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Back in Hall

The rebuilt kitchen and refurbished Hall are revealed

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Completing a significant historic renewal

I am writing this in my study at the end of August, looking out onto Front Quad, which has been packed with builders' vans since students went down at the end of Trinity term.

Two major, but separate, projects are in their final stages. The Jackson Building is currently being prepared for the installation of ground source heat pumps that will provide heating and hot water from next year. This has involved stripping out and replacing radiators and pipework, and installing insulation, with the building scheduled to be handed back just in time for the start of Michaelmas term.

Hall and kitchen project

On the other side of Front Quad and Chapel Arch, the huge job of refurbishing the Dining Hall, SCR and Staircase 11, installing a lift, and constructing a new kitchen and catering accommodation really is (fingers firmly crossed behind my back!) in its final stages. Newly cleaned historic portraits are being rehung alongside a suite of newly commissioned portraiture, overseen by the Art Committee; the restored dining tables are being moved back in; catering colleagues are familiarising themselves with their spectacular new kitchen.

Amongst a raft of significant historic renewals, the new servery is clad in timber from the trees in the Wilderness that were felled to make way for the Levine Building. It's a beautiful mix of oak, lime and sycamore. And the lower-sections of the war memorial windows in the Hall that were covered up in the 1980s have been revealed once more and make a huge impact on the aesthetic of the Hall.

Externally the Fellows' Garden is re-emerging from its temporary role as the builders' compound. On the back lawns, the temporary pavilion is being dismantled—it has served the college well, but we won't be sorry to see it disappear! It's easy to forget just how long we've had temporary gates on Broad Street, and it's wonderful to see the historic gates back in use allowing the public the view of the chapel and Front Quad once more. And the project's new glass lift has taken everyone by surprise—it provides an extensive new view over Balliol's gardens.

So many people have been involved from both the college community and external contractors, but I pay particular tribute to the leadership of Estates Bursar Chris Ferguson, and the unstinting commitment and invaluable 'know-how' of Clerk of Works Andy Hooper.



'It's wonderful to see the historic Broad Street gates back in use, allowing the public to see the view of the chapel and Front Quad once more.'



The Broad Street gates being put back in place

At least half the current Trinity student community have never set foot in the Beer Cellar or the Hall. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into facilities that play such an important role in fostering our strong sense of community.

I hope when you next visit, you will enjoy exploring the new and refurbished spaces.

Hilary

Dame Hilary Boulding, DBE



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The refurbishment of the Hall is complete. With new lighting, restored windows and furniture, and interventions to help the acoustics, it has been redecorated, using paint samplings, to replicate one of the Hall's earliest colour schemes.

Photo: Claire Williams



Appointment to statutory chair in Chemistry



■ Professorial Fellow Charlotte Williams has been appointed to the Professorship of Inorganic Chemistry, one of Oxford's five statutory chairs in Chemistry. As a tutorial and then research fellow at Trinity since 2016, she was also associate head (research) of the Department of Chemistry.

The chair comes with a fellowship at St Catherine's College, which means that, sadly for Trinity, we will be bidding Professor Williams farewell, but are pleased that she will not be far away.

Charlotte Williams was previously head of materials chemistry at Imperial College London. She is an expert in catalysis, sustainable chemistry and polymer materials and her research is focused on catalysis and polymer chemistry; she develops new sustainable technologies, including methods to activate and use carbon dioxide and ways to produce sustainable polymers. The polymers she works on include plastics, elastics, adhesives, surfactants and electrolytes used in consumer products, batteries, electronics and transportation.

Professor Williams has previously received awards including the RSC Tilden Prize, the Royal Society Leverhulme Medal, and an OBE in 2020 for services to chemistry.

Trinity's next President

The college has announced with delight that Sir Robert Chote will be its next President. He will take up the post on 1 September 2025, succeeding Dame Hilary Boulding.

The Governing Body consulted with students, staff, and academics across the college as part of the search process for a president who would enhance Trinity's friendly environment and help foster achievement across the breadth of academic activity of the college, including learning, teaching, research, and engagement with the wider world.

A distinguished career

Sir Robert is a leading economist with a distinguished career, informing and scrutinising fiscal policy, and he has an impressive record of achievement in various roles in public life, drawing on the fruits of academic research. He has worked for and with organisations that are values-led and seek to serve the public good. He has been chair of the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA) since 2022 and of the Northern Ireland Fiscal Council (NIFC) since 2021.

Previously, Sir Robert chaired the Office for Budget Responsibility, the UK's fiscal watchdog, and the OECD's network of independent fiscal institutions. Before that he served as director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, as an advisor to senior management at the International Monetary Fund, as the economics editor of the *Financial Times*, and as an economics and business writer on the *Independent* and *Independent on Sunday*.

Sir Robert studied economics at Queens' College, Cambridge (where he is an Honorary Fellow), journalism at City University of London and public policy at the School of Advanced International Studies at John Hopkins University in Washington DC. He has honorary doctorates from the University of York and City University of London, and was knighted in 2021 for services to fiscal policy and the economy. He is married to



'I am delighted and honoured to be joining Trinity as its 29th President. I share the college's commitment to being forward-thinking and encouraging its community to use its talents to make a positive contribution to the world. I look forward enormously to working with Fellows, staff, students and alumni to ensure that we continue to thrive and develop as a centre of academic excellence, a supportive, vibrant and inclusive community, and a valued contributor to public life.'

Sir Robert Chote

Dame Sharon White, chair of the John Lewis Partnership from 2020 to 2024.

Dame Hilary Boulding

Dame Hilary, who very deftly steered the college through the challenge of the Covid pandemic and its aftermath, will retire as President at the end of August 2025. She has substantially enhanced Trinity's activities in numerous areas, including graduate funding, student wellbeing, on-course academic support, access and outreach, public events, and with a substantial development of the college estate, especially in the Levine Building.

Covid trials teams honoured for innovation

A set of trials led by Christopher Butler, Senior Research Fellow in Primary Healthcare and Professor of Primary Care in the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences (NDPCHS), have won the prestigious Prix Galien Public Sector Innovation Award.

The teams behind the PRINCIPLE and PANORAMIC clinical trials, run in the Clinical Trials Unit at the NDPCHS, have been recognized for their work in conducting innovative, large-scale clinical trials during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Prix Galien is considered the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in biopharmaceutical research; it celebrates breakthrough innovations that lead to improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. The Best Public Sector Innovation award specifically recognizes outstanding innovations in healthcare developed within or significantly supported by the public sector, spotlighting contributions that have



Professor Christopher Butler at the Prix Galien award ceremony

'We are especially proud of the 40,000 patients who contributed their experiences to become part of the solution by helping pioneer better ways of doing research in primary care and fighting the pandemic.'

Professor Christopher Butler

profoundly impacted human health.

The PRINCIPLE and PANORAMIC teams were honoured for their rapid implementation of adaptive platform trials, which significantly accelerated the evaluation of potential treatments for Covid in community settings.

The PRINCIPLE trial evaluated a range of existing, available medicines that could potentially be re-purposed to treat Covid in older people and those with underlying health conditions, and enrolled more than 11,700 participants across the UK, making it one of the world's largest trials of community-based Covid treatments. The findings led to changes in treatment guidelines, potentially saving countless lives.

The similar PANORAMIC trial was developed to assess the effectiveness of novel antiviral treatments in reducing the severity of Covid symptoms and preventing hospitalisations. The trial recruited more than 29,000 participants.

Collaboration of science and art in celebratory symposium

■ A symposium, that included an art exhibition celebrating the collaboration behind Oxford's ground-breaking Covid-19 trials, led by Professor Christopher Butler, was held at Trinity in April.

The PRINCIPLE and PANORAMIC trials were led by the University in collaboration with universities, general practices, clinical research networks, the NHS, and many voluntary, religious, and community organisations across the UK. The trials set a global trial recruitment benchmark for a community-based trial in speed and scale.

The PRINCIPLE PANORAMIC Celebratory Symposium outlined the collaborations, methodology and working practices that made the trials successful.

