, with his father and brothers, was active in the Dutch resistance effort.

His interest in saving populations from the burden of disease set out his career. After a degree in chemistry from the University of Leiden, he came to Trinity to take a DPhil in Biochemistry. He then directed a laboratory back at the University of Leiden until, in 1965, with his wife and young family, he moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts to work at Harvard University, and develop his understanding of the emerging field of microbiology.

His career took him to various other posts, including at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories in New York, where he worked with Nobel laureates and other top international scientists. After a short period back at Leiden, he moved to the University of Massachusetts, with a joint appointment in the departments of pharmacology and microbiology. Well-known in scientific circles, he

became an expert on several viruses, held one patent and published many papers.

Carel had a lifelong passion for equality and fairness, which inspired his involvement in voluntary and social justice work, locally and globally. He helped several scientists escape from dictatorships around the world, and he worked with South African partners in support of efforts to bring down apartheid in South Africa. He initiated a programme to take medical students from UMass. to Uganda and South Africa to support cross-cultural learning, during which he taught modern research techniques to foster intercontinental collaborations—he received awards for the initiative from both the governor of Massachusetts and Nelson Mandela, then president of South Africa.

Carel was an avid mountain climber, scaling many mountains in the Alps, and passing on his love of the outdoors to his children through trips across North America. He kept in touch with Trinity, attending college events in Boston. Carel died in August 2023, survived by his four children, and eight grandchildren.

(William) Carey Parker (Commoner as Rhodes Scholar 1956), who died in December 2022, was for many years chief legislative aide to US Senator Edward Kennedy. As such, he had a direct impact on many pieces of important federal legislation and

played a significant supporting role in the social overhaul that took place in the USA in the final decades of the 20th century, through the legislation, in particular on health care and social services, that Senator Kennedy helped pass. Like his employer, he was a skilled negotiator and had a great capacity for the intricacies of policy on matters ranging from voting rights, health care and tax policy, to apartheid in South Africa and peace in Northern Ireland. He also served as a speechwriter, and was a key adviser when Kennedy challenged President Carter for the 1980 Democratic nomination.

Carey was born in Philadelphia in 1934. From private school in Haverford, Pennsylvania, he studied chemical engineering at Princeton before coming to Trinity as a Rhodes Scholar to read Law for two years. Away from his studies, his interests included membership of the Claret Club. He then gained a PhD at what is now Rockefeller University in New York and a BLaws from Harvard University in 1965.

He worked as clerk to a US supreme court justice and then in the justice department, before joining Ted Kennedy's staff in 1969, of which he remained part until Kennedy's death in 2009. He gained an eminent status in his own right, but he was not one for much of the social events of congressional life; he would work through lunch, with a sandwich at his desk, and was generally happy to keep out of the limelight.

Carey was married for 57 years to Betsy (née Libby), who died a few months before him. He is survived by two daughters and five grandchildren. Adapted from the obituary in the *Washington Post* 

**Bruce Scott Porter** (Commoner 1956) was born in 1937, in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, the son of a commercial traveller. From Christ's Hospital, he came to Trinity to read Law. He played in the rugby 1st XV and in his last year he was awarded a Whitehead Travelling Scholarship. He planned to write a report on industry and society in one of Britain's former colonies, and chose to go to Australia, but left it too late to get a berth on a ship. President Norrington took responsibility for the delay, having made the award late, and in due course a place on a P&O ship was fixed for him by Sir Donald Anderson (1925).

On his return from Australia, an Oxford friend suggest that Bruce join the expanding international law firm, Baker and McKenzie. He spent his working life there, with postings to branches in Hong Kong and Sydney, and retiring as managing partner in London.

With his wife, Marion, he retired to Sussex. He later developed leukaemia and died in March 2023, survived by Marion.

# **Dr Bruce Richard Tolley**

(Commoner with senior status 1957) was a Fellow of St Catherine's College, teaching French for nearly 40 years.

He grew up in New Zealand, and received his first degree at the Victoria University of Wellington. He then took a second degree in Modern Languages at Trinity, graduating after two years with a First in French and Spanish.

Although his early research interest had been in Romance philology, he soon established himself as an authority on 19th-century prose fiction and the history of ideas. He completed a DPhil thesis on the 19th-century reformer the Comte de Saint-Simon, with his principal publications thereafter being on Balzac.

He was elected to a founding fellowship and tutorship in French at St Catherine's in 1962, becoming a committed tutor. He was an active participant in college affairs, holding the posts of tutor for graduates, president of the SCR and vice-master. He retired in 1999, becoming an emeritus fellow of the college. He died on 15 January 2021, aged 88.

An obituary published in St Catherine's *The Year* (2021)

David John Weight (Scholar 1957) was born in Finchley in 1936, the son of Frederick Weight, director of the family firm F Weight & Co, leather merchants, and his wife Winifred Louise (née Leech). He was educated at Eastbourne College and came to Trinity to read Modern Languages, tutored by Frank Barnett. In the summer before he came up, he went on a tour of Europe 'to improve his French' (armed with a guide book

to Provence loaned by President Norrington).

