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Research Fellow (Linguistics).
Charles F Brendon, B.A., M.Phil., D.Phil. (Oxon.). El-Erian Fellow and College Lecturer in Economics.
David J Parker, B.Sc. (Wales), Ph.D. College Lecturer in Physiology.
Tom S Cordiner, M.A., M.A. (Columbia), M.Phil., Ph.D. Bye-Fellow (History).
Graham Denyer Willis, B.A.(Toronto), M.A. (Royal Roads), Ph.D. (M.I.T.). College Lecturer in Geography.
THE SOCIETY

THE FELLOWS IN 2014

A number of long-serving Fellows have retired this year. First of all Dr Robin Walker has been an Official Fellow and Junior Bursar for 39 years, during which time he has built up an unparalleled expertise in and knowledge of the College buildings and infrastructure as well as IT matters. Robin has reached the statutory retirement age for Official Fellows, but, in view of this huge experience and the large number of building projects envisaged in the next few years, he has been persuaded to agree to continue as Estate Bursar for three years. So that he can continue to report directly to the Governing Body, he has accepted a Bye-Fellowship and will continue to act as Senior Fellow. He will be responsible for all major building projects in the College and for IT infrastructure. Robin has also taught both Computer Science (he was a University Assistant Lecturer in Computer Science in the 1970s) and Mathematics for Natural Sciences for the College over almost four decades, only recently relinquishing his role as Director of Studies in Computer Science. He arrived as an undergraduate 48 years ago and in earlier years was a great supporter of the Bats, especially on the technical side, and also of the Film Club. In more recent years he has been an honoured senior member of the Boat Club, regularly hurtling along the towpath on his bicycle at the Bumps following the boats and shouting himself hoarse encouraging the crews. He has also become a stalwart and organiser of the Fellows Choir.

The Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes has also been a member of Queens’ all his adult life since arriving as an undergraduate to study Veterinary Medicine in 1967. He became a Bye-Fellow and Lay Chaplain in 1983 and full-time Chaplain on his ordination to the Title of his Fellowship in 1988. A University Lecturer in Veterinary Anatomy 1977-87, he has continued as an Affiliated Lecturer in that subject in addition to his College duties. He has been an Official Fellow and Dean of Chapel for the last 20 years and also Assistant Director of Studies for the veterinary students (at one point a few years ago he was also simultaneously Director of Studies for the vets at Clare, Gonville and Caius, Corpus Christi, Trinity and Sidney Sussex Colleges). He has acted as Secretary of the Governing Body and as Secretary of the Alumni Association. Rather unusually for many years he has been an official member of three Faculties – Divinity, Biology and Clinical Veterinary Medicine. Over all 47 years at Queens’, Jonathan has enjoyed singing in the St Margaret Society Chorus, recently notching up his 92nd concert appearance, and has been a supporter of the Arts in general at Queens’, in particular as Secretary of the Creative Arts Committee. In particular he has set out to encourage and enhance the quality of the Chapel Choir (of which he was a member for 14 years). Throughout his Cambridge career he has also sought to encourage the Christian Union. He has become a Life Fellow but will continue as Keeper of the Records and Editor of The Record (he has been responsible for the last 25 issues) and to do some teaching both for the College and in his Department.

Dr Hugh Field was elected to the Fellowship in 1985. Initially he was a Research Assistant, then a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Pathology, before moving to the Veterinary School as an Assistant Director of Research. He eventually became Reader in Comparative Virology. He has supervised Pathology for Queens’ for over 30 years and has been Director of Studies in Medical and Veterinary Sciences for the last 16 years. He has also served as a Tutor for both undergraduate and graduate students and as secretary of the SCR. He and his wife Jenny have been tremendous servants of the medical and veterinary students over the years, hosting many meals at their home in Haslingfield and encouraging the Medical Society. Hugh has also played the violin in the St Margaret Society Orchestra throughout his association with Queens’ and has been a long-serving Vice-President of MagSoc. Hugh and Jenny are retiring to live in Worcester (to Jenny’s family home) and Hugh becomes a Life Fellow of Queens’.

As was reported in The Record last year, Dr Christos Pitelis has been appointed Professor of Sustainable Global Business at the University of Bath. After a year continuing as Director of Studies in Management Studies at Queens’, he has left Cambridge and is now a Life Fellow. Christos has taught for the College extensively in both Management Studies and Economics since becoming a Fellow in 1991.

Dr Edwige Moyroud, whose Research Fellowship finished at the end of the year, has been appointed a Bye-Fellow on the award to her of a prestigious Herschel Smith Research Fellowship in the University. She has been teaching extensively in Cell and Development Biology for Queens’, so her election will enhance the teaching team in Biological Natural Sciences. Dr Janet Maguire, who has been a Bye-Fellow for the last seven years and teaches Pharmacology for the College, especially in the Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos, has become an Official Fellow. She is currently a Senior Research Associate in the University’s Clinical Pharmacology Unit.

Dr Yolande Cordeaux has come to the end of her tenure as a Bye-Fellow. She has taught a number of subjects, including Reproductive Biology, during her four years as a Fellow. After a spell working in the University’s Central Administration, she now works as a Knowledge Transfer Facilitator at the Department of Chemistry. Dr Chris Smith, whose radio and podcast work as ‘The Naked Scientist’ has brought him many awards and prizes, also ceases to be a Bye-Fellow. However, in view of the many valuable contributions he has made to the College and his distinction in the field of the public understanding of science, he has been offered and has accepted a Fellow Commonership. He remains a Consultant Clinical Virologist at Addenbrooke’s.

Two new Research Fellows have been elected this year. Dr Or Rosenboim was brought up in Tel Aviv and attended the University of Bologna, studying for a BA in Modern History. After a year in Oxford Studying for an MST in Global and Imperial History, she came to Cambridge...
and Queens’ as a PhD student in the Politics and International Studies Department looking at competing visions of world order in the 1940s. Victor Acedo Matellán is a Spaniard with degrees in Classical Philology and Linguistics from the Universities of Valladolid and Barcelona respectively. He obtained his PhD in Linguistics from the University of Barcelona. Fluent in seven languages, he works on argument structure and the syntax-morphology interface.

Dr Ramsey Faragher has been elected into a Bye-Fellowship in Computer Science. A Natural Sciences graduate from Churchill College, his PhD was on Multipath Interference on Radio Positioning Systems. After a spell as a Principal Investigator for BAE Systems, he came back to Cambridge in 2013 as a Senior Research Associate investigating indoor positioning technologies. He has been supervising in the Computer Science Tripos for Queens’ since his return to Cambridge.

Dr Charles Brendon has been elected to our first El-Erian Fellowship in Economics. He will be a College Lecturer in Economics but the Faculty of Economics have agreed to treat him as if he was a University Teaching Officer, so he will also teach and have an office at the Faculty. Dr Brendon’s undergraduate degree was in PPE at Regent’s Park College, Oxford. He then stayed at Oxford for an MPhil (awarded the George Webb Prizes for best MPhil thesis and best exam performance) and a DPhil (during which he held a College Lectureship at St Catherine’s College) on Normative Macroeconomics. Since 2012 he has been a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in San Domenico di Fiesole (Florence).

Dr Samuel Pegler has been elected to a four-year Official Fellowship and College Lectureship in Mathematics. He is a graduate of Peterhouse and completed a PhD at St Catharine’s on the Fluid Mechanics of ice-shelf buttressing. He has been a Research Fellow and Director of Studies in Mathematics at Corpus Christi and a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Institute of Theoretical Geophysics within the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.

At the beginning of 2015, Dr David Parker joined the Fellowship as an Official Fellow in Physiology. His undergraduate degree was from the University of Wales. He then came to the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience at Cambridge to do a PhD. After working as a Visiting Fellow in the Nobel Institute for Neurophysiology in Stockholm, he returned to Cambridge in 2000 as a Royal Society Research Fellow. In 2007 he was elected to a University Lectureship in the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience. He specialises in Neurobiology, with a particular interest in spinal cord injuries, and will greatly enhance our teaching capacity in the Natural Sciences Tripos in particular.

Dr Tom Cordiner has been teaching extensively for Queens’ in the Historical Tripos. He specialises in the political, intellectual and cultural history of Britain post 1945, but has also researched in the field of the modern history of Israel/Palestine – his PhD was on the subject of Zionism and British political culture. He was a student at Selwyn College and also has an MA in Political Science from the University of Columbia. He was a Fulbright Scholar at Columbia and has also been a Fellow at the Kluge Center, Library of Congress, Washington D.C. He has been a Temporary Lecturer at Anglia Ruskin University and has been elected a Bye-Fellow of Queens’.

Dr Graham Denyer Willis has joined the Fellowship too as our first ever Official Fellow and College Lecturer in Geography. He has degrees from the Universities of Toronto, Royal Roads and M.I.T. and is a University Lecturer in the Centre for Development Studies and the Centre for Latin American Studies and a Visiting Scholar at the Institute of Criminology. He is a Human Geographer with interests in urban studies – he has researched in particular the relationship between the state and organised crime in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

In March 2015 Dr Demis Hassabis was admitted to the ranks of the Fellow Benefactors. Demis read Computer Science at Queens’ 1994–97 and shortly after graduating founded Elixir Studios, a computer games company that made pioneering games. He returned to academia in 2005 to study for a PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience at University College, London, and then spent two years as a research Fellow at UCL in the Gatsby Computational Neuroscience Unit. In 2011 he founded DeepMind Technologies which was sold to Google in 2014. He is now Google’s Chief Artificial Intelligence Scientist. He has made a munificent benefaction to Queens’ which will fund two UTO Fellowships at Queens’ in Computer Science and Natural Sciences (the subject read by his wife, Dr Teresa Niccoli, at Queens’).

In March, two new Honorary Fellows were elected. Robert Chote studied economics at Queens’ 1986–89. He became a Financial Journalist, writing in particular for The Independent, and was named Young Financial Journalist of the Year in 1993. After a spell as Economics Editor of the Financial Times, he became an Adviser to the senior management of the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC. In 2002 he was appointed Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies and served also as a member of the Statistics Advisory Committee of the Office for National Statistics. In 2010 he became Chairman of the Office of Budget Responsibility. He is also a Member of the Finance Committee of Cambridge University and advises the ESRC Centre for Macroeconomics and the Oxford Institute of Economic Policy.

Professor Paul Ginsborg is a distinguished international historian and one of the foremost authorities on the history of modern Italy. He read History at Queens’ 1963–66 and subsequently studied for a PhD. He was a Research Fellow of the College 1968–71, before obtaining a Lectureship at the University of York. In 1980 he returned to Cambridge as a Lecturer in the Politics of Western Europe in the Twentieth Century and was a Fellow of Churchill College. He was elected Reader in European Politics in 1990, but in 1991 took the Chair of Contemporary European History at the University of Florence. His book, A History of Contemporary Italy 1943–88, has sold over 100,000 copies, and many of his other
On a happier note, the Fellowship was delighted at the announcement on 30th March 2014 of Dr Jim Prentis (Fellow 1962-2006), at the age of 91.

The College learnt with sadness of the death on 26 January 2015 of Mrs Megan Prentis, widow November at the age of 87 – an obituary is to be found elsewhere in the Record.

Dr David Wainwright Evans, a physician and Fellow Commoner since 1985 died on 22nd November at the age of 91. In his obituary he is described as “the living embodiment of pharmacology and the work of Dr Brian Callingham in the Department. Brian, despite reaching the age of 91, is a substantial body of excellent research, in either or both ‘pure’ and ‘applied’ aspects of the science. Professor Peter Spufford continues to publish articles on subjects as diverse as Debasement of the Coinage and its Effects on Exchange Rates and the Economy, The British Record Society, and North Italian Financial Innovations in the Renaissance. Professor Christopher Pountain has been serving as a member of the Modern Foreign and Classical Languages Panel of the A Level Content Advisory Board, a body set up to advise the Department for Education on the content of A and AS Level examinations. He is also Chair of the Institute of Linguists Educational Trust. The Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes preached at a special Remembrance Service marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War at Dean Close School, Cheltenham, whose War Memorial shares more names with Queens’ than with any other Oxbridge college. Dr Holmes has been serving as Senior Proctor of the University. On October 1st, at the end of his term of office, he became Deputy Senior Proctor.

Dr Eivind Kahrs accepted an invitation to travel to the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay as a Visiting Professor to continue a collaborative research project ‘Towards a critical edition of the Kāśikāvṛtti’. In May Dr Kahrs received a CUSU Teaching Excellence Award for Outstanding Supervisions. Professor David Menon has had his NIHR Senior Investigator Award renewed and he presented the Joseph Clover Lecture at the Royal College of Anaesthetists in November. Dr Andrew Thompson gave talks throughout 2014 about the 300th Anniversary of the Hanoverian succession, in Liverpool, Oxford, Hampton Court, the German Embassy and Hanover itself. Dr Julia Gog was one of two lecturers in this year’s London Mathematical Society Popular Lecture series, speaking on “Epidemics and viruses: the mathematics of disease” in both London and Birmingham. Her team has also hit the headlines with its analysis of the 2009 Swine flu pandemic in the U.S., which conflicts with accepted views on how diseases spread. Dr Gog has also been awarded the prestigious Pilkington Prize, for teaching excellence. The Poetry Book Society Bulletin chose Professor Jim Russell’s latest poetry collection, A True-Dream Run (Knife, Forks & Spoons Press, 2014), as one of its ‘winter selections’ describing it as a “linguistically accomplished collection”. Mr Stephen Price has been awarded the BrainLab award by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Dr Rebekah Clements has published A Cultural History of Translation in Early Modern Japan (Cambridge University Press). Rowan Kitt (Development Director) is a Television Match Official for the Rugby Football Union in the Aviva Premiership and European Champions Cup. He made his international debut in November 2014, officiating at Twickenham for the Barbarians v Australia match and in Bucharest for Romania v Canada.

Dr Michelle Bricker, a distinguished immunologist and physician from California, is visiting Cambridge for a year and has expressed an interest in teaching for the College. She has, in particular, an expertise in training medical students in clinical examination, diagnosis and history taking and will be able to help our clinical medical students learn these skills as well as helping with some undergraduate teaching. She has degrees from the University of California Berkeley and Davis and trained as a doctor at Rush Medical College, Chicago; she has also been a Clinical Instructor at the University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley. She has been elected a Fellow Commoner of Queens’ for 2014-15.

In June it was announced that two Fellows of Queens’ were to be promoted to professorships. Dr Martin Dixon, who is Dean of College and teaches law within the Department of Land Economy, is to be Professor of the Law of Real Property. Dr Jim Russell, who has been a Fellow of Queens’ since 2006 and teaches in the Department of Experimental Psychology, becomes Professor of Cognitive Development. In addition both Dr Ioanna Sitaridou and Dr Gillian Fraser have been promoted by the University to the grade of Senior Lecturer. Dr Howard Stone, who was previously an Assistant Director of Research in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, has become a University Lecturer in the same Department.

Dr Laurence Tiley has taken over from Dr Hugh Field as Director of Studies in Medical and Veterinary Sciences. Dr Richard Rex has become Director of Studies for Theological and Religious Studies and Dr Mark Williamson for Chemical Engineering.

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On a happier note, the Fellowship was delighted at the announcement on 30th March 2014 of the birth of a son, Julian Thomas, to two members of the Society, Dr Ana Rossi and Dr Richard Nickl.

Our most senior Fellow, Tony Spearing has been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Letters by the University. The Department of Pharmacology hosted a party to celebrate 50 years of the work of Dr Brian Callingham in the Department. Brian, despite reaching the age of 81, still demonstrates at Part I practical classes and is active in research. In an article in the University staff magazine, he was described as “the living embodiment of pharmacology
Dr Or Rosenboim’s doctoral thesis was awarded the Lisa Smirl Prize for best doctoral dissertation in the Department of Politics and International Studies, Cambridge, and was also joint winner of the 2014 Raymond Aron Prize, awarded by the Société des Amis de Raymond Aron, L’École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris.

Of our Fellow Commoners, Dr Peter Watson gave the oration for the Jules Francois International Golden Research Medal in Brussels and the Gerasimos Palimeris lecture to the Pan-Hellenic Inflammation Society in Thessalonika.

