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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

The Robinson College Record is now forty years old. We should like to celebrate its advanced age by reminding the Robinson community of its importance. It endeavours to contain everything that Robinson stands for: the personal development of our students and also that of our staff; the achievements of our Fellows and our alumni, and the growth of Robinson as an academic institution and as a catalyst for talents, dreams and goals. This publication is about all members of the College, their lives and experiences as students, academic staff and College staff.

Dr Brian McCabe

Emeritus Fellow

Dr Judith Weiss

Emeritus Fellow

FOREWORD

by *the Warden*

Welcome to this edition of Robinson Record, covering the academic year 2023/24. Robinson's success this year was down to the enthusiasm, hard work and imagination of our staff, students, alumni, friends, Senior Members and Fellows. Indeed, many of our best programmes and events are about a College where ideas cross boundaries between different groups and different disciplines. So for example, we welcomed our first and second Baxandall Visiting Fellows this year, temporarily resident through the generosity of Leigh Baxandall (1979-1986). Professor Katy Cubitt's lecture on Archbishop Wulfstan of York, and Dr Paula López Caballero's anthropological exhibition of photographs at CRASSH, together with their more informal contributions to the academic life of the College, were warmly appreciated. In a similar spirit, two lively Research Days, in Lent and Easter terms, saw a rich mixture of presentations, pitched at friendly but probing audiences. Many of these papers are summarised later in this *Record*. And in Michaelmas 2023 we welcomed our second intake of Pegasus Scholars, who benefited from a tailored introduction to life at Cambridge. They rapidly became confident and capable members of the student body. It was a particular pleasure to see one of them elected President of the RCSA in Michaelmas 2024.

"Our nonpareil Fellows", to borrow a phrase from the MCR President's report, have once again achieved research excellence, academic promotion, and great distinction. You will enjoy the reports of their achievements on the pages immediately following this foreword. On behalf of the College, I would also like to thank the Fellowship for their work as teachers, directors of studies, and tutors. Their impact can be observed at our twice-yearly Alumni Reunion dinners, where former students are (almost) as keen to be reunited with an inspirational DOS as with their peer group.

Finally, a thank you to my College Officer colleagues (Dr Scott Annett, for whom this was his first year as Senior Tutor; Fiona Brockbank, Finance Bursar; Professor Anuj Dawar, in his last year as Deputy Warden), to members of Council, and to everyone else who has taken on roles in the development, governance and nurturing of this amazing and ambitious college. Not least among whom are Dr Judy Weiss and Dr Brian McCabe, joint editors of this *Record* – thank you, both.

Sir Richard Heaton KCB

The Warden

PART I: REVIEW OF THE YEAR

COLLEGE NOTES

Fellows

Professor Carlos Caldas, Robinson Fellow and Professor of Cancer Medicine at the University, received the prestigious Léopold Griffuel Prize, awarded by the Fondation Arc for Cancer Research, recognising his work in genomics, circulating tumour DNA and molecular tissue imaging. Created in 1970, the Fondation Arc's Léopold Griffuel Prize is Europe's largest cancer research award, and Professor Caldas and his research team were cited by the Prize Jury Chair as "having the creativity and ability to explore new avenues by thinking outside the box, and the strong ambition to translate research outcomes into patient benefits."

Professor Katy Cubitt is Robinson's Visiting Baxandall Fellow. Katy studied Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic and History at Cambridge, before working as a research assistant for the English Place-Name Society and completing an MA in Germanic Philology at University College, London. She came back to Cambridge for a PhD in Anglo-Saxon Church Councils c. 650-c. 850 which was published as a book in 1995 by Leicester University Press. Her research focuses on the early medieval world, especially the church in pre-Conquest England and her latest book, *Sin and Society in Tenth- and Eleventh-Century England* will be published by CUP in 2024/5.

Professor Peter Hutchinson, Robinson Fellow and Director of Studies in Clinical Medicine, has been awarded the Vilhelm Magnus Medal from the Norwegian Neurosurgical Association, an award often described as the 'Nobel Prize of Neurosurgery.' Professor Hutchinson and his team – from the University of Cambridge's Department of Clinical Neurosciences – were awarded for their work on traumatic brain injury, including studies addressing the concept of 'Rescuing the Injured Brain.' Professor Hutchinson was invited to Oslo in October to receive his medal and to deliver the prestigious Vilhelm Magnus Lecture.

The Institute of Physics has awarded the prestigious Rosalind Franklin Medal and Prize to **Professor Clemens Kaminski**, Robinson Fellow in Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology. Professor Kaminski received the medal and prize in recognition of his outstanding work in developing optical methods to probe molecular mechanisms in biological systems. According to the Institute of Physics: "His methods have led to ground-breaking discoveries in the study of protein misfolding diseases, in virus research, and in the study of organelle–organelle interactions in living cells."

Warwick Morris, Honorary Fellow, was awarded an OBE in the King's Birthday Honours List published on 17 June 2023 for “services to UK relations with Vietnam and the Republic of Korea.” Warwick was a diplomat for nearly 40 years, before his retirement in 2008. He was Britain’s Ambassador to Vietnam from 2000-2003, and to the Republic of Korea from 2003-2008. In 2013, Warwick co-founded the Vietnam-UK Network, run by volunteers, to encourage greater awareness in the UK of the strengthening relationship between Britain and Vietnam and their respective governments, and to promote the growing opportunities being created for business, education and other links.

Dr Philip Murray joins Robinson as a Fellow in Law. Philip's research is in English public law, with a particular focus on administrative law (judicial review). His doctoral research, for which he was awarded the University of Cambridge’s Yorke Prize, was on the development of the judicial review process in the nineteenth century. His research has been cited widely, including by the High Court of Australia and in the UK government’s independent review of administrative law. More broadly, Philip is interested in legal history, Roman law, and the civil law tradition.

Dr Olga Petri was elected to a Class B Fellowship in Geography in June 2023. Olga is a Leverhulme/Isaac Newton Trust Early Career Research Fellow at the Department of Geography and became Robinson’s Director of Studies in Geography earlier this year. Her research has focused on late Imperial St. Petersburg, which offers an opportunity to explore largely untapped archival evidence carrying the street-level impress of an idiosyncratic, internally conflicted and ultimately over-written urban modernity.

Honorary Fellow Professor **Lord Martin Rees (Lord Rees of Ludlow, OM Kt HONFREng FRS)** was announced by the Royal Society as the recipient of the 2023 Copley Medal, believed to be the oldest scientific award in the world. The Copley Medal recognises sustained and outstanding achievements in any field of science and was first awarded in 1731. Previous recipients include Charles Darwin and Albert Einstein. As an author or co-author of over 500 research papers and 11 books, and former Astronomer Royal, Professor Lord Rees’s contributions have furthered our understanding in areas including galaxy formation, cosmic jets and black holes, as well as more speculative aspects of cosmology: whether we live in a multiverse and the prospect of detecting extra-terrestrial life. The whole Robinson community congratulates Professor Lord Rees on this remarkable achievement.

Dr Alberto Roselló-Díez received his BSc/MSc degrees in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Zaragoza, Spain. He then completed his PhD in 2011 in Molecular Biology (Autonomous University of Madrid) at the Spanish National Centre for Cardiovascular Research (Madrid, Spain), in the group of Dr Miguel Torres. During his postdoc at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (New York, USA) with Dr Alex Joyner (2012-2018), he pioneered mouse genetic models of unilateral perturbations of limb growth to study the repair of developmental defects, finding that

cell-nonautonomous responses play a key role in this repair. In June 2023 he joined the University of Cambridge as Associate Professor in Developmental Genetics, with a joint appointment between the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience, and the Department of Genetics.

Dr Claire Wilkinson is a Fellow in English and her research focuses on the development of the early modern economy. She is particularly interested in literary responses to financial crises and is currently finishing a monograph on writing and the 1720 South Sea Bubble. Her recent publications include a 2023 chapter on the Bubble Act (*Pamphlet Poetry and the South Sea Bubble*, in *The Bubble Act: New Perspectives from Passage to Repeal and Beyond*, ed. by Helen Paul and D'Maris Coffman (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2023)).

Dr Oliver Wilson-Nunn is Robinson's new Isaac Newton Foundation Junior Research Fellow. Oliver recently completed a PhD in Latin American Studies, for which his dissertation was on "Modernity, Popular Culture, and Incarceration in Argentine Cinema." His research interests include cultural representations of crime and criminal justice; documentary, popular, and silent film in Latin America; the relationship between law and the humanities; popular culture in the Southern Cone; and cultural and critical theories of modernity, space, emotion, and affect.

Robinson Fellow **Professor Alison Young** has been appointed a Law Commissioner. The Law Commission is a statutory body charged with keeping the law in England and Wales under review and recommending reform where that is needed. Alison will be the Commissioner responsible for public law and the law in Wales in particular. She succeeds Nicholas Paines KC. Alison took up her five-year appointment in March 2024. During her service, Professor Young will be taking leave from her Faculty post, but will remain the Sir David Williams Professor of Public Law, and her Class A Fellowship at Robinson will be unaffected.

Senior Members, past and present Bye-Fellows

Professor Murray Evans, Robinson Bye-Fellow since 1986, is pleased to announce the publication of his book *Coleridge's Sublime Later Prose and Recent Theory: Kristeva, Adorno, Rancière* (Palgrave Macmillan 2023). The book focuses on Coleridge's deployment of the sublime, a major aesthetic category of the Romantic period, discovered in the vast indefiniteness of nature and barely articulable aspects of art and literary texts. Dialogue between Coleridge and these modern theorists opens new avenues for understanding each author better, as well as for appreciating the abiding importance of the sublime for modernity.

Professor Anthony Milton, Robinson Senior Member, has published a chapter in *Thermal Physiology: A Worldwide History*. Professor Milton notes that this is probably his last contribution to science – his first research paper was published in 1959.

In early 2024, **Dr Yudan Ren (PhD in Pathology, 2008)** was awarded the first Royal Society-sponsored Daphne Jackson Fellowship at the University of Cambridge. Daphne Jackson Fellowships offer professionals the opportunity to return to research following a career break of two years or more when taken for family, caring or health reasons. Yudan was a Senior Member at Robinson from 2011-2015. During her PhD, she was awarded the Medical Research Council Career Development Fellowship (MRC CDF) to work at the Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB). The MRC CDF at LMB ended during her maternity leave. Without the support of her former LMB group, she took a journey of four years and ten months during the COVID-19 pandemic and successfully returned to work on her new project about viral congenital diseases. She currently works with a team composed of Professor Amanda Sferruzzi-Perri, Professor Kathy Niakan and Professor Andrew Firth (Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience; Department of Pathology, Cambridge).

Professor Maristella Vampa, Robinson Bye Fellow, will receive this year's Georg Forster Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. Professor Vampa is an Argentine sociologist, and since 2010 has been a university professor of sociology, holding the highest-ranking professorship in the Argentine system, at the prestigious Universidad Nacional de la Plata (Buenos Aires).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

The following elections and awards have been made:

Scholarships:

Elected into Senior Scholarships: Arbuthnott, H. F. T. (Medicine); Blunt, B. (Philosophy); Deng, Y. (Economics); Droppa, A. (Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic); Elliott, P. H. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Gammell, J. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Harrold, A. J. L. (History); Hawken, A. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Mason, M. W. (English); Mgeladze-Arciuch, M. (Computer Science); Ormsby, C. P. (Natural Sciences); Su, B. (Engineering); Vlasits, D. (Computer Science); Winter, I. M. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Xiong, Z. (Mathematics); Yau, S. C. H. (Computer Science).

Elected into Titular Scholarships: Brown Moreno, D. D. (Human, Social & Political Sciences); Clack, E. (Philosophy); Dempsey, I. G. (English); Falayi, F. O. (English); Hull, L. (Natural Sciences); Lawrence, J. (History & Politics); Miller, I. (Veterinary Medicine); O'Brien, E. K. (History); Pullin, A. L. (Engineering); Rawdanowicz, K. (English); Scully, A. (Law).

Elected into College Scholarships for Postgraduates: Shiers, S. B. (Master of Advanced Study in Theoretical Physics).

Elected into Scholarships: Bai, X. (Economics); Cao, J. (Engineering); Carter, L. E. (Natural Sciences); Chen, G. (Natural Sciences); Cheng, S. Y. (Natural Sciences); Dixon, N. (Medicine); Colvine, S. (History & Modern Languages); Ellis-Stoneman, C. (English); Fidler, J. M. (Natural Sciences); Godsall, H. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Hayward, E. (English); Heagren, I. (Geography); Hepworth, J. (Philosophy); Hughes, J. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Jain, P. (Medicine); Jiang, H. (Economics); Joseph, C. (English); Kulkarni, S. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Kwek, J. H. X. (Psychological & Behavioural Sciences); Lees Miller, G. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Liang, Y. (Engineering); Lord, A. (Natural Sciences); Marsh, H. (Law); Michael, M. (Engineering); Mignon, L. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Mousavi, S. S. (Medicine); Pendlebury, A. (Natural Sciences); Perrett, A-M. (Law); Rawkins, D. (Geography); Ren, Z. (Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology); Shen, H. (Computer Science); Stephenson, I. (History); Sun, W. (Economics); Tan, C. (Engineering); Tan, Y. Y. L. (Law); Tatton-Brown, T. G. (Medicine); Tsui, C. H. (Engineering); Wu, J. (Human, Social & Political Sciences); Yamani, A. (English); Yip, A. M. C. (Law); Yip, M. S. V. (Natural Sciences); Zheng, L. (Engineering).

Re-elected into Scholarships: Artun, Z. (Engineering); Avevor, M. (Engineering); Balter, I. E. (Engineering); Basquette, O. S. (Natural Sciences); Bowman, M.