David was a member of the Gryphon Society, secretary of the Trinity Players—he was a great mimic in his student days and enjoyed acting—and president of the Oxford University French Club. He was described as 'head over heels' with the French language, and along with Ian Flintoff (1957), had a part in the British première of Jean Anouilh's play *Ornifle*, which was performed, in French, at the Taylorian. He took on an extended role of Osric in Flintoff's production of *Hamlet*, in which he was 'perfect'.

After Trinity, David lived for a time in New York, where he got a teaching job and shared a flat with Michael Thomas (1957)—Michael was working for Commander Whitehead, head of Schweppes USA, and Michael, David and other friends were regular weekend guests at the Whiteheads' Connecticut holiday home.

Having taken a PGCE in London, David's first permanent post was at Dulwich College. From 1978, he taught French at Highgate School, and served as a housemaster and then admissions registrar. Away from school duties, he co-founded a local French club that still flourishes, and developed his painting skills. He retired in 1995 and moved to the Suffolk coast, where he joined a local art group and regularly exhibited his paintings and prints.

David married Victoria Last in 1972. She predeceased him; David

died in June 2022, survived by a son and a daughter.

#### **Andrew Charles Stewart Forrest**

(Commoner 1958) came to Trinity, to read PPE, from Repton School, where he had been head boy and editor of the school magazine—but only after an English-Speaking Union exchange scholarship to Phillips Academy in Massachusetts, and the Russian-language course as part of his National Service. Both of these experiences persuaded him that. although he had applied to read Modern Languages, PPE would be more useful. His family background was in journalism—his father was managing director of the *Derby* Evening Telegraph—and he inherited a journalist's interest in people and their interactions.

After finals in 1961, he made a long summer trip with Peter Fowler (1957) and Robert Welham (1958) in his minute Austin A35 to Moscow and Leningrad; he was very good at dealing with the various administrative obstacles that arose.

He went to work on the personnel side of Dexion, makers of industrial shelving, before moving to Calor Gas and then, for 18 years, to the Industrial Society (later the Work Foundation). From 2001, he was a visiting fellow and consultant at the Cass (now Bayes) Business School, at the City, University of London, helping senior managers in the voluntary sector. He enjoyed this rewarding career in management

training and became a widelyrespected figure in the field. That continued into formal retirement, along with charitable activities near his home in Maidenhead.

He died in December 2022, leaving his wife, Mary, two daughters and grandchildren.

Robert Welham (1958)

# **Christopher Henry Woodbine**

Parish (Commoner 1958), who died in June 2023, was, from a young age, seen by all who knew him to be thoughtful, responsible and wise beyond his years. It is no wonder then that reading Greats at Oxford, he learned the great lesson of Greek philosophy that a happy and successful life is best attained through kindness and service to others.

Following 12 years at boarding school (where he reached the height of 6'6" at the age of 12) and National Service in his father's wartime regiment, the Welsh Guards, he came up to Trinity in 1958. He devoted much energy to the arts and perhaps less to his studies; he became the music critic for the *Cherwell* and played a large part in the Trinity Players.

After Oxford, Christopher joined the law firm that later became Macfarlanes, where he was valued for his wisdom and genuine interest in the wellbeing of his clients. A former senior partner in the firm wrote, 'As a classicist, he wrote beautiful letters of advice which were models of clarity. He enhanced our reputation through skill and character.' When billing hours rather than client relationships became the measure of success in the late 1980s, Christopher tired of the City and became chair of the Hedley Foundation, providing grants to smaller charities focused on social need. Throughout his life, he was a trustee or committed supporter of many other charities including Gladstone's Library and the Gladstone Memorial Trust, and passionate about community and opportunities for young people.

Christopher met his wife Angela while skiing and they were married six months later. They were blessed with five children, settled in Frittenden, Kent and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 2019. As a lifetime member of the MCC, Christopher was a great cricket enthusiast but had never tried rowing or sailing at which his children and grandchildren excelled. He rarely missed a sporting contest in which they were engaged and was a lover of adventure and worldwide travel.

Anthony Parish (1959), brother

Professor Francis Martin James Pichanick (Commoner as Rhodes Scholar 1958), who died on January 2020, was born May 1936 in what was then Salisbury, Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe). From Prince Edward High School in Salisbury and the University of Cape Town, he came to Trinity as a Rhodes Scholar for a DPhil and was a research associate on atomic beams and a laboratory instructor. His specialty was in experimental atomic physics and helium III.

After graduating from Oxford, he moved to the United States, joining the physics department at Yale University and then the University of Massachusetts, where he was made full professor. He was a contributor and co-author of many scientific papers, from experiments with atomic physics and helium III. He was a member of the American Physical Society, in which he also served as editor.

Francis had an extensive classical music collection. He loved film and theatre and in his earlier years at UMass was active in the theatre department. He was an accomplished violin player. He is survived by his wife Debra and his a daughter, Marcelle.