Another tranche of Post-Doctoral Research Associates have been invited to become members of Queens’ SCR for the coming year. First, two members of Queens’ have been appointed: Dr Maria Christina Georgiadou of the Department of Engineering and Dr Olalekan Popoola of the Department of Chemistry. In addition the following have been invited to join our Society: Dr Pau Formosa Jordan (Physics), Dr Malte Gersch (Chemistry), Dr Zoe Hall (Chemistry), Dr Scott Swisher (Economics) and Dr David van der Linden (History). Dr Pau Formosa Jordan was awarded a three-year Herschel Smith Fellowship at the University in the Lent Term 2015. Of our other PDRAs, Dr Lacey Wallace’s monograph, The Origin of Roman London, has been published by C.U.P. and Dr David van der Linden’s monograph, Experiencing Exile: Huguenot Refugees in the Dutch Republic, 1680–1700, has been published by Ashgate Publishers.

FELLOW COMMONER 1985–2014

David Evans, who died suddenly on 22nd November aged 87, was very proud of his Welsh origins. He was born in Cardiff in 1927 and from an early age determined to be a doctor. As a young man he was a keen and very competitive player of hockey, golf and table tennis. He trained at the Cardiff Medical School and qualified as a doctor in 1950. He eventually specialised in cardiology, becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. In 1952 he joined the R.A.F. and trained as a pilot, learning to fly 25 different types of aircraft, including both fighters and bombers. He continued to fly light aircraft into his eighties. It was a hobby which he found exhilarating, a welcome break from the pressures of work and a great joy. He later took a number of aerial photographs of Queens’ which were used extensively by the College. He was also a keen glider pilot, serving as a Director of the Herefordshire Gliding Club before moving to Cambridge and continuing to fly gliders for many years as well as becoming an instructor. He clocked up more than 1400 hours in the air in gliders.

In 1954 he completed his National Service and practised medicine in Wales before taking a break; shortly after his marriage, to travel to Australia with his new wife to work as a city and country locum in the areas around both Perth and Sydney. He worked his passage there as a ship’s surgeon. On return to the UK he was appointed a Registrar in Cardiology at Queen Elizabeth’s Hospital, Birmingham, where he was a pioneer in cardiac resuscitation. In 1967 he was appointed a Consultant Cardiologist to the East Anglia Health Authority, based primarily at Papworth Hospital (part of the Addenbrooke’s group of hospitals in Cambridgeshire) and, as a University Lecturer in Cardiology, in 1975 formally became a member of Queens’. He set up the coronary care unit at Addenbrooke’s and introduced the use of arteriograms there and at Papworth.

Addenbrooke’s began to teach clinical medical students in the late 1970s and in 1985 three Queens’ consultants (David, along with Jonathan Dowson in Psychiatry and Peter Watson in Ophthalmology) were invited to become Fellow Commoners and asked to keep an eye on the academic progress and welfare of our clinical students. David quickly became a valued member of the Society. He held strong views which he expressed forcefully and he was not above being deliberately provocative at times. However, he was very supportive of the College and made a point of attending functions of all sorts. David particularly enjoyed the choral services in Chapel, attending Sunday Evensong almost every week and frequently mid-week choral services as well. His mischievous streak was apparent even in the pew – he timed every sermon and made sure the Dean knew if someone had preached for too long! He was especially supportive of the Choir, attending their concerts whenever he could. He also regularly attended Grantchester parish church, slowly developing a strong and intellectually honest Christian faith. He read widely in theology and ethics as well as medicine and science and hugely enjoyed discussions on a variety of topics with others on
High Table, taking great delight in debating with colleagues, visiting preachers and academic guests. He had a thirst for knowledge and learning and deep moral and ethical values which he was never afraid to uphold in public as much as in private. After retirement he often attended public lectures in the University but was also to be found enjoying the camaraderie of his fellow regulars at Fenners or the Grange Road rugby ground. He also took piano lessons to improve his playing and whiled away many happy hours at the keyboard.

During his work at Papworth, which was one of the pioneering heart transplant hospitals, he became convinced that the criteria for assessing brain stem death before organs were removed for transplant were flawed. He was particularly concerned with the difficulty of certifying death especially when, as in the case of heart transplants at that time, the heart must necessarily still be beating when harvested. He made his views, backed up by scientific evidence, clear through a series of articles in the medical press which provoked much antagonism among his colleagues. Eventually the General Medical Council asked him to desist, but, rather than compromise his views, he retired early in 1988 and gave up his licence to practice medicine to concentrate on what had become an international campaign to reassess the methodology for assessing whether a patient was truly brain stem dead with all hope of further meaningful life gone and to investigate the whole field of the ethical implications of using donor organs. His family came to know this campaign as ‘The Cause’. He wrote many articles and chapters in books on these subjects and even gave evidence to Parliament. He was happy to argue his case with any who cared to listen right up till his death.

He had made a study of appropriate nutrition for his heart patients (and was never afraid to dispense advice to colleagues) and found time to contribute to a British Heart Foundation cookbook, ‘Cooking for your Heart’s Content’, a source of some amusement to his family who were well aware of his lack of culinary skills. Latterly he suffered from severe arthritis and was a familiar sight in College hobbling along with the help of one, eventually two, sticks. However, he continued to struggle into Queens’, though less frequently over the last year or so, for important services or other events. He had a huge circle of friends – Grantchester church was packed to overflowing for his funeral. The College extends its sincere sympathy to his widow, Rosemary, and to his children and grandchildren.
THE STAFF

The Alumni & Development Office said goodbye after almost ten years to Jan Wojtecki and greeted Victoria Thompson (1995), Becky Heath, Fran Johnson and Marisa Sutherland-Brown. In December, after almost 24 years of service to Queens’, we said goodbye to Tim Shorey, Head of Catering & Conferences, and to Alan Sewell, who retired as Deputy Head of Maintenance after 36 years of service. In addition Andrew Gray and Jamie Webb both left the Maintenance Department and we welcomed Kieran Molloy and Steve Moule to replace them.

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of Trevor Lord, the former Head of Maintenance (1980-1999), Ian Wilson, Gate Porter (2004-2014), who both passed away in August, and John Hawes of the Housekeeping Department (2009-2013).

Congratulations to Pete Towers (Maintenance), who celebrated a milestone 40 years at Queens’, to Paul Knights (Boatman), who has worked for the College for 30 years, and to Alison Coburn (Housekeeping) who celebrated 25 years of service.

An special ‘thank you’ must go to Dr Brian Callingham, who has decided to retire as Chairman of the Sports & Social Committee after many years at the helm. The Senior Bursar, Mr Jonathan Spence, is the new Chairman, with Andy Eddy assisting him as the Deputy Chairman.
**THE LIBRARIES**

**WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

It is gratifying that with each year that passes it becomes more widely recognised that the Library is not just a repository of books and desks, but is actively at the centre of the College’s educational and academic life. The fuller integration of the College Librarian and library activities into the work of teaching and learning has brought huge benefits to students and Directors of Studies, but at the same time it has revealed more starkly than ever the severe inadequacies of the library provision in Queens’. There is not enough study space for the large number of students we have, nor enough shelf space for all the books we need: the College has nowhere to put new buildings, so what is required is some repurposing of existing space. I hope that I’ll be able to report progress on this front at some point in the near future, as something needs to be done, and done quite urgently.

Meanwhile we continue to make progress within the existing parameters. The entrance to the War Memorial Library has been redesigned and refitted, so that it is more welcoming and so that a member of the library staff can be visible and available to help students. As always, we offer induction sessions for undergraduates and postgraduates, designed to show them the library and get them started on using e-resources relevant to their subject. These were attended this year by almost all new undergraduates, and about fifty graduate students (the latter figure reflecting increased use of the War Memorial Library by graduate students). The Library has also run research skills workshops on online resources for first-year history students, in Lent, and for first-year Biological Nat Sci students as part of their teaching programme in Michaelmas. There were also refresher sessions for second-years. All these were well attended. As he did last year, the Librarian conducted three research skills sessions for first-year postgrads under the title: ‘Getting the most out of Cambridge Libraries & e-resources’. These were aimed mainly at students who are new to Cambridge and unfamiliar with the extensive range of e-resources, libraries, and special collections that Cambridge has to offer. About twenty students came: we may expect larger numbers in the future.

Last Lent Term we carried out an in-depth library survey of all students in order to gain a better understanding about how the Library was being used, and to gauge levels of user satisfaction. Students were consulted about the quality and usefulness of holdings in their own subject areas, as well as about their use of e-resources, and other relevant library matters. It was very much hoped that the responses would help staff in finding ways to improve collections and services in accordance with readers’ needs and expectations, as well as with the requirements of Directors of Studies. The responses demonstrated high levels of satisfaction with the Library as an atmospheric and peaceful place in which to work, and general satisfaction with the Library as a whole. Interestingly, fifty-nine percent of undergraduate students stated that, of all Cambridge libraries, Queens’ Library was the one they used most; the majority used it daily, or two to three times a week, as a place from which to borrow books. The fact that the library collection played such an important part in Queens’ teaching emphasised the need to ensure that its holdings reflects student requirements.

Forty-eight percent of undergraduates and twenty percent of postgraduates responded to the survey, generating a huge amount of information, all of which will assist us greatly in our development of the Library and its services over the coming years. Although seventy percent of undergraduate respondents were ‘satisfied’ or ‘very satisfied’ with the Library and its services, a more nuanced picture emerged with regard to individual subjects: these showed greater levels of satisfaction amongst science students than humanities students (where of course the numbers of necessary, recommended or just useful books is very much higher). Most students ‘used the Library as a place from which to borrow books’.

In the light of all this, we continue to seek to improve the collection as best we can. We have been having meetings with (most) Directors of Studies in order to make sure the subject stock is as focussed and up-to-date as it can be, and as a consequence, almost all subjects have seen their holdings improved and increased. Library staff have been able to develop and update collections thanks, in part, to the generous support from the Queens’ alumni Adopt-a-Book-Scheme. The substantial extra funds the scheme has made available for book purchases continues to have a marked and beneficial impact on the collection as a whole. In addition to ensuring that the War Memorial Library seeks to hold all books required by first and second year undergraduates, we aim to have a rounded collection, in all Tripos subjects, of books that will be of general interest to a cross-section of Queens’ students and Fellows. I should also record the College’s thanks, once again, to Liz Russell for her indefatigable classification work in the WML.

The Library is approximately ninety-one percent full, allowing us around two and a half years’ growth at the current rate (about 1,100 books per year): we added around 1,100 books last year. So, although we can make some space by weeding books annually, and although Queens’ continues to play an active part in the University’s eBook provision, with Miriam Leonard on the University’s eBooks advisory committee, we really do need to think about ways to expand capacity.

During the exam term we had tea and biscuit mornings again on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in order to encourage students, alleviate the stress of revision, and to make the Library a congenial place to work. They were highly popular. And we continue to publicise our activities via social media (Facebook and Twitter) and via the termly Newsletter, in order to keep people up to date with library news and events and, in particular, to inform people about new developments in information resources. Lindsey Askin’s fortnightly photos of interesting things from the Old Library are popular, too.
Which brings me neatly on to the Old Library. We have bought six magnificent Click Netherfield display cases (two to house the Library’s globes and four for book exhibitions); the cases were chosen after a long process of research that included visits to various Cambridge libraries and museums. We hope people will find them pleasingly modern but not obtrusively so. They fit in well with the Library’s fifteenth-century architecture and early modern cases and books, and greatly enhance our ability to mount exhibitions in the Old Library. So, together with the further de-cluttering that has been undertaken this year, the Old Library is looking very much better; all the post-eighteenth-century book cases have been moved to the West Room, and all the books are now on shelves.

Last year’s Thomas Smith Exhibition was given an extended lease of life by being made available online via Facebook; and it was on display to students in Lent. In the Summer we had an exhibition of fifteenth-seventeenth century maps and atlases, which also linked in a number of very successful schools outreach sessions we held. In the Michaelmas term we had an exhibition of early editions of works by Shakespeare alongside books that inspired and informed him. This was also useful for another schools outreach initiative on a Midsummer Night’s Dream. As part of our project to raise the profile of the Old Library and open it up to different sections of the local community (and, perhaps, to give us a better chance of qualifying for grants), we have been trying to enhance links with local schools through these outreach sessions. They are decidedly educationally useful and may contribute towards the College’s engagement with potential applicants. The events themselves were a major success: the children and teachers really enjoyed them and we’ve had great feedback.

In February two primary classes (Years 5 and 6) came from Newnham Croft School for sessions on Tudor Cambridge, where they learned about the history of the College and about the Old Library as a reflection of Cambridge’s Tudor past: they looked at Mary Tudor’s St Augustine manuscript, Erasmus’ New Testament bible, and the Nuremberg Chronicle, amongst other things. All the children engaged with the books on display by following a discovery trail (an entertaining questionnaire with questions about the Library and books relating to the topic being studied). We also had Year 1 and 2 children from St Albans who came to sessions on ‘Fantastic Voyages’ in the Tudor age. For all of these Lindsay Askin (who from next September will be a graduate trainee in the Library) played a crucial part. Last summer a further party of children came from Bradford.

As I mentioned, we also held a very successful session on Shakespeare and A Midsummer Night’s Dream for year 6 children from St Albans. In this we were helped by Dr Andrew Zurcher who did a wonderful parallel session in the Munro Room, in which all children assembled (and took home) their own octavo facsimile edition of the play. Dr Eggington showed early Shakespeare books together with the kinds of books he drew on to write his plays. The children then looked at our Shakespeare exhibition and did a Shakespeare-related discovery trail. Not all our activities have been for schoolchildren: in November Dr Eggington and Dr Zurcher again ran workshops on the topic: ‘Introduction to Queens’ Old Library: early collections and using rare books for research’, and Dr Eggington held a further workshops in November and March; in the same month, Dr Butterfield organised a rare books session for students of classics. And Dr Eggington held a workshop for first-year history students.

On top of all this there has been a fairly full programme of visits. All the groups who came looked at whatever exhibition was then on display and listened to a brief explanatory talk by the College Librarian. Among the groups were members of the International Association of Music Librarians and ARCLIB, as well as a group led by Dr Holmes, and one by Professor Carroll, and guests at the Arthur Armitage garden party. We have continued with our termly college open weeks this year, all of which have been very popular with students (especially the Michaelmas week where students looked at the Shakespeare-related books). They were advertised in the University and more widely. Hundreds of students and members of the public visited. The Lent Term open week coincided with the Queens’ Arts Festival for which Dr Eggington gave brief talks to visitors. (The Thomas Smith exhibition was also on display for that). And we opened our doors again this year for the Cambridge Open Week, for which the early printed maps exhibition was available. As we did last year, we managed it in the form of individual talks and tours. Dr Eggington, to his eternal credit, talked about the Old Library and its history fourteen times over two days to fully-booked (indeed over-booked) sessions of ten people at a time. We received extremely gratifying feedback, and requests to be told about future events, from members of the public.

This year we have devoted our conservation budget to all the very damaged bindings of our first edition of Diderot’s Encyclopédie. They all look beautiful now and are shelved altogether on the new shelving in the library office, together for the first time in many years. We’ve also had a researcher looking into a long forgotten and extensive collection of fragments from The Prick of Conscience, the fourteenth-century Northern English dialect poem which have been discovered as fly-leaves in a multi-volume series of sixteenth-century printed books in the Old Library.

IAN PATTERSON
A DISCOVERY

Rare glimpse into England’s medieval past: discarded fragments from The Prick of Conscience re-discovered in the Old Library

Queens’ Old Library is fortunate in the fact that, unlike many other rare book libraries, most of its early printed books retain their original bindings. This is of huge significance as marks of ownership, styles of decoration, signs of use to be found on early bindings afford scholars a wealth of insights into how books were used, who read them, and what early readers actually thought about the texts they read. It is the abundance of such information in Queens’ books that makes the library unique as a resource for scholarship and learning. A further attraction of early bindings (of particular prevalence at Queens’) is the sixteenth-century practice of incorporating discarded medieval manuscripts into bindings as a practical measure designed to strengthen and preserve the newer printed books. At a time when the printing revolution was in full flow it made perfect sense to deem scribal productions of the medieval past as obsolete, especially in the newly established Protestant areas where many of the old theological manuscripts conflicted with Reformation ideology. The very fact that such fragments were deemed obsolete can make them all the more interesting today.