The symposium included the opening of the PANORAMIC PRINCIPLE art exhibition, a collection of portraits by artist Tanya Poole celebrating the resilience and collaboration behind the trials, honouring the diverse participants, researchers, and health and care



A portrait of the late Kome Gbinigie (2017) in the exhibition

professionals who transformed lives amidst the global adversity of Covid. The collection aims to serve as an archive for these ground-breaking studies and recognize the inclusivity and diversity that ensured representative findings for the entire UK population.

The exhibition features a series of portraits of trial managers, GPs, community leaders, pharmacists, nurses, doctors, faith and religious group representatives, influencers, and trial participants.

The exhibition was opened with a talk by Geoffrey Batchen, Fellow and Professor of the History of Art. He noted, 'Hopefully, this collaboration of science and art can act as a model for future projects. It would be wonderful if a small percentage of major science budgets were allocated to an artistic

collaborator of one sort or another. It would help bring science to a broader community, and involve artists in the work of science (as it once was, throughout the 19th century).'

Fellows win award for modelling software

■ Marta Kwiatkowska, Professor of Computing Systems, and Dave Parker, Tutorial Fellow and Professor in the Department of Computer Science, have been awarded the 2024 ETAPS Test-of-Time Tool Award, along with their colleague Dr Gethin Norman of Glasgow University, for their tool PRISM. The award was presented at this year's ETAPS conference in Luxembourg.



PRISM is open source software that has been in continuous development for over 20 years and is the most widely used tool of its kind. It has been used in industrial projects and labs, and its modelling language has become a de facto standard for representing probabilistic models within the formal verification community, and has been adopted and extended by many other

tools. PRISM is a software tool for modelling and analysing the behaviour of real-world systems whose behaviour exhibits uncertainty or randomness. It has been used to study a diverse range of applications, from internet security protocols and quantum cryptography, to protein interactions in the human cell. PRISM is based on rigorous, mathematical foundations and is particularly well suited to safety-critical applications, from assessing the reliability of airbag control software, to building robust controllers for autonomous mobile robots in hazardous environments.

PRISM is also widely used to support teaching of verification, including, for the past 15 years, at Oxford.

Established in 1998, ETAPS (the European joint conferences on theory and practice of software) is the primary European forum for academic and industrial researchers working on topics relating to software science. The Test-of-Time Tool Award was initiated to recognize 'the importance of reliable and well-maintained research tools and the significant effort that their creation and maintenance entails'.

A commemorative tree



■ In 2022, when Janet Pierrehumbert, Senior Research Fellow and Professor of Language Modelling, became a British citizen, all new citizens were given a sapling tree, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy

project marking the Diamond Jubilee. Professor Pierrehumbert kindly donated her tree to Trinity, to be planted at the end of an informal hedge in front of the college's accommodation building at 106 Woodstock Road. To record the background to the tree's planting, Professor Pierrehumbert's husband, Raymond Pierrehumbert, Halley Professor of Physics, presented a small plaque to be placed alongside it.

The tree has established well and put on some growth, and so this summer a small and informal gathering took place at 106 Woodstock Road to see the plaque put in place (pictured from left, Hannah McKay, Gardener, Rebecca Bullard, Senior Tutor, Janet and Raymond Pierrehumbert, and Kate Burtonwood, Head Gardener).

To mark the occasion, and to entertain those present in the light drizzle, Raymond Pierrehumbert composed and recited the following 'doggerel' verse.

*This spindle tree (Euonymus europaeus)
was given to SRF Janet Pierrehumbert in 2022
as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project
on the occasion of her UK citizenship ceremony.*

*I think that I shall never see
A plaque more suited to a tree
Bestowed upon the new Brit Janet
To guide us to a leafier planet,
A gift to Janet from our Queen
To help us make the world more green.*

Fellows' news

■ Tutor for Graduates, **Valerie Worth**, and Honorary Fellow, **Craig Clunas**, have both been awarded Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowships to pursue, respectively, research on women and translation, and on the Ming imperial family.

Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowships are awarded to senior researchers who have retired or partially retired from an academic post to complete a research project and prepare the results for publication.



Professor Worth's award will run for two years after she retires from her current role as Tutor for Graduates in October. The award will support her work on a monograph on *Women and Translation in Early Modern France*, contracted by IMEMS Press, Durham University, and to be published by Boydell and Brewer.



Craig Clunas is Emeritus Professor of Art History in the History of Art Department. His Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship will fund an assistant to source the images, and pay for permissions, for his book on the Ming imperial family, currently called 'Sons of Heaven: Family and dynasty

in Ming China, 1368-1644', to be published by Reaktion Books. It will be the first narrative account of the full range of women and men who together formed the extended ruling family in one of China's most significant periods of history.



■ **Stephen Fisher** was very busy in Trinity term, as he was working on forecasts ahead of July's General Election. In a nice example of college academic collaboration, PPE students Paul Furey and Polina Ryzhuk, and former DPhil student John Kenny (2015), worked with Professor Fisher to collate and combine forecasts each week of the

campaign on ElectionsEtc.com and produce averaged poll-based forecasts for the *Guardian* website. On election day, Stephen was again part of the exit poll team, and he updated results-based predictions during election night at the BBC.

Also during the academic year, Professor Fisher was the academic lead for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Peoples' Climate Vote survey of public opinion that revealed the overwhelming majority, 80 per cent of people globally, want their governments to take stronger action to tackle the climate crisis. Professor Fisher presented the survey at the UN Secretary General's press conference in June. Further findings and the full report can be found at <https://peoplesclimate.vote>.



■ **Zoe Walker**, Career Development Fellow in Philosophy, has been announced as the winner of the inaugural Feminist Aesthetics Research Prize, for her paper on 'Comic Objectification'.

The American Society for Aesthetics' prize was established to encourage new, unpublished work on

feminist aesthetics. The papers are judged based on significance of the topic of issue, quality of the research, quality of the writing, originality, and contribution to the feminist literature within aesthetics that focuses on gender, race, class, ethnicity, and/or sexual preference/identity.

Dr Walker's paper looks at the morality of comic objectification—that is, how laughing at someone can involve treating them as an object in multiple ways—and how this objectification can be alternately permissible or a mode of oppression.



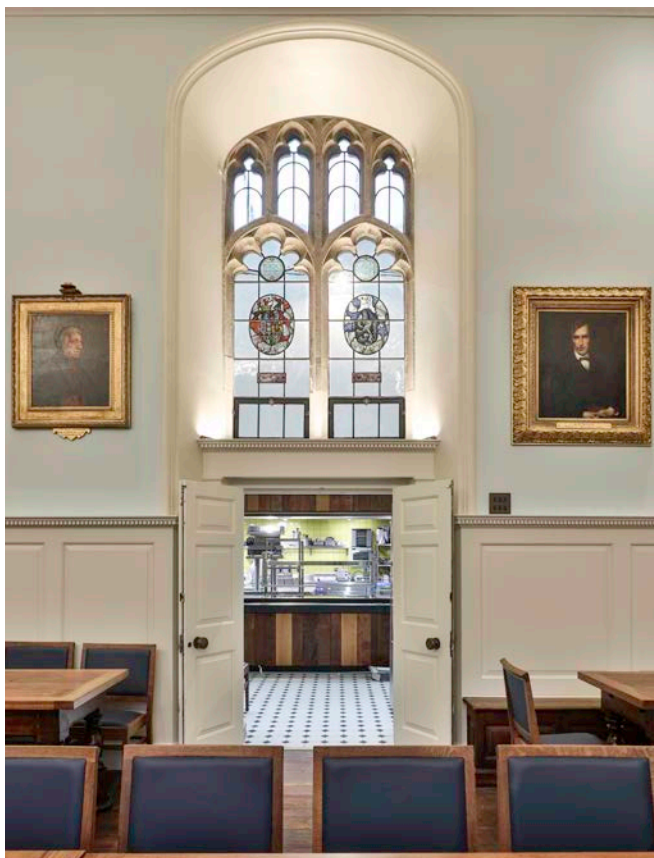
■ **Felix Hofmann** (2003), Lecturer in Engineering Science, has been awarded the title of Professor of Engineering Science in the University's Recognition of Distinction awards for 2024. The criteria for the conferment of the title of full professor include research, teaching and good citizenship.