From the obituary in the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* 

# **David Fitzgerald Beauchamp**

(Commoner 1959) was born in 1940 and lived much of his early life in Scotland. Coming up to Trinity from Uppingham School to read Classics, his time in Oxford was characterised by a remarkable ability to find an amusing side to much of what went on around him, often viewed through the windscreen of a cherished Austin 7. He became JCR president, and played rugby and squash, but his main interest was the river. He rowed in the college eight and became captain and president of the Boat



David Beauchamp, on a punting trip on the Cherwell

Club. His commitment was ultimately demonstrated by a speedy completion of one of his Finals papers and early departure from the Examination Schools, modestly explained by a pressing need to get down to the river to coach the Trinity boat.

Immediately on leaving Oxford he joined Butterfield and Swire (later John Swire & Sons) in Hong Kong and for over 30 years had a busy career in shipping, travelling widely in the Far East. In 1971 he married Vicki, American but also with Scottish roots. They would have three daughters and the family moved between Hong Kong, Japan

and Taiwan, and then later Dubai and New Jersey. Links with 'home' were maintained with a beautifully sited family flat in Edinburgh.

After a final spell in Taipai, David retired in 1995 and moved to London. He assiduously maintained contact with old work colleagues and reestablished many Trinity friendships. He became chairman of the Trinity Society in 2003 and was a member of the Ralph Bathurst Society. He regularly attended the TCBC annual dinner and, early in his retirement, presented a new eight to the Boat Club, the *Parni*, named after David Parnwell (1951), a stalwart of the Boat Club and Trinity Society.

With their three daughters living in America, the Beauchamps kept an apartment in Philadelphia and visits back and forth were regular. They both found new occupations near their Chelsea flat, David becoming a warden at the Brompton Cemetery and proving an entertaining guide to its graves and monuments, and Vicki (who died in 2021) working as a guide at the Victoria and Albert Museum. David played golf enthusiastically each week and the famous red shirt, obligatory on his course, became standard wear on just about every other occasion. He regularly infuriated less athletic contemporaries by running up the stairs to his flat two at a time. He kept extremely fit to the very end and his sudden departure came as a great shock to his many friends. Richard Butler (1959)

Dr (Herbert Edward) Robin

Preston (Scholar 1959) was born in March 1938, an only child. After his father lost his salesman job with Bradford Dyers the family endured an unsettled life; Robin's time at the Dragon prep school in Oxford was followed by Bradford Grammar School and, sometimes with no family home, periods of time spent living with relatives and friends.

Robin deliberately chose to do National Service before coming to Trinity so that he didn't miss out (National Service ended in 1960). He joined the Royal Engineers and was posted to Christmas Island, in the Pacific. While there, he witnessed four nuclear bomb tests, which had a profound effect on him, and on his return flight he only just survived a plane crash at Khartoum airport that killed all four of the RAF crew.

Before he took up his place at Trinity, to read Physics, both his parents had died. The college gave him a home, allowing him to stay in his rooms over the vacations. He left without taking a degree (a bad car accident added a year onto his studies), but he enjoyed the socialising, including acting, and playing shove ha'penny. In his second year he met Diana Kingston (St Anne's 1959) at a student party; they married on Diana's birthday in 1963 (and in 2013 chose to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a lunch party in College).

Robin then gained a First in Physics, through studying part-time

for a London external degree, and completed a PhD at Cambridge, before taking a lecturing post at Strathclyde University. At weekends he continued a military life with the Royal Engineers. That took him to the Orkney Islands, with which he was so captivated that he bought a ruinous cottage on Sanday; he and Diana gradually restored it during long summer holidays there with their young daughters. In 1988 they bought the Taversoe Hotel on Rousay, which they ran until 2000, even while Robin was still working part time in Glasgow.

Always keen on travel, Robin and Diana bought a house in Normandy in their 70s, going between there and Orkney by car. They regularly broke the journey at Trinity, timing the trip to coincide with events such as the Trinity Weekend, and not deterred even by failing health and mobility from making their last few visits. Robin died in January 2023, having made the trip to his 'Oxford home' for the first post-Covid Trinity Weekend just a few months before. Diana died in 2018, and Robin is survived by their daughters Imogen and Naomi, and three grandchildren. From the eulogy given by Donald Fraser, friend

# 1960s

#### **David Hugh Colvin CMG**

(Commoner 1960), was born in Lincoln in January 1941 to Major Leslie Colvin MC and Edna Mary. Moved to Germany in 1946, he attended BFES primary schools and boarding at Prince Rupert School, Wilhelmshaven, later moving to Lincoln Grammar School, where he was head boy. He followed his brothers Michael (1955) and Anthony (1959) to Trinity and read PPE.

After short-term posts, including teaching English in Sicily, he passed the Civil Service exam in 1966. At the Foreign Office, after assignment to the Spanish-Gibraltar dossier and a posting as second secretary to the Bangkok embassy, from 1971 he was in the European Integration Department, dealing with key aspects of UK accession to the EC.