It is in the light of this that a recent discovery by Queens’ library volunteer and rare books expert, Paul Harcourt, is of particular interest. In the binding of a multi volume work by the devoutly Protestant Johann Brenz (1499–1570) he has found fragments from The Prick of Conscience, a medieval English work which, although now largely forgotten, was hugely resonate in Protestant England: ‘Thomas Shawe’, ‘Iustificans christi mors mihi sola salus’—those words were owned inscribed in a sixteenth-century hand on the title page is itself reflective of the work’s owner. It reflects the eagerness with which Queens’ college had embraced the new faith. Although theological works by a German Protestant Reformer and Luther associate such as Brenz (1499–1576-94), whose bindings now house the fragments. The presence in Queens’ Library of such fragments were deemed obsolete can make them all the more interesting today.

Let us begin by considering Johann Brenz’s multi volume collected works edition (Tübingen, 1576-94), whose bindings now house the fragments. The presence in Queens’ Library of theological works by a German Protestant Reformer and Luther associate such as Brenz reflects the eagerness with which Queens’ college had embraced the new faith. Although we don’t know exactly how the volume came to Queens’ the name and motto of a former owner inscribed in a sixteenth-century hand on the title page is itself reflective of the work’s provenance in Protestant England: ‘Thomas Shawe’, ‘Iustificans christi mors mihi sola salus’ ['The justifying death of Christ the only salvation for me']

As to whether Shawe actually read the fragments in the covers of his copy of Brenz we cannot know. Nevertheless, it is ironic in the extreme that a work of Reformation ideology should ultimately have been the cause for the preservation of fragments from The Prick of Conscience, a poem which harks so powerfully back to England’s Catholic past. Perhaps one of the most popular texts of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, The Prick of Conscience exists in more manuscripts (now 127) than any other Middle English poem, and so its circulation at that time appears to have been at least twice as extensive as that of Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales. This is even more remarkable when one considers that although the poem is of Northern English origin (probably Yorkshire) it was able to reach an extensive audience across the whole of the country, in particular, East Anglia, the south west Midlands, Sussex and Devon. Its popularity is also evident in the many allusions to the poem to be found in medieval wills and book lists. Clear parallels with the Parson’s Tale indicate that Chaucer was familiar with the poem.

It is easy, however, to see why and how The Prick of Conscience has proved less attractive to modern readers than other works of the period. As a didactic and devotional work it set out to show what the common man must do to achieve divine goodness, and describes the dire consequences of leading a life of immorality. Its author (whose identity is unknown) sought to terrify the reader into leading an upright life by demonstrating that no worldly pleasure can be worth the pains of hell: filth and stench, hunger, thirst, weeping, despair, burning heat, great murkiness, grisly devils, and goading by the worm of conscience (Book VI of the poem from which our fragments come lists these).

The nine fragments themselves are made from vellum (sheep skin) and seem to have been used as some sort of guard to strengthen the bindings in vols. 2, 3, and 6 (a further set of fragments that were once in vol. 7 had been removed as part of an early twentieth-century restoration—fortunately they were then stored in the library’s safe)

Although early versions of the poem usually exist in the Yorkshire dialect, our fragments would appear to suggest their creation more in the East of the country. Recent research by Daniel Sawyer (to which this article is heavily indebted) has shown the following: present-day English ‘much’ appears as ‘mekil’, ‘not’ is ‘nout’, and ‘which’, ‘where’ and ‘whom’ are represented by ‘qwiche’, ‘qwere’ and ‘qwom’. Modern English ‘-ight’ is represented by ‘-ith’. Present-tense verbs with plural subjects terminate with ‘-yn’, ‘-en’ or ‘-n’ and present participles in ‘-and’. Dr Sawyer argues that these features could suggest a dialect originating in the area west of Norfolk, the south west Midlands, and the north of the Isle of Ely: an area north, at least, of Cambridge. However, he also notes that a Middle English text’s dialect is more likely to be the dialect of its scribe than that of the exemplar, and that scribes used to travel. Thus, in the absence of other corroborating evidence it is wise not to take the scribe’s dialect as an indication of the book’s place of creation.

Further details concerning this find will be available in an extended article by Daniel Sawyer to be published in the forthcoming issue of Transactions of the Cambridge Bibliographical Society later this year. We are grateful to Dr Sawyer for sharing his findings with us prior to publication.

DR TIM EGGINGTON AND PAUL HARCOURT
THE CHAPEL

As well as The Dean and the Chaplain, the following have preached at Sunday evening services in Chapel: The Revd Tim Green (1979), Interserve; The Very Revd Mark Bonney, Dean of Ely; The Revd Prebendary Christopher Rowley, formerly Vicar of Wellington, Somerset; The Revd Paul Youde, formerly Vicar of Lydney, Gloucestershire; The Revd Canon Alan Hargrave, Canon Missioner of Ely Cathedral; Dwayne Engh, Westcott House ordinand on attachment; The Revd Giles Walter, Vicar of St John’s, Tunbridge Wells; The Revd Dr Michael Lloyd, Principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Monsignor Mark Langham, Chaplain to Roman Catholic students; Dr Clare Grant, Cambridge Philosopher; Councillor Carina O’Reilly, Cambridge County Councillor; The Revd Catherine Dixon, Methodist Minister of Kings Lyn; The Revd Colin Wilson, Vicar of Finchingfield; The President; and Mr Sami Awad, a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem (who spoke at the Carol Service). The sermons in the Michaelmas Term took the form of a series on social responsibilities. For the Evensong on Sunday 16 February the Choir were joined by the London Youth Choir, directed by Suzi Digby.

On 11 May the annual University Confirmation Service was held at Queens’. The Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely, presided and preached.

The preachers at the Commemoration of Benefactors Services in May and in June were the Revd Robert Hall (1990) priest-in-charge of St Margaret’s, Halesowen, and the Revd Elizabeth Moore-Bick (1996), Team Vicar of Clarendon (Elizabeth was then the first ordained Queens’ woman to preach in Chapel).

As usual, on occasion, the main Sunday Choral Evensongs were replaced by a variety of other services. On 2 March there was an Informal Service led by members of the Christian Union and on 9 March the traditional Music and Readings for Passiontide. The service on 27 April took the form of a Rosary, followed by a soup supper, on a Monday evening. Collections for charity have changed to offer termly (and therefore more substantial) donations to charities that inform the Sunday evensong preachers. In the Michaelmas Term the collections were given to the Amos Trust.

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There was a welcome Matriculation service on 7 October, led by the Chaplain and the Choir. The Chaplain has been leading the saying of the Rosary, followed by a soup supper, on Mondays through the year.

Choral Evensongs with visiting choirs occurred on 6 July (St Augustine’s Chamber Choir) and 6th September (Reunion Choir directed by Stephen Armstrong (1976)). There have also been concerts in Chapel featuring the Fairhaven Singers, the Godwine Choir and the St Margaret Society.

During the Lent and Easter Terms, Sunday morning services of Holy Communion continued, with a sermon series on the book of Jeremiah. Attendance at these services has been very low for several years, so in the Michaelmas Term the College Communions were moved to Tuesday evenings. There were also Communions on major saints’ days throughout the year.

During the year there have been 11 weddings and 3 Christening services.

The Saturday lunchtime series of organ recitals, organised by the Organ Scholars, have continued. Nick Morris has given great service to the Chapel in his three years as Organ Scholar – he graduated in the summer. Alexander Knight has become the Senior Organ Scholar and has been joined by a new Junior, Edward Reeve.

Rachael Gregory was succeeded as Chapel Clerk by Michael Loy at Easter and Joyce Nelson by Rachael Gregory and Charlie Patterson as joint Sacristans. Arthur Tombs has been given the new post of Chapel IT and Publicity Officer.

On 28 February and 1 March there was a series of events and services, arranged by the Deans and Chaplains of the University under the title ‘Engaging Christianity’. The 24 hours of talks, discussion and worship were brought to an end with a Festival Eucharist in Great St Mary’s with Rowan Williams (now Master of Magdalene) and the Bishop of Ely.
Dr Jonathan Holmes retired as Dean of Chapel after 20 years in office (and 11 years before that as Chaplain and Lay Chaplain) at the end of September. His last term time service was the annual End of Year Eucharist on 8 June at which he preached. When he first took office as Lay Chaplain he was a member of the Chapel Choir. The encouragement and improvement of the Choir has been one of his main focusses over the years – the last Choral Service over which he presided was the Graduation Service on 25 June (at which Stephen Conacher from the graduating year spoke). There remained several weddings which he conducted over the summer, though Dr Holmes will continue to take a few weddings and other ceremonies in Chapel when asked and he has been granted Permission to Officiate locally by the Diocese of Ely. The Revd Tim Harling is now single-handed Chaplain and has instituted a number of changes and reforms in the services routinely held in Chapel and in the layout of the Chapel itself.

JONATHAN HOLMES AND TIM HARLING

THE GARDENS

The year 2014 was a typical one for the gardens at Queens’. It was a pleasure to see “The Round” developing into the intended piazza with very varied and interesting herbaceous borders by the Mathematical Bridge and the railings along Silver Street. Unfortunately the College had to park cars briefly in the Grove during summer; that meant that afterwards the whole area had to be dug over and the bulbs and paths replaced. At least it hardly rained, whilst vehicles were parked very close to our trees. We wait to see what will appear this coming spring, but at the end of January there were lots of aconites clearly visible. Likewise Friars Court has been occupied recently by builders renovating Docket building. That court will soon need a new lawn and herbaceous border in front of Friars building. One big job completed before the end of 2014 was to renew the decking-footpath of the roof garden above the kitchens, i.e. between Fisher and Cripps buildings. A new and rather large bed was created along the sunny side of the eastern half of the Fisher building. There were also new plantings at Owlstone Croft, where the gardens now have much more interest throughout the year. Finally we thank W.J. Heard (1970) for kindly donating a garden bench, some mature olive trees and a weeping willow. These olive trees are in big pots and have changed the appearance of the Erasmus building, when viewed from the bowling green. Needless to say our lawns are as immaculate as ever, all thanks to our garden staff.

ALLAN HAYHURST
THE SPORTING RECORD

CAPTAINS OF THE CLUBS

Athletics: Ben Ridley-Johnson
Badminton (Men’s): Zhaoming Li
Badminton (Women’s): Zhen Tong
Badminton (MCR): Wenda Li
Basketball: Paul Brimble
Boat Club (President): Emily Baxter
Boat Club (Men’s): Alex Duncomb
Boat Club (Women’s): Rachel Salter
Chess: Alexander Hardwick
Cricket: Laurence Reeves
Cricket (MCR): Timothy Cannings
Cycling: Jason Mavrotas
Football (Men’s): Alexander Knight
Football (Women’s): Abigail Brown
Football (MCR): Thomas Crawford
Hockey (Men’s): Oliver Albert
Hockey (Women’s):
Lacrosse: Eleanor Manners
Netball (Women’s): Lucy Gumbiti-Zimuto
Netball (Mixed): Jamie Banks
Penguins Ultimate: Theo Pigott
Pool: Richard Hindmarsh
Rugby (Men’s): Thomas McClelland
Rugby (Women’s): Esteira Hiwaizi
Skiing and Snowboarding: Elizabeth Popli
Squash: Robert Davis
Table Tennis: Edgar Dakin
Volleyball: Paul Brimble
Water Polo: Ryosuke Yamada

ATHLETICS

2014 has been a year of quiet success for athletes from Queens’. It proved once more that, despite Athletics’ lower profile in comparison to Football, Hockey and Netball, it remains a sport in which a number of members of College excel from inter-collegiate to national level. It was also a year containing unusual competitions; May saw the 150th Anniversary of the first Oxford-Cambridge Athletics match, held at Oxford’s Iffley Road track and June the visit of American athletes from Penn and Cornell to compete against a combined Oxbridge team.

The first major competition of the year was the annual Varsity Field Events and Relays (VFAR). This event is always hotly contested as a chance to assess the competition from Oxford and to lay down times for a new season. In the Cambridge ‘A’ 4x400m relay team Ben Ridley-Johnson ran a time of 53.0s. Will Ryle-Hodges put in one of the most exciting performances of the day running in the 4x1500m relay. With the result of the Men’s track competition uncertain, Joe Christopher ran a competitive first split of 4:14s but, by the time that Ryle-Hodges picked up the baton for the final leg, the Cambridge team were an entire lap of the track behind their dark blue rivals. To the surprise of the Oxford athletes, he was able to reel in their athlete, clocking the fastest split of the race, 3:59s, and finishing a matter of yards behind.

In the Summer Cuppers, fresher Eleanor Duck ran well in the 100m hurdles race to win in 17.2s, earning her a place in the Women’s Blues team at the Varsity Match. Duck also came second in the 400m hurdles. Hannah Hull too put in a good performance in the 800m, beating several more established university athletes to be selected for the Women’s Alligators (seconds) team. Queens’ captain, Ben Ridley-Johnson, won the 400m race in a time of 52.8s that ensured selection for his second Varsity Match.

In the 150th Varsity Match itself, Eleanor Duck and Ben Ridley-Johnson earned their Half-Blue colours. They competed in the Blues 100m hurdles and 400m and 4x400m relay respectively, Ridley-Johnson coming a narrow second in his race in a personal best time of 51.9. After making the final of the British University Championships just days earlier, Joe Christopher finished shoulder to shoulder with his Cambridge partner, dipping under 15:00s in a supremely controlled 5000m one-two finish. At the end of June Christopher also competed in the elite Oxford-Cambridge team against the US Penn-Cornell athletes. Will Ryle-Hodges ran in the historic mile race (on the 50th anniversary of Sir Roger Bannister’s four minute mile) in which the competitors all finished within two seconds of each other. In the Women’s Alligators 800m race Hannah Hull ran a personal best time of 2:25s.

Finally, in Michaelmas 2014, there were signs of a revival of the College Athletics team in Winter Cuppers. For the first time in several years, and despite injuries, there were strong competitors in the Javelin (Mark Jerjian), Long Jump and 100m, (Eleanor Duck) and two
runs (Edgar Dakin and Mark Jerjian) in the 100m flat race, all of whom performed well. Freshers Bobby He and Jacob Gibbs showed speed and promise in the Men’s 4x100m team which finished third.

BADMINTON

2014 proved to be a rollercoaster year for the Queens’ Men’s Badminton Team. After the highs of being newly promoted into Division Two (of nine), reality came crashing in as the team failed to win a single match during the whole of the Lent Term, including a first round defeat in Cuppers. This meant that the team returned to Division Three for Michaelmas 14/15. However an influx of quality freshers and a change of captaincy helped the squad to record three wins out of five to secure second position in the League, and most importantly promotion back to Division Two, making us a veritable yo-yo team.

The Fitzpatrick Hall has the best badminton court among all the colleges. There might be a little personal bias from members of Queens’, but it is probably a fair and common opinion in Cambridge at the moment if you ask badminton lovers the question! 2014 has been a marvellous year for the Women’s team. Carrying on the spirit from the previous year, the team put in a brilliant performance in the Inter-College League in the Lent Term, obtaining second place in the First Division. In Cuppers six players, three pairs, compete for each college on the court. On the day of the Cuppers final, the Queens’ first pair experienced a ‘quick death’ against two University players from Newnham College, so that huge pressures fell on the rest of the team but eventually, we found our way to the championship. This is the second victory since 2012 and also the second time in the history of Ladies Cuppers that Queens’ has been engraved on the trophy.

With experienced players graduating, the Ladies Team has been refreshed with new blood in the Michaelmas Term. The Team may become less competitive for the moment, but all the experience, good or bad, will help us to make it better and better in the future.

MCR BADMINTON

Promotion for the undergraduate team was clinched when they won a closely fought match against the Queens’ Graduate Men’s Team (who happen to be in the same Division of the league) in the final match of the season. This was a disappointing end to an otherwise successful year for the graduate team. Wenda Li took over captancy from the original team founder, David Herbschleb, and led his players to promotion from Division Four in the Lent Term. Despite also gaining some very good players for Michaelmas 14/15, they just missed out on back to back promotions by finishing third in Division Three.

BASKETBALL

The Queens’ College Basketball Club has been playing in the Fourth Division of the Cambridge University Basketball League this year, sitting around mid-table. The team is a healthy combination of experienced players and complete beginners, creating a friendly environment in which to play without being too serious. The games in the League so far have been quite close with narrow wins and losses throughout the past year, an impressive achievement given the small size of the Basketball Club. As we rarely have substitutes for most of our games, players have to be committed for the entirety of the match and this level of fitness is a testament to their dedication. Hopefully this will translate into a successful run in the Cup as the team will hope to cause a few upsets and surprises along the way.