Professor Hofmann teaches the Mechanics and Materials parts of the Engineering Science course and supervises postgraduates in the Department of Engineering Science. His recent research has shown how a new X-ray microscopy technique can examine nano-scale defects that can lead to material degradation in fusion reactors. He also recently led a team working with US partners at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology developing materials for next-generation nuclear fission reactors, thanks to a major EPSRC grant.



HALL AND KITCHEN PROJECT COMPLETED





Facing page, clockwise from centre image: the Hall ceiling has acoustic sound-deadening panels; the new servery; the Upper SCR, looking through to the new lobby outside the lift; the new lift extension (seen from Balliol—the lift serves all floors down to the Beer Cellar); the glass roof and Hall window above the servery

Above: lunch being served by assistant chef Alex Stone at the servery of the new kitchen

Staff news



■ Since the last Newsletter, we have said farewell to **Claire Judd**, PA to the President (pictured above, with the President), who has gone to work for Garsington Opera. **Alex Rimes**, Claire's predecessor, kindly returned to fill the gap, until **Renate Ashley Sparks** (pictured right) could take up the post. Renate was previously executive assistant to the chief operating officer of Oxford Brookes University.

There have been changes too in the Conference team, as **Megan MacLean** left Trinity and Oxford for a family move to California. The team has welcomed **Charlotte Watson** as the new



Conference and Events Manager. Meanwhile, **Sarah McMillan** has started her maternity cover role as Head of Events while **Louise Kernahan** is on maternity leave.

It has been all change for the college's IT support, and Trinity is now part of a consortium with several other colleges, led by **Chris Thompson**, IT Director. Trinity is supported day-to-day by **Jack Farrow**, Technical Manager, who is shared with Balliol, and by **Elena Neidig**, IT Officer (pictured below).

Sophie Floate has joined the Library team as Rare Books Cataloguer. Working part-time, alongside similar roles at other colleges, she will be cataloguing the early printed and rare books to full antiquarian

standards, as well as assisting with answering queries concerning the early printed material. In September **Emma Sillet**, Librarian, went on maternity leave. **Sarah Cox**, Library Assistant, will be Acting College Librarian in Emma's absence.



‘IN GOOD HEALTH AND HIGH SPIRITS’

The MCR at 60

The MCR’s 60th anniversary was marked in April with a Gaudy for all current and former MCR members. It was a weekend packed with events, and on these pages some of those present recall some of the highlights and what the weekend meant to them.

■ What a blast we had at our recent Gaudy, celebrating 60 years of the MCR! This weekend brought together our current members and our amazing alumni.

We kicked things off with a morning rowing outing with current TCBC members and alumni. Some of our alumni proved they haven’t lost their touch. Then came the research showcase, where our MCR members showed Old Members their work, ranging from understanding the mysteries of drug trade governance, to exploring dense plasma.

Dinner was, as always, a highlight. It was great to see current and former MCR members talking like old friends. A fair few of us decided the night was still young after dinner, so we headed to a club to continue the celebrations. I won’t go into detail, but let’s just say that MCR members past and present still know how to have a good time!

All in all, the Gaudy was a wonderful reminder of what makes our MCR special. It’s not just about academic excellence, but also about the lasting friendships and connections we form here.

Catharina Savelkoul, MCR President



Above, MCR president Catharina Savelkoul (seated centre) with some former MCR presidents at the unveiling of the MCR Presidents board, the result of a project spearheaded by Neale Marlow (2018)

■ This was a very special Gaudy indeed. The cold wet spring was in remission and college hospitality was its legendary self. But what was really special was that it was for all ages of post graduate, from the 1960s until now, notably including the present MCR who went to great lengths to make it such a lovely occasion with a splendid concert in the chapel and generous hospitality late into the night. I have never enjoyed a Gaudy so much.

There were two special treats for me. One was that the MCR (the room itself) was my sitting room when I first came to Trinity in 1961. People were agog; do you mean you had a sitting room they asked in wonder. Oh yes. The other treat was to see the Dodecadents Bar in full use for the purpose we Dodecadents intended.

I also felt a bit proprietorial because (by chance really) I was the very first president of the MCR (though the credit all goes to people called Jones: Cyril, Michael and David. It was a joy to see it in such good health and such high spirits.

Chris Brearley (1961, MCR President 1964-65)





■ It was a fantastic weekend. I am a final year DPhil student and the MCR has played an enormous role in my experience of post-graduate life. As former president, academic representative and returning officer, I have been deeply involved in MCR life during my time at the college.

This Gaudy was a fantastic opportunity to meet former members and former presidents and share/reminisce about our experiences and compare how college life at Trinity has changed over the years.

It was a privilege to speak about my own research and this sparked great conversations with former members who are also passionate about finding solutions to the growing issues surrounding plastic pollution. This was a fantastic networking opportunity too; I met a couple of Old Members who work very closely to where my research lies and I have been in contact with them subsequently.

Finally, it was great to see the MCR Presidents board unveiled—our tiny graduate community means a lot to me, it's an enormous privilege to have played a small role in its wonderful first 60 years.

Kam Poon (MCR President 2021–22)

■ Coming back to Trinity for the MCR Gaudy felt like no time had passed. It was wonderful to be welcomed and see the familiar faces of the wonderful Trinity staff. This being the first Trinity MCR Gaudy I've attended, it was an utter delight to hear about the range of impressive projects the current students are pursuing. It reminded me what a special and passionate group of people can always be found at Trinity. As an ex-MCR president, it was an honour to see the board unveiled in the MCR and to meet so many of those who had held the position before and after me.

■ I approached the gates of Trinity with a certain apprehension—what will we all look like after half a century? In fact I should not have worried for we hundred strong spruced up pretty well all things considered and conversation proved animated throughout the proceedings.

Presentations by current MCR grads in the de Jager Auditorium proved awe inspiring in the sheer technical know-how of contemporary research—as a humble humanities peddler, much of the data passed over my head, but the range and depth of topics investigated within, for instance, medicine and science at Trinity means it's money well spent.

The size of the current MCR struck as well; over a hundred compared to the under 30 in our 1976 photo; and the international flavour of the common room also came across in the chapel concert later that afternoon.

And what quality the music there presented was! We filed in expecting the

usual diet of serene classical items to be faced with a gillemaufrey ranging across all tastes, beebop to jazz, via Swingle singers et al, with sax, flute, guitar; instruments of real passion and flair, evidence of the fuller life of the spirit which enriches such a community. I'm sure the much loved Rev Trev of our day would have approved.

Dinner yielded only a few of my vintage but no worries as Trinity folk are sociable fellows. After a somnolent port-fortified night in the upmarket Levine Building, to



the monster heart-attack-on-a-plate breakfast Sunday morning—may Monsieur Didier's memory be ever blessed. Thus revived, saluting the wonderful Lodge Porters still knowing our names, out into the world for another fifty years!

Robert Weaver (1976)



The mix of humorous through to angelic music played in Chapel was uplifting and highlighted what a range of talents Trinity MCR can boast of. As always, the food was remarkable and it was a joy to catch up over drinks and dinner with so many peers from my time in the MCR with news of new jobs, new cities, and babies on the way. Thank you to all of those involved in organising the weekend; it was a joy to be back.

Katie Collett (2014, MCR President 2016–17)

Icing in jet engines paper wins award

■ In July, Thomas Cross, a second-year DPhil student, had his work recognized with the Best Student Paper Award in Atmospheric and Space Environments at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Aviation Forum in Las Vegas. His paper focused on ice crystal icing in jet engines, a critical area for aircraft safety.

Thomas received the award for his study, 'A Finite Element-Based Fracture Model for the Prediction of Shedding in Ice Crystal Icing', developed with support from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and Rolls-Royce through the collaborative Centre for Doctoral Training in Future Propulsion & Power. The paper sets out a new workflow to compute the amount and location of ice shed inside a jet engine, building on previous experimental work conducted at the National Research Council of Canada.