He then moved to the chancery of the Paris embassy as first secretary, and from there to Brussels as multilateral press spokesman. In 1982 he was posted to the Cabinet Office as assistant secretary to the Overseas and Defence Policy Secretariat just prior to the Falklands War, which proved the most hectic three months of his life. He was then deputy head of mission in Budapest, where his German partly compensated for his lack of Hungarian, and proved useful for cultivating dissidents and learning to shoot wild boar, game birds and

deer. In 1988 he was head of the FCO's South-East Asia department, negotiating the treaty ending the Cambodia conflict. The inclusion of selected Khmer Rouge delegates provoked the ire of journalist John Pilger and MP Chris Mullin, who called for David's banishment to the Department of Folding Deckchairs (David's staff promptly re-named their office as such). From 1992 until 1996 he was posted to Rome as minister, managing a large embassy and consular network, after which he was appointed HM Ambassador to Belgium.

Compulsorily retired at 60 in 2001, he then served on the boards and trusts of several organisations, and took part in Ministry of Defence war scenarios in Norway, South Africa and the UK. When work and family life allowed, he enjoyed shooting, playing tennis, walking, rallying old cars, and continental cycling holidays with college friends.

David was appointed CMG in 1992, and Commendatore dell'Ordine della Stella di Solidarieta Italiano in 2003. Although overcoming melanoma, he died in August 2022 of a heart attack. He is survived by Caroline, his wife for 52 years, and by his children, Thomas and Charlotte. The late Anthony Colvin (1959), brother

#### The late Anthony Colvin (1959), prother

# The Revd Crispin Harrison CR (Michael Burt Harrison)

(Commoner with senior status 1960), former superior of the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, was

born in Bognor Regis in April 1936 and spent most of his childhood near Guildford. When he was 12. the family moved to Halifax and Michael (he took the name Crispin later, on joining the Community) went to Hipperholme Grammar School. As well as serving and taking up bell ringing at Lightcliffe church, he joined the local Anglican Young People's Association, which inspired his interest in a religious life. He attended a servers' conference at the Community of the Resurrection in 1951. He later wrote that finding the Community, at that young age, was 'life-changing'.

Michael left school after O Levels, due to his father's hostility to the idea of ordination, and got a job as clerk, but soon attended a selection conference where he was recommended for training for ordination. He took A Levels, and then a degree at the University of Leeds, before coming to Trinity for two years to read Theology, where he was tutored by Leslie Houlden and Austin Farrer. In 1963 he was ordained deacon, serving as curate in Hartlepool and then Middlesborough, before formally joining the Community of the Resurrection in 1966.

For the Community, now as Fr Crispin, he served as registrar, tutor in church history and liturgy, and, from 1998 to 2003, superior. He also spent a total of 21 years in South Africa, helping prepare men for ministry in four different denominations and, in Johannesburg, working in parishes. He is remembered with affection by those who were under his care, for his lecturing and his sermons, and for his delivery of them, with a resonance that filled a church. He was jovial, had a good capacity for friendship and was easy to get on with. Following a fall and short illness, he died in October 2022.

From the obituary in the *Community of the Resurrection Quarterly Review*, and the sermon preached at his funeral

#### **Anthony Ronald Anders Werner**

(Commoner with senior status 1960) dedicated his life to publishing innovative and thought-provoking books, with the aim of improving the life of human society and to move it into a more positive place.

Anthony was born in Johannesburg in 1939, into a family of Swedish descent. He was educated at St Andrew's College, Grahamstown, and the University of Cape Town (where he took a combined BA covering several subjects), before coming to Trinity to read Geography (having changed at the last minute from Law). After graduating, he worked for a while for OUP.

He led publisher Shepheard-Walwyn for over 40 years, having taken over from its founder in 1979. He was a great supporter of literature and was a founding publisher of the People's Book Prize in 2009. At its 10th awards ceremony, he won 'best publisher'.

Anthony married late and had a son and daughter, who survive him. He died in December 2022.

**Peter Stanley Bradford** (Minor Scholar 1961) was born in August 1941 and educated at Marlborough College, from where he won a scholarship to Trinity to read engineering.

On graduating, after brief spells with other companies to learn the



Peter Bradford

ropes, he joined his family's business, Bradford Building Supplies in Yeovil, the oldest builders merchants in Britain. Starting at the bottom, he rose to become managing director in 1981 and later group chairman and chief executive. Under his leadership the company was substantially restructured, with certain divisions being shed and others introduced, resulting in the number of branches increasing from 16 to 28 and profits increasing nearly fivefold. He retired in August 2006, after 42 years of service and was admitted to the livery of the Worshipful Company of Builders Merchants and was honoured as the winner of the industry's lifetime achievement award. He went on to serve as a director and executive committee member of various industry bodies.

Long one of the most eligible bachelors in Somerset, he married Fiona in 1985 and they had three children—George, Theo and Phoebe—and he settled down as a staunch and supportive family man.

One of Peter's great hobbies, along with bridge, shooting and stamp collecting, was horse racing. Partly as a result of meticulous research (a practice which he applied to all his undertakings) he was so successful at backing winners that the local bookie—in the days before Bet365 was forced to close his account! The author of this obituary was not surprised to hear it. During our Trinity days he once took me (a rank ignoramus on racing) to Newbury,

where he backed five out of six winners

But for all his talents and achievements, Peter will primarily be remembered as a warm, charming, generous and thoroughly decent man who is greatly missed by his family and many friends.