BOAT CLUB

2014 has been a mixed year for the Men’s side of QCBC. In the Lent Bumps, the first men’s crew started in third place and unfortunately the quality of some of the crews behind us was just too much and we slid down to 6th, despite some gutsy rowing against crews who were much stronger than us. M2 bumped up by one place. The campaign could have gone even better had they not unfortunately crashed at Grassy Corner whilst they had overlap on Homerton 1. M3, containing many novices, collected spoons, but remained upbeat about what was, for many of them, their first bumps. The bump by M2 proved to be the only one of the year for the Men’s crews. In the May Bumps M1 rowed over all four days, despite having an overlap on First and Third (Trinity) on one day and being overlapped by Clare on three of the days, most of which began as early in the race as the Plough pub. The fact that we managed to hold their pushes and eventually push away for another 1.5km was testament to the crew’s mental toughness, and ensured we remained 8th on the river. M2 were unfortunate in that they were being chased by graduate colleges with many returning Blues, and despite their best efforts, ended up with spoons by the end of the week. Both M3 and M4 went down two, but M3 still remain as the third best M3 boat in the order, whilst M4 is the second best M4.

The new academic year started with a successful University IVs campaign, with the M1 IV only being defeated in the semi-finals by Robinson, the eventual winners, and the M2 IV defeating every crew they came up against by at least 20 seconds to record a comprehensive victory. Finally, we rounded off the year finishing 8th at Fairbairns. Despite this result being a little lower than we wanted, we were comforted by the fact that we were only 10 seconds off third place, and so are right in the mix of crews for next year’s Bumps. Also in Fairbairns, M2 finished as the 5th fastest M2 crew on the river, beating many college
M1 crews in the process, and the Queens’ novice men achieved better results than last year’s novices, all of which bodes well for the next two terms.

The QCBC’s women’s side, on the other hand, has had a spectacular year. The new seniors kicked off the Lent Term with the Winter Head to Head race, and then got on with Bumps training. In the Bumps W2 had some great rows, bumping twice, but unfortunately getting caught on the last day. W1 began with a gruelling row-over chasing St Catharine’s, followed by a technical one the following day. After that it was time to step it up, with a bump on Pembroke, followed by a bump on Newnham on the last day just outside the Plough, taking us from 11th to 9th on the river. As this wasn’t enough rowing for one term, we also took a quick trip to London to take on the Women’s Eights Head of the river.

In the Easter Term, having managed to get a trip away from the Cam to the Peterborough Regatta, we settled in to prepare for Bumps again. After the successes in Lents, we were raring to go. W1 bumped up two again, W3 went down an unlucky three, but W2 out-staged us all. Without having to row a single corner, the W2 crew sprinted off the start each day, going up 5 places, and putting W2 firmly in the Second Division where they belong. To finish off the Term, the women’s side managed to get an eight to Henley to attempt the qualifiers. Being one of the smallest crews there, we gave it everything, but could not quite match up to the competition. We’re looking forward to having another go next year!

In the Michaelmas Term, with a depleted number of senior rowers, we endeavoured to train and race in 4s. This proved to work well, giving us wins in the Autumn and Winter Heads on the Cam. Following these victories, we were all set for Fairbairns to be a tough, but hopefully rewarding, race. Leaving a lengthy gap for Caius in front, trying not to be too overconfident, we set off to give it everything we had over the 3.4km course. With Caius in our sights from the Pike and Eel, we went for the overtake. At the finish line outside the Plough we rowed past Caius, completing our term with style, coming away as the fastest women’s 4 on the river.

CHESS

The midpoint of the 2013-14 season found the Queens’ chess team hoping to continue their strong start and hopefully win the Cambridge League. Unfortunately, this goal proved over-ambitious. Several drawn matches in the Lent Term meant that (though we remained unbeaten in Division 1, even against strong opposition including Churchill and Cambridge City Chess Club) the title narrowly eluded us. Nevertheless, our place in the top division of the League was secured for next season. The considerable interest which chess received over this season, combined with strong results in the League, are a testament to the outstanding presidency of Craig Saperstein, who will be sorely missed.

Easter Term, as usual, saw a lull in Chess Club competitive activities. Nevertheless, our weekly casual speed chess sessions in the Bar continued with their customary enthusiasm. The academic year ended with a friendly evening tournament in the Bar. The offer of free nachos to all players (as well as the barring of Queens’ Team players from entering) encouraged 20 players to enter the tournament, which was won jointly by Michael Leader and Theo Pigott.

We were heartened at the start of the 2014-15 season by the arrival of several very strong chess players among the freshers in Michaelmas Term (including one International Master!). As a result, Queens’ 1st team finds itself firmly at the top of Division 1 halfway through the season, following convincing wins over Churchill (4-1) and Christ’s (5-0). For the first time in recent years, we have also created a 2nd team, giving improving players a chance to experience competitive chess in Division 2. Despite being the only 2nd team entered in the League, it has been scoring impressive results, including a 4-1 win against Anglia Ruskin University.

CRICKET

2014 was a mixed year for Queens’ cricket. Six weeks of well-attended net sessions throughout the Lent Term promised a good season. A warm-up friendly against Queens’ MCR team saw the MCR bat first, reaching 137/5 from their 20 overs, with Akash Gandhi the pick of the bowlers with 2-11 from 3 overs. In reply, the total was easily achieved, thanks to a rapid 62 from Akhilesh Mulay and 31* from Alex Rowland, who was playing his final JCR season.

Next up: Cuppers. In the first match against Pembroke, usually a strong side, Pembroke batted first and immediately set about the Queens’ attack, plundering 166 - still an imposing score. What happened next was a collapse with Queens’ 28/6 from 9 overs. Only Ben Howlett (46) and Clement Woo (18*) kept Queens’ score, which reached 93/9, respectable. A trip to Girton followed, with chances of getting through to the next round of Cuppers virtually gone. Girton 2nds batted first and made 155/7. Queens’ started well and 56* from Reeves helped chase down the target with 2 overs to spare. Despite this win, Queens’ were out of Cuppers.

After exams, a number of friendlies followed. A big win against Old Spring (73 all out), in which match Queens’ lost only 2 wickets, was followed by an equally big loss to a touring side who made 221 off 40 overs whilst Queens’ fell to 110 all out.

2015 should see a stronger Queens’ team. Only a couple of regular players have left and the Freshers have provided an influx of new talent.
MCN CRICKET

The 2014 season was another successful one for the Queens’ MCR cricketers. Building on last season’s success, the remaining MCR members were joined by some enthusiastic new players, some even completely new to the game. After blowing away the cobwebs in the nets in the Lent Term (and explaining the rules to the new players over a beer), we got the season underway at Barton Road with a fiercely contested match against our JCR counterparts. The MCR started well with Ed Barsley and Gareth Hewer batting confidently and scoring quickly, the first wicket eventually fell with the MCR well poised a short few of the century mark. A few quick wickets, however, limited the MCR to a relatively modest total. We bowled less well and the JCR were able to knock of the runs with an over or so to spare. Our second game of the season was against Gonville and Caius. Last year’s captain, Musabbir Majeed, showed what he can do with the ball, his left arm swing bowling (4 overs 14 runs 2 wickets) restricting the Caius top order. A good all-round batting performance saw the MCR cruise to their first win.

A more friendly games, including a win in a close match against Pembroke--Churchill, our nemesis from last season, prepared us well for the Graduate League. Unfortunately, we came up against some strong opponents early on and failed to progress through to the semi-finals. Our best performance came in the last game of the season. A phenomenal all round effort and (near) flawless fielding ensured the MCR beat a strong Trinity--Wolfson side by 59 runs. Stephen Cardinal, in his third ever cricket match, was denied a Hat-Trick due to a dropped catch, only for the offender to throw down the stumps to complete the team Hat-Trick with a run-out.

A special mention must go to Queens’ Fellow Richard Rex and his family, who (combined) remain on 79 out not for the season. Congratulations to Peter Logg who graduated this year after four successful seasons with the club. The Captaincy has been handed over to Ed Barsley. His batting average of 77 and safe hands behind the stumps prove he is more than qualified to lead the team. The Team are grateful for the efforts of the groundsman, Mark Reeder, who prepared us some excellent pitches, and for the continued and generous support of the College, who provide funds for equipment and facilities, enabling access to the game that otherwise wouldn’t be possible. Queens’ MCR proudly remains one of the few single college teams to enter the Graduate League.

CYCLING

Queens’ College Cycling Club has amassed over 25 members since being founded in 2013 by co-presidents, Katie Newsome and Jason Mavrotas. The Club provides a platform for students of all cycling disciplines and abilities to come together, meet new riders and progress their cycling, be it through taking part in our weekly rides or competing with us at inter-collegiate level. QCCC can also provide road safety briefings as well as advice on bike fitting, adjustments, and repairs, for all its members. We strongly encourage anybody to come along and give it a go - our weekly rides cater for all levels.

Despite its modest age, QCCC has already had numerous successes, and in multiple countries too. Tom Watts and Adam Leach both took part in the 2014 Cuppers Time Trial and finished a solid 35th and 39th, respectively, with Adam’s time being all the more impressive given the ‘vintage’ machinery at his disposal. In July 2014 two QCCC members, Peregrine Dunn and Jason Mavrotas, attempted the task of cycling from London to Paris in 24 hours in aid of the disabilities charity, Scope. Under the guise of ‘Queens’ of the Mountains’, they battled torrential rain, wind and pain alongside an equally deranged group of 300 riders. In the end, the 24 hour target was, alas, asking too much - only 6 cyclists achieved it by a mere 5 minutes. Despite this, the brutal 28 hours were ‘by all means worth it and so exciting’ and produced a good return, as £1900 was raised for Scope.

FOOTBALL

The 2013/14 season was a mixed bag for Queens’ Men’s Football; the First Team saw their promotion drive from the Second Division fall just short, despite a thrilling 2-1 victory over Trinity in torrential rain and near-gale force winds. They finished in 5th place with 13 points, 9 points behind the promoted Pembroke and St John’s.

The Second Team, however, had an exemplary season, winning the Fourth Division by beating all teams but one. Their cup run was also impressive, finding their way to the final by beating the second teams of Churchill, Homerton and Downing, before meeting Fitzwilliam’s Seconds and losing 1-0. Jack Barstow (captain) should be commended for the galvanising spirit that was within the squad. The annual St John’s 5-a-side competition held at the end of the 2013/14 season saw the single Queens’ team defeated in the Quarter-Finals against a dubious second-string Fitzwilliam side.

The 2014/15 season is looking bright for all three Queens’ Men’s teams. The Thirds were relegated in the previous season, and are now looking for promotion in the Seventh Division, whilst maintaining their cup run in the Vase. The same is true of the Seconds, who are in fourth place, but only 4 points behind league leaders Jesus II, whilst also still in the Shield. The Firsts are top of the Second Division, having won all but one game so far, but their run in Cuppers was ended in the first round against Division 1 high-fliers Jesus I, although the game was only decided in extra time after a battling performance ending with a narrow 3-2 defeat. However, they are well placed within the Plate to have a good cup run.

Indoor 3v3 football continued in the Fitzpatrick Hall, with the return of 5-a-side University-wide football in October 2014. With a fantastic intake of fresher talent bolstering the squad,
all three teams look highly competitive, and should see their just rewards in the 2014/15 season.

After a disorganised couple of years, Michaelmas 2014 saw a revival of Queens’ College Women’s Football Club. Recruited and invigorated by club captain Abbie Brown, the team, with experience vastly ranging from an ex-Tottenham Ladies U-18s and Blues seconds to an “I’ve never kicked a ball before, does it hurt?” competitor, has had a fantastic couple of terms. Having started the season with an enthusiastic but admittedly disjointed performance in defeat to Corpus, recent alumnus Jack Barstow was recruited to help coach the team.

Ever since, the girls have all made incredible progress. After two unlucky 1-0 losses, the hard work was finally rewarded with their first point in the Queens’ Lane derby against St Catharine’s, showing remarkable team spirit to come back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2. The momentum was carried through over the Christmas break and resulted in a truly outstanding 7-0 victory in the quarter-final of the Plate against Peterhouse/Clare. We now have a fantastic chance to reach the final and win some silverware. It really has been an extraordinary improvement by all of the team with plenty of potential still to realise, and, most importantly, it has been huge fun.

Team kit has been ordered, an AGM and annual dinner are being planned and football fever has spread through College so much that we even had substitutes for the last match! The future for the club is very bright and strong foundations are now in place, which mean the club shouldn’t again fall by the wayside.

MCR FOOTBALL

2014 began and ended with considerable promise for the MCR football team, interspersed with the usual highs and lows: a four way fight for the league title, last minute penalties and double digit wins, there was controversy aplenty in the way only the MCR Football League can provide.

The year began with the team sitting joint top of the League with only two games left to play. The first was won convincingly, 11-0 over St Catharine’s, with soon to be crowned top goal scorer Josh Brownlow netting six. The second saw one of the most exciting and unpredictable matches in recent memory. The stage was set: Queens’ versus Churchill, Queens’ needing a victory to secure the league title, Churchill needing at least a point to avoid relegation. The match began with the nervousness expected, with both teams failing really to control the game. The first opportunity arrived in the form of a Queens’ penalty, but the usually infallible Josh Brownlow proved he was human after all with an unexpected miss. This, however, was the spark that Queens’ needed as they thrust themselves into the ascendency taking a 3-0 lead. The game looked to be won and it is perhaps this complacency that allowed Churchill to fight back to an improbable 4-4 score at half-time. Undeterred, Queens’ fought on in the second half taking a 5-4 lead through Richard Nickl with only stoppage time left to play. There was uproar at the referee’s decision to award four minutes of added time, but Queens’ knew that they were only minutes away from a third consecutive league title. Alas, it was not meant to be. With virtually the last kick of the game, a Churchill forward tumbled in the box and a penalty was awarded: 5-5. Churchill avoided relegation and Queens’ lost their league title in a dramatic final day.

The Cup campaign that followed felt like the party after the Lord Mayor’s Show with the team seemingly still reeling from the loss of their league title. The group stage saw another demolition of St Catharine’s and a comfortable 5-2 victory over Clare/Fitzwilliam with Captain Thomas Crawford returning from injury to grab two goals. A 4-4 draw with Anglia Ruskin and a hard fought 2-1 victory at Corpus Christi saw Queens’ finish top of their group and set up a Quarter-Final against Cambridge Assessment. Having previously beaten them comprehensively in the league it seemed that the Semi-Finals were once again looming, but the ghost of the league past continued to haunt the team as Queens’ surrendered their cup title with a 2-1 defeat.

2013/14 was perhaps not a season to remember for Queens’ as they lost both their league and cup titles in a matter of weeks, but it has been said that the sign of true champions is the ability to bounce back from adversity and the start of this season has seen exactly that. Following what can only be described as a bizarre 5-4 defeat to newly promoted St John’s on the opening day of the season, the team has won the last five games in a row to leave them once again at the summit of the league table where they belong. Three games remain, including a grudge match against Churchill that could well decide the league championship, as well as the cup competition which pits Queens’ against arch rivals Jesus in the group stage. The year has once again ended with considerable promise for Queens’ MCR Football and this time I am sure it will not be allowed to slip away.

HOCKEY

When you next read the words ‘based on a true story’ at the end of an epic cinematic experience, it may well be that you have just relived the events of the Hockey Club’s last 12 months in thrilling digital 3D, as there has never been a tale so worthy of the big screen. It starts unsurprisingly as a story of dejection and despair. Despite a desperate amalgamation with Homerton in the 2013-14 season to try and find more numbers, the squad sat at a lowly 7 people, and unable to field a full side each game; weekly defeat inevitably followed. The AGM consisted of a mere 10 people representing the whole of Queens’ hockey, and, under no delusions of grandeur, the mantle of Captaincy was passed on to Oli Albert.
Then we hit the new academic year and from seemingly nowhere people started to appear. Flat-mates, graduates and heroes returning from years abroad all signed up, and then the freshers arrived. This is where things really got moving. We won our first game, and fresh off the back of the first victory, we started to train. Despite being pitted against Jesus in Cuppers, a team in the division above, we held our own and matched them in all apart from the goals scored (3–1). However, we got out the beaters and dusted ourselves down, got back up and proceeded to complete an unbeaten season in the League finishing only just second.