Photo Credit: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)



'This research is part of an effort to meet new air worthiness requirements for the next generation of fuel-efficient jet engines.'

Thomas Cross

The study is part of the department's ongoing partnership with Rolls-Royce, aiming to develop methods to characterize icing incidents and permit the design of safer next-generation jet engines.

'We've had about a decade of research activities at the Oxford Thermofluids Institute', Thomas explains, 'looking into tackling the problem of high-altitude icing within engines of commercial aircraft in collaboration with Rolls-Royce. This is part of an effort to meet new air worthiness requirements for the next generation of fuel-efficient jet engines.'

'It is reassuring to receive feedback from the icing community that this work has been of value and that we are on the right track with the likes of NASA, ONERA in France and the National Research Council of Canada.'

The paper was co-authored by Professor Matthew McGilvray, Professor David Gillespie and Dr Natan Zawadzki from the Oxford Thermofluids Institute in the Department of Engineering Science.

First place for three-minute thesis



■ DPhil student Dylan Sherman won first place and the People's Choice Award in a research communication competition for presenting a compelling talk on his thesis topic and its significance in just 180 seconds.

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is a research communication competition, first run in 2008, that has become a global competition, with universities around the world holding their own events. The exercise challenges doctoral students to present a brief but compelling talk on their thesis topic and its significance, helping them develop their communication skills, seek support and obtain funding.

The University of Oxford held its own 3MT final in May, when eight DPhil students competed by presenting their three-minute thesis summaries. Dylan's

DPhil research in the Multifunctional Materials & Composites (MMC) Laboratory in the Department of Engineering Science focuses on nanosheets of hybrid porous materials called Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs). They take advantage of the porosity by introducing guests into the frameworks that make MOFs more useful (functional), with a focus on guests that luminesce. This has created devices that emit white light, as a sustainable alternative to current LEDs, or act as sensors for temperature, pressure, or environmental pollution. They've also printed the luminescent nanosheets to form covert security tags or micro-OLED structures.

Dylan will now go on to represent the University at the UK-wide final later this year.

Contributions to college life recognized

■ Contributions to the life of the college and JCR have been recognized with two awards.

Ishbel Henderson, a DPhil student in Primary Health Care Sciences has won the Stirling Boyd Prize, which is awarded annually to the student whose attainments and influence on the life of the college are, in the opinion of the President and Fellows, of the highest value. Ishbel's nomination recognized her work as an ambassador for the college when MCR president and junior dean, and helping to run the MCR Research Showcase events, among other contributions.

Ishbel said she felt 'honoured to have been selected for the Stirling Boyd Prize. Despite being a small college, Trinity has a



huge sense of community and so many really wonderful people. The more involved I get in college life, the more I consistently get back in return.'



Juan Arcos Sterling, a Chemistry undergraduate, has won the JCR's David Evers Prize, which was established anonymously by an Old Member, in memory of a Trinity friend. Every year members of the JCR vote for one of their fellow students who 'best exhibits the fellowship, sportsmanship, character, generosity and good-humour which gives substance to

the distinctive Trinity style.'

Juan's role as a welfare representative and interim president of the JCR were noted in particular.

Weidenfeld-Hoffmann scholars making a mark



■ Luisa Costa, an MSc student in Policy Evaluation and a Weidenfeld-Hoffmann scholar, has been recognized for her academic and professional record in social policy by the St Gallen Symposium.

Luisa was selected as one of 200 'leaders of tomorrow' under the age of 30 from across

the world to participate in the symposium, which fosters the exchange of ideas between leaders of different generations and disciplines. The participants are selected based on their commitment to responsible leadership and passion for engaging with complex global challenges.

Luisa's academic and professional experience focuses on using data science to improve policy-making in the Brazilian government, and her MSc and previous work in the field of evidence-based public policies.

At the conference Luisa was challenged to confront scarcity and create new models of social and economic development that include and benefit the most vulnerable people of society.

Luisa, who has degrees in public administration and in statistics, has previously worked in government positions in Brazil and as a specialist policy researcher at the biggest digital bank in Latin America, conducting research to improve the financial inclusion of the Brazilian population.



■ Sagoon Bhetwal, who has been studying for an MSc in Comparative Social Policy, has been awarded the Weidenfeld Hoffmann Trust (WHT) Scholar of the Year.

The award recognizes 'someone who actively participated, volunteered to lead WHT activities, and

was an all-around ambassador for the Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Trust'. The award ceremony was held during the annual end-of-the-year retreat for scholars organized to mark the end of the WHT scholarship and leadership programme.

Sagoon's team also won the Business Challenge component of the programme. Their business idea 'EnviroKindle' was selected as the winner out of the seven teams by a panel of entrepreneurs. EnviroKindle provides a solution to transition from charcoal-based cooking fuel to an innovative energy briquette made by combining the by-products of wastewater treatment and sugar production. The product aims to replace charcoal as the predominant cooking fuel mostly in sub-Saharan Africa.

After-dinner speaking competition



■ The annual Michael Beloff After-Dinner Speaking Competition was held in May. The competition, funded by the Trinity Society, is organized by the Gryphon Society and the panel of judges was led by The Hon Michael Beloff KC, former President. The winning speech was given by Isla Finlay (Medicine), who spoke on 'From cold feet to Oxford captain—how I came to love lacrosse', and there were two second-prize winners, Sumaya Felic (Mathematics; 'An unscripted talk: How the right amount of impulsivity can bring the best things in life'), and Nina Bayford (Jurisprudence; 'My unconventional first encounter with the Law').

Pictured in the Garden Room after the event: the President, Judge Ted Meron (Honorary Fellow), Peter Strawbridge (1976, chairman of the Trinity Society), Gail Trimble (Brown Fellow and Tutor in Classics), Sumaya Felic, Michael Beloff, Isla Finlay, Thomas Cloete (1969), Nina Bayford, and Jun Wha Shin (Master of the Gryphon Society)

Richard Hillary prize



■ Helen Dallas, who has recently completed her DPhil in English, was the winner of this year's Richard Hillary Prize for creative writing. Her winning entry, 'In Just Twelve Weeks', is a dystopian story about the beauty industry, ageing, and family dynamics.

The annual competition was established in memory

of the late Richard Hillary (1937), author of *The Last Enemy*, which was a best-seller after the Second World War.

The Hillary Prize, worth £500, is awarded for the best piece of creative writing by a Trinity student. This year's competition was judged by Elleke Boehmer, Professor of World Literature in English, Wolfson College, and Trinity's Fellows in English, Dr Kantik Ghosh and Professor Stefano Evangelista.

Helen's story is available to read on the website trinity.ox.ac.uk/trinity-news (news item dated 7 May).

SCR vs MCR cricket match



The annual MCR/SCR cricket match was held on a splendid early summer day. The MCR team triumphed, but the day was enjoyed by all who turned out, with things helped along by a delicious tea provided by the college's catering teams.

Lawns Play



The Trinity Players' summer production this year was *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, performed in both the President's garden and, when necessitated by bad weather, the de Jager Auditorium.



Summer Eights

■ M1 moved from Division 2 to Division 1 with four bumps over the four days and a row over. M2 also maintained their place on the river, and M3 celebrated the end of racing with Blades.

The women took new boat *Sir Ivor* on its first Summer Eights campaign. Although there were several experienced rowers in the crew, lack of time to train hampered their efforts. They hope to bounce back stronger next year.



Going beyond gold

■ Trinity has been awarded a Green Impact 'Beyond Gold' award from the University for its efforts to make the college a more sustainable place to live and work.

Beyond Gold is the highest level of award in the scheme. Trinity was recognized for its work promoting sustainable practices and achieving strategic environmental goals—one of just two colleges to feature in this year's list of Beyond Gold award-winners.

The University Environmental Sustainability team's Green Impact awards promotes environmental engagement in which staff and students come together in teams to make their workplaces more sustainable.