(Computer Science); Bridges, T. (Architecture); Chen, Y. (Philosophy); Chung, N. F. C. (Engineering); Collingwood, A. (English); Cox, E. R. (Geography); Crapper, Z. L. (Natural Sciences); Dauris, A. (Computer Science); D'Souza, P. (Computer Science); Duer, M. (Engineering); Entwisle, M. A. A. (Natural Sciences); Gross, E. M. M. (Linguistics); Harvey, M. C. (Natural Sciences); Horsford, J. (Medicine); Jie, H. (Computer Science); Knowles, M. G. D. (Psychological & Behavioural Sciences); Li, X. (Engineering); Mayorga, T. (Modern & Medieval Languages); McLaughlin, W. (English); Morgan, D. (Music); Nilsson, E. (Engineering); Norman, J. A. (Engineering); Panasar, M. (English); Ramisetty, A. (Economics); Rance, J. (Computer Science); Roger, A. (Natural Sciences); Rubin, T. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Smith, P. (Architecture); Topping, L. (Modern & Medieval Languages); Vennemann, K. A. (Computer Science); Wakling, L. (Classics); Weingard, J. J. H. (Natural Sciences); Zhou, Z. (Engineering).

Prizes:

The Warden's Prize: Ramisetty, A.
The Linton Seu-Kwan Chu Prize: Mason, M. W.
Victor Chu Prize for Academic Achievement: Droppa, A.
Victor Chu Prize for Academic Improvement: Rawdanowicz, K.
The Lee Prize in Architecture: Bridges, T. and Smith, P.
The Adrian Knight Prize in Computer Science: Shen, H.
The Ying Tao Economics Prize: Bai, X.
Dr K. K. Chan Prize in Part IIB Engineering: Pullin, A. L.
College Prize for IA Engineering: Tan, C.
The Part IB Prize in Engineering: Cao, J.
College Prize for Electrical Engineering: Chung, N. F. C.
Bloomsbury Prize in English: Mason, M. W.
The Leonard Conolly Prize for English: Panasar, M.
The Smale-Charms Prize for Geography: Hancock, C.
The Steve Trudgill Prize for Geography: Rawkins, D.
The Steve Trudgill Dissertation Prize: Lindsey, N. T. R.
The Trevelyan History Prize: Harrold, A. J. L.
The Paul Brown Memorial Prize for History: Stephenson, I.
Nicola Blakeman Memorial Prize: Tan, Y. Y. L. and Barnes, J. W.
The Deirdre Fu Tcheng Prize for Tort: Marsh, H.
Slaughter and May Prize: Yip, A. M. C.
The Adrian Knight Prize in Mathematics: Bowden, J.
Fröhlich Prize for Mathematics: Xiong, Z.
Ruth Brooks-Fröhlich Scholarship: Jain, P. and Horsford, J.
The Isla Yadav Prize in Clinical Medicine: Halahakoon, C. and Khawaja, M.
The Mansfield Advisors Prize in Biochemistry: Mousavi, S. S.
College Prize for Modern Languages: Topping, L.
The Stewart Prize in German: Topping, L.
The Susanna West Yates Translation Prize: Hughes, J.

John Lyndon Whittaker Prize for Music: Morgan, D.
 College Prize for Natural Sciences: Chen, N.
 The Lewis Prize in Chemistry: Wallis-Riches, S. E.
 Mathers Prize in Physical Natural Sciences: Hull, L. and Wallis-Riches, S. E.
 Mathers Research Grant: Drobak, C. B. and Howse, I.
 Stephane Francis Sports Scholarship: Barker, P. R. A.
 Jean Shone Sports Prize: Rubin, T.
 Fred Boyne Sporting Achievements: Craig-McFeeley, P. E. G., Keetley, R.
 Irène Némirovsky Memorial Travel Grant: Mehta, S.
 College Mooting Cup 2024: Shaw, A. and Tan, Y. Y. L.

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ADMISSIONS

The 2023-24 year has seen a varied spread of both in-person and online outreach events, including long-running and newer residential events, day events, school visits both in College and in link areas, and an extended webinar series. These events have been flanked by collaborative outreach initiatives and open events delivered on a University level.

A particular highlight of the year has been the increased engagement with schools and FE Colleges in the London Borough of Wandsworth, which has been a special focus of the 2023-24 academic year. The Outreach Officer (Jenny Frost) was able to make seven visits to Wandsworth schools during this academic year, which is an increase of four in 2022-23. Two Wandsworth schools also visited Robinson College, and we hope that this will increase in future years.

The impact of this engagement is demonstrable. While in 2023-24 it was challenging to book visits, and many schools were uncertain about being approached by a Cambridge college, booking visits for October 2024-25 has been far easier, and 9 link area visits were easily scheduled. This is a testament to increased and long-term engagement with schools and FE Colleges.

As part of the university-wide Area Links scheme, Robinson conducts targeted outreach with four Local Authorities: Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Swindon, and the London Borough of Wandsworth. These regions have a combined total of 102 schools, of which the College has interacted with 29 across 58 sessions.

Toward the end of the Easter vacation, the College welcomed 39 Year 11 and Year 12 students to Robinson for the Women in Science Festival. Taster lectures, talks and workshop sessions were delivered by members of Robinson's science community, alongside trips to science departments and museums across Cambridge.

Nine of our offer-holders for Mathematics were offered places on the STEP Preparation Residential, which took place for the third time in Easter 2024. As with the Pegasus Scholars, all these offer-holders met the Widening Participation criteria. In addition to this, we welcomed 30 potential applicants to Robinson for a STEP Preparation Day in July.

As ever, we offered our Summer Subject Residentials for both Arts and Science subjects at the end of Easter term, alongside welcoming many visitors for the July Open Days. Later in July, we delivered the third year of our collaborative law residential with Slaughter and May, as well as an inaugural Festival of Reading in collaboration with the Faculty of English and with support from the Isaac Newton Trust Widening Participation and Induction Fund. This involved welcoming students from three schools

in Norfolk and North Cambridgeshire to Robinson: Smithdon School in Hunstanton, St Clement's High School in King's Lynn, and Marshland School in Wisbech. Finally, our Pegasus Scholars scheme, which is directed by Dr Lizzi Rawlinson-Mills, is now entering its third year, as part of which we aim to ensure that life at Robinson is accessible and enjoyable for incoming students from the widest variety of backgrounds. The programme itself takes place online in September, with a residential week in College to support orientation. We are delighted that this project continues to gain momentum and look forward to welcoming our next cohort of Pegasus Scholars in Michaelmas Term.

Dr Scott Annett

Fellow, Admissions Tutor

Tutor and Director of Studies in English

ALUMNI RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

This has been a season of change in the Alumni Relations and Development Office. February saw us say goodbye to Gaby Hicks and Helen Winter, the latter of whom had worked at Robinson for over twenty years, followed by Sarah Westwood in May.

Departures in the year did not deter us from holding our extensive event schedule, including some new additions such as the inaugural Robinson Entrepreneurs Network London evening in November that we held at RIBA, and a corresponding Entrepreneurs Career Event at College in the Spring. The former saw Demetrios Zoppos (Economics, 1990) in conversation with Chris Morton (Natural Sciences (Physical), 2000), whilst the latter had a panel including Andrew Williamson (Natural Sciences (Physical), 1990), Dominic Keen (Manufacturing Engineering, 1996), and Ben Farren (Management Studies, 1997) talk to our students on their experiences in the field. We also revived the annual London Law Dinner after they paused during COVID, with Gus Black (Law, 1994) and Dechert kindly hosting students and alumni at the firm's HQ. All these networking events, alongside smaller careers advice sessions that we held over the academic year, are part of our commitment to support our students not only during their time at College but also as they look to take their next steps after graduation. It was also an excellent chance to get alumni back to share their experiences, and we are so grateful for everyone who gave up their time to take part.

Alongside these events, we didn't miss the opportunity to invite our alumni back to Cambridge, with the March Reunion being the last of the 'double' reunions to make up for those missed over the pandemic. The 2024 September reunion also served a 'double' function, but here is to introduce our new Development Director, Katharine Cantell, to the Robinson community; attending the event on Saturday before her first day in the office the following Monday!

Overseas, the Warden did his first lone trip to Asia, with stop-offs in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Malaysia, meeting numerous alumni over eight days. Thank you to those who played host, or organised events, providing him with a home away from home.

On the fundraising side, 2023-24 was an incredible year financially, with almost £2 million in donations received, which will be vital for the College's ongoing work as we approach the 50th Anniversary of our foundation in 2027. Thank you to everyone who was thoughtful enough to support us – whether it was in the Telephone Campaign, following an event, or in a meeting; your combined generosity allows us to run programmes that would otherwise be impossible. A full breakdown of our fundraising will be found in the upcoming annual Donor Report, and we hope that you look forward to learning about the impact your generosity had on the lives of our students in 2024.

Mr Robert Smith

Deputy Director of Development

THE COLLEGE LIBRARY and THE COLLEGE ARCHIVE

A recruitment round was initiated again this year to secure a high-calibre candidate to work in the Library and Archives Assistant position, to support Judith Brown as Library and Archives Manager. This was necessitated by Fenglian Ding (16 hours per week) leaving before her probation period was completed successfully, and Ian Chambers giving his notice after three years as Library Assistant (8 hours per week, term time only).

The advert went live in April 2024; it seems that the profile of our Archives has grown considerably over recent years, as close to 300 applications were received for this position with many stating that they were attracted by the dual role. Six candidates were interviewed by Judith Brown, Judith Lieu and Peter Milloy in late May, with Rebecca Le Marchand being selected; Rebecca had previously worked in the Robinson College Library on a temporary contract in Spring 2019. She started in June and has immediately made a positive contribution to the efficient running of both services; this is allowing Judith to spend dedicated time each week over at the Chandrakala and Mansukhlal Shah Building.

We must thank Jiayao Jiang, PhD student of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics (MMLL), who covered basic reshelfing tasks in the Library, working 5 hours per week during the last three weeks of Lent Term and throughout Easter Term 2024.

There has been a constant stream of promotional activity throughout the year including display material for alumni visits and events, particularly Building A Distinctive Sense of Place: Robinson College Approaching Fifty. We also hosted an Archives Drop-In session, ran the Student Book Collecting Prize for a second year and curated displays in the Library: Acts of Kindness: the Philanthropy of David Robinson; The Poetry Pharmacy; Black History Month; International Women's Day; and From the Library of Peter Blundell Jones.

The Library has benefitted greatly from exceptionally kind donations this year (please see book donations listed below). The annual Telephone Campaign raised £1000 which, when added to Professor Len Conolly's donation, has allowed us to refurbish part of the Library's Upper Floor as a comfortable and informal seating area, an addition that we know will be well-loved and used by students. In March Christine Poulson donated 350 books from her late husband's personal library of modern architecture monographs. These titles, many unique in Cambridge, make a wonderful collection and we must thank John Sergeant, a life-long friend of Peter Blundell Jones, for helping to secure this.

The Archive continues to receive valuable items of ephemera, as well as documents from within the College. The retiring Domestic Bursar, Nick Milne, deposited a large

number of items including a fascinating bundle of papers on staff training workshops entitled “Working Together to be Even Better”. We are delighted that the personal papers of Joan Bullock-Anderson have now been deposited. They provide a snapshot of the life of a very early Robinson student and all that entailed in terms of being part of a new college in Cambridge.

We accepted the final batch of paper student records (200 boxes of files) and they are now shelved in re-configured shelving, to allow maximum space for all the records. All current student records are now digital and are moved to the Digital Archive as students leave the College. A project to digitise the paper records remains a long-term aim, as this will free up shelf space in the Archive Store.

Dr Deborah Thom and Wing Commander Peter Milloy have re-started their interview series of Founding Fellows for the Digital Archive, having interviewed Professor Morna Hooker in August 2024. More interviews are planned over the next 12 months. We have also audio recorded a sermon given by Professor Hooker in the Chapel in the Easter Term 2024; entitled “What is a College?”. Hers was the last in a series of seven talks given by Members of the College during the term. Morna’s contribution will be added to the Digital Archive with the other talks added in transcript form.

We make no apologies for repeating our plea that we are always seeking more archive material that demonstrates the variety of life in College, including (but not limited to) clubs and societies events, sports fixtures, concerts, recitals, talks, exhibitions, May Balls and their associated posters, programmes, photographs, menus, flyers, reviews, press cuttings. If you have anything you could donate please do not hesitate to get in touch: archivist@robinson.cam.ac.uk.

We remain, as always, indebted to those who donate books.

Professor Judith Lieu
Fellow Librarian

Wg Cdr Peter Milloy
Fellow Archivist

Judith Brown
Library and Archive Manager

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THE COLLEGE CHAPEL

The Chapel Community has enjoyed a very positive year, as we continue to find our feet with various post-covid changes, and a new Director of Chapel Music.

Several key moments from the Chapel year have included our ‘Commemoration of Benefactors Service’, which was moved from the early onset gloom of a November evening to the first weekend of March and renamed, ‘Celebration of Benefactors’. The guest speaker was Rev Dr Simon Woodman, who addressed the largest congregation to attend this service for several years. (A congregation of fellows, students, alumni, family members and guests that totalled over 100).

Our Graduation Service also took a new format. Due to covid, and the need to move the graduation ceremony itself to our Chapel, the service was taken by our soon-to-be Deputy Warden, Prof Rosalind Love, and the speaker was Dr Philip Murray. Our Carol Service was also extremely well attended, with all the readers remembering to turn up, and no unplanned blackouts, despite a complex candle-lighting procedure.

The Choir have maintained a stunningly high standard throughout the year, and – for the first time in human history – our choir has recorded a commercial CD (still a popular format) available in late September. This year they represented the College on their first choir tour since 2019. This tour to Milan has been enabled by the generosity of one of our benefactors. The high point of the tour was a service sung at Milan Cathedral, to be played live on national tv and radio, and live-streamed.

Since the (two-year) contract with our Choir Director has come to an end, the Warden has commissioned a wide-ranging survey of expectations and views concerning the role of the choir within the life of the College, and we are delighted to announce that we will retain Will Sims in this post, though we are no longer able to offer accommodation for the post. There is currently a lot of optimism within the choir, as it seeks to maintain the highest possible standards and in such a way as to reflect the evolving ethos of the Chapel and College community.

The evolving cultural ethos is also reflected in the production of our new liturgy book, containing services, hymns, reflections and prayers. This book, entitled *Hearing the Other: Inclusive Liturgy at Robinson College*, has been financed by another benefactor and is now in weekly use.

Therapy boxing has been the most surprising element of my pastoral work this year. In Lent Term, 68 students signed up (and over 40 attended) classes that run for around 50 minutes, in which students engage in pugilistic choreography to the tune of grotesquely tinkly-bop 80s pop. In Michaelmas, we will be adding Therapy Sword Fighting to our menu of pastoral support. These are simply means of smuggling healthy communal

exercise into the schedule of individuals who would not identify themselves as ‘sporty’, but have also proven a natural way of establishing good relationships with many students.