He died on 13 January 2023. Alistair Stewart (1961)

**Donald Armes** (Commoner 1962) was born in Liverpool, in September 1935, to working class parents; he was the first person in the Armes family to go to university. Such was his love for academia that he obtained three degrees: law at Cambridge, theology at Oxford, and Spanish at Leeds. Never one to settle for the easy path, he counted the study of ancient Greek, philosophy and formal logic amongst his hobbies, which he maintained until his death.

In the 1960s he spent six years in Nigeria working for Unilever. He loved Africa and never stopped missing it, frequently mentioning it in stories he told well into his old age. In 1966 he met his Spanish wife Maria and in 1974 they married. Donald learned Spanish in order to be able to speak to Maria's family and so he could understand what she was saying to their sons!

In the early days of his marriage, Donald seriously considered a career with the church, but ultimately decided on teaching. He was a strict yet doting father, who placed a great deal of value on teaching his sons

skills that would be of use to them in adulthood. He had an extremely dry and mischievous sense of humour which was infuriating and amusing in equal measure to those of us who knew and loved him. He was something of a paradox: shy, yet at times arrogant; serious, yet often very funny; scathing, yet ready to offer a kind word when it was really needed. He died in July 2023, survived by Maria and sons Kimball and Pablo.

Kimball Armes, son

John Stuart Lowings (Scholar 1962) died suddenly of a heart attack in July 2022, aged 78. John's funeral fell on the hottest British day on record, but the church at Great Chart, Kent, was packed, a tribute to a kind and distinguished man; communityminded, he was a tower of strength for many, with a childlike interest in life and a sense of beauty of nature.

A solicitor's son, John grew up in Broadstairs, enjoying cycling, shrimping, and coastal walks. He was the first in his family to go to university; at King's School, Canterbury, aged only 16 and encouraged by an Oxford don, a family friend, he prepared for an early Oxford entrance on his own and won a scholarship to Trinity.

At Trinity, John was popular with his peers; lifetime friendships were made. He marvelled at Grinling Gibbons carvings in the chapel, loved the bust of his hero Cardinal Newman in the garden. When the news of the Kennedy assassination broke, he was



John Lowings, during his time at Trinity

looking at the noticeboards in the chapel arch.

He chose a career in law, fascinated by logic and order, not just to follow his father. He enrolled with the Law Society in 1965, and after five years at Lawrence Graham, London, joined Hallett's & Co in Ashford, where he made partner and stayed until his retirement. A prolific 'GP' solicitor, charming, efficient, diligent, and errorfree professional, he was equally keen to make wills, wind up estates, and supervise conveyancing of a various complexity, from bedsits to Channel Tunnel plots.

John helped local communities, as parish councillor and chairman, church warden and lay reader, famous for his sermons and talks. He collected atlases and maps, liked classical music, gardening, and walking holidays. A qualified NHS health walk leader, John met his wife, Mercy, an academic, in a walking group.

Later in life John completed bachelor's and master's degrees in biblical studies at King's College London. He was enthusiastically working on his proposal for a PhD at the time of his death.

Mercy Lowings

#### Peter John Barlow MBE TD

(Minor Scholar 1963) read German and French at Trinity and was an enthusiastic member of the OTC. In 1967 he joined GCHQ in Cheltenham but did not stay long, choosing instead to study law in London and return to Gloucester as a solicitor.

He married Jill in 1971, and they set up house in Cheltenham, Peter bringing with him his beloved car, a Jowett Javelin, together with a spare engine and other bits of motor that occupied the dining room for several years.

The TA took up much of his time and eventually he abandoned the law for the army. A talented linguist, he learned several Balkan languages and worked first in Bosnia then in Kosovo, providing language support to various organisations. In 2008, this earned him the operational award of

an MBE. He even found time to write two books on Albanian grammar.

On his return in 2012 he was employed as a freelance translator in The Hague. This involved high levels of online security and he never really learned to love his computer. Howls of fury would come from his study when the machine yet again refused to do what it was told. At least he sometimes carried a mobile phone, but it was rarely turned on—that would, apparently, just run down the battery.

He never lost his love of cars and jointly edited a volume on early motor vehicle registrations in Gloucestershire.

Peter was the master of the awful pun. He had an extraordinary breadth of knowledge and a prodigious memory. He was an asset to every quiz team and invaluable for helping with general knowledge crosswords.

He died in March 2023 and is survived by Jill, children Alexandra and Nicholas, and granddaughter Lizzie.

Jill Barlow

Charles Jonathan 'Jonty' Driver FRSA (Commoner with senior status 1965) was born in Cape Town in 1939, the son of Phyllis (née Gould) and Kingsley Driver (Rhodes Scholar, 1931)—Kingsley was an Anglican priest and chaplain at St Andrew's College, Grahamstown, where Jonty was a pupil.

In 1963, at the University of Cape Town, where he read English, Jonty became president of the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS). At the time, with the ANC leadership in exile or being imprisoned, NUSAS was filling the gap in the anti-apartheid struggle. After his predecessor, who had links to other resistance movements, was arrested and interrogated, Jonty also found himself arrested, spending a month in solitary confinement. He was never charged, but once he was released he quickly got a flight to London. When the South African authorities refused to renew his passport, he found himself stateless, until 1969, when he obtained British citizenship.