The college's submission to the scheme highlighted the many ways in which sustainability and environmental awareness are being embedded in college life. There has also been a focus this year on properly understanding our position through the gathering of accurate data; there is much work to do but the college feels well placed to move forward very positively with a revised sustainability strategy and with a new Sustainability Officer joining Trinity in September.

Access open days and more



■ Among the busiest events of the year are the University-wide Open Days during the summer vacation. For two days in July, the college was filled with prospective applicants and the many student helpers (*pictured*).

As part of a University-wide initiative, the college continues to work closely with schools in the North-East, Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes. Alongside visits to schools and online interaction, school groups regularly come to Trinity with their teachers. They are welcomed by the college's Access and Admissions team—Hannah Rolley, Richard Petty (*pictured below left*) and Innocent Otunno, all former secondary school teachers—and current students who have volunteered to be Access Ambassadors.



Gardeners' Question Time at Trinity

One of BBC Radio 4's longest-running programmes visited Trinity in April, as **Kate Burtonwood**, Head Gardener, reports.



The GQT panel, seated from left, Chris Thorogood, Christine Walkden and Chris Beardshaw, chaired by Peter Gibbs, standing

Gardeners downed their tools and headed to the de Jager Auditorium on 23 April for a recording of the BBC Radio 4 programme *Gardeners' Question Time*, part of the Events at Trinity season. The broadcast was hosted by Peter Gibbs and featured regular 'GQT' panellists Chris Beardshaw, Christine Walkden and Chris Thorogood. A trinity of Chrises.

The recording brought 150 keen gardeners, most from Oxfordshire but some

from as far afield as Wales, to pose questions to the panel of experts. The BBC recorded two shows while here, so 20 lucky people got to receive expert advice from the comfort of a front row seat in the auditorium.

Questions (not all of which feature in the final edit of the two programmes) ranged from how to grow the maximum weight of potatoes for a village competition, to planting a pond at a school.

Chris Beardshaw, who is designing the college's new long border, due to be created next spring, was featured in a separate segment of the programme, to talk about the plans for this area of College. He kindly invited me to join him for an 'in conversation' piece so that we could

talk about Trinity, the brief for the border and the current themes we valued in garden design.

It was a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with this celebrated designer who has done so much in the last few years in researching and considering our college and its green space. Host Peter Gibbs also recorded an introductory piece with me about the college and its gardens. I think it is fair to say that all the panellists were

very taken with Trinity and its ambience, and this created a warm atmosphere for the recording.

It was wonderful to welcome the wider gardening community, including members of the public and Old Members with an interest

in gardening. It also fell at a time when our new planting in the woodland area was at its spring peak, and so visitors got a taste of the biodiverse plantings at Trinity and the special spaces Fellows, students and staff enjoy every day.

The programmes were first broadcast on 17 May and 14 June, and are now available on demand on BBC Sounds. The interview with Chris Beardshaw and Kate Burtonwood features in the 17 May episode.

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Events at Trinity

■ The Events at Trinity series of musical performances and talks open to the public has finished its second season, which was a resounding success.

The de Jager Auditorium was packed with full or close-to-full audiences for the Sunday recitals, and larger numbers than ever before attended the series of Trinity Talks. The panel discussing the role of NATO on its 75th anniversary was particularly interactive, and the International Committee for the Red Cross president Mirjana Spoljaric had the auditorium riveted discussing the delicate political balancing act organisations like the ICRC play in ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza. Among the other highlights was a talk by Judge Ted Meron, Honorary Fellow, on Shakespearean villains and their crimes, seen in a modern context.

Keeping up with Events at Trinity

Join the Events at Trinity mailing list to receive advance information and reminders about Trinity's public programmes; over 250 people from across the UK and even internationally have signed up, and anyone with an interest in these events is encouraged to register to receive all the latest news on the recitals, talks and other events. Sign up at trinity.ox.ac.uk/events-at-trinity



Cellist Natalie Clein at a sell-out recital in the de Jager Auditorium earlier this year

Philip Landon's car returns to Trinity

■ A 1938 SS Jaguar, first owned by legendary Trinity bursar Philip Landon, made a return visit to Trinity, over 70 years since Landon sold it on. It has been restored by its current owner, Doug Young, and looks very smart in its original colour, suede green, with French grey interior; it still bears its original registration, HFC 862.

Philip Landon lived in college rooms throughout his career, holding dual positions as Law tutor (1920-56) and Domestic Bursar (1921-51). He was a notable patron of college sports teams, and during the Second World War did much to foster Trinity's reputation for serving the best food in Oxford. No evidence has ever been found for the rumour that his catering operations depended on the black market, although suspicions were perhaps raised by a decision recorded in the Governing Body minutes of October 1942 to defray 'the running expenses (registration, insurance, garage & petrol) of the Bursar's motor car' until further notice.



Doug Young, who brought the Jaguar back to England after it had been exported to Switzerland in the 1980s, has used the car extensively for UK and Continental touring. It has been as far afield as Croatia and Sicily, and this year made a 3,000 mile trip to the Dolomites and back.

TOP SECRET

‘Overlord’ May 1944

The D-Day diaries of James Holladay

As the 80th anniversary of D-Day took place in June, Clare Hopkins, Archivist, has been taking a timely look at a remarkable record of the events, kept by James Holladay, Scholar and later Fellow of Trinity.

James Holladay, Scholar 1939 and Fellow in Ancient History 1949–82, was well-known in Oxford. For many years he lived in Marriott House with his wife Cecily, and together they held court in the King’s Arms every evening. James is remembered warmly by his former pupils as an inspiring and devoted teacher, and his name is commemorated in the James and Cecily Holladay Prize.

After James’s death in 1989, Cecily deposited in the Archive a small hardback notebook, the sort which an undergraduate might have used for lecture notes. Headed TOP SECRET – ‘Overlord’, it contains James’s record of his part in Operation Overlord, otherwise the Battle of Normandy—the cross-channel invasion which launched the liberation of western Europe from the Nazis on 6 June 1944: D-Day.

After a First in Mods in 1941, James left Oxford for officer training in the Royal Artillery. May 1944 found him in Oban in western Scotland, stationed aboard the SS *Empire Bunting*, an American-built cargo ship and veteran of numerous transatlantic convoys, equipped now with one Bofors 40mm and two Oerlikon 20mm anti-aircraft guns. The seven days from Oban to Normandy was to be her final voyage.



James Holladay in the 1939 Freshers’ photograph

Gooseberry 4

At the front of his notebook, James carefully recorded the names of the 28 gunners and bombardiers under his command, and his operational orders. They were to form part of ‘Gooseberry 4’: a semicircle of concrete-filled ‘block ships’ and other vessels scuttled just off-shore, their task to give protective fire cover while providing a breakwater for landing craft supplying equipment and reinforcements to the beach.

At the back of the notebook, James kept a diary. His scrawled entries give a vivid and highly personal account of the invasion: the excitement, terror, drama, friendships, tedium—the sheer awfulness, in all senses—of war. James wrote daily from 31 May to 6 November 1944, by which time he and his men had fought their way to Brussels.

The 60 pages are a gripping read, and it is intended to have the whole notebook digitized and made available on the college website.