Overall, pastoral work this year has been revolutionised this year by the teamwork of the College Nurse, the Head of Wellbeing, (and the Chaplain), under the considered guidance of the Senior Tutor. Given the changing and challenging demands we face, the Senior Tutor is developing patterns of pastoral oversight that are well-defined, and as efficient and effective as possible. I believe this is already having a noticeably positive impact on our students.

Revd Dr Simon Perry

The Chaplain, Fellow

ROBINSON COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR

The 2023/24 academic year has been a busy and exciting one for Robinson College Chapel Choir. With a healthy intake of new singers in every voice part from across the University, the Choir gave beautiful performances in services throughout the year; most notably, a performance of Durufle's *Requiem* on All Souls' Day that is still talked about by those in attendance twelve months on. Continuing our focus on contemporary compositions, we were delighted to give seven first performances across the year, from works by leading professional composers to Robinson undergraduates Maddie Melville-Smith and Ben Cole. In March, we commissioned 'Unto the Father' from Newnham alumna Sarah Cattley for the annual Celebration of Benefactors service, which was received with acclaim by a packed congregation.

Beyond the Chapel, the Choir made its first commercial recording with Prima Facie Records, receiving a multi-platform worldwide release in December 2024. Recorded in Queens' College Chapel on 19th March 2024, *To the End of the Age: Contemporary Church Music* features six first recordings of compositions premiered by the Choir between 2013-2024, including works by Cambridge alumni Sarah Cattley and Elliott Park; composers Phillip Cooke and Eleanor Haward; and Robinson's own Jeremy Thurlow and Will Sims. We are thrilled with the positive reception to the EP, which can be found on all major streaming services.

In June, we undertook our first international tour in six years, giving three concerts and services across Milan with repertoire including Durufle's *Requiem*, Finzi's *Lo, the full, final sacrifice*, and anthems from the recording. It was a particular privilege to perform in the spectacular Duomo di Milano, the third-largest church in the world, broadcast live online and on local television. The Choir sang magnificently, with beautiful solos from Jessica Ruddock, Anrie Kilian, Hannah Millar, Jamie Ellis, and Fingal Plumptre, and a breathtaking performance from Ben Cole on the organ. We were also delighted to perform in Milan's Anglican Church to a sold-out and very appreciative audience.

As ever, huge thanks must go to Ben as outgoing Organ Scholar, who took on the unenviable challenge of being the College's sole Organ Scholar brilliantly; our new Choir President, Anrie Kilian, particularly for her role in organising the tour; and outgoing Social Secretary, Max Mason. We look forward to an even busier year in 2024/25 with a new professional recording, tour to Barcelona, four premières in our regular services, a new commission for the Celebration of Benefactors, performances of Cantatas by Andrew Downes, and an exciting project with a leading UK Cathedral Choir.

Will Sims

Director of Chapel Music

MCR REPORT

This year saw a smaller-than-usual cohort of postgraduates join the College. In addition, the MCR Committee has fewer than a dozen members; consequently, the social life of the MCR this year has been comparatively muted. Despite these demographic challenges, I am delighted to report that, as usual, we were able to hold nine dinners in Hall this academic year, all of them free for members of the MCR to attend. We also continued the tradition of free Monday night dinners in the Garden Restaurant during term time. The Chaplain kindly described the first MCR/SCR dinner of the academic year as one of the best MCR/SCR dinners he had ever attended; I am most grateful to the Warden and Fellows for their enthusiastic participation. I would particularly like to thank Professors L. Mick Brown and Morna D. Hooker, two of our esteemed Founding Fellows, for attending; we are lucky to have in our presence two of the scholars who helped shape our beloved College.

We also, thanks to Dr Brian McCabe and our indefatigable Academic Affairs Officer, Jin Seok Lee, were able to hold two successful MCR/SCR Research Days, one in Lent Term and one in Easter Term. Attendance by the SCR was exemplary – I can only hope that more MCR members decide to attend in future years. I have included a few abstracts below.

It would be remiss of me to neglect to mention some of the challenges that we are currently facing. The MCR (the room) is finally being refurbished after countless delays; we are hopeful that it will be a place where students choose to congregate not only for cocktail parties but a variety of social and academic events. There will be a lamentable paucity of accommodation for postgraduate students next year, and I fear that fewer students living on-site will mean fewer students discovering all of the wonderful things that Robinson College has to offer.

On a personal note, I would like to extend my thanks to the Warden, Fellows, and catering staff. Sir Richard and our nonpareil Fellows have been most supportive of my efforts as MCR President, and I am most grateful for the opportunity to serve as a trustee of the College and on the College Council. I hope that I can continue to contribute to this wonderful institution even after I complete my tenure as MCR President.

Andrew Fischer

MCR President 2023–24

PhD Candidate in Japanese Studies

Harding Distinguished Postgraduate Scholar

27 January 2024 Research Day Programme

SCR Speakers:

Calvin Preston, 2nd Year PhD student, Kavli Institute for Cosmology

Understanding the Evolution of Structure in the Universe

“The last 50 years have seen the emergence of a standard model of cosmology: The Λ CDM model. The model, postulating a universe comprising a positive cosmological constant Λ and cold dark matter, explains to great accuracy many things we can observe in the universe today. However, in recent years, cracks have begun to emerge. One particular crack, or tension, is found in measuring the growth of structure, specifically through the parameter S_8 . This “ S_8 tension”, has gained traction in recent years, and many theoretical solutions have argued for new physics beyond our standard model. In this talk, I will present the Λ CDM model of cosmology and detail its features and successes. I will then present the S_8 tension in its current form, presenting the different methods in which the parameter is measured, and how they are in “tension”. I will then present a solution to the tension I have been working on that requires no new physics to be invoked. I will conclude by detailing how this can be tested with future experiments, and where the fields of galaxy evolution and cosmology can be expected to take us in the coming years”.

Tom Petty, MPhil student, Health, Medicine and Society

The importance of cisgender female voices in sports’ transgender inclusion policy

“Over the last couple of years, there has been a steady stream of articles and opinions on transgender athletes competing in the women’s classification of sports, whether that be Laurel Hubbard in Weightlifting; Fallon Fox in mixed Martial Arts; or Lia Thomas in Swimming. Each sport seems to be having its own debate on the topic, with the pendulum of policies in the UK currently swinging towards exclusion. Although the extremities of the debate see the answer to the transgender sporting inclusion question as simple, I believe it requires complex thought and nuanced decision-making...”.

SCR Speakers:

Professor Mick Brown (Physics), Fellow

Newton and/or Darwin

“Isaac Newton's law of dynamics, slightly modified by relativity, underpins rocket science as well as planetary motions. But as for the origin of our solar system in the chaotic events about 5,000 billion years ago, they offer no special insight. Darwin's view of the origin of biological structures underpins our understanding of nature, including ourselves. David Attenborough's television presentations would not be possible without Darwin. But Darwin ignores the physical processes by which evolution is accomplished.

The idea of 'self-organised criticality' may bridge the gap. It can be viewed as a kind of generalised thermodynamics in which a complex system under intensive forces (sunlight, stress) produces states which act as attractors: fluctuations from them, if not too large, are transient. Newton's forces return the system to its original state. Yet if the intensive forces are changed, the system itself changes according to a simple law: the fractional change in the force is proportional to the fractional change in the system. Using these ideas I have been able to derive every power law governing plastic flow in metals, which can be regarded as a model complex system. One finds an explanation for a kind of equation of state. Is it possible that one can start to understand the limitations to the resilience of biological systems subject to changing external forces upon them?"

Ilona Myllyniemi, 2nd Year PhD student, Psychiatry

Tracking units: the impact of tracking-based interventions on alcohol consumption in heavy drinkers

"Alcohol consumption is the leading risk factor for disability, early mortality, and poor health outcomes for UK adults, and over 10 million UK adults regularly consume alcohol at levels harmful to their health. Alcohol tracking is a common first-line intervention for those concerned about their alcohol consumption, and tracking the units of alcohol consumed is even recommended by the NHS. However, prior research on its efficacy has been limited and results inconclusive.

Four pilot studies were run in a randomised controlled trial manner consisting of daily tracking tasks completed across a period of two weeks. These tasks were completed by healthy adults who are based in the United Kingdom and regularly consume over 14 units of alcohol per week. The studies assessed the effects of unit tracking, unit tracking combined with positive feedback and comparison elements, and negative feedback of financial consequences. The results of these studies will be discussed in light of the current recommendations and suggestions around alcohol tracking approaches, reflecting on the implications and effects of the use of alcohol tracking interventions in a heavy drinker population."

Adam Forsyth, 1st Year PhD student, History

Reappraising the Elizabethan High Commissions for Ecclesiastical Causes

"In the study of English history the 'Court of High Commission for Ecclesiastical Causes' has long been notorious. Often mentioned in the same breath as Star Chamber, it has been remembered especially for its alleged encroachments upon the liberties of the subject, and for its role in the precipitation of the English Civil War. Yet little is known about the history of its internal workings, especially during the early decades of its existence. Indeed: even the shorthand 'the High Commission' is misleading. There was not, in fact, one 'High Commission'—an umbrella-term of later vintage that has been used to refer to several different judicial bodies, originally and more precisely

called ‘commissions for causes ecclesiastical’. Of foremost importance were the commissions which met at York and Lambeth, respectively covering the Provinces of York and Canterbury. But there were also several diocesan ecclesiastical commissions, of which some operated with relative autonomy and different responsibilities from one another. The endurance of misconceptions about the High Commission, especially in the Elizabethan period, is owed partly to the fact that the records of the diocesan ecclesiastical commissions have remained poorly studied. The contribution of this paper will be to re-evaluate the Elizabethan polemics upon which the present-day understanding of the High Commission has been largely based in the light of the new information offered by such overlooked records.”

Dr Iza Kavedžija, Anthropology, Fellow

An Attitude of Gratitude: Older Japanese in the Hopeful Present

“In this paper, I explore ideas of the good and meaningful life in older age, based on ethnographic research with older Japanese in the city of Osaka. Some of my interlocutors and friends in the field spoke about the approaching end of their lives. When speaking about the time remaining, many expressed their sense that the future ‘will somehow turn out [all right]’ (nantonaku). This statement of quiet hope acknowledged change and encapsulated a desire to support others; it also shifted emphasis away from the future. This is not to say that the experience was for my interlocutors primarily marked by an orientation towards the past: by reminiscing and recollection. Inhabiting the moment was equally important. I will argue that dwelling in the moment allows for the cultivation of an attitude of gratitude, which lends meaning to life. This attitude of gratitude binds together both reflection on the past and attention to the present moment in its fullness. It also, I suggest, opens up space for a particular kind of hope, grounded in the moment.”

MCR Speakers:

Andrew Fischer, 2nd Year PhD student, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Trusted Turncoats: Loyalty in Medieval Japan

“Japan’s medieval age has long been subject to scholarly treatment in the West. The twentieth-century historian John Whitney Hall imposed the feudal paradigm—now disregarded by many historians—on the Japanese case, hoping to highlight the similarities between Japan and the medieval societies of Europe. What are we to make of loyalty in premodern Japan? James Murdoch, one of the earliest Western scholars of Japan, described fourteenth-century Japan as “a golden age, not merely of turncoats, but of mediocrities”, a far cry from the persistent trope of the loyal samurai. Many letters dating from the fourteenth to sixteenth centuries addressed to warriors from their daimyō, or lords, extolled chūsetsu or “loyal service”, despite numerous instances of disloyalty, including desertion, leaving the service of one lord in favour of another, and even open rebellion. Through an analysis of both existing scholarship and historical

documents never before seen in the English language, this presentation will address whether or not loyalty was part of the Japanese warrior ethos, what “loyalty” actually entailed, and the methods by which lords attempted to ensure the loyalty of their retainers.”

Jin Seok Lee, 3rd Year PhD student, Pathology Department, Immunology
Foreign invaders, present yourselves!

“In the latter part of the 18th century, Edward Jenner pioneered the ground- breaking concept of vaccines, leading the way in the eradication of smallpox. Today, vaccinations stand as a crucial procedure in safeguarding against life-threatening diseases, as underscored by their pivotal role during the recent SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Concurrently, the exponential advancements in medical technologies and scientific tools are continually expanding our comprehension of the intricacies of the human immune system. However, the question persists: How does the immune system discern between what is 'foreign and potentially harmful' and what belongs to our own selves?

Our immune system is an intricate network of organs, cells, and proteins designed to shield us from harmful microorganisms (pathogens). Among the various immune cell types, antigen-presenting cells (APCs) emerge as the initial responders to pathogenic entry. These APCs play a crucial role in alerting the broader immune system, enabling a more strategic and targeted defence against the invading pathogen. Consequently, the production of antibodies and the establishment of immunological memory enhance our protection for a lifetime. My research project delves deeply into the fundamental immunology of the 'antigen presentation' process, aiming to decipher a newly observed model.”

27 April 2024 Research Day Programme

Carl Ashworth, 1st Year PhD student, Engineering

Computational Neuroscience for Pain Research: Understanding the Role of the Medulla

“Traditionally, pain research in the medulla (lower brainstem), a key control centre for pain modulation, has been dominated by experimental and pharmacological studies. However, with advancements in brainstem recording techniques, a computational exploration of pain modulation is now possible. This opens the door for new models of pain processing and insights into the onset of chronic pain. This project investigates the role of ‘On’ and ‘Off’ cells in the medulla – cells which are coupled with a tail flick response to thermal stimuli in rats and regulate the body’s response to pain by transmitting information to the spinal cord. We hypothesise that these cells form part of a central pattern generator (CPG) modulated circuit, which controls pain levels in response to situational and homeostatic conditions. This project uses techniques from computational neuroscience to construct a population model of the behaviour of ‘On’ and ‘Off’ cells. Using Gaussian Process Factor Analysis (GPFA) and point processes to analyse spiking data from individual cells, we investigate the variability of the cell population during spontaneous activity and under trial conditions. The preliminary findings from our analysis confirm that ‘On’ and ‘Off’ cells exhibit unique, non-stationary firing patterns. This study represents a novel application of computational neuroscience and spike train analysis to the study of pain modulation. It is also a step towards disambiguating chronic and healthy pain states via neuronal activity and informs further investigation of the origins of chronic pain.”.