Shortly after arriving in London, Jonty was offered a teaching job at Sevenoaks School, and the following year he came to Trinity to read for a BPhil in English. He lived in rooms on Osney Island.

He then had jobs at various schools but also began writing, firstly a volume of poetry, followed over the vears by four novels, further poetry and a biography of a member of the anti-apartheid movement, the latter written while he was a research fellow at the University of York. From head of sixth form at Matthew Humberstone comprehensive school in Lincolnshire, Jonty was appointed principal of the Island School in Hong Kong. After 10 years he returned to Britain to be headmaster of Berkhamsted School in Hertfordshire, and then headmaster of Wellington College, where he is remembered

for being 'revolutionary', having introduced a number of reforms and raising academic standards.

Jonty retired in 2000. After the release of Nelson Mandela and the lifting of the ban on the ANC, Jonty was able to return to South Africa and visited as often as he could. He was married to Anne Hoogewerf, who he had met at a party in 1967, and they had two sons, Dominic (1990) and Dax, and a daughter, Tamlyn.

From the obituaries in The Times and the Tablet

**Dr John Philip Hartley** (Scholar 1965). I first met John on a very cold, misty day in November in Oxford. We had both applied to read medicine, and had to come to Oxford for interviews, and to do a practical exam. I remember that part of the practical exam involved recording the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> on the behaviour of cockroaches. We were issued with a Sparklets cork remover, which was a small cylinder containing CO2 with a hollow needle on the end, and a few cockroaches. The next time I met Iohn was the following year when we had both been successful in getting in to Trinity.

We became good friends. John would come up to my room to listen to Schubert Lieder (he became a lifelong enthusiast), and I would visit him in his room in the Cumberbatch Building (he was in the first group to live in that building) and listen to Leonard Cohen. Bar billiards at the Queen's Arms near the station was a regular activity. John was

successful academically because he was very intelligent, but also very hard-working. We both moved to London for the clinical part of the medical course and became lifelong friends. We were united by our love of fly-fishing and all things artistic. I well remember John's knowledge about paintings when we visited art galleries in Munich and Vienna together. He himself was an accomplished watercolourist.

He had an extremely successful career as a chest physician in Brighton, specialising in asthma and the treatment of the complications of AIDS. His colleagues mention his qualities of calmness under pressure, tolerance, modesty and gentleness, and he was a brilliant teacher.

He is survived by Carol, his wife of fifty years, and two children, Becky and Matthew.

Mike Lavelle (1965)

**The Hon Austin Alexander Robinson OBE** (Commoner as

Overseas Service Student 1965) was a former speaker of the Turks and Caicos Islands Legislative Council. He was born in December 1931, the third child of Richard and Winfred Robinson and was educated at the Government Senior School. In 1950 he joined the government's treasury and customs department, where he worked for three years before joining the Merchant Navy. After five years in the Navy he returned to the territory and for another five years worked as an accountant.

In 1965 he re-joined the civil service, and came to Trinity for a year. He held various government posts and, in 1984, was appointed financial secretary. From 1994 to 1995 he was speaker of the Legislative Council, after which he was for three years a member of the public service commission.

He was married to Carmen (née Ellis) and was the father of nine children. He died in June 2020. From the website of the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands

David John Danson (Minor Scholar 1966) was born in 1947, the only son of John Danson (Commoner 1913), and was educated at Beaumont College, Old Windsor. He worked for a year at Marconi before reading Engineering at Trinity, where he made many long-lasting friendships. After graduating, David worked on numerous engineering projects, many involving travel and periods abroad. After returning to the UK, he continued his engineering work in the field of wind farms and their foundations.

David was kind, clever, gentlemanly, cheerful and enthusiastic. He liked cars and adventures in them. In 1968 he, Stephen Grime (1966) and I undertook a camping trip to the North of England. It rained relentlessly. We sought shelter in Grasmere with one of David's cousins, John Raymond Danson (1912). His house had over a dozen bedrooms but he had no experience of making beds



David Danson

or cooking and his housekeeper was away, so we camped in his library, among priceless books and Etruscan vases, with a note to his gamekeeper, 'Do not shoot these men—they are my friends.'

In 1973, David and Warwick Hood (1966) drove to Nice for the wedding of Peter Luson (1966). On the way they spotted a 'short cut'. In fact it was the route Napoleon took across the Alps. The car needed a service when they reached Nice. David was the only guest to wear morning dress at the wedding.

David was hugely supportive of his family; he always encouraged their progress and sporting activities. He and his wife Tricia were in Rio to

watch their daughter Alex win hockey gold at the 2016 Olympics.

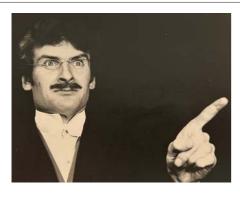
David enjoyed the good times and did not complain about the bad. He underwent a major operation early in life but was stoical about it. In 2022 he contracted bowel cancer which spread rapidly. Others might have become depressed or angry at being brought down by a disease which took him in weeks from good health to his end. David's response was, 'I've had a good life'; which he had. He will be greatly missed.