‘TOP SECRET’

Diary entries extracted from James Holladay’s notebook

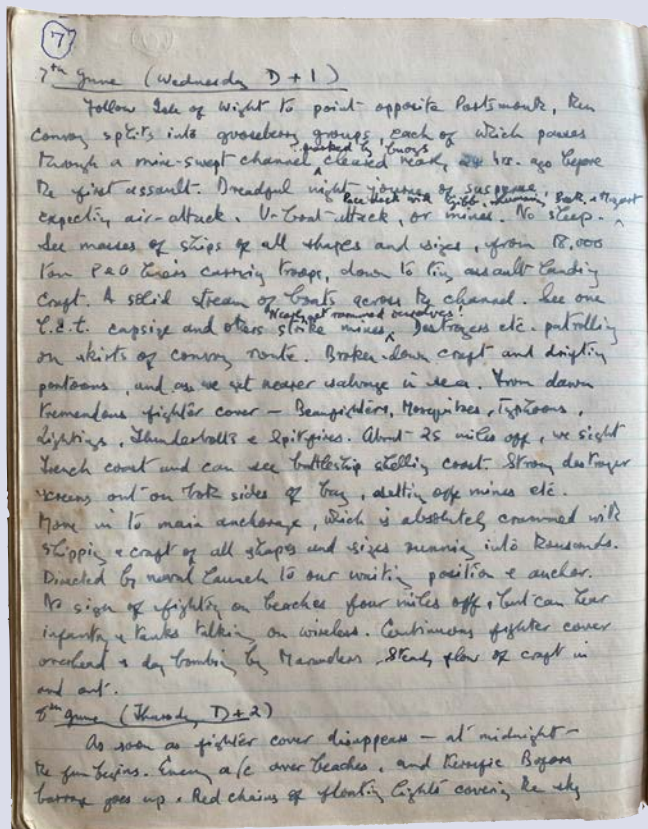
4th June (D-2)

1200. Pass between Lands End and Wolf Lighthouse. Spitfire escorts roaring overhead – and two Avengers. Battle squadrons are moving round us again, providing vicinity protection. The old ship is rolling like hell, and taking water on deck. Every time one thinks she is going right over. But the excitement of the whole thing begins to grip, as one expected.

5th June (D-1)

Off Portland Bill. Minesweepers are now leading our convoy.

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D+1 Arriving off Juno Beach

Fortresses passing overhead.
 Changing course and speed
 very frequently. Reading G.K.
 Chesterton's "Fancies Versus
 Fads."

Round St Alban's Head &
 Durstone Head and head for
 Poole. Write letters to home and
 to Kate. Collect in letters from
 the men for censorship.

Drop Anchor about 2 miles off Bournemouth. The bay is full of
 craft of all shapes and sizes, right up to the Needles. What a
 target for an air attack!

First rum issue to celebrate our safe arrival.

Signal from Major that can't hold any communication with shore,
 so no mail can go.

6th June (D Day)

Invasion begins. Notice to sail at 1600 hrs. Ships and aircraft
 everywhere. Get all kits & stores lifted on boat deck and bridges.
 In early afternoon ransack ships food stores and cover the
 bridge with hams, butter, eggs and joints!

7th June (D+1)

Follow Isle of Wight to point opposite Portsmouth, then convoy
 splits into gooseberry groups, each of which passes through a
 mine-swept channel marked by buoys cleared nearly 24 hours

ago before the first assault. Dreadful night journey of suspense,
 expecting air-attack, U-boat attack, or mines. No sleep.

See masses of ships of all shapes and sizes, from 18,000 ton
 P&O liners carrying troops, down to tiny assault landing craft.
 A solid stream of boats across the channel. See one LCT
 [landing craft tank] capsize and others strike mines. Nearly get
 rammed ourselves! Destroyers etc patrolling on skirts of convoy
 route. Broken-down craft and drifting pontoons, and as we get
 nearer salvage in sea. From dawn tremendous fighter cover -
 Beaufighters, Mosquitoes, Typhoons, Lightnings, Thunderbolts &
 Spitfires. About 25 miles off, we sight French coast and can see
 battleship shelling coast. Strong destroyer screens out on both
 sides of bay, setting off mines etc... Directed by naval launch to
 our waiting position & anchor.

8th June (D+2)

As soon as fighter cover disappears - at midnight - the fun
 begins. Enemy a/c [aircraft] over beaches, and terrific Bofors
 barrage goes up. Red chains of floating lights covering the sky
 for miles like a [fireworks] display. We open on a FW [Focke-Wulf]
 and an Me [Messerschmitt] which come our way, & score a hit
 on FW... Day shows two or three LCTs sunk, one with broken
 ends sticking out of water 1/4 mile away. One destroyer badly hit -
 funnel gone. We are untouched.

We move in closer to shore & RN [Royal Navy] officer begins
 to plant the gooseberry. An assault landing craft mysteriously
 blows up a few hundred yards from us and disappears with all
 hands. Late in afternoon heavy explosions on beaches - shelling

seems to have begun at last.

At 2130 we weigh anchor and
 move into position for Gooseberry
 4. At 2300 the merchant crew is
 taken off in Yankee tug; we stay
 & they blow us all up. Ship settles
 smoothly, but main deck almost
 entirely awash. Life is to be very
 uncomfortable.

9th June (D+3)

Another early morning sneak raid by FWs. MN [merchant navy]
 very scared. Row with MN & Marines about theft of rations from
 the store. Eventually they depart in LCI. [landing craft infantry].
 2nd Mate (William) promises to wire Kate & home about me. Our
 Gooseberry begins to function & landing craft huddle round us
 for shelter. What a target!

See a map at last and find our exact position 1 1/2 miles off
 Courcelles & Bernieres. There were Gerries on beach at St
 Aubin when we arrived on D+1. Batches of prisoners pass us in
 LCTs on way to troopships & England. Visit from Bob Ballintine
 [Captain RA] & Leggett. Am now very comfortable in Master's
 cabin... 308 comes alongside to be blown at midnight. Arrange
 to send mail by her crew & collect food from her stores... Great
 efforts to get a wireless going to hear BBC news. Write letters to
 home & Kate.

10th June (D+4)

Heavy air-raids early in morning for 3 hours continuously. Town on coast set on fire & Gerry bombed us by light of it. Bombs within yards of us all around. Manned Oerlikon myself. Two planes down – we claim a share in one of them. Flak absolutely incredible. Horrid explosions all night.

12th June (D+6)

Beautiful sunny morning & calm sea. Visit from Marine officer off motor LCG [landing craft guns]... Give him a few fans & lamps & get an invitation to lunch. Don't lunch, but have some sherries & get a bottle of Scotch. Churchill, Eisenhower & Montgomery pass in a duck [DUKW amphibious craft] a few hundred yards & go ashore. Go over to 324 for conference to write war diary of first four days... Record quantity of supplies through beach-head today.

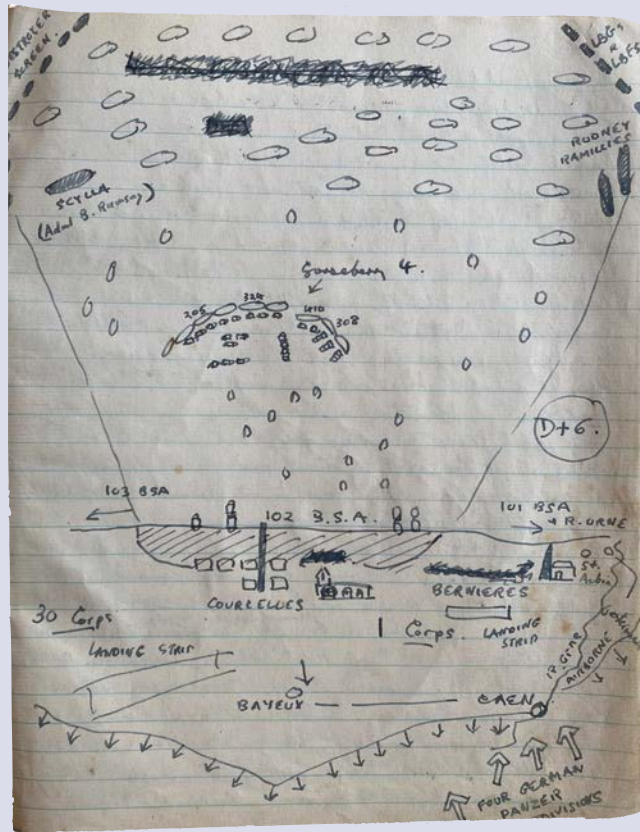
Air-raid warning from command ship at 2320. Flak & bombs all around... Roger Key produces first bake of home-made bread. Very heavy activity on land & in air at night. Flares dropped all round us & some bombs. Manned Oerlikon myself. Heavy coast bombardment further out.