SCR Speakers:

Oliver Wilson-Nunn, Latin American Studies

Where Is Justice Done?: Documentary Film and the Geographies of Law in Argentina

“Legal institutions, conflicts, and language are at the heart of contemporary debates about cultural and political identity in Argentina. In this presentation, I outline this ‘judicialisation’ of Argentine society and politics before exploring how contemporary artists, lawyers, activists, and scientists respond to specific social disputes that have become the subject of court cases. I suggest that, to answer the question ‘Has justice been done?’, these documentaries deploy a variety of argumentative and visual strategies to first ask ‘Where is justice being done?’. These films trouble understandings of justice as reducible to what has already been pronounced in court or, indeed, to an abstract philosophical concept located in an intangible future. Instead, they frame justice as an ongoing and material concern that affects bodies, eco-systems, and urban neighbourhoods in the present. Focussing on case studies about the judicialisation of

the Riachuelo-Matanza river in Buenos Aires and the Atuel river in the provinces of Mendoza and La Pampa, I show how these films develop complex, multi-scalar perspectives on the simultaneously regional, national, and international inequalities that are embedded in contemporary socio-environmental disputes.”.

Panagiotis Ioannou, 2nd Year PhD Student, Sensor Technologies

Predicting gene essentiality using AI / Machine learning

“Accurately identifying essential genes in bacteria is paramount for advancing biotechnological and biomedical endeavours, spanning drug discovery and metabolic engineering. However, experimental determination of gene essentiality remains laborious and resource-intensive. Herein, we propose a computational strategy harnessing artificial intelligence, specifically hypergraph neural networks (HNNs) integrated with bacterial metabolism models, to predict gene essentiality efficiently. Notably, *E. coli* metabolism inherently manifests a complex network architecture that naturally lends itself to hypergraph representation.”.

Yulong Huang, 2nd Year PhD student, Computer Science

Type-preserving compilation for dependent types

“In modern programming languages, programs are classified into types and a type system specifies what operations can be performed on each type. Dependent types are the most sophisticated types available in programming languages. They allow programmers to state a function's properties precisely with logical statements, and the type system ensures that such properties hold for well-typed programs. Alas, such complicated types are thrown away immediately after type checking in existing compilers, instead of being utilized within compilers to aid optimizations and provide a safety guarantee for the compiled results.

In this talk, I will explain the difficulties in type-preserving compilation, and introduce the current progress in developing type-preserving compilers for dependent types, including my work on defunctionalisation and the ongoing work on quantitatively typed assembly languages”.

Professor Laura Machesky, Biochemistry

Eating and walking at the cellular level

“Why do we care about cell migration? Cell migration is fundamental to most animal cells and some fungi. Cells migrate to find energy- in response to chemical, light and electrical signals – yet migration also costs energy. If you count swimming, then even some algae can be considered as motile. However, the cells in the adult human body are generally not very motile. Tissues and organs require that most cells stay in place. However, there are important exceptions - including immune cells, gut cells, cells that

are actively healing wounds or surveilling for damage and cells affected by some diseases, such as cancer.

Cells also use the same machinery to eat as they use to walk- namely, the actin cytoskeleton. They assemble foot-like processes to move or mouth- like structures- macropinocytic cups- to take in fluid and solid particles from the environment. Our lab studies how cells perform eating and walking and how they decide between the two based on their environment.

What do we know about cell migration in the human body and what questions are still unanswered? How do most of the cells in your body know to stay put? How do some of the cells know that they need to migrate?

What does the future hold? Can we predict whether cancer will metastasise? Can we modulate whether cells eat or walk in a way that has therapeutic benefit?"

MCR Speakers:

Tim Kreuz, 4th Year PhD Student, Materials Science and Metallurgy
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Andrew Sulston, MSt student, Sustainability in Leadership
Debt for nature swaps: using sovereign debt for conservation

"Governments need to support action on climate change and biodiversity loss, but many highly-indebted low- and middle-income countries struggle to do this. Commercial debt for nature swaps (DNS) offers an innovative financial approach to tackling debt, climate and biodiversity loss.

Unfortunately, DNS has been criticised as costly, time-consuming, complex, small-scale, and opaque. My research question is whether a legal framework would support DNS being scaled up, and how such a framework might be designed and implemented.

The research methodology comprises (1) semi-structured interviews with DNS participants, (2) an analysis of other sustainable finance legal frameworks, and (3) the application of Forum for the Future's system change model to the implementation of a DNS legal framework.

Research results indicate that a legal framework would support DNS being scaled up, in part as a response to criticisms of DNS. However, there are other important enabling conditions, particularly more coordinated support by international financial institutions. A DNS legal framework will be closest to existing frameworks for sustainability-linked

bonds but will require additional principles, particularly alignment with the borrower government's biodiversity plans and engagement with civil society. Application of the system change model indicates specific steps to be taken, including collaboration between a legal framework organisation and international financial institutions. A well-designed DNS legal framework is an important enabling condition in scaling up the DNS market, but the successful implementation of such a framework, and the growth of DNS generally, requires further supporting measures.”.

ROBINSON COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

It's been a great year for the college. An excellent Fresher's Week was organised with the notable high points of the Matriculation formal and our famous fresher's week bops. Bops continued the masterful stewardship of our Ents officers putting on bigger and better events throughout the year. A particular highlight was the May Ball at the end of this year, a massive effort from all involved with a big thank you to the May Ball Committee and the May Ball presidents in particular for putting on such a great party.

We are looking forward to building upon Robinson's strong access profile with the RCSA running a black and minority ethnic residential and the third year of the innovative Pegasus Scholars programme supported over the summer by our excellent Class Act Officer.

Welfare has also been a focus of the RCSA this year, spearheaded by our Welfare Officer with various welfare events being run throughout the year culminating in our successful welfare day, with activities including yoga, taekwondo and garden games running throughout the day.

Focussing on sports and societies, the RCSA visited St. Catherine's College Oxford for a 'Varsity' sports day with our Oxford sister college. Our Netball, Ultimate Frisbee, and First and Second Men's Football teams all put in a valiant effort against St. Catz's larger roster of players and home-field advantage. Standout success came from our Lacrosse team, who emerged after a hard-fought game with a draw. Good fun was had all around, and the RCSA looks forward to welcoming St. Catherine's Oxford back to Cambridge next year. Our sports teams and societies have also had a great engagement in Cambridge with new societies being formed, including a new DnD society and a politics society which has hosted speakers such as the historian Katja Hoyer.

I am proud of all of the hard work put in by RCSA committee members this year, as well as society/sports team presidents who so often single-handedly make their college societies so successful.

Alex Myall

RCSA President 2023-24

COLLEGE SOCIETIES

The Brickhouse Theatre Company

Brickhouse has enjoyed another fantastic year of theatre with two productions: the intense kitchen-sink piece *Tusk Tusk*, and the avant-garde psychodrama *Machinal*. With the former praised as a work ‘buzzing with tension’ in Varsity, I’ve been spellbound by the commitment from all aspects of the production team - acting, direction, and the technical and design team - in both of our shows. Our audience response alone proves that both the hours of effort proved to be worth it!

This Michaelmas also included our first Brickhouse formal, an evening which brought together participants in this past year’s shows to celebrate their contributions to the College’s theatrical scene. We were lucky to bring back such talented members of the cast and crew, who enjoyed a free Tuesday Hall dinner courtesy of the Brickhouse committee.

I look forward to the coming Brickhouse events - both on and off the stage - next term, as we continue to grow from strength to strength. As summer approaches, I now anticipate the busy calendar of next year’s fabulous theatrical output!

Max Mason

President 2023-24

Gardening Society

The Robinson Gardening Society has experienced another year of both triumphs and challenges. Our sessions have provided a vital respite from the demanding Cambridge lifestyle, allowing members to connect with nature and enjoy the rewards of collective gardening efforts. The largest challenge continues to be the lack of garden care, particularly over Easter break and throughout summer, which makes keeping a tidy garden difficult.

The return to the garden in Michaelmas was marked by a modest potato harvest. Similarly to last year, the potatoes were small, with many showing the characteristic bite mark of the muntjac on their foliage. The first few sessions showed good engagement, with a good few newcomers returning throughout the term. The end of term saw the planting of various bulbs, including black tulips in pots and a mix of black and white anemones. Despite our efforts, there was no sign of the planted saxifrage later in the year.

Lent term focused on planting and preparing for the coming seasons. Snowdrops were the first sign of life, with daffodils and some narcissus following later in the term. Towards the end of the term, we planted a variety of vegetables, including broccoli, cucumber, leek, rocket, and aubergine, with high hopes for a productive harvest. Recognizing the inadequacy of our old gloves, which were neither waterproof nor thornproof, we invested in new gloves which have proved sufficient for now. We had success with the potted black tulips. Additionally, we introduced white mustard and fiddleneck (phacelia) as green compost crops. These crops proved particularly helpful in preventing weeds over the Easter break, with fiddleneck also being very popular with pollinators. The over-zealous parsley was effectively managed, and we also kept up with clearing brambles to maintain a tidy and productive garden space.

Easter term began with poor tidings. Upon returning, we discovered that none of the seedlings planted before the break had survived (likely due to the lack of holiday care, or perhaps muntjac) as had been the case with last year's tomatoes. Despite this setback, our Red Falstaff, planted in Michaelmas 2022, began to bear fruit with two apples remaining at the end of the term. Hopefully, they'll remain intact for October. As usual, attendance dwindled throughout the exam period. We retained a few core members throughout, keeping the garden productive. Flowering plants provided a bright spot during this term. Purple poppies bloomed beautifully, and the alliums flourished. The various mints from the previous year thrived, and ox-eye daisies were particularly prolific, adding even more colour to the garden. The combination of the various bulbs with the wildflowers and shrubs made for an attractive (albeit messy) garden. A strangling weed (bindweed possibly) thrived in the bare box, spreading outwards to the yarrow and causing it to fall over. This required ongoing management throughout the term, and I expect it over the next year too. The end of term came with possibly the most plentiful raspberry harvest yet, a much-enjoyed sweet treat after hot-weather gardening.

Ben Morris

President 2023-24

Music Society

It has been a very exciting year for the RCMS, with over 50 students performing in one of our Friday concerts at some point throughout the year and audiences bigger than ever. Highlights of this year's concert series included a musicals concert, a film concert and a concert of works by female composers as well as performances of Beethoven's *Coriolan Overture*, Vaughan Williams' *Songs of Travel*, Finzi's *Eclogue for Piano and Strings* and much, much more. We also enjoyed recitals from external ensembles and performers with appearances from the Cambridge Chinese Orchestra, professional violinist Peter Sheppard Skærved and the Alinea Quartett from Munich.

Aside from the Friday concerts, Grange Road Orchestra, founded by Robinson finalist Jamie Ellis, has established itself this year with more people involved and their first few performances. It's provided a nice space for students who perhaps haven't played in an orchestra before as much but want to play some fun music with others for an hour each week. The bar has also been the venue of quite a few gigs with performances from Andras Droppa and Robinson-founded band Cardinal Direction. Termly jazz in the bar evenings where whoever wants to can get involved, have fun and play some jazz standards has been a particular highlight judging by the large numbers turning up in the bar to watch these – an evening off to just relax by that stage of term is much needed for most! With the vast amount of musical talent around Robinson, I'm sure RCMS is in safe hands and will continue to excel next year!

Daniel Morgan

President 2023-24

Video Games Society

This year has been particularly vibrant for the Society, highlighted by our end-of-year tournament held the evening after the college May Ball. We had an enthusiastic turnout, with members competing in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Super Smash Bros, and Boomerang Fu. The event was a huge success, fostering camaraderie and spirited competition among participants.

Looking ahead, the new committee for the next academic year has been elected, and I am honoured to continue my role as President. Our team is brimming with excitement and fresh ideas to enhance the VGSoc experience for all members. We are committed to organizing more engaging events and expanding our community within Robinson College. We look forward to another fantastic year of gaming and fellowship.

Paul D'Souza

President 2023-24

COLLEGE SPORTS CLUBS

Badminton

Badminton at Robinson is always lively, and this year did not disappoint. The Real Tennis Courts once again saw host to weekly social sessions. From the newcomers to the most seasoned of veterans, the courts accommodated all. While on one court the college team might practice, feather shuttles strewn everywhere; the other court would be witness to social badminton with two, three, or four a side; around the world; or just play and talk - of course, any and all equipment provided to those who needed it.

On the competitive side of things, Michaelmas '23 was packed with good league matches. In the top division, every match was a nail-biter. We scored points in every match and missed out on a podium on a tiebreak to Churchill as they clinched the head-to-head. Lent was quieter, but saw a particular red brick college on top - the other colleges did, however, take revenge in the quarters of the Cuppers tournament. The women's team also made a cameo resurgence by augmenting the Queens' numbers, a throwback rekindled in part by the discovery of a tube of shuttles in the kit room marked 'Women's Matchday Only'!

Kai Sun

Captain 2023-24

Boat Club

The 2023-2024 season started with plenty of excitement in the air for the boat club. After a difficult period recovering from the setback of the pandemic, the new season loomed as an excellent opportunity to show the other colleges that 'Binson was back.

Michaelmas was a difficult but highly rewarding term for the club. On both the men's and women's sides there was a huge surge in interest from incoming freshers as well as more established members of the college. This led to the formation of strong men's and women's novice boats. They trained consistently and improved session on session, despite the autumn weather doing its best to prevent rowing. The first race of the year for our new members was Emma Sprints. Our novice men's boat had a difficult draw, falling in their first race to a very strong Emma crew. They bounced back well in their second race of the day, however, to secure a victory against Trinity Hall. The novice women had a remarkable day, beating Hughes Hall, Trinity Hall and Emma before falling to an extremely well-drilled Peterhouse. The end of Michaelmas brought freezing fog, sunny skies and the test of will and resolve that is Fairbairns. The novice men powered through some equipment failures to post a solid result. The novice women

had an excellent race and beat much more fancied colleges, including Newnham and Maggie. It was then the turn of the seniors in the first major race of the year. The men raced an eight and the women a four. Both set decent times and had immaculate vibes, with the best songs in the loudspeakers.