The Michaelmas Term season ended with the beginning of the tradition of the golden stick, at which the top scorer for the season is awarded a ‘solid gold’ (spray painted) stick to proudly display in the most prominent place he can find. That brings me to our current Lent Term season, and the arrival of our new kit. Almost works of art, these robes of perfection have taken us to new heights, and having won every game this season so far, it is a fair assumption that they are in fact magic. The triumphal return of Queens’ Men’s Hockey is nearly complete, and promotion this season is a seriously achievable possibility.

The Women’s Hockey Club, however, has been struggling all year to put out a team.

LACROSSE

Queens’ Mixed Lacrosse Club started 2014 in a new division of the League, having been demoted from the top division at the end of 2013. This put us in a strong position over the other teams and we managed to achieve some great wins despite sometimes facing adversity, as we were often outnumbered, not quite managing to field a full team of 10 players. At the Cuppers tournament towards the end of Lent Term, we collaborated with King’s to form a mixed team and after qualifying out of the group stages, narrowly lost out in the quarter-finals, conceding a last minute long range goal. This was, arguably a frustrating way to end the season but our progress to that stage of the competition was unexpected and so with our expectations exceeded, we were pleased with the result.

We began the Michaelmas Term determined to recruit some new players to the Club and focused on persuading both freshers and other years in the College to come and try the game out. We have lots of new players, most of whom had never played lacrosse. They now play regularly on the team and are quickly improving their game. We are also lucky enough to have 3 players from the University Team in Queens’, who provide a much needed injection of skill and experience – Eleanor Duck, Lucy Evans and Fran Posada-Brown. This puts us in a strong position for the rest of the 2014-2015 season, for which the focus will be Cuppers and we will be fielding a Queens’-only team now that the squad has grown.

NETBALL

Following on from an impressive second place in Cuppers 2014, Queens’ Ladies Netball has continued to flourish this season! Lucy Gumbiti-Zimuto took over as captain from Libby Gerrard in the Michaelmas Term, with the majority of the team from Lent 2014 still playing. Our only loss was to Lottie Mungavin who graduated and is sorely missed! However Becky Lawrence returned from her year abroad and was welcomed back with open arms – her shooting has been excellent so far, definitely contributing to our success this term. Jess Baker also joined the team this year as GA/GS, and along with Becky and Chloe Byers we now have a very strong and reliable group of shooters. Fresher Amelia Williamson is a very versatile player and now a valued member of the defence/centre court. All of these new players have definitely contributed enormous amounts to the success of the Queens’ team this season. The results so far have been excellent with only a handful of matches being lost (we are planning our revenge on Sidney and Downing this term!). We have moved up from sixth in League 1 to third, which has been very exciting! Cuppers is being held at the end of the Lent Term and we hope to do Queens’ proud once again! Queens’ Ladies Netball has always been of a high standard and this is partly due to the excellent friendships formed between members.

2014 was a year of progress for Queens’ Mixed Netball. Under the captaincy of Helena Pomfret, flashes of brilliance early on showed our potential, despite some narrow defeats. Relegated to the 2nd Division in a turn of fate that saw goal difference land us in the relegation zone, the team entered Cuppers raring to go. Buoyed up by the appearances of Sasha Hajnal-Corob, James Edgley and Alex Rowland, Queens’ cruised through the early stages to reach the quarter-finals. The big match was Queens’ vs Downing. Downing were at home, with a crowd that makes a cold, wet, windy night in Stoke look like a walk in the park. A few down after the first quarter, Queens’ came back fighting to leave things level at the final whistle. The first extra time: after again going down, Queens’ piled on the pressure to go one up, only for Downing to draw even in the dying breaths. A second extra time, and a third, and a fourth ensued. As the teams grew weary the support from the sidelines reached levels rarely seen in college netball and the passion must have carried Queens’ through. As the whistle blew after an hour of netball, Queens’ had made the semi-final!

The fun was cut short as an exhausted Queens’ were narrowly beaten by a fresh and rested Corpus Christi, but we left with heads held high, secure in the knowledge that we’d just been involved in what must be one of the greatest of all games to grace Downing’s courts.

Michaelmas 2014 saw a new intake of freshers and a real gelling of the team. After losing only one match in an unusually low-scoring 5–3 vs John’s, Queens’ won the 2nd Division, returning to Division 1 where we trust things will move from strength to strength.
PENGUINS ULTIMATE (FRISBEE)

Over the course of 2014, Penguins put together a really strong team, competing at the top of the Inter-College League. Led by Captain Matt Wood, after devoting many hours to practice at the new West Cambridge Site Sports Centre, we took a first place victory in Indoor Cuppers in the Lent Term. Then, in the Easter Term outdoors tournament, we complemented that with a highly respectable 3rd place. On the team-spirit side, social secretary Kevin Meng arranged a plethora of swaps with other college teams, as well as pub meets and board game evenings. This academic year sees Bryn Coldwell take the reigns as captain, and with a solid influx of freshers, it looks set to be another great season for Penguins.

POOL

The Pool Club has had a rather successful year. In the Lent Term 2014 Queens’ started with a tense match against Homerton which went down to the last frame. Thankfully our captain, James King, held his nerve and saw us to victory! Following wins against Trinity Hall, Jesus, and Emmanuel we went into the last match of the season knowing we had to win by a 7-2 scoreline to finish second (as Robinson had already won their Division) to qualify for the playoffs for third place. Away at Pembroke, we all brought our A-game and strode ahead in the match and were 5-0 up, then disaster nearly struck as they clawed two back. The outgoing and incoming captains won their frame, then James, as he usually does, won his singles match and got us the 7-2 victory! In Easter Term we had the third place play-off against Caius/Darwin, which we comfortably won 6-3 to round off a strong performance for the academic year.

Returning in the Michaelmas Term, Richard Hindmarsh was left the responsibility of captaincy and was tasked with rebuilding the team. Queens’ seconds started their campaign away at Emmanuel. Our team included an exchange student from New Jersey and to say he was eccentric would be an understatement! Matt Prusak had boundless energy and seemed to be in a permanently hyper state, but his pool abilities were not the best. Despite this he managed to win both his singles and doubles match to everyone’s disbelief! Perhaps his opponents were put off by his running commentary: “Ahh, man! Did you see me sink that red?” and “Of course, I clearly meant to pot it off three cushions!” Queens’ seconds have so far won both of their matches. Meanwhile Queens’ firsts have won one and lost one. Against Trinity Hall we were very unfortunate. As it so often does, it went down to the last frame. However last up for us was Arjun Sobnack, a second team player who was substituting in for the firsts. He put in a valiant display and come close to winning the match for us, but was not clear on the rules and accidentally committed a cushion foul — allowing his opponent to snatch the win. Perhaps it was the Captain’s fault for not explaining the rules beforehand...

RUGBY

This year has been a rebuilding year for QCRFC. It began with a short-lived run in the annual Cuppers competition and a string of poor results against stronger Division Two sides. Whilst Queens’ has been suffering from a number of injuries across vital positions on the pitch, we have been the most committed side in all college rugby. QCRFC were the only side able to fulfil all of their fixtures – a great testament to our team spirit and dedication to developing our team. The annual Old Boys fixture was, of course, a highlight. The best attendance in living memory led to a strong Old Boys victory, followed by the customary curry evening. An honorary mention to Mr. Rowan Kitt who generously provided a round of drinks for the evening!

There were encouraging signs over the summer, too, as QCRFC performed well at the various touch tournaments, taking second place on a couple of occasions.

Entering the new season of 2014/15, there were very promising signs with a strong uptake of new first years and graduate students. We are proud to have three College XV players in our midst and started our new campaign in Division 3 with high spirits and enthusiasm. The first game of the season saw us travel away to Trinity Hall, a team also relegated from Division 2. We played outstandingly well in attack and managed to score two tries in the first half, unfortunately the new side had less success in the defensive and fitness department – conceding 27 points. After a successful social and a rebuilding of team spirits, QCRFC travelled to Christ’s – top of the league and pummelling teams that made their way to their King’s Road pitches. Tension was high and nerves were evident, the Christ’s team seemed bigger and stronger but as my old rugby coach used to say, “It’s not the size of the dog in the fight, it’s the size of the fight in the dog”. With these words ringing in our ears, Queens’ College left the field triumphant – winning 12-10. Honourable mentions on the day went to Ben Chalmers for a rampant front row performance and Benjamin Dubois – whose first game of rugby (ever) was fantastic.

Our next game was an away fixture at Girton. It was an end-to-end game that was a true test of fitness. At half time, the score was 15-7. In the second half, with the wind against us and with a couple of guys feeling the effects of the night before, Girton fought relentlessly to overturn the score line. The game finished 27-22 and the long cycle home commenced. Fitzwilliam were the next team to take on the might of QCRFC at their home ground. This was not a strong day for Queens’, with three players missing to College XV Varsity game and many more out with injuries. Fitzwilliam 42- Queens’ 5.

By the end of 2014 Queens’ College were mid table in the Third Division. We look forward to the Cuppers run of 2015 with a side returning to fitness and recovering from injury.

All the players who show top commitment to the team are to be thanked, especially our
strong fourth year contingent and Marcos Zunino (our stalwart Argentinian fullback) all of whom will be leaving us in 2015. Further thanks to the team of groundsmen at Barton Road (Fortress Barton) and Queens’ for their funding of the Rugby Club.

With this year’s influx of enthusiastic freshers, and a reinforcement of our ties with the Caius team, Women’s Rugby is growing more quickly than ever. In Lent Term 2014, we had some joint training sessions with St Catharine’s and there was a college tournament. In the Easter Term, many of the girls joined forces with the men’s team and had some good touch rugby games at Grange Road. Michaelmas 2014 has seen a vast increase in numbers, a weekly training session followed by brunch, and an impressive win in a friendly against Emmanuel.

A lot of people played an excellent game of rugby only having first picked up a rugby ball in September! We have high hopes for our Cuppers matches in the new year to come.

SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

Queens’ ski trip has become known as one of the biggest and most friendly college trips in Cambridge and this year saw the Ski & Snowboard Club take to the pistes of Alpe D’Huez. With 249km of piste, the resort is one of the largest in Europe and is host to La Sarenne; the longest black run in the Alps. For the first time this year the club had skis and boots custom fitted by The Pre-Fit Delivery Company here in College, allowing us to spend less time in the hire shop and more time on the slopes!

With a slow start to the season, hopes were not high for good conditions. However, the week preceding the trip saw a sizeable dump of snow in resort, with some days having 35cm and a maximum temperature of -9°C. Upon arrival nearly all lifts were open and conditions were beautiful.

All students had a fabulous week’s skiing, with a huge number of beginners taking to the slopes for the first time. Mid-week we had a ski-away day in the neighbouring resort, Les Deux Alpes, which gave the new skiers a chance to sample some different pistes and opened up a huge new off-piste area for the more adventurous members of the group. Other highlights of the week included a traditional alpine lunchtime meal on the mountain for the entire group, an evening’s social with ‘celebrity’ themed fancy dress and a day’s skiing in our gowns!

Overall the week was a huge success, We look forward to another great trip next season.

QSki Committee: Helena Pomfret, Thomas Crawford, Elizabeth Popli, Jamie Banks.
VOLLEYBALL

It has been a relatively quiet year for the Queens' College Volleyball Club with few new recruits to replace the recently graduated ex-players. Nevertheless, there remains a strong, albeit small, core of players that have improved significantly over the past year. The team has had to pivot away from developing six player team skills and the focus has instead been directed towards individual skill building and beach-style two player volleyball games. This works well for a sport like volleyball which relies heavily on each player being able to contribute. In the past at Queens', the majority of volleyball recruits have been beginners and so games were rather disjointed as players were taught both individual skills and team play simultaneously, leading to slow overall improvements. The shift towards two player teams has proved rather successful as the increased individual ability has translated smoothly into more advanced and fun volleyball games!

WATER POLO

Water polo is one of the most physically demanding sports and also requires high levels of intelligence and team work. Queens' College Water Polo has been growing over recent years and is now the only college team with two training sessions a week in The Leys School pool. As the university team training is not available for beginners in general, Queens' College training session is the only starting point available for those interested in the sport. We welcome all levels of players, as can be seen from the very wide range in our team, starting from those learning how to do breaststroke leg kick to those playing at University level. Even though our team does not include any Blues water polo players, owing to the consistent training and tactics talks, we all have been able to improve our individual performances as well as strengthening the team work and the team spirit. This has led to an incredible achievement of being number 1 out of all colleges in the 2014 College League, which was competed for throughout the year. This can be seen as an even bigger achievement considering the fact that our team was the only team to be able to fight without having to borrow other colleges' Blues players. Our aim now is to maintain this position for 2015 as well as to introduce such a fantastic sport to more people.

ADMISSIONS

The Admissions team have had another busy year, disseminating the message about the value (in educational and financial terms) of a Cambridge degree. We participated in a University-wide initiative to run events for teachers in our link areas and our programme of allowing teachers to observe our interviews in December continues to be oversubscribed. We have also supported a series of successful student-led visits to schools in Kent and Bradford – over 1200 students heard about Queens’ in an intensive week of visits at the start of the Easter Vacation. Our Schools Liaison Officer was out on the road for much of October and November running interview preparation workshops. Maria covered 4500 miles in visiting 35 schools during the run up to the last Admissions round.

Any offers of help to support this kind of activity would be gratefully received. The number of events and schools visited increased by 50% in the last academic year and any further increase will require enhanced resources. During Academic Saturday we ran two sessions for Alumni who are involved with education on the transition from school to university and on Cambridge’s attitude towards A-level reform. This was alongside our usual session for Alumni and their relations about the admissions process itself. The University raised its offer level for science subjects to A*A*. While there was a small fall in application numbers overall, the quality has been higher in science subjects this year than it was last. The Admissions Office is always willing to talk to parents, teachers and prospective applicants about all aspects of the admissions process: please feel free to e-mail us (admissions@queens.cam.ac.uk) or follow us on Twitter (@QAdmissions)!
DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

FIRST YEAR

First Classes and College Exhibitions:
Giovanni P Bergamo Andreis (St. Paul’s School): Part IA Engineering
Adam J Boumelha (Cheney School, Headington): Part IA Natural Sciences (Biological)
Christopher N P Bray (Southend High School for Boys Academy Trust): Part IA Natural Sciences (Physical)
George Cameron (Simon Balle School, Hertford): Part IA Natural Sciences (Biological)
Benjamin P W Catterall (Ranelagh School, Bracknell): Part IA Computer Science
Jinsheng Chen (Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Singapore): Part IA Mathematics
Sophie A G W Chung (Watford Grammar School for Girls): Part I Human, Social and Political Sciences
Bethany R Crickmay (Westcliff High School for Girls): Part IA Geography
Eliot R Cohen (Haberdashers’ Aske’s Boys’ School): Part I Theological and Religious Studies
Ciar A Donnelly (Heckmondwike Grammar School Academy Trust): Part I Linguistics
Maxwell O Frost (CATS College, Cambridge): Part IA Natural Sciences (Physical)
Alexander M M Hardwick (King’s College School): Part IA Classics
Daniel Heydecker (St. Albans School): Part IA Mathematics
David L J Ho (Longsands Academy, St. Neots): Part IA Natural Sciences (Physical)
Benjamin Howlett (Ermysted’s Grammar School, Skipton): Part IA Natural Sciences (Physical)
Siddhant M Jayakumar (Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai): Part IA Computer Science
Mark Jerjian (Westminster School): Part IA Engineering
Ben Larson (Rainham Mark Grammar School, Gillingham): Part IA Mathematics
Zhaoming Li (Greenhead College, Huddersfield): Part IA Engineering
Akhilesh S Mulay (King Edward’s School, Edgbaston): Part IA Medical and Veterinary Sciences
Mina Rahimzadeh (CATS College, Cambridge): Part IA Natural Sciences (Physical)
Lois E Baker (Part IIA Economics)
Hannah Benton (Part IB Architecture)
William Boulton (Part IA Mathematics)
Paul P Brimble (Part IIA Economics)
Finlay Campbell (Part IA Natural Sciences (Biological))
Camilla L Clark (Part IA Classics (with distinction))
Mistro I-P Contrastin (Part IB Computer Science)
Edgar Dakin (Part IB Engineering)
Megan Dalton (Part IA English)
Samuel Fisher (Part IB Computer Science)
Adam J El-Hussein (Part IB Medical and Veterinary Sciences)
Ahmed El-Hussein (Part IB Medical and Veterinary Sciences)
Samuel Fisher (Part IB Computer Science)
Adam J Foster (Part IA Mathematics)
Arianna Freschi (Part IIA Politics, Psychology and Sociology)
Esther Glenfield (Part IB Land Economy)
Quang-Thinh Ha (Part IB Engineering)
Adam D Jolley (Part IB Natural Sciences (Physical))
Matthew J Jessop (Part I History)
Catherine M Jones (Part IA Politics, Psychology and Sociology)
Edwards Kalnicenko (Part IB Computer Science)
Demetrios Lefas (Part IB Engineering)
Jingping Li (Part IB Natural Sciences (Physical))
Jocelyn O Lloyd (Part IB Modern and Medieval Languages)
Thomas J McClelland (Part IB Medical and Veterinary Sciences)
Jonathan J Rawlinson (Part IB Mathematics)
William G Raynaud (Part IB Mathematics)
William Reid (Part IB Engineering)
Zoe Sciver (Part IB Natural Sciences (Physical))
Anna K te Water Naudé (Part IB Medical and Veterinary Sciences)
Alexander P Thoma (Part IB Natural Sciences (Physical))
Oliver C H Whitehead: Part IB Mathematics
Bonan Zhu: Part IB Natural Sciences (Physical)