13th June (D+7)

Open large tin of tomato juice – delicious stuff. At 1330 set off in motor lifeboat... and go to beach. Met by 139 Regt Officer who is our supply chap. He takes us along beach road & up through Graye-sur-Mer to 114 LAA [light anti-aircraft] regt. HQ, where we see latest situation at the front. See where assault infantry broke through – slight impression of heavy shells on concrete casemates, wreck of two D.D. [duplex drive amphibious] tanks which broke through a tank obstacle but came unstuck in a ditch beyond. Road built over one of them with bodies of crew still inside. See a few French civilians – looking vaguely hostile. Tremendous wreckage in houses...

19th June. (D+13)

Wake up to really dirty day & the heaviest sea I have seen. The ship is moving very considerably on the bottom – shifting & swaying – which is very unpleasant. Our decks are completely engulfed & the waves are terrific... All the small craft rush to our shelter, but lengthen their hawsers & lie discreetly off when they see how we are shifting. Our stern is brushing against bows of



James's sketch map of Gooseberry 4 and Juno Beach, 12 June

308 & plates of both ships are buckled.

Steel hawser holding us to next ship parts. Water comes lashing up round bridge. Nasty moments. We huddle on our top bridge and wait for events. Number of landing craft in great distress. Danger of us breaking loose & smashing all craft in our lee...

20th June (D+14)

No air activity in the night. Storm continues, if anything, worse than before. Only one rope holding us now. Half the planking of the boat gone. Water half-way up main superstructure. Cooks in fo'c'sle so no food. Our penalty for becoming bored! New moon tonight. Tide comes up very high and enters my cabin. Men in fo'c'sle get on forepeak where they are drowned in waves and spray &

huddle miserably together clinging to rails to avoid being swept away.

Wireless operators climb on top of wireless cabin... we get on top of bridge. Power of sea simply terrific – slowly smashing the boat to pieces. Send S.O.S. to 342 & barge picks up men from fo'c'sle. Wireless ops can't be rescued & they spend a bloody night soaked to skin & in considerable danger...

21st June (D+15)

Air raids during night but we are cut off from our guns. American tug comes alongside at 8.30 & takes off selves & some kit. No time for stores. Our only meal for 17 hrs has been a few biscuits & a tot of rum. We get across to 205, & in process my box is dropped in water. Goodbye to 600 cigarettes and all my changes of clothing. Life is saved by cup of tea on 324...

26th June (D+20)

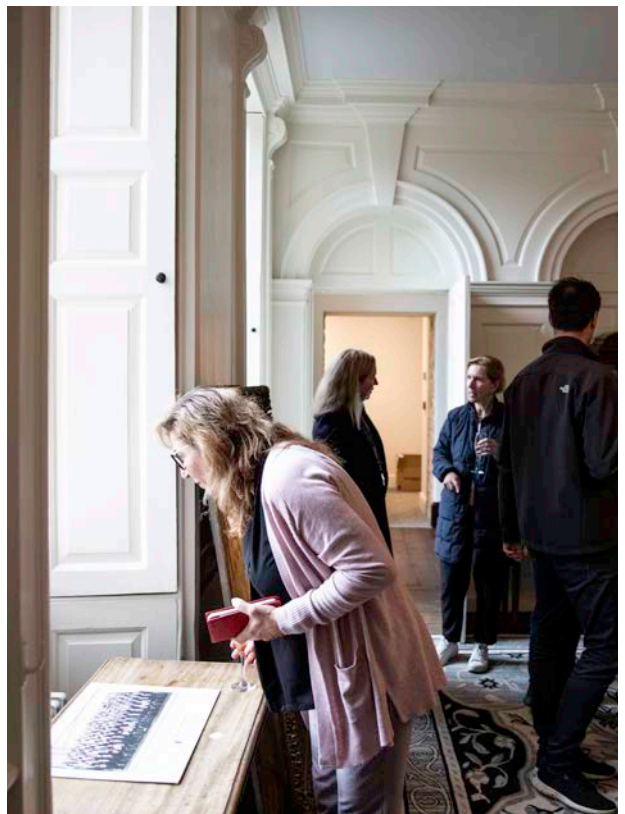
Major & Pip arrive from Gooseberry 5: "Paddy" was killed this morning. The loveable, debauched old rascal had his ship hit by a shell that set all the ammo on deck alight. He ordered all his men below & tried to put it out: a second shell smashed him. He was unlucky enough not to die outright & lived in agony only relieved by morphia for 1 ½ hrs. I wish it could have been a single man... Major brings B-S orders from Brigade and mail. My God what mail! Nine letters – four from Kate. Greatest moment of invasion.

Celebrating the return to Hall



■ As finishing touches were made to the Hall and kitchen project, Fellows, and staff gathered for a reception to celebrate the completion of the works and for tours of the new and refurbished spaces.

Top, Clerk of Works, Andy Hooper (centre) in the kitchen; top right, the President thanked those involved; below, Trinity gardeners looking into Balliol's gardens from the new lift lobby; right, the SCR



EVENTS



In April we were very excited to hold the first Chapel Choir Reunion, which proved very popular and saw the chapel filled with a choir of nearly 80 former and current choir members, with little space left for a congregation; a full repertoire of anthems and pieces was sung. Afterwards everyone enjoyed an informal dinner in the Lawns Pavilion.

In May, there was the annual graduation day for last year's

cohort of undergraduates, and then for the first time we held the 'Fifty Plus Years On' Lunch in the large graduation marquee, allowing Old Members who matriculated up to and including 1974 to bring a guest to lunch, which is not usually possible in Hall for this popular event.

The Boat Club's Summer Eights dinner was enjoyed by many, and then at the end of

term the Ralph Bathurst Society enjoyed a private view of the exhibition 'Bruegel to Rubens' at the Ashmolean, before the usual sumptuous dinner.

The last Alumni & Development Office event before the arrival of the summer schools and removal of the Lawns Pavilion was a busy Gaudy for 1979–1983 on a lovely summer's day.



Events in 2024-25

Details of events in the coming months and the 2024-25 Programme of Events can be found on the inside back cover.

Students vs alumni tennis match



■ Sunday 12 May was one of the finest days of early summer, providing ideal conditions for the annual tennis match between current students and alumni. The rhythmic beat of the musical accompaniment to the cricket match playing out at the same time kept all the players lively and on their toes.

Some of the tennis ranked among the very best seen in this fixture over the years, particularly in the close contest between the two first pairs. Adrian Cunliffe (2002) and Hassaan Mohamed (2011) took the first set 6-4. Students Eliot Heywood and Sam Monro-Davies levelled at 6-2 in the second set and then took the deciding championship tie-break 10-6. The grass surface, lovingly prepared for the occasion by groundsman Paul Madden, played true and cushioned some of Sam's fierce serves and Hassaan's wicked topspin drives.

The student second pair of Berkeley Brown and Oliver Chiriack had to contend with a rotating trio of alumni, with Matthew Johnston (1999), Oliver Smyth (1965) and Mike Haddrell (1976)

taking it in turns to stand down. This energy saving strategy paid dividends with the alumni taking both sets. The reverse contests reflected the rankings, with both first pairs emerging victorious, two sets to nil. A final sets score of 5-4, including the tie break, gave the honours to the alumni by the closest margin.

After more tennis or some study and a little refreshment in the White Horse, the participants reconvened on High Table with dinner provided for the students by the Trinity Society.

Many thanks are due to the college for hosting the tennis once again, Paul Madden for excellent grass courts, the students for taking a break from study, in some cases for finals, the alumni for dusting off and polishing their racquets and not least Matthew Johnston for making the event happen. Please do contact him through the Alumni and Development office if you are interested in playing next year.

Mike Haddrell (1976)



Edinburgh Fringe show

■ Daisy Gosal (2020), a former president of the Trinity Players, was part of a production team taking a show to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this summer.

The live-cinema show, 'Bark Bark', used cameras, puppets, and diorama sets, and five performers, to weave together a live animation, told from the perspective of a dog. It tells the story of a young couple who respond to a dog-sitting advert expecting a free holiday, but who stumble into something unexpected.

Daisy has reported that 'Bark Bark' went surprisingly well and was sold out for the month-long run and had some lovely reviews in national publications.