Lent term was the proving ground, after the hard work of Michaelmas and the excellent bulking period of the Christmas holidays. The week before the term started was our traditional rowing week. With no work and plenty of time for rowing – and socialising – huge speed gains and a lot of new friendships were made. After term started properly, the weather again decided to do its best to prevent rowing. An unprecedented number of yellow and red flags prevented most of M2's outings and made life unpleasant for both M1 and W1 with flooding, rain and constant wind accompanying every outing. Nonetheless, by the time bumps rolled around we were all very excited. W1, comprising largely novices from Michaelmas, had a very tough draw. Although they put up a good fight, they were unfortunately bumped on every day. M1 knew they had to get through day 1 with a rapid Maggie M2 chasing them before they would have the opportunity to bump up on day 2. A strong rowover on day 1 set M1 up for a good bumps campaign. Consecutive bumps and a final day rowover meant that M1 had their first positive result in a bumps campaign since 2019, proof positive of the hard work through the year!

Easter term is always a juggle, combining exam preparation and training for May bumps. Nonetheless, there is little more enjoyable than rowing on a beautiful early summer evening. With the improved weather and a new goal to work towards, all three crews trained hard and consistently. The opportunity to do side-by-side racing was embraced by all crews in the Pembroke regatta. M1 also took the opportunity to go to the Nottingham regatta, leading to many of our rowers' first off-Cam race, putting in a strong race against very strong competition and gaining a lot of valuable experience. Finally, after all the exams had been and gone, the week of May bumps arrived. M2 had good races but unfortunately came up against much more experienced crews, leading to an undeserved set of spoons. W1 were faced with extremely rapid crews around them, with some very strong second boats as well as Hughes Hall W1. Nonetheless, their massive steps forward through the term were obvious as they managed to get two gutsy rowovers on days 2 and 4. M1 had a difficult draw, with a decidedly chunky Caius M2 chasing on day 1. Caius rapidly gained and had overlap before the first post. However, M1 did not accept the inevitable. Digging deep they held them off, before walking away along Plough's reach. A bump on First and Third followed just after Ditton, in a race that will be replayed in our memories for a long time. The second day was a solid rowover, whilst on the final two days M1 were unfortunately bumped by blading Hughes Hall and Fitz crews. Nonetheless, it was a memorable and enjoyable week.

The end of the year is always a bittersweet moment, saying goodbye to some near-permanent fixtures of the boat club. We celebrated the successes and difficulties in our annual Mays Boat Club Dinner, welcoming back some alumni for an evening of fun

and frivolity. As a club, it was a positive year, and there is plenty more success to look forward to over the next few seasons!

Alex Myhill

RCBC President 2023-24



Mays Boat Club Dinner, 15 June 2024

First row: Juan Michel, Letian Xin, Josh Bowden, Oli Basquette, Matthew Parry, Alex Myall, Leon Sandner, Sina S. Mousavi, Zdenek Hartmann.

Second row: Tom Lemans, Joshua Mathew, Amy Henfrey, Helen Sutton, Panayiotis Ioannou, Kitty Muysken, Sussanah Simpson.

Third row: Alex Myhill, Caleb Osako, Alisha Ramzan, Talia Rubin, Freya Skuse, Catherine Turrington, Hannah Walters, Bruce Bye.

Fourth row: Theo Hatcher, Ewan McGregor, Leo Bilton, Renat Samur, Andrew Shipley, Jules Hillman, Calvin; Preston, Izzy Mayes, Louis De Neve, Rebecca Keetley, Helen Thorne, Lucas Huysmans

Cricket

The 2023-24 season was one of progress for Robinson College Cricket Club. Throughout the winter there was regular training and much improvement, and so heading into Easter Term we had high hopes for Cuppers – we truly believed we could win the competition. We finished top of our group with 3 wins and a loss but the random draw for the quarter finals unfortunately meant we had to face Trinity, arguably the best team in the competition. We played hard but were beaten in the miserable rain and missed out on finals day at Fenner's (the university cricket ground). However, with the core of the team remaining for next year, I am very hopeful that we can challenge for the trophy in 2025.

Special thanks have to be given to Jamie Carson as he leaves Robinson – Captain in 2021-22, he has been instrumental in supporting new players and ensuring everyone had opportunities to play or train. College cricket will not see anyone with his enthusiasm ever again.

The standout player of the season was undoubtedly Stan Norman, with a hundred, 2 fifties, and vital wickets throughout the season. He will be captain next year and I am sure we will find success under his leadership. The vice-captain will be Harley Godsall, and the introduction of a Social Sec (Sam Colvine) for the first time means that next year promises more fun on and off the field.

Abhinav Ramisetty

Captain 2023-24

Mixed Lacrosse

The Robinson Mixed Lacrosse Team has had an amazing year, with lots of existing students and freshers taking part. A striking force in the field with the brick-patterned bibs and a newly-amended chant. We have maintained our position in the first division for the entirety of the year, a particularly impressive achievement when considering the proportion of non-blues players compared to other teams. We've managed to have a reasonably sized team for all matches and many people have tried out playing lacrosse for the first time! Lacrosse has continued to be a very beginner-friendly, social sport within Robinson.

Alison Dauris

Co-Captain 2023-24



Cuppers Team

Back row (left-right): Paul D’Souza, Harley Godsall, Vivi Manning, Julia McEvoy, Claire Gao

Front row (left-right): Rose Whitwam, Lucas Crossman (Co-Captain), Max Ungless, Sia Kulkarni, Tom Bridges.

Squash

Last year (2022 – 2023) was a good year of strong performances all around for the Robinson squash team. Highlights include strong wins against John’s I and a clean sweep against the Anglia Ruskin team which kept our spot in a competitive Division 4 after the Michaelmas matches. This year (2023 – 2024) saw a much greater squad size than in previous years, with many taking up squash and soon competing. Next year (2024 – 2025) looks to be much the same with another competitive division on our return in October [2024].

Sacha Howells

Captain 2023-24

Table tennis

The Robinson Table Tennis Club was revived this year, and we were very pleased it was met with so much enthusiasm! After a very promising response at the freshers' fair, we ran the first practice session at the start of Michaelmas. Because of the overwhelming amount of interest, three new teams were able to be entered into the Michaelmas College League, allowing players of all abilities to enjoy competitive table tennis. Our first team (formed of Romano Tucci, Preesha Jain, Toby Wilson and Milly Kotecha) performed particularly well, winning division 2 and receiving promotion to the first division. Sadly, the winning streak was cut short in the Lent College League where we placed 4th out of the 5 first division teams. However, we finished the year on a positive note in the Easter Cuppers Knockout tournament, coming top of the 2nd division once more without losing a single game!

The Robinson second team started off in division five of the Michaelmas College League. They were demoted to the sixth division, joining the Robinson third team for the Lent League. Despite this setback, both teams continued to put up a fight, finishing 2nd and 3rd out of the 5 division six teams. Considering many players were either new to table tennis or had not played competitively before, this is a great experience which will boost morale for future matches.

We thank all the students who came along to the club, either playing competitively or for fun. We hope to increase the accessibility of the sport and continue strong next year!

Preesha Jain

Captain 2023-24

PART II: ARTICLES

FELLOWSHIP PROFILE

Dr Rebecca Fell



Robinson will soon celebrate its fiftieth birthday. In this vein, I will cast aside etiquette and the bias of the nineteenth century (my own chosen period of Spanish history and culture). Oscar Wilde once famously said “One should never trust a woman who tells one her real age. A woman who would tell one that would tell one anything.” (!) So take my words here with a pinch of salt! By the time you read them, I too will be on the brink of turning 50, so unbeknown to one another, Robinson College and I have grown up together: 1980s Britain under Margaret Thatcher, the unmistakeable optimism of 1980s music (despite its angsty lyrics). And like Robinson, I am also very familiar with 1980s architecture and design: my father was an interior designer using 1980s materials to amazing effect in offices, boardrooms, restaurants and a host of other spaces. I had no idea that by working at Robinson I would in a sense be coming home. Our building’s interior is in many ways as familiar to me as my childhood!

My experience of Robinson has evolved, as with any new environment. From the visual and superficial to the savoury (how could it not? Our food! The RBC) and to the auditory, to something far deeper, more intense and much more important. My office is the one beneath the flagpole looking down onto Front Court. The glorious tones of our Chapel Choir often float up on the ether to serenade me. And, as I look right out of the window of my eyrie office into College, along the roof tiles of Long Court, perhaps somewhat strangely Robinson’s structure looks Roman to me; our building’s roofline

has connotations of the Roman forum. Remember the forum was the centrepiece of Roman society, the location of important cultural (intellectual, judiciary, and academic), social, political and religious activities. To me, architecturally, educationally, and beautifully, Robinson blends the modern with the historic.

When I arrived as a Fellow in Robinson, I only had Churchill College to compare it to (and Clare where I had completed my undergraduate and postgraduate degrees). Jokingly to Paul, then my fiancé and now my husband, I referred to Churchill as “Rivendell” and Robinson as “Middle Earth”. Please don’t think I am being disparaging of Robinson here and let me explain. Remember Robinson and I are coming of age together! Churchill was all green space, and Barbara Hepworth’s statues, were very post-war, very 1950s. Robinson was 1980s redbrick and warmth. And, if you are in any doubt, I am completely in love with my brick turret as I call the ivory tower by the Porters Lodge, where my office resides.

To extend my metaphors further, my experience of academia until Robinson felt like one of “elven” mystery, and of a lingering feeling of Cambridge imposter syndrome, so to speak. Having begun my PhD at Clare (returning to the University of Cambridge after an 18-year career at Deloitte), I finally completed it while teaching at Churchill. The outcome of my first viva in June 2019 had been a 12-month structural rewrite during the pandemic. I both passed my second viva and secured my Robinson post in the month of September 2021. As the Master of Churchill, Professor Dame Athene McDonald (a fellow here at Robinson for many years) told me after that second viva, I had become a living example of “There’s success in failure.” Athene also told me that I’d love Robinson and that I would feel right at home here. She was right!

Which brings me back to Robinson and Middle Earth. Remember the Tolkien journey begins and ends in Middle Earth, after an experience of deep fellowship. At Robinson, I have genuinely felt myself to be a fully-fledged academic, and I have experienced a deep sense of fellowship for the first time, of community. I won’t use the word “family”; I spend a lot of time explaining its troublesome etymological origins to students of Franco’s dictatorship: the family of the head of the Household in Roman times (the “pater familias”) included his wife, children and slaves! That is, family represented subservience. This is so not what my Robinson has been and is about. I have encountered no stuffiness, and no hierarchy here, only openness, curiosity, friendship, integrity, kindness and excellence.

I am a linguist. Lucky to have attended a primary school (which sadly no longer exists) that taught French and Latin from the age of 6, meaning speaking in different languages is a lifelong love, as is living abroad. No matter where I go, however, it has always been about the people. And this is my most important point: they may not be aware of it, but Robinson’s people have made a huge difference to me. From friendship to sagacious advice (on the need, or not, to convert my book from a 3- into 4-legged table or stool,

metaphorically speaking), to teaching me how to examine, to boxing therapy. In the face of my struggle to tackle the opacity of literary theory, after 18 years as a finance professorial, one fellow kindly observed, “But Becky, it’s meant to be difficult; that’s the point. It’s to make people think.” Which resulted in a major breakthrough. I am so grateful.

Finally, faced with writing this piece, I reflected on the sounds of Robinson College, beyond the Chapel Choir. And I heard laughter. And laughter is such a tonic, in the face of challenges (essays, intense term-time timetables, exams, newly acquired stepchildren struggling with the world of the 21st century). From the Warden’s grin to the good-humoured folk in the RBC, as I ask for yet another decaf mocha, to the jokiness of my fellow Fellows decompressing over lunch in the SCR, and to the buzz and excitement of our Tuesday and Friday Formal Halls, Robinson is a very special place. I am blessed to be here.

Dr Rebecca Fell

Fellow in Modern Spanish Literature

PART III: THE ROBINSON COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (PEGASUS)

Deputy President's Report 2023 – 2024

Regrettably, the AGM scheduled for March 2024 was inquorate and therefore cancelled. The College continues to reflect on the role of the Association and what it can contribute both to the College and to Robinson's alumni, and proposals will be presented to members for discussion soon.

Sarah Westwood

Development Director (former) and Fellow (former)

Robinson College Alumni Association (Pegasus)

Robinson College Alumni Association (Pegasus) Committee Members 2023-2024:

President:	Sarah Westwood (acting during the reported period of 2023 - 2024)
Honorary Treasurer:	Saul Nassé
Honorary Secretary:	Steve Jeffels
Editor of the Record:	Dr Brian McCabe and Dr Judith Weiss
Ordinary Members:	Charles Richards Zhuan Faraj Rosalyn Old Rahul Mansigani
SCR Representative:	Dr Mary Stewart
MCR Representatives:	MCR President
JCR Representative:	RCSA President
Deputy President	Sarah Westwood, Development Director (in post during the period covered by this edition of <i>Robinson College Record</i>).

Robinson College offer their Alumni a number of benefits which are listed and explained in detail on the College's website
<https://www.robinson.cam.ac.uk/alumni/alumni-benefits>.

ALUMNI NOTES

Joe Saxton (Natural Sciences – Biological, 1981) was awarded an OBE for services to the Charitable Sector in the King's Birthday Honours. Joe is the founder of nfpSynergy, a market research agency in the not-for-profit sector, and has worked with more than 200 charitable organisations, often as chair or trustee.

Liam Graham (Natural Sciences – Physical, 1986) released his first book, *Molecular Storms: The Physics of Stars, Cells and the Origin of Life*. About the book, Liam says: "In popular science, quantum physics and cosmology get all the coverage. Thermodynamics, the third pillar of modern physics, the poor cousin, conjures up little more than images of steam engines. My book aims to redress the balance."

In October, **Peter Chilvers (Computer Science, 1989)** accompanied British musician Brian Eno on his first-ever solo tour, with shows in Venice, Berlin, Paris and Utrecht, and finishing at London's Royal Festival Hall on 30 October 2023.

Sarah MacDonald (Music, 1992) has been announced as the new President-Elect of the Royal College of Organists, taking office from July 2024. Sarah, who is a Fellow and Director of Music at Selwyn College, is also now the University Organist, the first woman to hold the historic university ceremonial role which dates back to 1670.