THIRD YEAR

First Classes and Foundation Scholarships:
Laura J Ayres: Part IIB Linguistics
Zachery Baynham-Herd: Part II Natural Sciences (Zooology)
Eleanor Beaumont: Part II Architecture
Max C Cooper: Part IIA Engineering
Gabriel D Crossley: Part II History
Anoushiravaan Darabi: Part II History
Julia C Dilnot: Part IIB Politics, Psychology and Sociology
Yuping Duan: Part II Mathematics
David H G Elliott: Part IIA Manufacturing Engineering
Lauren J Ellison: Part II Mathematics
Benjamin J Gill: Part II Natural Sciences (Physics)
Sasha J Hajnal-Corob: Part II Natural Sciences (Astrophysics)
Elizabeth Hedges: Part II History
Louise E Holt: Part II Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Michael A Hope: Part II Natural Sciences (Chemistry)
Lucas Khullen: Part II Natural Sciences (Biochemistry)
Zoe Lai: Part II Natural Sciences (Pathology)
Michael M Leader: Part II Mathematics
Phoebe F Lindsley: Part IIB History of Art
Sally McClean: Part II Education (with English)
Josephine Maidment: Part II Natural Sciences (Plant Sciences)
Malcolm J Miller: Part IIA Engineering
Joyce P W Ong: Part IIB Economics
Jan Polasek: Part II Computer Studies
Thomas Powell: Part II Computer Studies
William Ryle-Hodges: Part IIB Theological and Religious Studies
Piers Riley-Smith: Part IIB Archaeology and Anthropology
Craig Saperstein: Part II Computer Studies
Thomas Scrivener: Part IIA Engineering
Harriet Sharp: Part II Natural Sciences (Physiology, Development and Neuroscience)
Clare Sikorski: Part II Philosophy
Adam L Smith: Part II Mathematics
Thomas S Stafford: Part II Law

Leyla C Sudbury: Part IIA Manufacturing Engineering
Jack Stewart: Part II Law
Jonathan M F Tsang: Part II Mathematics
Anna Tsyupko: Part IIB Theological and Religious Studies
Molly Underwood: Part II English
Hannah Vassallo: Part II Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Zoe L Wilson: Part II Law
Grace E Wright: Part II English
Sidney C Wright: Part II Natural Sciences (Physics)

FOURTH YEAR

First Classes and Foundation Scholarships:
Myrto Aspioti: Part II Modern and Medieval Languages (with distinction)
Alexander Barns-Graham: Part III Mathematics
Jack Bartley: Part III Mathematics
Andrew S Bell: Part III Natural Sciences (Physics)
Alexander E Chappell: Part III Mathematics
Simon R Davies: Part IIB Engineering
Manios Fournarakis: Part IIB Engineering
Joshua T Holgate: Part III Natural Sciences (Physics)
James W King: Part III Computer Science
Sophie L Mitchell: Part III Natural Sciences (Chemistry)
Elise A Morton: Part II Modern and Medieval Languages
David H Phillips: Part III Mathematics
Thomas H J Proctor: Part IIB Engineering
Abigail E See: Part III Mathematics
Miriam Seitzler: Part II Law
Rauno Siirnmaa: Part III Mathematics

GRADUATE STUDENTS

First Classes and Foundation Scholarships:
Laure G Berthier: Master of Advanced Study (Mathematics)
Manini Brar: Master of Law
Lucie Chatelain: Master of Law
Franca L M Maurer: Master of Law
Evgenia Parmenidou: Master of Law
Faye J Presland: Master of Law
Peter J Silke: Final Vet MB Part III
Yu Xi Tay: Master of Law

COLLEGE AWARDS YEAR PRIZES 2014

Year Prizes
Joshua King Prize: P F Lindsley, J Maidment
Hughes Prize: C L Clark, A El-Hussein
Venn Prize: A J Boumelha, D Heydecker

COLLEGE SUBJECT PRIZES

Bailey Prize: H Vassallo
Braithwaite Prize: H D Phillips
Brendan Prize: A Darabi
Bull Prize: A S Mulay
Chalmers Prize: J T Hoigate
Clayton Prize: E R Cohen
Colton Prize: D Heydecker
Cook Prize: M Aspioti
Davies Prize: M A Hope
Engineering Alumni Prize: S R Davies
Hills Prize: H Vassallo
Lucas-Smith Prize: J Stewart
Melsome Prize: H Sharp
Morgan Prize: M J Jessop
Mossery Prize: A J Boumelha
Northam Prize: J P W Ong
Openshaw Prize: J I Rawlinson
Peel Prize: Z Li
Penny White Prize: C L Clark
Phillips Prize: E Hedges
Prigmore Prize: W Reid
Alison Roper Prize: F Campbell & J Li
Wheatley Prize: F A Syvret

PRESIDENT’S SUBJECT PRIZES

Architecture: E Beaumont
Biology: J Maidment
Biology: Z Baynham-Herd
Chemistry: A P Thoma
Computer Science: T Powell
Computer Science: J Polasek
Education: S McLean
English: M Underwood
Geography: B R Crickmay
History of Art: P F Lindsley
Human, Social & Political Sciences: S A G W Chung
Land Economy: E Glenfield
Linguistics: C A Donnelly
Manufacturing Engineering: L C Sudbury
Mathematics: Y Duan, J M F Tsang
Medical and Veterinary Sciences: A El-Hussein
Philosophy: C Sikorski

SPECIAL PRIZES

Beament Prize: A J N Chilvers
Farr Poetry Prize: J H J Persad
Ryle Reading Prize: O F Bell

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

The Frank Smart Prize for Botany: F. Campbell
The Kurt Hahn Prize for Excellence in German: M. Fournarakis
The Kurt Hahn Prize: M. Aspioti
The T B Wood Prize for Plant Sciences: J. Maidment
THE JCR

The JCR Committee – now a solid gang of nineteen – has been busy as ever this year. We’ve organised some of the high points in College life, been around to support people through the lower moments and had a laugh along the way.

Our first year reps organised another fantastic freshers’ week – complete with the now traditional Ceilidh, Jazz and Cocktails in Old Hall, punting with your College ‘family’, speed dating (where everyone has 60 seconds to speak to the person next to them before an ungodly noise tells them to move on) and many more events. The first years benefitted from an improved subject contact scheme, thanks to our Secretary and Academic Officer. This saw the freshers put in touch with second years studying the same subject before they came to Cambridge (and after!). Our Sports and Societies Officer organised a squash for our first years, at which Queens’ societies fought over new meat to flesh out their sports teams, orchestras and dance troupes. These events were assisted by the whole Committee, who came out in full force (and green rugby shirts) to welcome a whopping 163 new undergraduate members.

The big strength of our Committee was our ability to pull together – we completed the dreaded Bounce clean up duty in record time to earn money for our handover dinner, and even managed to clear out the JCR store room (for maybe the first time in history) and sold off a load of very random stuff. All of this was not in vain, because we went on three cracking handover dinners with the proceeds.

This year, the JCR welcomed three new roles to our Committee: a Women’s, a BME (Black & Minority Ethnic), and a Disabilities Officer. These roles, created by the outgoing Committee, aimed to make sure Queens’ is a place where all students are fully welcomed. Our Women’s Officer championed the introduction of Consent Workshops at which all first year students discussed in small workshops the nature of consent, and myths surrounding these issues. This was well received by over 100 participants and will now become a regular part of Freshers’ Week. She also began to draft our new Sexual Harassment Policy – which was more than a little outdated – and worked with the Women’s Welfare Officer to organise another fantastic Women’s Dinner in the Old Hall. Our BME Officer publicised lots of University-wide BME events in Queens’ and our Disabilities Officer wrote the first ever disabled guide to College, which will help new or prospective disabled students settle in and answer any specific questions they might have about College. Each of these officers was assisted greatly by our Vice-President and Externals Officer, who continued to bring CUSU campaigns into the heart of College.

Our Welfare Officers made sure each student woke up to chocolate in their pigeon holes and a friendly note in week 5, and plied students in need with tea, biscuits and a shoulder to lean on all year round. Our LGBT+ officer continued to organise social events in College,
from dinner and drinks for the first years to Formal Hall swaps at other Colleges and our Internationals Rep championed a new scheme for holiday storage to make life easier for students who live abroad.

Our VP and Treasurer introduced internet banking, dragging the JCR into the modern age (a bit), so students never need to look at a cheque book again. She also made sure the 30ish societies that Queens’ boast toed the line financially, which is no mean feat, and it’s fair to say we’re all a little more scared of her now than we were before. Our Computer Officer kept our website up to date and sorted out various mini technical crises, which were mostly caused by the JCR President!

Our Access Officer continued initiatives like the Shadowing Scheme (at which sixth form students are invited to come and stay with undergraduates, to experience college life), the Access Roadshow (on which Queens’ students visit schools in Kent and Bradford), and many tours around College. Her work paid off, because this year saw a record high of applications from state schools, and corresponding increases in intake. Our Accommodation & Environment Officer patiently answered countless emails from students coping with the delayed building works in Dokett, and worked with College to provide a study room and financial compensation for the students who were affected. The newly renovated building is looking pretty gorgeous now, but Tom and others will be haunted by memories of Dokett for years to come!

The Steward made sure we were never short of an excuse to have a fancy dinner, and the Committee organised another full complement of year dinners. This year we added a 4th Year Dinner, which in future will be organised by our new 4th year rep, who will also act as liaison between the MCR and JCR Committees. Our Ents President brought us another brilliant Bounce (the JCR inflatables themed garden party on Erasmus Lawn), this year complete with a foam cannon to blow off some of that post exam steam. She also organised countless quality bar nights and Bops, and negotiated more than a few sticky post-bop-related situations.

It has been a busy year. As handover swiftly approaches, a weird mixture of sadness at leaving our Committee behind and relief at being able to return to that other thing we used to do – the degree – settles. We all look forward to seeing what the next Committee get up to!

President: Leyla Sudbury
Vice-President Internal: Jessica Picard
Vice-President External: Tom McClelland
Secretary: Arianna Freschi
Access Officer: Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan
Women’s Welfare and Representative Officer: Emily Marr

Men’s Welfare Officer: Tom Watkins
LGBT+ Officer: Jamie Bradly
Sports and Societies Officer: Alex Hardwick
Computer Officer: Ed Dakin
International Officer: Nour Kharma
Accommodation Officer: Tom Flynn
Women’s representative Officer: Babak Hakimian
Disabilities Officer: Rebecca Benion
Freshers’ Representatives: Jess Tray and Rosanna Sappa
QE Ents President: Natasha Bourne

THE MCR

Larger and more diverse than ever, the MCR community has seen a great many positive changes this year. It is truly a pleasure to see the graduate community taking an active role within the College, and integrating and collaborating well with the JCR, the Fellowship, and College Staff.

A most major and welcome change this year has been that the MCR has a new home at Queens’: the long-needed renovations to the MCR Woodville Room are finally complete. Over the last couple of years, the tireless efforts of my predecessors – in gauging the need for change, in conducting surveys amongst the graduates to understand the role and the requirements of the room, and in putting MCR finances in appropriate order to implement change – have come to fruition. Soon after handover in May Week, the current MCR Committee began to make plans and designs over the summer, and collaborated with Fellows and College Staff to make arrangements for the renovations to be implemented in conjunction with the building work on Cripps AA. It was a long, exhausting, but entirely rewarding process, and the MCR Committee is very grateful for all the help and support they received. The newly refurbished Woodville Room was opened on the 7th November, and we welcomed the Fellowship and all the College Staff to drop in and join us for a champagne reception to celebrate the efforts of all those involved. The more classic, refined and pared-down look of the combination room, along with the new amenities it provides, have been hugely popular amongst the MCR community, and the Woodville Room is more in use than ever.

In general the movement towards encouraging the graduate community at Queens’ to become more involved in college life and spend more time on site, has been very successful and I hope that movement continues. In October the new haul of graduate ‘freshers’ were welcomed in proper MCR style – from our traditional Wine Tasting night, to relaxed punting trips to Grantchester, and the legendary MCR Woodville Feast in the middle of term. The
end of the academic year with a fantastic garden party: the huge amount of sandwiches, cakes and crisps were demolished while our guests listened to a live band and bounced on the bouncy castle! We had plenty of drinks left, so while some of the alcohol helped us run other events and get much more profit, we were able to give the soft drinks away to a homeless shelter to ensure that nothing went to waste. The past year has shown just how much of a difference a small charity can make and how, with some commitment, a relatively new group can become well-established in two colleges. Hopefully 2015 will see further successes!

President: Kate Davis (Clare)
Vice-President: Catherine Rowley

QUEENS’ CHARITIES COMMITTEE

Our committee of undergraduate students from Queens’ has had a successful year. Our ballot charities this year were the Teenage Cancer Trust, RAG and Médecins Sans Frontières. Our year of fundraising began with a ‘Take Me Out’ night in the Fitzpatrick Hall in collaboration with QCOEF in January, led by former President and Vice-President, Jasmine Lynn and Laura Hull. Following the success of ‘Take Me Out’, we put on several sold-out formal halls; two of these in the Lent Term were Harry Potter themed and there was a Hollywood themed formal hall in the Michaelmas Term. The red carpet and Oscars presentation helped us to raise over £1000 in one night. Our full year of events also included a tea party in Old Hall, face painting for Halloween and selling ribbons to support causes such as World Aids Day. We’d like to thank everyone who has supported Queens’ Charities this year; we have raised nearly £4000 together. We have some exciting plans for 2015 and hope to raise even more money for our ballot charities.

President: Kitty Jones
Vice-President: Felicity Wren

CLASSICS SOCIETY

Having gone into hibernation in 1987, the Queens’ Classics Society was gloriously resurrected in the Lent Term 2014. The acting President, Sophia Halberstam, organised a hearty and congenial Lent Term Dinner, with Professor James Diggle presiding as the guest of honour. Michael Loy then took over the role of President and organised a series of talks over Easter and Michaelmas Terms.

Familiar faces were welcomed back to the society. Professor Anthony Snodgrass, who last addressed the society in 1985, presented an illustrated and controversial talk which argued for the immediate return of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece. Professor Pat Easterling gave
a presentation to an over capacity and eager audience (late-comers were invited to sit on the floor) at the start of the Michaelmas Term, on the question, ‘Why has (some) Greek literature survived?’ It was a pleasure to welcome Professor Easterling back. He first spoke to the Society in 1967, and subsequently three more times until 1987. Dr Katherine McDonald was welcomed to speak on the Faculty’s flagship ‘Greek in Italy’ project, which was also a fine chance to share her ‘holiday snaps’ from the research team’s study trip to Italy. The final talk of the Term was from a special guest, Monsignor Mark Langham, a former Classics undergraduate of Magdalene College and now the Catholic Chaplain to the University. He spoke on the relationship between the Classics and the Church in the West, both in art and in philosophy.

The Classics Society is thriving once again, and already has a full programme of talks lined up for 2015. A Classics Faculty don commented that the Society has resurrected with vigour, and is seemingly a stronger presence across the whole Faculty than the University-wide Classics Society!