Old Members' news

Thomas Bewley (1961) and Marie-France, his wife of 50 years whom he first met on an OUDS tour to France and Italy, have moved to Woodhall Spa in Lincolnshire to be closer to their son. During his 33 years in Abingdon, Tom enjoyed keeping in close touch with the college, alongside being a volunteer tour guide for the Bodleian Library. He would be delighted to meet up with any Trinity contemporaries in the region.

Roger Baresel (1966) has been appointed honorary secretary of the Chelsea Arts Club.

Ian Enters (1966) writes, 'I am delighted to let you know that my collection of sonnets and other poems is now published and available through all main bookshops including Blackwell's. There is a straightforward brief history of the sonnet in English literature and comments on the context through which the poetry evolved; it might be of interest to literature students, but it is a personal reflection rather than an academic paper. A quick internet search for "Forms from Chaos Ian Enters" will find details.'

Tony Shaw (1967) writes, 'I have retired after 50 years at the Bar, 30 years as a silk, and the last five years as joint head of Red Lion Chambers. For the last 35-odd years I have specialized in corporate corruption and serious fraud. I am under contract to write a text of an aspect of criminal law, and intend to spend the next few years doing that, as well as researching and writing on a completely different historical theme!'

Derek Spears (1968) has received his DPhil from the Faculty of Theology and Religion. The thesis, on the interaction between classical literature and the Church in the first two centuries CE up to Clement and Origen, has been accepted for publication by the German publishers Mohr Siebeck.

Harry Ricketts (1969) has published the first volume of his memoirs, *First Things* (Te Herenga Waka University Press, Wellington, New Zealand, but also available on Kindle).



In the run-up to the June Gaudy for 1979-1983, **Robert Davies** and **Hamish Stuart (both 1982)**, made plans for almost all of those who appeared in a 1983 rugby team photo to gather again in Garden Quad, 40 plus years on, and the photograph was successfully re-staged.



This covers his early years and includes a detailed account of his five years at Trinity, where he read English and completed an MLitt. Volume two, *Later Things*, will cover the years since he emigrated to Aotearoa New Zealand in 1981, where he taught for 40 years in the English programme at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington and published around 30 books.

Tony Cowan (1971) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Liz Wilkinson (1982) writes, 'In April 2024 I was awarded Senior Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy for my leadership, innovation and influence on other professionals in HE.'

Andrew Buchanan (1991) was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and continues as a scientist at AstraZeneca Cambridge. He specializes in the application of Artificial Intelligence to antibody and peptide oncology drug discovery. He has had recent papers in *Nature* series journals with collaborative postdoc students.

Claudine Toutoungi (1994) has completed a new poetry collection *Emotional Support Horse*, which will be published by Carcanet Press in October. *Emotional Support Horse* 'tracks the tragicomedy of grief, and out of low vision, bereavement and eco-stress, blends poems of wit, verve and solace'. Poet Michael Symmons Roberts has said of the collection, 'These are poems of great wit and guile, tender and smart and beautiful. If there's a family line, it's from Stevie Smith's domestic macabre or Frederick Seidel's undercuts, but *Emotional Support Horse* confirms Claudine Toutoungi as a remarkable talent and a one-

off. I loved it.' Details of launch events, online and in Cambridge, can be found at carcanet.co.uk.

Michael Beloff, President 1996-2006, has been appointed first chair of the Ethics Committee of the International Skiing Federation. Having procured the admission of women to full membership of the Oxford Union in 1963, he completed a double by advising the Garrick Club that there was no present bar on the admission of women members. The club accepted his advice and has started to admit women.

Births

To **Alice (née Thorp, 2013)** and **Matt Cyrson (2012)**, on 20 June 2024, a daughter, Mary

To **Luke Rostill, Fellow and Tutor in Law**, and Sarah Valentine Smith, on 14 April 2024, a daughter, Emma Valentine Rostill

Marriages



Charlotte Suthrell (1993) to Kalam Singh Chauhan, on 18 August 2022, in Trinity Chapel (pictured above).

Arnaud Thevenon (2016) to Nicole Kozub, on 30 July 2022 in Wrocław, Poland (pictured left).



Deaths

The college has learned, with sadness, of the following deaths:

David John Mitchell (1942), in March 2022

William Russell Enoch (1943), on 3 June 2024

Alan John Moore (1943), in 2023

John Frederick de Symons Lewis-Barned (1950), on 25 April 2024

Christopher John Lawson Griffith (1950), on 13 March 2022

Montague Kelway 'Monty' Law (1950), on 16 March 2024

Kenneth Michael Alexander Ryves-Hopkins (1950), on 18 April 2023

Hans van Mourik Broekman (1956), in 2022

Richard Michael Francis Fletcher (1957), on 21 April 2024

Dr Roger John Bevir Clark (1958), on 1 June 2024

Ian Stanley Temple Senior (1958), on 24 July 2024

Jonathan Dewey 'Jon' Blake (1960), on 21 May 2024

Malcolm John Hartley Hay (1960), on 6 September 2023

Malcolm John Craddock (1967), on 17 May 2024

Dr Frank Hok-Line Chow (1970), on 24 April 2024

Robert William Auld Kilpatrick (1974), on 7 July 2024

Offers to contribute or assist with obituaries for the Report would be very welcome: please email report@trinity.ox.ac.uk.

Events programme

The full Programme of Events (PDF) and more information and booking details for each event, as they become available, can be found on the website at trinity.ox.ac.uk/events. Please email Sarah Jenkinson (contact details below) with any event enquiries.

William Pitt Society Lunch

Saturday 19 October

A lunch for members of the society created to recognize those who have included Trinity in their wills.

Benefactors Lunch 1

Saturday 9 November

The first of two lunches (the second will be in February) for Old Members and Friends who have been major supporters of the college's fundraising during the last financial year (August 2023 – July 2024).

Newcastle Event

Tuesday 12 November

All Old Members and Friends who live in the area, or will be visiting at the time, are welcome to join us for this event. Please contact Sarah Jenkinson.

Informal London Drinks

Thursday 14 November

All Members and Friends are welcome to join us for this informal gathering. Get in touch to be added to the mailing list.

Biochemistry Dinner

Saturday 23 November

A dinner for all who studied Biochemistry at Trinity. Invitations were sent out in September.

Carol Services

Saturday 7 December

The choir will lead the singing of Christmas carols, interspersed with anthems and readings, followed by seasonal refreshments.

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Benefactors Lunch 2

Saturday 8 February

The second of two lunches for Old Members and Friends who have been major supporters of the college's fundraising during the last financial year.

Engineering Dinner

Saturday 15 March

All who studied Engineering at Trinity are invited to return to College to celebrate the teaching of Engineering at Trinity. Invitations will be sent out in the autumn.

Gaudy 1966 - 1973

Saturday 22 March

A reunion for all those who matriculated between 1966 and 1973. Invitations will be sent in the autumn.

North American Events

Early April

The President, Dame Hilary Boulding, and Director of Development, Sue Broers, will host a number of events, in different cities—look out for emails with more information.

Boat Club Dinner

Saturday 24 May

On the final day of Summer Eights, friends and fans of the Boat Club are invited to join the crews at the Boathouse and then finish the day with dinner in Trinity. For further information please contact the Boat Club through the Alumni & Development Office.

Ralph Bathurst Society Dinner

Saturday 21 June

The annual dinner for those who have made a substantial benefaction to the college. Invitations will be sent out to those eligible in spring 2025.

President's Farewell Garden Party

Sunday 22 June

A garden party allowing Old Members and Friends the opportunity to bid farewell to Dame Hilary as she completes her time as President. Further details and booking information will be sent in the spring.

Fifty Plus Years On Lunch

Tuesday 24 June

A lunch for all Old Members who matriculated in the years up to and including 1975. Invitations will be sent out in the spring.

Gaudy 2001–2003

Saturday 28 June

A reunion for all those who matriculated between 2001 and 2003. Invitations will be sent early in 2025.

The Trinity Ball

June 2026

With development works on the Lawns continuing into next spring, the next Ball, originally due to take place in 2025, will be held in June 2026. The Ball committee will advertise details later next year.

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