The Very Revd Dr Philip Plyming (MML, 1992) has published a new book, *Being Real: The Apostle Paul's Hardship Narratives and The Stories We Tell Today*. The book is, as Philip says, "an accessible version of my PhD research, which was only made possible by the German I studied while at Robinson, and by some study leave which I spent as a guest of the SCR."

James "Jimbo" Turner (Land Economy, 1999) has achieved a lifelong ambition of posing for a photograph with a giant cheque. He was delighted to receive a £500 donation on behalf of the 1st Kirkby Lonsdale Scout group where he is a Beaver Scout leader. The money, supplied by the local charity the 3R Foundation, will be spent on new tents for the group. Jimbo says, "I've wanted to pose with a giant cheque for as long as I can remember. I've always thought they were really cool". Jimbo, his wife Kate and his son Joseph, 8, have lived in Cumbria for the last six years. They have a working cocker spaniel named Gene.

Daniel Bray (Engineering, 2002) was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser, Professor Dame Angela McLean, for Excellence in Science and Engineering. Daniel received this commendation for helping to develop a novel technology that contributes towards UK Defence & Security maintaining its operational advantage. The work represents a life-saving defensive capability expected to be deployed by Front Line Commands since it's aligned to emerging threats that could intensify and evolve in the future epoch. Its capability

reduces both the risk of collateral damage and operating costs and provides increased defensive flexibility to operators.

Adam Carter (Geography, 2003), writes: “My partner, Nicolas, and I, would like to announce the birth of our two daughters, Elise and Margot, to the College community. After many years of following different routes to have children as a same-sex male couple, we found success in Colombia. On August 15th and August 17th our daughters were born in Bogotá with the help of surrogate moms who we are forever thankful to. Colombia has a legislature that allows same-sex couples to have genetically similar children and the people in the country have been incredibly welcoming and understanding. We are all too aware how difficult it is to have children as a gay man and we would be happy for other couples or any individuals wishing to start a family to contact us for advice and support.”

Abigail Dean (English, 2008) writes: “On leaving Robinson, I pursued a legal career, working at two firms in the City. When I left private practice and joined Google as an in-house lawyer, I started to write fiction. It had been a long, secret dream, and I didn't expect much to come of it -- other than the satisfaction of finishing a novel! But in 2019, the rights to publish my debut novel went to auction. GIRL A was picked up by HarperCollins in the UK and Penguin Random House in the US. It was published in 2021, and was a Sunday Times and New York Times bestseller; a TV adaptation is in the works. My second novel, DAY ONE, is coming out in March 2024, and examines the conspiracies and mistruths that arise following an attack in a small Lake District community.” Abigail is currently working on her third novel.

Alice Udale-Smith and Henryk Brzyski (both Natural Sciences, 2010) were married in June at St Thomas à Becket Church in Bath. Alice and Henryk met in their first year at Robinson, accidentally following in the footsteps of Alice's parents, Andrew Udale-Smith (Mathematics, 1982) and Mary Udale-Smith (Natural Sciences, 1982), who also met while Robinson undergraduates many years earlier!

On 30 September 2023, **Kizzie Barnard (née Burkett) (Geography, 2011)** married Elliot Barnard at Barnack Church where she grew up, followed by a reception at Irnham Hall. Emily Fernandes (Geography, 2011), Rebecca Oldham (MML, 2011), Katie Robinson (MML, 2011) and Daisy McGlashan (Archaeology and Anthropology, 2011) were bridesmaids, with many other Robinson alumni in attendance.

After completing his PhD at Robinson, **Dr Jyh-Miin Lin (PhD in Radiology, 2012)** held several short-term research positions. He was elevated to an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) senior member position and presented papers at the IEEE International Conference on Electrical, Control and Instrumentation Engineering in 2021, the IEEE International Conference on Smart Instrumentation, Measurement and Applications in 2022, and the IEEE Biomedical Engineering International Conference (BMEiCon) in 2022. This year, he presented his latest paper, “A recursive

deconvolutional kernel for ECG”, at the IEEE BMEiCon, held in Tokyo, Japan. Jyh-Miin is also supporting the annual influenza vaccination program and community health in northern Taiwan.

Anna Trofimtchouk (MPhil in Conservation Leadership, 2019) and **Aaron Fritzler (Master of Law, 2019)** are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Agata Rimma Fritzler, born on 7 January 2023.

Rana Hajirasouli (MSt Sustainability Leadership, 2021), founder of The Surpluss, won this year’s London Business School MENA Startup Competition, a few weeks after presenting at the One Young World Summit 2023 in Belfast. The Surpluss is the world’s first B2B platform for industrial asset exchange, and, as Rana says, “was created as an answer to the climate change challenges that businesses face. Winning this competition in the Year of Sustainability resonates with our purpose louder. This distinguished award will greatly improve our recognition across the UAE and MENA region, helping us to attract new and exciting opportunities, and deepen the strength of our network.”

OBITUARIES AND TRIBUTES

Sir Geoffrey Allen (1928 – 2023)

Sir Geoffrey Allen, who died in March 2023, was a firm long-time friend of Robinson, especially of Lord Lewis in the early days. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of Robinson in 1988, having been a Visiting Fellow since 1980. A very distinguished polymer scientist, science administrator and educationalist, he graduated from Leeds University with First Class Honours in Chemistry and stayed on at Leeds to do a PhD on the thermodynamics of hydrogen-bonded systems. After postdoctoral work in Canada, he was appointed Assistant Lecturer and ultimately Professor of Chemical Physics at the University of Manchester, where he made major theoretical and experimental advances in the study of flexible polymers. In 1975 he moved to Imperial College in London as Professor of Chemical Technology and had by that time been working part-time as Associate Director of the ICI Corporate Laboratory. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1976 (later serving as Vice-President) and became Chair of the Science Research Council (SRC) in 1977. In this role, he was very effective in forging links between academia and industry and in developing the successor of the SRC, the Science and Engineering Research Council. He was knighted in 1979. After standing down from the SRC, he was appointed to the Board of Unilever, his extensive experience in translating science into commercial products helped promote the company's expansion into such fields as medical diagnostics, and the exploitation of advances in bioscience, including monoclonal antibody technology. There then came a change of direction as Senior Executive Adviser at Kobe Steel. His reportedly favourite appointment came in 1994, as Chancellor of the University of East Anglia, in which role he had a strong influence in the establishment of the Norwich Research Park. A further educational achievement was his promotion of the Science Opens Doors project as a member of the Worshipful Company of Horners, cultivating enthusiasm for science in young school children. Sir Geoffrey received many honours, including eight honorary doctorates.

Dr Saskia Murk Jansen (1957 – 2024)

Saskia's many friends and colleagues were shocked and saddened when she died suddenly and unexpectedly in February 2024. Born in Holland but educated at St Paul's School, London and Newnham College Cambridge, Saskia graduated with First Class Honours and later gained a PhD researching the Beguines of the Middle Ages - lay religious women living alone or in small groups, dedicated to the care of the poor and sick. Saskia then moved to Robinson College on a British Academy Research Fellowship and subsequently, whilst still a Fellow, worked at the Old Schools where she became Administrator of the American Friends of Cambridge University, the University's first Head of Alumni Relations and Assistant Director International Relations. While a Fellow of Robinson and bringing up her young family, she made a major contribution to College life: she served as Graduate Tutor, Praelector and member of the College Council, handling her many responsibilities with aplomb, breast-feeding Catherine while participating in Council meetings being just one example. In 2011 she became a Fellow and Director of Development at Peterhouse, Cambridge, where she continued to serve with distinction. We extend our sincere condolences to the husband Professor John Barker and children Catherine and John Matthew. A longer obituary may be found on the Peterhouse website and there is a personal appreciation of Saskia by Professor Melinda Duer on the Robinson College website.

Dr Ann Kaminski (1958 – 2023)

Dr Ann Kaminski (PhD in Agricultural Botany, 1980) passed away on 31 October 2023, after a short illness. Ann graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1980 with a degree in Agricultural Botany, after which she completed her PhD at Robinson, studying plant physiology and photosynthesis. Her first research post was in the (then) Department of Microbiology at the University of Birmingham. She returned to Cambridge in 1987 to take up a research position in the Department of Biochemistry, working on mechanisms of viral protein synthesis. In 2006, she joined the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute as Head of Scientific Administration, which includes responsibility for the graduate programme in the Institute. She joined St Edmund's College at the University of Cambridge as a Teaching Fellow in 2000 and was a Tutor for 5 years. Catherine Arnold, the Master of St Edmund's College, remembered Ann "for her sharp mind, willingness to help others and her passion for supporting scientists around the world, particularly in Africa."

Professor Jean-Claude Thiolier (1945 – 2024)

Jean-Claude Thiolier was a friend of Robinson College for many years. With posts first at the Sorbonne and subsequently at the University of Paris XII at Créteil, he was a distinguished scholar of English medieval history, who made his name with an edition of Pierre de Langtoft's *Regne d'Edouard Ier* in Anglo-Norman French verse. It was published in 1989, the year he first came to Robinson and used his time at the University Library to pursue his many further articles on Langtoft's life and times. The Royal Historical Society made him a Fellow; Robinson made him a Senior Member which reflected his yearly stays in the College. His continuing interest in and affection for it will be sorely missed, as will his irrepressible Anglophilia.

Nicole Weiner (1973 – 2023)

Nicole (Architecture, 1993) died of cancer on 9 May 2023. Her friends penned the following tribute:

“Nicole, our beloved friend of 30 years, passed away at the Royal Marsden Hospital in May. She leaves behind her family including her adored children, husband and parents. Her funeral was attended by many contemporaries from Cambridge.

Nicole held high expectations of her medicines. Combined with her determined spirit, they kept her well for several years. Nicole had high expectations of most things. When she was sold a non-existent phone line via the Robinson room ballot, she went to the Bursar demanding an immediate connection. Or just a year ago, when the chain restaurant we'd chosen had run out of basic ingredients, she directed our young waiter to the nearest corner store. Her time studying architecture at Scroope Terrace, and next at UCL, produced other varied experiences; beautiful sketch-books and a dissertation on the Turner prize-winning House were especially notable works. After practising with some of London's top architects, she and her husband David Appleton soon started making a name for themselves with their Islington-based firm.

With the impatient organisational traits of many a big sister, Nicole was kind, generous and very funny, disarmingly honest about how she felt, and an empathetic listener. Long before anyone talked about well-being, she knew a good life depended on culture and community. Whether on King's Parade or Upper Street, she wouldn't take more than a few steps without greeting somebody: a friend from the choir, a tennis partner, someone from her book group. At the very centre of this world was David, whom Nicole met at Cambridge and married in 2002. Together they worked hard to create a home filled with warmth and laughter, animals and guests, and of most obvious influence to the children, art and music.

Life is cruel when a wonderful mother and someone so loved is taken away at 49. We honour Nicole in our small ways every day.”

Ron Wyness (1953 – 2024)

Ron was an integral part of the Robinson College maintenance team and will be deeply missed by his friends and colleagues. He joined us in 2013, moving from Churchill College where he had been working as a sub-contractor. Initially, Ron was not looking for a permanent position, but after just a month with us, he decided he liked the people and the job and accepted a permanent contract.

Ron was passionate about gardening and often shared stories about his garden and the plants he was growing. Martyn Hawkes, a colleague, once gifted him a special rose from the Chelsea Flower Show, a Monty's Madame Alfred Carriere Rose bred in France in 1879. This rose held a place of honour in Ron's garden.

Known for his dry sense of humour, Ron often sparked debates and discussions, especially on Monday mornings when politics were a frequent topic. When it was time to start work, he would humorously say, "Oh well, better not sort everything today otherwise we will have nothing to do tomorrow." Andy Barker remembers Ron's surprising taste in music, such as Blinding Lights by The Weekend. Ron had a unique way of ending text messages with the word, "Over." Despite any challenges, he always managed to make everyone smile, earning him the affectionate nickname "Uncle Ron."

PART IV: COLLEGE LISTS

THE COLLEGE LIST WITH MEMBERS IN RESIDENCE



ROBINSON COLLEGE

MICHAELMAS TERM 2023

Visitor

LORD SAINSBURY OF TURVILLE
in virtue of his office as
CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Warden

2021 Sir Richard Nicholas Heaton MA (Oxon) KCB

Fellows

1985	Richard James Needs BSc (Brist) PhD (Cantab)
1989	Melinda Jane Duer, MA PhD (Cantab)
1991	David Alastair Ritchie, MA (Oxon & Cantab) DPhil (Sussex)
1991	Ian Allan Rudy, MA PhD (Cantab)
1994	Rosalind Claire Love, MA PhD (Cantab) FBA
1996	William Peter Nolan, BSc (Lond) PhD (Cantab)
1997	Baroness Smith of Newnham (Julie Elizabeth Smith), MA (Oxon & Cantab) MPhil DPhil (Oxon)
1999	Anuj Dawar, BTech (Indian Inst of Technology) MS (Delaware) PhD (Pennsylvania) MA (Cantab)
2000	Jeremy Robert Thurlow, BA MPhil (Cantab) PhD (Lond) ARCM ARCO
2001	Christopher David Warner, BSc PhD (Manc) MA (Cantab)