Jasper Hunt (1966), with contributions from family and friends

Nigel Ogilvie Ramage (Commoner 1966) came up to Trinity from Winchester, via University College Dublin, as a post-graduate on a Dip Ed. His four-years' seniority gave him an enviable maturity to Trinity undergraduates.

Already well established as an actor, he showed his considerable stagecraft in playing both twins in Jean Anouilh's *Ring Round the Moon*, in a magical production in Trinity's gardens, for which President Norrington gave a special mention in his academic envoi. Nigel also appeared at the Playhouse in a professionally directed OUDS production of *Love's Labour's Lost*, which famously toured Europe over Easter 1967. He played Berowne, the wise counsellor and friend to the king in matters romantic.

On graduation he had parts in Polanski's filmed *Macbeth* and in





Nigel Ramage in performance: top, playing (it is thought) the twins in Anouilh's play, *Ring Round the Moon* in the college gardens; above, as chief examiner of the University of West London, addressing overseas students in Kuala Lumpur

Young Winston, under his stage name of Nigel Ashton, plus a smattering of commercials and parts in '70s comedies. However, stage and screen couldn't contain him and Nigel worked as director of studies at an EFL school in Hampstead.

Nigel made his most indelible mark in prep school education and served as head of English and headmaster at Highfield School, and later at Papplewick, where he also produced plays regularly. His head-on attitude to education earned him his nickname 'Rambo'. Equally inspired and inspirational, his teaching was unforgettable and helped many pupils to properly orientate their lives.

There was an enormous turnout for his funeral in Bramshott, where anecdotes, laughter and applause were testimony to the great love felt for this completely unique man. As his wife, Katy, said at the packed reception afterwards, 'It's a shame Nigel couldn't have been here, he'd really have loved an audience this size!'

Nigel really taught us all the value of a life well lived.

Roger Baresel (1966)

Jonathan Edward Kynaston 'Jon' Kimber (Commoner 1969) was born in July 1950, and was one of the seven children of Trevor (Trinity 1946) and Ursula Kimber. The family lived in Bristol until Trevor's appointment as a headmaster in Hastings, moving there in 1966. Jon attended Hastings Grammar School and came to Trinity to read PPE.

Jon had a deeply compassionate nature, was a steadfast believer in universal human rights and a lifelong campaigner for social justice, which at Oxford led to his being very involved in Jacari, an organisation that campaigned against racial intolerance, eventually becoming its chair. He disliked formality, pomp and self-importance and while at Trinity would like to go and see films

featuring outsiders such as Jim in *Lucky Jim* and Philip Marlowe in the Chandler novels; although maverick, they were unpretentious and always on the side of right.

Following graduation, Jon travelled abroad and earned a living teaching English; in 1976 he set up an English language school in Hastings together with one of his Trinity contemporaries. He was also pursuing a PhD at Essex University on the Lomé Convention, a trade and aid agreement between the then EEC and over seventy African, Caribbean and Pacific countries which came into force in 1976. Ion was especially interested in how this might, as he saw it, effect some restitution for the wrongs of the colonial era, as the great majority of those countries had been colonies of four member states of the then EEC.

Jon gained his doctorate in 1979 and shortly afterwards took up a post at the BBC in the elections research department. He became self-taught in statistics and would regale his slightly bemused friends with the wonders of regression analysis, which was central to election forecasting. Jon covered the two general elections in the 1980s, as well as the local elections each year, and worked in a close-knit team including the wellknown faces of election night. He was, however, having to combine this activity with moving back and forward to Stockholm as he had, in 1981, married his Swedish girlfriend, Birgitta.

After the 1987 general election he decided to move permanently to Sweden and made his living there as a translator. He was in great demand, especially for translations with political or economic themes, and even the erstwhile Swedish PM, Carl Bildt, employed his services.

Birgitta and Jon had two children, Johannes and Linnea. Jon's latter years were dogged by bouts of illhealth, but he continued to work and remained kind and gentle to all those around him. It came as a great shock to his family and friends when he died suddenly on 22 April 2023.

Nicky Kimber-Rogal, sister, and Dominic Sabetian (1969)

# 1970s

#### Thomas Robert 'Tom' Hurd

(Commoner with senior status 1978) was born in October 1956, the son of physicists, and he followed in his parents' academic interests. After a degree in mathematics and physics at Queen's University in 1978, he came to Trinity for a research MSc in Physics, moving on to a DPhil in Mathematics. He was a member of Roger Penrose's (Fellow of Wadham) research group in general relativity.

Tom stayed in Oxford for two further years as Weir Junior Research Fellow at Univ, before posts at the University of British Columbia. He then moved to McMaster University in 1989, and was promoted to full professor in 1996. There his collaboration with others culminated in the powerful Brydges-Yau-Dimock-Hurd constructive method in quantum field theory. His research focus became mathematical finance and his most recent interests were in the general area of systemic risk, with an emphasis on network models. His contributions are summarised in his short but influential book, Contagion! Systemic risk in financial networks (2016).