President: Michael Loy

ERASMUS SOCIETY (HISTORIANS)

The Erasmus Society has continued to host talks, discussions, and social events for the historians of the College. There were a number of talks held in 2014, beginning with Professor Simon Schafer on ‘The global history of science’, a panel discussion on Civil War politics, and Dr John Slight on British converts to Islam. At the end of the year Dr Mark Hailwood came from Oxford to deliver a highly successful speech on drinking culture in seventeenth-century England. This fascinating talk was followed by highly amusing and stimulating discussion. Erasmus Society social events have helped foster an inter-year community amongst historians, most prominently with February’s History Dinner, but also with drinks and meals held at various times throughout the year.

President: Jack Greatrex
Social Secretary: Joanna Clarke
Publicity Officer: Ben Ridley-Johnson

QUEENS’ BENCH (LAW SOCIETY)

2014 marked another successful year for Queens’ Bench, with the Society engaging in many events both internally and with alumni. Lent Term saw our Annual Dinner return to Old Hall, at which we congratulated both Professor Richard Fentiman on his thoroughly deserved Pilkington Prize for excellence in teaching and Martin Dixon for his ascension to a professorship. The Term also saw the first final of the Annual Mooting Competition, at which Joe Tarbert became the first to take home the QBLS Mooting Trophy after mooting in front of His Honour Judge Stuart Bridge. We also welcomed back Karim Khalil QC and Christopher Knight to talk to students about life at the Bar, an event which we aim to host again in 2015.

Whilst exams dominated most of the Easter Term, the end of the academic year was celebrated in style on Erasmus Lawn at the QBLS Garden Party. We thank all the law firms who have kindly sponsored events such as this and the Michaelmas Dinner and those that have taken students for meals in restaurants around Cambridge. We encourage any solicitor alumni who might be interested in doing something similar to get in touch with the current committee.

Michaelmas Term 2014 was typically busy, the highlights being the Michaelmas Dinner and the Alumni Event held at Inner Temple. Current students had the chance to chat to Queens’ Bench alumni who had matriculated as early as the 1960s. We were pleased to endorse the creation of the John Tiley Fellowship, and encourage any alumni interested in helping to finance the Fellowship to get in contact with our Alumni Office.

President: Karl Anderson
Vice-Presidents: Jean Tan and Lauren Fawcett
Secretary: Natalia Hartung
Social Secretaries: Katie Mills & Emelia Hunt
Mistress of Moots: Helen Lavery

MATHEMATICS SOCIETY

The Queens’ Maths Society was newly formed this Michaelmas 2014, with the aim of promoting a sense of community and continuity amongst mathematics students at Queens’. Events last term included our first AGM, weekly help workshops for the 1st years (joint with the subject contacts) and an evening of talks from students about their summer research projects, followed by Formal Hall. As the Society develops we hope to organise speakers and hold more social events.

President: Lois Baker
Vice President: Daniel Heydecker
Secretary: Matt John
Junior Treasurer: Daniel Jackson
MEDICAL SOCIETY

The year started with 87th annual dinner on the 22nd February 2014. We were joined by the 345th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz who delivered the pre-dinner lecture entitled, ‘is prevention better than cure’. Following a fantastic dinner, a fascinating and entertaining talk was delivered by the shortly to retire Assistant Director of Studies for the vets at Queens’, Dr Jonathan Holmes, with reminiscences of his years at the college. The night was capped off by the light-hearted traditional ‘ritual’ led by Dr Holmes.

The Easter Term saw the Medical Society hold their annual garden party on Erasmus lawn. Being held in the middle of May Week, the refreshing non-alcoholic drinks seemed ever more popular! The event was again dominated by a fiercely competitive game of Bowls that involved both students and fellows.

Michaelmas Term 2014 saw the arrival of the new fresher’s who were given the chance to meet the older years at the Welcome Tea Party held in Walnut Tree Court. This event, along with the more animated annual curry night, served as a great way for the fresher’s to introduce themselves and feel part of the medical and veterinary community here at Queens’. Later on in the Term the Society was fortunate to welcome Dianna Mann a former Queens’ student who unfortunately fell ill with meningitis. The talk focussed on her experiences and struggles with the disease and the healthcare system. We were all fascinated to hear the views of a patient, as it is something that as medics we tend to overlook.

The year then ended with two social events: a paintballing trip with Downing Medical Society and the annual Christmas pub crawl. Unfortunately, despite the heroics of our current Director of Studies we were unable to stop a Downing victory, although a rematch may very well be on the cards! The pub crawl was a great way to end the year-providing a relaxed environment for everyone to catch up after what had undoubtedly been a very tiring term.

President: Ahmed Elhussein
Vet President: Sara Robson
Treasurer: Jason Mavrotas
Social Secretary: Babak Hakimian
Secretary: Tom McClelland
2nd year rep: Elle Manners
1st year rep: Ben Morris
Webmaster: Justin Koh

MILNER SOCIETY (NATURAL SCIENCES)

In the fourth year since its resurrection from obscurity, the Milner Society has established itself as the social and academic hub for the Queens’ Natural Sciences students. 2014 started off with the most successful Annual Dinner to date, bringing together over 100 natural scientists of all ages and academic interests in a night of cheese, port, duck and, inexplicably, pineapple. In late Lent, the Part IB Options Night allowed veteran students to pass on valuable advice regarding the choice of modules to First Years.

The weekly Freshers’ Workshops run by second year students were a source of happiness in the depths of Exam Term, providing exam tips, solutions to problems and, most importantly, a selection of Sainsbury’s Basics biscuits and squash. The end of exams was celebrated by the Milner Society in appropriate fashion with a luxurious Garden Party on Erasmus Lawn – worries by the Committee of having over-bought strawberries, scones and Pimms were quickly replaced by a fear of running out, as an unprecedented turnout wrapped up the academic year in good spirit.

The return to Queens’ in Michaelmas welcomed a new group of Freshers and a new Committee. Both were promptly inaugurated on the night of the NatSci Mahal, during which 70 natural scientists in lab coats ventured to a curry house, and ~70 returned. The Society continued the Fresher Workshops and organised for groups to attend scientific talks together, allowing people to settle into Cambridge life. The calendar year ended on a cosy note, with an evening of Christmas drinks and mince pies.

Looking forward, the Committee has ambitious projects in the planning – most notably the establishment of an alumni networking framework, as well as the expansion of social events including attending formal halls at other colleges with their respective NatSci societies.

President: Patrick Lewis
Vice-President: Finlay Campbell

THE BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX SOCIETY (THEOLOGIANS)

This year has been an exciting time for the St Bernard of Clairvaux Society with some really interesting and varied speakers. During Lent Term 2014 we were privileged to host the ex-Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, for a fascinating talk on ‘Versions of Jesus in Fiction’. Approaching the new academic year, a concerted effort was made to widen the scope of the talks and thus far we have had a talk from Dr Ataf Imtiaz, the Academic Director of the Cambridge Muslim College, who spoke to us on ‘What it means to be close to God in Islam’, as well as from the esteemed Professor Eamon Duffy, who spoke to us on ‘Missing
the point about religious art’. With an upcoming talk scheduled to be given by the promising Rabbi Rowe and with an increased attendance at the meetings, we trust that our relatively small society will become bigger and better in the following academic year.

President: Deanna Green

ARTS SEMINAR

It has been a stimulating and challenging year for the Arts Seminar, and the engaging conversation has continued to flow unabated. The calendar year began in the steady hands of Charles Li, with a programme for Lent Term on the subject of ‘Language and Sex’, touching on topics as diverse as sexual paradigms in ancient India, and the agency of translators in literature and in international legal proceedings. The speakers were Sanskritist Dr Hugo David, broadcaster and former chief of conference of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia Christina Pribichevich-Zorić, modern Hebrew scholar Dr Yaron Peleg, and Dr Daniele Cuneo of the Sanskrit Manuscripts Project.

Fast-forwarding to the Michaelmas Term, the Arts Seminar was able to attract more generous support from Queens’ MCR and the creation of a dedicated committee position, Academic Officer, to organise the talks and other comparable events in College. The Michaelmas programme sought to redress the gender balance of the predominantly male-driven talks by featuring a selection of noteworthy women whose academic qualifications were matched by their outside accomplishments. This term’s speakers were the literary scholar, activist and broadcaster Alison Hennegan, conflict resolution and United Nations scholar Carol Gallo, historian and former National Trust executive Wendy Andrews, and distinguished Irish language scholar Dr Margo Griffin-Wilson. Rather fittingly for the centenary of the First World War, one of our seminars fell on 11 November. This provided an ideal centrepiece for the seminar theme this term, ‘engaging with conflict, past and present’.

The seminar continues to attract wide-ranging interest, from undergraduates and graduate students to College fellows. We once again owe our gratitude to the seminar founder Dr Ian Patterson, and special thanks to all the Fellows who hosted our speakers at formal hall.

Convener: Loughlin Sweeney

BATS

After a fairly rough start last year, when the May Week show fell flat shortly before it was due to open, the Bats Committee have spent this year attempting to rekindle interest in the Fitzpatrick Hall, which has fallen out of favour with theatregoers recently. We have had to choose carefully which shows to put on, ones which not only deliver a high quality of production but which also show off the fantastic capabilities of the space to prospective applicants from around the University. As a result this year will have featured two operas. The first was Britten’s Albert Herring in the Michaelmas Term. A very strong cast and brilliant direction and production made this show very successful with viewers. Reviews commented on the ingenuity, originality and talent displayed within the show, and in a roundup of the term’s theatre in the widely-read student newspaper ‘The Tab’ the Fitzpatrick Hall was given a full paragraph urging people to apply to and attend the theatre. Lent Term will have a similar musical vibe with a production of Bernstein’s little-performed opera Candide, which will feature a similarly daring aesthetic and talent from Queens’ and beyond in singing, musicianship and directing.

President: Ben Hawkins

CHAPEL CHOIR

The Chapel Choir had an eventful year in 2014, starting off with a highly successful tour of Hong Kong. Performances in the China Club, St John’s Cathedral and The Club Lusitano were particularly memorable, if not just for the sights and unusual venues. The Choir particularly enjoyed talking at and performing for two schools: Yew Chung International and Diocesan Girls’ School, the second of which one of our singers, Katie Wong, had attended. The culmination of the tour saw the Choir perform Mozart’s Requiem again with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Orchestra after their visit to Cambridge in November 2013.

Without drawing breath, the Choir returned to Cambridge and resumed its termtime schedule, which included highlights such as the reflective Consort Evensong services, an Evensong in Ely Cathedral, and joint Evensongs with the London Youth Choir and The Perse School in the Lent Term. The concert at the end of the Term was held in the Dutch Church, London, and included pieces such as Bruckner’s Christus factus est and Mendelssohn’s Hear my prayer, with Olivia Bell’s solo of great note.

The Easter Term’s focus, beyond the regular service schedule, was the recording of a CD, For the Wings of a Dove, directed by Silas Wollston (Director of Music). Highlights of the CD include the aforementioned Hear my prayer by Mendelssohn, but also Purcell’s version of Hear my prayer; this version is supposedly unfinished, which invited Dr Wollston to compose a continuation entitled Hide not thy face, which combines a variety of styles to produce an illuminating effect. Stanford’s For Lo I Raise Up, Berkeley’s The Lord is my Shepherd and two consort pieces by Byrd and Gibbons are also fantastic representations of the Choir’s immense talent.
The new academic year required a slightly reduced schedule, but nevertheless a jam-packed one, with Ralph Allwood joining the Choir as Assistant Director of Music. Edward Reeve also joined us as the Junior Organ Scholar, bringing a vast repertory of organ music and a dry wit, all bundled up with a calm and modest approach. Fauré’s *Requiem* was performed at the All Soul’s Service, featuring Miranda Whitmarsh as a solo violinist and Adam Jones and Rebecca Maggs as bass and soprano soloists respectively. The touching Memorial Service for memorable porter Ian Wilson also included excerpts from Fauré’s *Requiem*. Visits to Ely Cathedral, Westminster Abbey (both for Evensongs) and a Carol Concert in the Dutch Church, London capped off a fantastic year.

*Alexander Knight, Senior Organ Scholar*

**CHRISTIAN UNION**

We began 2014 with a trip to Quinta, Shropshire with all the other college groups. This was a great time to learn from God’s word and to get to know each other better.

The Lent Term featured this year’s mission week, entitled “This is Jesus”. We held a launch event in Queens’ with cake, drinks and a testimony ahead of the main week of talks.

We said goodbye to a large part of the group at the close of the academic year, but we have been delighted to welcome many freshers into the CU this Michaelmas Term.

The term started with a day away in Grantchester with Pembroke CU. God has been strengthening relationships and with new faces have come new ideas. In addition to the more familiar events we began handing out water to students after bops. We consider this a great opportunity to serve the College and hope that the presence of the CU to help after bops will continue in terms to come. As Christmas approached the Inter-Collegiate CU hosted a Carol Service, and we put on an event with music, mulled wine and mince pies in College before walking there together. It was fantastic to see the room packed with first years interested in coming along, and for them to hear the Christmas message!

*College reps: Jonny Rawlinson & Harriet Wright*

**CONTEMPORARY DANCE**

2014 has been a busy and exciting year for Queens’ Contemporary Dance Society. Technical classes continued to run on Friday evenings in Lent Term at beginner and intermediate/advanced levels, in addition to the Saturday morning choreography classes. Our annual showcase Sprung! took place on 11th and 12th March 2014 and included performances from QdancE, the contemporary dance troupe guided by dance artist in residence Adèle Thompson, and SinCru. It was a huge success as ever and we are all very excited about the preparations for 2015’s Sprung! with some old faces and some new to make it a great year.

For the second year running, four open classes in Easter Term provided a welcome opportunity for Queens’ dancers to escape exam stresses. These were extremely popular, and it is hoped that they will continue to provide relief for students in the future.

The start of the new academic year brought some new faces to OCCDS. While most classes have been well-attended, there has sadly been a decline in the number of Queens’ students involved and it is hoped that the Society will attract more members in the future. A highlight of Michaelmas 2014 was an outdoor performance on Queens’ Green in the glorious sunshine which proved a wonderful day for both performers and spectators. It is moments like this that prove that OCCDS is such an important part of people’s lives and continues to bring joy to all involved.

*President: Josie Maidment/ Olivia Stamp*

*Dance Artist in Residence: Adèle Thompson*

**FEMINIST SOCIETY**

The Feminist Society was formally established this autumn at the start of Michaelmas Term as a result of many online discussions and interest in feminism amongst the students of Queens. As well as regular meetings, every other week in the Michaelmas Term, we have welcomed guest speakers on a variety of subjects and topics. In May, Zena Edwards, a poet and musician, spoke to the Society on the topic of anger and how women express it in today’s society. Her short performance of spoken word was extremely impressive and really quite inspirational. The Michaelmas Term memorably included a workshop on the topic of intersectionality, led by our very own member Suhaiymah.

If any Queens’ alumna would like to come and speak about their time here to the Feminist Society, they would be most welcome.

*Chair: Celia Hart*

**GRADUATE CHOIR**

This has been a year of transitions for the Graduate Choir. Our long-time President, Alison Bumke, and Lewis Owen, conductor extraordinaire, left for sunnier realms. So at the beginning of Michaelmas 2014 we welcomed Matthew Fright as co-conductor, alongside
Arthur Tombs. The Graduate Concerts, which the Choir leads in organising every term, have been increasingly successful, with the beautiful Old Hall hosting a wealth of musical talent from across the College. The Choir performed marvellously in the Lent 2014 Battle of the Choirs, the annual event that sees the College, Fellows’ and Grad Choirs compete, and managed to secure bonus points for the use of kazoos in an unforgettable rendition of the Muppets’ Theme Song. In the Michaelmas Term the Choir entertained the MCR before the Christmas formal halls, contributed to a three-choir Compline Service and took part in the ever-popular Staff Carol Service. As Lent Term gets underway, our musical repertoire is set to expand further, as we delve into traditional English songs and a few popular classics.

President: Sonia Ilie
Conductors: Matthew Fright, Arthur Tombs
Piano Accompaniment: Emanuel Signer

QJCR ENTS

During the last year QEnts have put on a range of events for the College, from the annual Bounce garden party in May Week, to a silent disco during Lent Term.

Bounce 2014 was once again a sell out and saw over 600 people descend on Erasmus Lawn for an evening of food, drink and music, along with giant inflatables and obstacle courses.