- 2002 Clemens Friedrich Kaminski, BSc (Reading) DPhil (Oxon)
 2002 Joanna Elizabeth Page, BA (Oxon) MPhil PhD (Cantab)
 2005 Richard William Sharp, MA PhD (Cantab)
 2005 Nedunchezian Swaminathan, PhD (Colorado) ME (Indian Inst of Science, Bangalore) MA (Cantab)
 2006 Peter John Ashton Hutchinson, BSc (Lond) PhD (Cantab) MB BS (St Bart's Lond) FRCS
 2006 Ross George Reason, MA (Cantab) FCA
 2006 Athina Emanuel Markaki, 1st Class Hons Dipl (Athens) PhD (Cantab)
 [2007] Andreas Georgiou, MA PhD (Cantab) (2013)
 2007 Andrew Mark Sharkey, MA (Cantab) PhD (Edin)
 2008 Rory Emmett Finnin, BA (Georgetown) MPhil (Columbia) MA (Cantab)
 2008 Mohammed Zein Elabidin Babiker Elshafie, BSc (Hons) (Khartoum) MPhil PhD (Cantab)
 [2008] Olivier Louis Joseph Restif MA PhD (Paris 6) MA (Cantab) (2011)
 2008 Michael Dong Shin, BA (Harvard) MA (California Berkeley) PhD (Chicago) MA (Cantab)
 [2008] David Anthony Woodman, MA PhD (Cantab) (2012)
 2009 Ying Jin, BArch (Tsinghua) PhD (Cantab)
 2009 Rachel Angharad Oliver, FREng MEng DPhil (Oxon) CEng FIMMM FRMS
 2010 Colin Michael Crump, BSc (First Class Hons) PhD (Bristol, UK) MA (Cantab)
 2010 Paul Nicholas Schofield, BA (First Class Hons) MA (Oxon & Cantab) DPhil (Oxon) FRSB
 2011 Kevin James Chalut, BA (Albion, MI, USA) PhD (Duke, NC, USA) MA (Cantab)
 2012 Paul Thomas Griffiths, BA (Hons) MA DPhil (Oxon)
 2012 Brian Damien Sloan, MA LLM (Cantab) PhD (Cantab)
 2013 Helen Lucy Thaventhiran BA (Hons) (Cantab) MSt (Oxon) PhD (Cantab)
 2013 Gary Joseph Doherty, MB BCHIR MA PHD (Cantab) FRCP
 2013 Amy Louise Erickson, BA (University of California, Berkeley) PhD (Cantab)
 2013 Alexander Charles Copley, MEd (Oxon) PhD (Cantab)
 2013 Jossy Sayir, MSc PhD (ETH Zurich) MA (Cantab)
 [2014] Bartomeu Monserrat Sánchez, MSci (Imperial, London) PhD (Cantab)
 2015 David Fairen-Jiménez, BA (Universidad de Alicante, Spain) PhD (Universidad de Granada, Spain and Université Joseph Fourier, France) MA (Cantab)

- 2016 Stuart James Hogarth, BA MSc (Imperial, London) PhD (London Metropolitan)
- 2016 Elaine Abigail Odette Freer, BA MA MPhil (Cantab) PhD (Keele)
- 2016 Nikhil Gopal Krishnan, BA (Bangalore) BA BPhil DPhil (Oxon)
- 2017 Scott Annett, BA (Hons) MA MPhil PhD MEd (Cantab)
- 2017 Duncan Astle, BSc (Durham) PhD (Nottingham) MA (Cantab)
- 2017 Sarah Elizabeth Westwood, BA (Manc) MA (Cantab)
- 2018 Alison Louise Young, LLB (Birm) BCL MA DPhil (Oxon)
- 2018 Fiona Brockbank, BA (Hons) MA (Cantab) FCA
- 2018 Carlos Caldas, MD (Lisbon, Portugal) PhD (Hon) (Porto, Portugal)
FACP FRCP FRCPATH FEAC FMedSci
- 2018 Gabriele Susanne Kaminski Schierle, Diplom in Biologie (MSc)
(Fribourg, Switzerland) PhD (Lund, Sweden)
- 2018 Emily Kate Price BA MST(Oxon) MA PhD (New York)
- 2019 Saul Edward Nassé, MA (Cantab)
- 2019 Johan Petter Larsson, MSc PhD (Jönköping, Sweden) MA (Cantab)
- 2019 Nicholas Stuart Lamond Milne, MA (Cantab)
- 2019 Jeremy David Yallop, BSc (King's London) MPhil
(Cantab), PhD (Edinburgh) MA (Cantab)
- 2020 Elizabeth May Rawlinson-Mills, MA PGCE MEd (Cantab) MA
(Bristol) PhD (UCL)
- 2020 Nicholas Henry Bexfield, BVetMed (Royal Veterinary College,
London) PhD (Cantab)
- 2021 Daniel Knorr, BA (Johns Hopkins) MA (California, Irvine) PhD
(Chicago)
- 2021 Adam Joseph Woodhouse-Mowl, BA (Oxon) MA (Queen Mary,
London) PhD (California, Los Angeles)
- 2021 Iza Kavedžija, Dipl (Zagreb, Croatia) MSc DPhil (Oxon)
- 2021 Christopher Leslie Truscott, BA MSci PhD MA (Cantab)
- 2022 Rebecca Fell, MA MPhil PhD (Cantab)
- 2022 Laura Machesky, BSc (Alma, Michigan) PhD (Johns Hopkins) FRSE
FMedSci
- 2022 Andrej Čorović, MA MB BChir PhD (Cantab) MRCP
- 2022 Peter James Newton, MA MSci PhD (Cantab)
- 2022 Simon Perry, BTh (Oxon) PhD (Bristol) (Chaplain)
- 2023 Stephanie A Archer, MSc PhD (Derby)
- 2023 Peter Bossaerts, DRS (Antwerp, Belgium) MA (Brussels, Belgium)
PhD (UCLA) FASSA
- 2023 Olga Petri, MA MSc PhD
- 2023 Alberto Roselló-Díez, MS (Zaragoza, Spain) PhD (Madrid, Spain)
- 2023 Philip Murray, MA PhD (Cantab)
- 2023 Claire Wilkinson MA (York) PhD (Cantab)

Research Fellows

- 2022 James Charles Massey, MEng (Manchester), PhD (Cantab)
 2023 Oliver Wilson-Nunn, MPhil PhD (Cantab)

Life Fellows

- 1977 Morna Dorothy Hooker (Stacey), DD (Cantab) PhD (Manc) Hon
 DLitt (Brist) Hon DD (Edin) MA (Brist, Oxon & Cantab)
 1977 Mary Edna Stewart, MA (Oxon & Cantab) DPhil (Oxon) PhD
 (Cantab)
 1977 John Clinton Gray, BSc PhD (Birm) MA (Cantab)
 1978 Germán Elías Berrios, BM BCh MD (San Marcos) MA (Oxon &
 Cantab) FRCPsych(Hon) FMedSci
 1978 Robin Kirkpatrick, BA (Oxon) MA PhD (Cantab)
 1979 John Austin Williams, MA PhD (Cantab) FEng
 1979 David Stewart McKie, MA PhD (Cantab)
 1980 Geraint (Geb) Alwyn Clayton Jones, BSc PhD (Wales) MA (Cantab)
 1981 Elizabeth Marion Guild MA (St And & Cantab) PhD (Cantab)
 1982 Peter Newman Brooks, MA PhD (Cantab)
 1983 Christopher Forbes Forsyth, BSc LLB (Natal) LLB PhD (Cantab)
 Barrister-at-Law

Emeritus Fellows

- 1977 Lawrence Michael Brown, BAsC (Tor) PhD (Birm) MA ScD
 (Cantab) FRS
 1977 Judith Elizabeth Weiss, BA (Rhodes) MA PhD (Cantab)
 1978 Ian Thomas Drummond, MA BSc (Edin) PhD (Cantab)
 1978 Martin Brett, MA (Oxon & Cantab) DPhil (Oxon) PhD (Cantab)
 1980 John Clayton Taylor, MA PhD (Cantab) FRS
 2007 John Francis Hilton Sergeant, MA DiplArch (Cantab) RIBA
 1996 Nicholas Collings, BSc (Brist) PhD (Cantab) FEng
 1984 Brian John McCabe, BSc (Leeds) MA (Cantab) PhD (London)
 1986 Peter Francis Kornicki, MA (Oxon & Cantab) MSc DPhil DLitt
 (Oxon) FBA
 1986 Malcolm Robert Mackley, BSc (Leics) MA (Cantab) MSc PhD
 (Brist) FEng
 1987 Alan Mycroft PhD (Edin) MA ScD (Cantab)
 1987 Deborah Thom, PGCE (Lond) MA (Warw & Cantab) PhD (CNAA)
 1991 John Raymond Myers, LLB (Liv) MA (Cantab)

1996	<i>William (Twink) Richard Allen, BVSc (Sydney) PhD (Cantab), ScD (Cantab) DESM FBS FRCVS CBE (deceased 6 June 2021)</i>
1996	<i>Stephen Thomas Trudgill, BSc PhD (Brist)(deceased 18 January 2022)</i>
1997	Maryon Elizabeth McDonald, BA PGCE (Lond) DPhil (Oxon) MA (Cantab)
1998	David George Cornick, MA (Oxon) BD PhD (Lond)
2001	(Anthony) David Yates MA (Oxon & Cantab), FRSA Solicitor
2001	Peter Dennis Grattan Milloy, BSc (Manc) MEng (Cardiff) MA (Cantab)
2002	Christine Elizabeth Latham, MA (Cantab) VetMB, Cert VR MRCVS
2007	Joan Teresa Tiffert, BSc MB BChir MSc Dr Med (Lima) MA (Cantab)
2008	Judith Margaret Lieu, BA (Hons) MA (Durham) PCE (Oxon) PhD (Birm) MA (Cantab) HonDTheol (Heidelberg) IHM, AAAS FBA

Affiliate Fellows

2023	Maria A B C Arruda
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Visiting Fellows

2023	Catherine R E Cubitt
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Honorary Fellows

- [1981] 2014 Dame Athene Margaret Donald, DBE MA PhD (Cantab), FRS
 1988 *Sir Geoffrey Allen, FRS FREng FRSC FInstP (deceased 15 March 2023)*
- 1989 Sir David Kwok Po Li, Hon LLD MA
 1989 *Frank Harold Trevor Rhodes, PhD DSc (deceased 3 February 2020)*
 1992 *Sir John Grant McKenzie Laws, MA (Oxon) (deceased 5 April 2020)*
- 2007 Sir Maurice Ralph Kay, PhD (Sheff) Hon LLD (Sheff, Manc, Keele)
 2010 Warwick Morris
 2011 Leonard William Conolly, BA PhD (Swansea) MA (McMaster)
 DLitt (Swansea) Hon DLitt (Guelph) FRSC FRSA
- 2016 Ondrej Ladislav Krivanek FRS BSc (Leeds) PhD (Cantab)
 2019 Dame Caroline Humphrey BA (Cantab), MA (Leeds), PhD (Cantab)
 DBE, FBA
- 2019 Christine Madeleine Odette Lagarde Maîtrise et DESS (Paris X),
 Maîtrise (Aix en Provence); Commandeur, Ordre du Mérite
 Agricole; Officier, Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur
- 2019 Lord Rees of Ludlow BA, MA, PhD (Cantab)
 OM, FRS, HonFREng, HonFMedSci, HonFBA
- 2019 Dame Justine Thornton DBE BA MA (Cantab)
 2021 James Alexander Harrison BA, MPhil (Robinson, Cantab)

Senior Members (a) Former Fellows or Officers

- 1977–80 Barry McCormick CBE, MA (Manc & Cantab) PhD (MIT)
 1977–84 Henry John Woolston, MA (Oxon & Cantab)
 1977–85 Jean Bilbrough (formerly Martin), BSc (Leeds) MA PhD (Cantab)
 1984–86 John Gerard McInerney, BSc (Cork) PhD (Dub & Cantab)
 1978–86 Joachim Whaley, MA PhD (Cantab)
 1977–87 Trevor Francis Page, MA PhD (Cantab) FREng
 1983–87 Andrew William Goudie, MA PhD (Cantab)
 1986–88 Robert Andrew Evans, MA (Oxon) MSc (Lond)
 1986–89 Timothy Hands, BSc (Nott) PhD (Dub & Cantab)
 1986–90 Julie Alexandra Evelyn Curtis, BA DPhil (Oxon)
 1987–90 David Papineau, BSc (Natal) PhD (Cantab)
 1989–92 Hua Zhao, BSc (Tianjin) PhD (Leeds)
 1992–93 Alistair Joseph McGibbon PhD (Glasgow)
 1992–93 Gabriel Gbadamosi
 1982–93 Edwin Charles Constable, MA DPhil (Oxon) PhD (Cantab)
 1991–93 Andrew Beaumont Hughes, BSc PhD (WAust)
 1993–94 Falko Neining, PhD (Bonn) (1996–97)
 1992–94 John Semple Craig, MA (Carleton) PhD (Cantab)

1990–94 Eugene Victor Flynn, BA (Otago) PhD (Cantab)
 1991–94 James Richard Simpson, MA PhD (Cantab)
 1992–95 Nwola Oluwakemi Uduku, MSc (Nigeria) MPhil (Cantab)
 1995 James Smyth, BA (Dublin) PhD (Cantab)
 1995–96 John Adam Tooze, MA PhD (Cantab)
 1990–96 David Richard Turner, BA (Oxon) PhD (Cantab)
 1992–96 Catherine Anne Simpson, MA (Oxon) PhD (Lond)
 1994–96 Colin Ernst Huehns, MA PhD (Cantab)
 1994–96 Richard Mark Smith, BM BCh (Oxon) MA PhD (Cantab) MRCP
 1977–97 Christopher Paul Hughes, BSc (Nott), MA (Cantab), PhD (Belf)
 1992–97 Jonathan Michie, BA DPhil (Oxon) MSc (Lond)
 1996–97 Jonathan Mark Robinson, MSc PhD (Cape Town)
 1987–97 Barbara Ewa Politynska, BSc (Manc) MPhil (Cantab)
 1995–98 Caroline Annabelle Walsh, MSc (Dundee) BA PhD (Cantab)
 1995–98 Mark Chingono, MSc (Zimbabwe) MPhil PhD (Cantab)
 1996–98 Jennifer Susan Payne, MA (Cantab)
 1996–98 Catherine Anne Merridale, MA (Cantab) PhD (Birm)
 1990–98 Mahesan Niranjana, BSc (Perad'ya) PhD (Cantab)
 1986–99 Lynn Faith Gladden, BSc (Brist) PhD (Cantab) FREng
 1995–99 Richard Paul Suttie, PhD (Edin)
 1996–99 Nicholas Charles Bamforth, BA BCL MA (Oxon)
 1997–99 Luisa Affuso, BSc (Naples) MSc PhD (Warwick)
 1988–2000 Martin John Dixon MA (Oxon & Cantab)
 1993–2000 Jun Yuan, BSc (Lond) PhD (Cantab)
 1995–2000 Polychronis Constantinos Tzedakis, BA (Boston) ScM (Brown) PhD (Cantab)
 1996–2000 Marcus Peter Francis du Sautoy, BA DPhil (Oxon)
 1998–2000 Stephanie Newell, BA (Anglia) MA (Lond) MA (UEA) PhD (Birm)
 1999–2000 Neil Beresford, BA (Cantab)
 1999–2000 Linda Dianne Macks BAppSc (Univ of Technology, Australia), PhD (Univ of New South Wales)
 1999–2000 Jun Shi, LLB (Beijing) LLM (Shanghai)
 1999–2001 Maria L Di Tommaso, MSc (York) PhD
 2000–2001 Manfred Max Bergman, PhD (Cantab) BA (California) MA (Geneva)
 1996–2002 Mark Spivack, BSc (University College, Cardiff), MSc PhD (Manc)
 1999–2002 Suzanne Elizabeth Aspden, BA BMus (Victoria Univ of Wellington, NZ) DPhil (Oxon)
 1999–2002 Hans-Joachim Voth, MSc DPhil (Oxon)
 2000–2002 Tanya Frances Aplin, BA LLB (Murdoch), BCL DPhil (Oxon)
 1994–2003 Rachel Clare Murray, MA VetMB (Cantab)
 2000–2004 Steven Padley, PhD (Cantab) BA (Open) MA (Sheffield)
 2000–2004 Luke Alexander Thurston, BA (Oxon) MA PhD (Kent)