When the Covid-19 pandemic started, he was quick to realize that the modelling approach he had developed to analyse the spread of defaults in banking networks was also perfectly suited to the rigorous analysis of the spread of infectious diseases. His most recent published paper presents a proof-of-concept analysis of business closures during the pandemic using data from Google Places; it perfectly illustrates his versatility and breadth of interests.

Tom was a dedicated mentor of young researchers, and also served the scientific community in an exemplary fashion, including as an organiser of numerous workshops and conferences.

While still teaching a full load of courses and conducting research in multiple projects, Tom was diagnosed with a brain tumour, from which he died a few weeks later, in April 2022. He is survived by his wife Rita Bertoldi, a daughter, Emilia, and a grandson.

From the tribute on the McMaster University website

# 1980s

#### **Matthew David Leeming**

(Exhibitioner 1983) was an acclaimed writer, adventurer and entrepreneur. At Oxford, his undergraduate heyday was 'St Clement's', the student flat above the restaurant of the same name, where, sitting behind a desk bearing a phone, typewriter, *Times* Atlas and books by Wilfred Thesiger and other notable explorers, he would hold forth on every subject: Wagner, E-type Jags, Sergeant Pepper's, pre-exilic theology. Viciously funny, he would chortle at his own witticisms, while proclaiming himself extraordinarily well-dressed. Boris Johnson was a frequent visitor.

Matthew extended his degree by a year by pretending he had received temporary brain damage from falling off a lorry. This allowed him to read Robert Byron, Eric Newby and other of the great traveller-writers, and to work on various chaotic schemes. St Clement's was the headquarters of 'St Clement's Language School', the TEFL 'school' that Matthew set up to make cash from hapless German schoolchildren whom he billeted in Blackbird Levs. It was at St Clement's where the Oxford Silk Road Expedition was born, a motorbike trip tracing the route of the ancient Silk Road. A troubled soul, Matthew did not complete the expedition, returning early to Oxford and the armchair.



Matthew Leeming, seated, with Tim Marshall, photographed by Emma Jenks (1983)

But, inevitably, the armchair was never going to hold someone of Matthew's energy and intellectual vigour. And so, after catastrophes in the world of raised fruit kitchen tile manufacture, came Afghanistan. His tour company met with the usual calamities that befell businesses. under Matthew's stewardship. And yet there were triumphs. Much has been written of his exploits and achievements: the delivery of aviation fuel to NATO airbases, his much praised guidebook, his friendship with a Mujahideen warlord, his accidental aiding of the assassins of an antiTaliban leader (he thought they were tourists).

A true eccentric, he was phenomenally entertaining, brilliant, erratic, kind, maddening, contemplative, melancholic. He suffered badly from depression but eventually found peace, not in Afghanistan but back home in his beloved Hampshire. A long journey home.

Tim Marshall (1983)

#### **Dr Anthony Matthew Mellors**

(Commoner as Advanced Student 1986) was my friend from our first day at Trinity until the day he died. Anthony was exactly what I hoped to find in Oxford: someone who told me about poets, writers, and filmmakers who went far beyond what I was learning there—people such as Derrida and Lacan, poets like Frank O'Hara and Charles Tomlinson, and a painter that I knew he was making up to tease me, Cy Twombly, who turned out to be real.

It's astonishing that as a boy he had hated school and had repeatedly run away from it. He hated it to the point of setting fire to things, wanting to burn everything down. That antagonism to systems that confine the mind rather than expand it was with him to the end. He told me that in Oxford, long before he came to study, he was welcomed unconditionally by people who might have been expected to turn their backs on a scrappy working-class boy with not much of a clue about anything.

He became a respected lecturer and poet, and his book, *Late Modernist Poetics from Pound to Prynne* (2005), reviewed as having 'sinewy, percipient observations', made it into paperback in 2011 and is still in print.

At his funeral, his friend Lyndon Davies said,

'As a poet and writer I admired him very much; his wit, the depth and intricacy of his knowledge, the suppleness of his thought-processes. A bona fide intellectual, he was good with his hands, too, an effective restorer of furniture and interiors. In a way he was a tangle of contradictions, which weren't really contradictions at all when it boiled down to it. He took as much pleasure in his connoisseurship of prog-rock as of early ecclesiastical choral music: as much pleasure in Tack Reacher as in Theodor Adorno. If a thing was well done, he could find ways of enjoying it.'

Seamus Heaney said of John Clare, 'What distinguished Clare is an unspectacular joy and a love for the inexorable one-thing-after-anotherness of the world.' Anthony had that too. He loved Norfolk and the sea, he loved mid-century antiques and the comfortable yellow armchair that he brought from Cambridge, and the poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins and Jeremy Prynne and a hundred others, and border terriers and biscuits and well-made clothes—and his friends. He had an extraordinary capacity for friendship.

Deborah Meyler (1986)

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### Correction



In the Archive report in the 2021-22 edition of the Report, the photograph of the triple tandem, 'Grubb Cerberus', belonging to David Loxely (1961), shows it being ridden by David Loxely at the front (not in the middle as previously indicated) and Jon Duerr (1961) at the back. The third rider remains unidentified, though correspondence in response to the report suggests he may have been a friend from another college.





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