2001-2004	James Maximilian Suzman, MA (St Andrews) PhD (Edin)
2001-2004	Rebecca Ann Williams, BA BCL (Oxon) PhD (Birm)
2002-2004	Arnab Bhattacharjee BStat MStat PhD (Calcutta) PhD (Mumbai)
2004	William O'Reilly, BA (Galway) DPhil (Oxon)
2004-2005	Edouard Challe, BA PhD (Paris)
1997-2005	Ian Geoffrey Parkin, MBChB (Aberdeen)
1998-2005	Julia Mary Davies, BSc (Swansea) PhD (Liv)
2000-2005	Paul Smith, MA MEng PhD (Cantab)
2004-2006	Michael John Harbottle, DPhil MEng (Oxon)
2001-2006	Marko Attila Hoare, MA (Cantab) MA MPhil PhD (Yale)
2003-2007	Tracy Kristine Dennison, MPhil (Oxon) PhD (Cantab)
2003-2007	David Spike Palfrey, MA PhD (Cantab)
2004-2007	Giacomo Macola, Laurea in Storia (Pisa) Diploma di Maturità Scientifica (Paris) PhD (Lond)
1996-2008	Eugenio Federico Biagini, PhD (Pisa)
2005-2008	Christos Nicholaos Markides, MEng PhD (Cantab)
2006-2008	Nelson Jose Godinho Nunes, Licentciatura (Lisbon) DPhil (Sussex)
2002-2008	Ben Crewe, BA PhD (Cantab) MSc (LSE)
2008	Jan Jürjens, Diplom (Bremen), PhD (Oxon)
1985-2009	Jacqueline Gay Meeks, MA (Oxon) PhD (Edin)
1990-2009	Christopher Edward Ward, BEd (Lond) MA (Lanc & Cantab) PhD (Essex)
2005-2009	Miriam Teschl, MA (Graz) MPhil (UEA) DEA PhD (Aix Marseilles)
1989-2011	Saskia Monique Murk Jansen, MA PhD (Cantab) (<i>deceased 19 February 2024</i>)
2005-2011	Timofei Yurievich Dokchitser, MA (Cantab) MSc (Lund) PhD (Utrecht)
2005-2012	Isabella Alexander, BA LLB (Nat Uni of Aus), PhD (Cantab) Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia
2005-2012	Markus Gehring, LLM (Yale) PhD (Hamburg) MA (Cantab)
2005-2012	Michael Dominic Hurley, MA (St Andrews) PhD (Cantab)
2007-2012	Francis David Pope, MChem (Leeds) PhD (Bristol) MA (Cantab)
2006-2012	Christophe Salvat, PhD (Lyon) MA (Cantab)
2010-2013	Ulrike Bauer, Dipl Biol (Würzburg) PhD (Cantab)
2008-2013	Nicolette Mei Chan, BSc (Hons) (Hong Kong) PhD (Cantab) (2012)
2007-2013	Ruth Jane Prince, BSc (Oxon) MSc (Lond) PhD (Copenhagen)
2008-2014	Sandra Irene Smith, BA (Long Island) MA (Sorbonne & New York) MA (Cantab)
2009-2014	<i>Mark Gerard Hayes, MA (Cantab) PhD (Sunderland) (deceased 15 December 2019)</i>
2012-2014	Kendra Strauss, BA (McGill, Montreal, Canada) MSc DPhil (Oxon)
2004-2017	Helen Elizabeth Cornish, BSc (Reading) MA (Cantab)
2005-2017	Alastair Richard Beresford, MA PhD (Cantab)

2012-2017	Alex Weibin Chin, BA (Hons) MA PhD (Cantab)
2014-2017	Helen Catherine Leggett MBiolSci (Sheffield) DPhil (Exeter & Oxon)
2007-2018	Elisabete Manuela Alves Silva, MA (Lisbon) PhD (UMASS) MA (Cantab)
2014-2018	Charlotte Lemanski, BA (Hons) (Durham) MSc (LSE) DPhil (Oxon)
2009-2019	Martin John Reavley, BA MA (Cantab)
2017-2019	James Alexander Glistler, BA (Cantab) MA PGCE (Durham) PhD (Cantab)
2007-2021	Holly Hedgeland, BA MSci PhD (Cantab)
2012-2021	Sarah Marjorie Savage Pearsall, BA (Yale) MA (Cantab) PhD (Harvard)
2018-2021	Lucia Rubinelli, BA (Trieste), MSc (LES), MA (EHESS, Paris), PhD (Cantab)
2019-2021	Zhi Chen, BS (Huazhong, China) BEng (Birmingham) PhD (Cantab)
2017-2022	Benjamin David Guy, BA (Cantab) MA (Brown, Rhode Island USA) PhD (Cantab) (2020)
2019-2022	Ignacia Arteaga, BA (Hons) (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) MSc, PhD (UCL)
2021-2022	Rhiannon Elizabeth McGlade, BA (Sheffield) MA (Birmingham) PhD (Sheffield)
2014-2023	Imre Galambos, MA (Eötvös Loránd, Budapest) MA PhD (California, Berkeley)
2019-2023	Konstantin Röder BA (Hons) MSci PhD (Cantab)
2020-2023	Matthew William Harris Simpson BA MPhil PhD (Cantab)
2021-2023	Caterina Milo, BA/LLM (Siena) MA (St Mary's) PhD (Durham)
2022-2023	Christopher Charles de Saxe, PrEng (South Africa), BSc(Eng)

Senior Members (a) **Visiting Fellows 1977 - 97**

1977	Professor M Agari, University of Kumamoto, Japan (English)
1978	<i>Professor H M Räisänen, University of Helsinki, Finland (Theology)</i> <i>(deceased 30 December 2015)</i>
1979	Dr S Iijima (now a Research Physicist, NEC Corporation, R&D Group), Japan
1981	Professor L W Conolly BA PhD (Swansea) MA (McMaster) DLitt (Swansea), Hon DLitt (Guelph, ON, Canada) FRSC FRSA (now an Honorary Fellow)
1981	Professor L F Lindoy, University of Sydney, Australia (Chemistry)
1982	Professor Alexander Donnachie, Daresbury Nuclear Physics Laboratories, UK

- 1983 Professor D Ginsburg, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel
(Chemistry) (deceased 9 March 1988)
- 1990 Professor J V Leatt, University of Cape Town, South Africa (Social Ethics)
- 1992 Professor T H B Symons, Vanier Professor of Trent University, Canada
(History)(deceased 1 January 2021)
- 1997 Professor C D Garner, University of Manchester (Chemistry)
- 1997 Professor T Mori (now R&D, Ryobi Ltd, Tokyo), Japan

Former Chaplains

- 1977-79 The Revd W David Stacey, MA (Birmingham) PhD (Bristol)
(deceased 26 November 1993)
- 1979-84 The Revd John H Grice, MA (Cantab)
- 1984-87 The Revd David G Cornick, MA (Oxon) BD PhD (Lond) (now an
Emeritus Fellow)
- 1987-92 The Revd Robert C Evans, MA (Cantab)
- 1992-98 The Revd Roger D Greeves, MA (Dublin & Cantab)
- 1998-2003 The Revd Hugh D Shilson-Thomas, BA (Oxon) MA (Lond)
- 2003 The Revd Annabel Shilson-Thomas, BA (Oxon)
- 2003-2011 The Revd Dr Maggi Eleanor Dawn, MA PhD (Cantab)

Senior Members (c)(ii) Life Senior Members

Mr Victor Chu
Dr Leighton G Dann
Mr John K Dunn
Professor Gerald M Gifford
Dr Joanna Greatrex
Professor Christopher Hall
Mr D R Adrian LLoyd-Edwards
Mrs Irena M Milloy
Professor Anthony S Milton
Miss Lesley A Read

Senior Members (b)

Professor Peng Yoke Ho (deceased 18 October 2014)

Professor Sheung Wai Tam OBE (deceased 1 January 2021)

Mrs Susanna M West Yates

Lady Elfreida Lewis (deceased 16 June 2023)

Lady Sally Williams

Ms Karen Tate

Dr Rachel Hooper

Senior Members (c)(i)

Professor Elizabeth Archibald

Dr Topun Austin

Professor Barry Ball

Professor Maxine Berg

Dr Mark D Billinge

Ms Caroline A Brown

Ms Judith A Brown

Ms Joan Bullock-Anderson

Dr Florencia Cano

Dr Viviane Carvalho da

Annuniação

Professor Douglas J Crawford-
Brown

Dr Christopher Cullen

Professor Thomas R Dening

Dr Antonie Doležalová

Mr Chris M Elliott

Miss Katherine Fitton

Professor Isabella Gualandri

Rev'd Dr Boris Gunjevic

Mrs Jo Hawtrey-Woore

Dr Yan He

Dr Warren A Hunt Jr

Dr Weslie R Janeway

The Rev'd Dr Sebastian Kim

Professor Ioannis Kontoyiannis

Dr Mark Lillicrap

Professor Jianjun Mei

Mr John P C Moffett

Professor Vittorio Montemaggi

Professor Gabriella Moretti

Dr Anthony C Palmer

Dr Grace E Parker

Dr Mara Pogovsky-Ezcurra

Professor Iorwerth J Prothero

Dr Lotte Reinbold

Dr Lucy Rhymer

Dr Judith Richards

Professor John Rink

Professor Elaine Scarry

Professor Susan Sellers

Dr Len Shapiro

Dr Teresa Shawcross

Dr Anna Slobodová

Dr James Simpson

Dr Christine R Stopp

Professor Jean-Claude

Thiolier (deceased 8 March 2024)

Professor Serge Thomas

Mr Dominic Vergine

Dr Robert Douglas Weatherley

Ms Emma Wragg

Senior Members (Teaching) (c)(iii)

Dr Bristi Basu	Dr Justin Gerlach
Ms Sheila Bennett	Dr Gavin Jarvis
Dr Viviane Carvalho	Dr Josie O'Donoghue
d'Annuniação	Dr Richard Odle
Dr Adam Chesters	Dr Robyn Sorensen
Dr Leighton G Dann	Dr Gareth Taylor
Dr Naomi Deakin	Dr Tom Towers
Dr William Foster	Dr M Tuck
Dr Thomas Fry	

The College Officers

Sir R Heaton KCB (Warden)
Ms F Brockbank (Finance Bursar)
Professor A Dawar (Deputy Warden)
Dr S Annett (Senior Tutor)

Undergraduate Tutors

Dr S Annett	The Revd Dr S Perry
Dr K Chalut	Dr E K Price
Professor N Collings	Dr J Sayir
Dr E Freer	Dr R W Sharp
Sir R Heaton	Dr J R Thurlow
Dr M E McDonald	Dr C D Warner
Dr C Milo	

Admissions Tutor

Dr E K Price
Dr C Wilkinson

Deputy Senior Tutor

Dr P Griffiths
Dr B J McCabe

Women's Tutor

Dr E Rawlinson-Mills

Graduate Tutors

Dr P Griffiths
Dr S Hogarth
Dr G A C Jones
Dr B McCabe

Professor J E Smith
Dr J T Tiffert
Dr D A Woodman

Financial Tutor

Wg Cdr P D G Milloy

Praelector

Dr J R Thurlow

Fellow Librarian

Professor P Kornicki (until January 2023)
Professor J Lieu (from January 2023)

Fellows' Steward

Professor J E Page

Chaplain

The Rev Dr S Perry

Secretary to the College Council

Mr N S L Milne and then Dr R Hooper

Teaching Fellows (other than Directors of Studies)

Dr P Bossaerts (Economics)
Dr K Chalut (NST Physical)
Professor A Dawar (Computer Science)
Dr M Elshafie (Engineering)
Professor C F Forsyth (Law)
Dr P Griffiths (Physical Chemistry)
Dr H Hedgeland (Physics)
Dr G A Jones (Engineering)
Dr A Markaki (Engineering)
Dr J Massey (Engineering)
Dr K Röder (Chemistry)
Dr M Simpson (Philosophy)
Dr J T Tiffert (Medicine)
Professor J Williams (Engineering)
Professor A Young (Law)

Directors of Studies (other than Fellows)

Dr T Biberauer (Linguistics)
Dr S Falk (HPS)
Dr J Gwynne (Materials Science)
Dr M Kim (Economics)
Dr S E Kohring (Archaeology)
Dr M Magalhaes-Wallace (Social Anthropology)
Dr V Montemaggi (Theology)
Dr J Munns (History of Art)
Dr R Omitowaju (Classics)
Dr O Petri (Geography)
Mr J Wearing (Philosophy)

Junior Members

Research Students

2016

Mr K Zach

2017

Miss A Ellis

Mr J E Vereycken

2018

Mr T S J Burger
Mr A Gundimeda
Mr B M H Jarman
Mr S Kallevik Nielsen
Miss M K Parker

Ms A N Allison Randal
Mr T Sauvey
Mr R Singh
Dr R Sinharay
Dr C S S Yong

2019

Miss M E Maire Brace
Mr S T Day
Mr N Dilucia
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