The Michaelmas Term saw five bops with themes ranging from the traditional, annual ‘back to school’ night through to Disney and Jingles. During the Lent Term the ‘silent disco’ returned and was well received by Queens’ members and also many students from other colleges.

For the first time in several years advertising has taken place outside Queens’ and has seen the growth of bops, with much better attendance than in recent years. This is something that will hopefully encourage Ents to grow, with future events being bigger and better than ever.

President: Natasha Bourne

Q FILMS

This past year has been a challenging one for Queens’ Film Society, with issues with both personnel and administration restricting the Society to only a few of its traditional Sunday night screenings in the Fitzpatrick Hall. However, those screenings that did go ahead, featuring cult classics such as The Big Lebowski and Shaun of the Dead proved popular. Even more impressive, in light of the challenges faced by the Society, was the organisation of the outdoor May Week film screening of Black Dynamite held on Erasmus Lawn. After a long day of setting up the equipment it was great to see both staff and students coming together to enjoy a film under the stars. And whilst it wouldn’t have been British summer without a rain shower or two, they did nothing to ruin anyone’s enjoyment of the evening. It is hoped that in the next year we can iron out the administrative problems that restricted screenings and return QFilms to its prized place on lazy Sunday evenings.

President: Joe Tarbert and Charles Bonfils-Duclos

ST MARGARET’S SOCIETY

Lent 2013’s main event for the Society, its end-of-term concert at West Road Concert Hall, presented a programme of contemporary music, including George Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue, featuring an outstanding performance by third-year music student, Alastair Chilvers, on piano with the MagSoc Symphony Orchestra, and Karl Jenkins’ The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace performed by the MagSoc Chorus and Orchestra.

In May Week MagSoc organised a short chamber concert in chapel and a garden party. There have also been two MagSoc Concert Orchestra (MCO) concerts of film music (including a Forrest Gump suite and a suite of Western themes). The annual MagSoc Dinner, which was held in May, was attended by Lord and Lady Eatwell.

The Chorus and Orchestra joined forces again in the Michaelmas Term concert under the baton of current third-year music student and previous MagSoc President, Lucy Morris, with a performance of Michael Tippett’s 20th-century Oratorio, A Child of Our Time. While this was Lucy’s final contribution to MagSoc after a dedicated two-and-a-half year involvement with the society, Edward Reeve, first-year music student and Junior Organ Scholar at Queens’, duly picked up the torch, conducting the orchestra for the first time with performances of Elgar’s Elegy for Strings and Vaughan Williams’ Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. The society has also had to say goodbye to many of its other veterans, notably Nicholas Morris, Karol Jaworski and Lewis Owen, who has had a six year involvement with MagSoc – conducting various concerts, serving as President in 2011-12 and Vice-President in 2013-14.

President: Tom Hiom
DEATHS

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Members of the College

R.F. Pilkington (1930) several years ago
D.P. Barnard (1933)
I. Croshaw (1934) several years ago
The Venerable P.M. Duplock, O.B.E. (1935) in 2011
J.M. Reynolds (1936) in 2013
J.C. Hunter (1938)
J.H.R. Churchill (1939)
The Revd F.J.S. Evans (1939)
The Revd E.H. Isaac (1939)
A.J. Bennett, F.R.Eng., C.Eng. (1940)
C.F.C. Simeons, DL (1940)
Pj. Cox, O.C., D.S.C. (1941)
J.C.W. Hart (1941)
Professor P. Meares (1941)
Dr R.H.C. Robins (1942L)
J.E. Griffiths (1942)
D.L. Barker (1943)
Captain D.R. Lane (1943)
L. Coates (1944)
C.A.S. Grose (1944)
J.L.B. Knott (1944)
R.F. McBride (1944)
Professor W. Nash (1944)
K.F. Ridley (1944)
S. Squires (1944)
Dr E. Hainsworth (1945)
G.W. Hayward (1946) in 2013
D.A. Tennant (1946) in 2005
The Revd Canon D.H. Wingate (1946)
J.A.V. Richard (1947)
R.S. Howard, D.Univ. hc (1948)
R.C. Peagram, O.B.E. (1948)
W.J. Rhodes (1948)
J.S. Guthrie (1950)
J.E.S. Bretherton, TD. (1950)
Major S.C.R. Burton, TD. (1950)
J.C. Taylor, Q.C. (1950)

I.W. Lovell (1951) several years ago
W.H. Ward (1951)
A. Yates (1951) in 2005
J. Blake, F.R.C.S. (1952) in 2013
P.W. Schedler (1952)
Dr J. Watson (1952)
Dr E.R. Niblett, (1953)
J.A. Howard (1954)
D. Illing (1955)
R.F. Street (1956)
D. Broome (1957)
Dr D.J.L. Harding (1958)
J.R. Gourlay (1960)
B.E. Loader (1960)
Professor P.J. Piggot (1960)
The Revd Canon T.V. Russ (1962)
D.J. Hall (1964)
M.J. Pitt (1964)
M.C.E. Sturt (1966)
S.J. Hills (1967)
P.E.E. Rumbelow (1968)
S.J. Williamson (1970)
The Revd C.A. Stone (1975)
Dr D.W. Evans (1975)
Dr S.K. Swallow (1975)
T.J. Thompson (1978)
OBITUARIES

R.D. Spear (1934) aged 96. Dick Spear was born in Bath, the younger son of G.F. Spear (1898). He came to Queens’ from Monkton Combe School, following his elder brother George (1934), but had to leave the College after only a few weeks due to the delayed effects of a cricketing injury at school (he was found unconscious at the foot of the stairs at his lodgings). In 1936 he was able to restart his Queens’ career, reading History and Law, and was one of the first inhabitants of the new Fisher Building. At College, he played cricket, tennis and rugby and was much involved in the Christian Union. During the War he served at the Ministry of Food and later worked for the family provisions business in Bath and Bristol. For many years Dick was a Magistrate, and eventually Chairman of the Bath Bench; he was also a Governor of Monkton Combe School and a Member of the General Synod of the Church of England. Retiring in the mid-1970s, he led a very busy and active life, enjoying golf and travel and family life. After a sudden illness in 2010 his health gradually deteriorated and he died on the day before his 97th birthday. He felt that he owed a lot to Queens’ and always kept a lively interest in the College, last visiting at the age of 88. His wife, Molly, was the sister of J.E.H. Orr-Ewing (1939) and their eldest son, Peter, came up to Queens’ in 1975.

A.J. Bennett, F.R.Eng. (1940) aged 92. Jim Bennett was born and brought up in Cambridge, the son of a local builder, and lived in the city for most of his life. He was educated at Malvern College and came up to Queens’ to read Engineering, graduating in 1943. At Queens’ he played squash and served in the OTC. He was called up into the Royal Navy, was commissioned and worked on radar during his war service 1942-46, principally using X Band radar to track U Boats from an aircraft carrier. Then in 1946 he joined Pye Ltd in Cambridge, where he worked in research on the development of television receiving and studio equipment. In 1947 Pye’s decided to demonstrate television around the world in order to promote receiver sales, so Jim was asked to design a transmitter for use in factory tests and for demonstrations in Scandinavia. Transmitters became his great love and he was responsible for the first live pictures broadcast by the BBC from a launch following the Boat Race and then the first pictures broadcast from an aircraft. His demonstrations took him all over the world. He became a chartered engineer and in due course a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering. In 1952 he formed the Transmitter Development Group at Pye’s and was responsible for the design of two transmitters which sent pictures from the Coronation review of the fleet and then the first TV Transmitter in Africa. He developed the Independent Television Authority’s first permanent transmitter at Litchfield in 1956. A UHF design for use in NATO military communications systems led to future TV transmission using Klystron amplifiers. Under Jim’s leadership the company provided over 2000 transmitters, worldwide, and was among the first to develop colour transmission. Jim continued to work on the technical development of TV transmitters and retired as Director of Transmission Engineering at Pye TVT in 1984. He is remembered as a colleague of great skill but also of great integrity and compassion. Some of his pioneering work will be featured in the museum being set up by the Pye Trust in Cambridge.

C.F. Simeons (1940) aged 92. Charles Simeons was born in London, brought up in Watford and attended Oundle School. He came up to Queens’ to read Natural Sciences in 1940, but after four terms he was called up and joined the 52nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, serving in the Middle East, North Africa and Italy. He returned to the UK to train as an observation pilot but the war ended before he saw any active service in the air. He was then posted to Royal Artillery HQ, North-East Africa Command. He left the Army with the rank of Major in 1946 and returned to Queens’ to complete his degree. He boxed for the University and was an Athletics Blue. On graduation he joined the family business, British Gelatine, in Luton, which made products for the photographic industry. The business was sold in 1960 but he remained Managing Director until elected to Parliament. He was President of Luton and District Chamber of Commerce. Always active in the Conservative Party, he was selected to fight the Luton constituency in 1964, losing narrowly. He was defeated again in 1966 but was elected as Member of Parliament for Luton in 1970. His service as an MP has been described as energetic; he was a strong on ‘law and order’, opposed comprehensive schools and was a great critic of what he saw as the excessive power of the trade unions, however, he supported Edward Heath in his bid to enter the Common Market and was generally considered to be on the left of the party. He famously sported a straw boater to the Budgets, representing Luton’s hat-making heritage. He lost the redistributed seat of Luton East in 1974 and thereafter, particularly in the 1980s and 1990s, devoted himself to environmental issues, especially chemical spills and water pollution, organizing important conferences in London and New York on the control of new chemicals. He was Chair of Rotary International’s advisory board on environmental research, served on the International Committee of the Water Pollution Control Federation and was an active fundraiser for a number of children’s charities. He held office as Master of the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Bedfordshire in 1987. In 1991 he moved to Cley in Norfolk and threw himself into a variety of local affairs and charities. He founded the Friends of Pensthorpe Wildfowl Trust, was a leading member of Holt and District Rotary Club, served as a Justice of the Peace, was a season ticket holder at Norwich City, raised money for local hospitals, was a regional adviser for the Prince’s Youth Business Trust and was Secretary of both the 8th Indian Division and the 52nd Field Regiment’s Officers Associations, organizing many reunions. He was often to be seen at Lord’s, retaining a keen interest in sport all his life.

P.J. Cox, Q.C., D.S.C. (1941) aged 92. Philip Cox was brought up in Rugby in a strict Methodist family and was educated at Rugby School. He matriculated at Queens’ in 1941 to read Natural Sciences. After a summer school in 1942 in electronics in Cambridge, he was called up into the Royal Navy and was trained at H.M.S.Collingwood in the operation and maintenance of radar. He served as Radar Officer on several ships of the Mid Atlantic Escort Groups protecting convoys and hunting down U-boats, operating between Greenock and St John’s, Newfoundland. On one occasion, having become an expert in radar technology, he was rowed in the middle of an Atlantic storm from the destroyer Escapade to the corvette...
Narcissus to repair vital damaged equipment. He had to dismantle, repair and reassemble the radar equipment at the top of a ladder as the ship rolled violently. He was subsequently awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery. In the Autumn of 1943 the U-boats were withdrawn from the Atlantic because of heavy losses – Philip attributed this in large part to the success of the 10cm radar sets which he and his colleagues had been able to deploy. After a year at sea, he was sent to the Admiralty Signal Establishment at Haslemere to help train others and to assist in the further development of radar. On another occasion, he narrowly escaped death when he was boarding a train at Paddington Station and a bomb landed nearby. After the War and a deployment in Greece setting up radar equipment, he returned to Queens’ in 1946, but had resolved to switch to Law, taking the Law Tripos Part II in 1948. He acted in the Bats, rowed for the College, played squash and founded the Queens’ Bench Annual Dinner. He was called to the Bar in 1948 and took silk in 1967. His practice as a Barrister was centered in Birmingham and he served as Leader of the Midlands and Oxford Circuit. He was involved in a number of high-profile trials, notably prosecuting the murderer Dennis Neilson, ‘the Black Panther’, in 1975, forcing him by clever cross-examination to compromise his defence. He was well-known for the meticulous, almost scientific, way he prepared his cases and his mastery of every detail and he was renowned for his courtesy in court. In 1978 as prosecutor he secured the convictions of the ‘Bridgewater Four’ for the murder of a paperboy, but was dismayed to discover almost 20 years later, when the convictions were overturned by the Court of Appeal, that the police had fabricated evidence. He served as a Deputy High Court Judge from 1977 to 1992. One of his specialist areas was medical and pharmaceutical ethics and he chaired the international committee of the WHO in Geneva which set up the rules, still in use today, for the ethical conduct of drug companies when promoting drugs. He also served for 22 years as Chairman of the Prescription Medicines Code of Practice Authority’s Code of Practice Committee and its successor the Code of Practice Appeal Board. He loved sailing and spent many happy hours on his historic 35 foot yacht Velija, built in 1890. He was a leading member of the ‘Old Gaffers’ Association’, which encourages the use of the gaff rig. He also read extensively. He served as Treasurer of Gray’s Inn 1991–2. He was a long-time champion of the Charles Parker Trust, a nationally-important archive of interviews conducted by his fellow Queensman and Naval Officer, the broadcaster Charles Parker. Philip was extremely loyal to the College, helping to set up the West Midland Dinner and attending the Annual Dinner at Queens’ without fail for many years. He was a Vice-President of the Alumni Association.

J.C.W.Hart (1941) aged 92. John Hart was born in Cheltenham, but his father died when he was very young, so he was brought up by his teacher mother. He attended Cheltenham Grammar School. At the outbreak of war he was accepted for a commission in the Royal Engineers and came up to Queens’. In the event he did not become an officer but served as a sapper. He returned to Queens’ after the war and studied Natural Sciences. After graduating in 1948 he trained as a teacher in Leeds and then taught mathematics for 30 years at Redditch County High School. A reorganization of the school under a new head in 1979 led to him leaving teaching and he then worked for 8 years as a joiner for Richards Double Glazing in Alcester, cycling from Redditch each day. In 1987 the firm went bankrupt and John got a job as a Quality Checker at Avondale Packaging Company (where he enjoyed working with a number of former pupils), retiring in 1990. He enjoyed walking and cycling (he did not bother to learn to drive until quite late in life) and liked to make home-made toys for his children. He also built several extensions to the family home. He was a keen and active member of the Labour Party and also a stalwart member of the local Methodist Chapel. He liked nothing better than a battle, usually over the state of the roads, with Redditch Development Corporation.

F.R.Miles (1946) aged 92. Frank Miles was born at Burgh Heath, Surrey, into a fairly affluent family. He attended Rugby School. He never spoke of his schooldays or his family, and seems to have bestowed all his affections on the school, King’s College School, Wimbledon, where he taught for most of his life. During the War, he built roads with the Royal Engineers, serving in particular in Iraq and rising to the rank of acting Major. He came up to Queens’ in 1946 to read English, graduating in 1948 under ‘wartime’ regulations, but staying on to take Part II in 1949. Before embarking on his teaching career, he led a fairly bohemian existence in Chelsea. He said that the stupidest thing he ever did was to lend the poet Dylan Thomas five pounds. He was Head of English at King’s Wimbledon between 1950 and 1982, sending a host of pupils to Oxford and Cambridge, many of whom have had notable careers. It has been said of him that, “in his time he was probably the most memorable, influential and successful teacher of English literature at any school in the United Kingdom”. His lessons were bracing, tense, focused and highly theatrical. He kept order by the sheer force of his personality, by the ever-unfolding interest he uncovered in his texts, by his fascinating range of cultural reference, and, when required, by a ferocious line in sarcasm. A passionate lover of literature, his approach was marked by a scrupulous respect for the text, and contempt for all willful, showy, ideologically dogmatic or historically insensitive readings. His solicitude for his pupils, though never intrusive, was unparalleled. Though a missionary for the highest standards in everything, he was hair-raisingly politically incorrect, not above cooking meals for favorite pupils with copious amounts of wine, then lending them his car to get home. He loathed official do-goodery, bossiness and pomposity. He was an intensely private man, and thus an endless enigma even to those who knew him well. In 1981 he narrowly escaped death when the flat of his neighbour, the Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers, was bombed by the IRA. Had he not gone to bed abnormally early that evening, he would have been killed. The next morning, dusty and dishevelled, having been up all night, he brought into school a jeroboam of champagne, and shared it with his first class of the day. On taking early retirement, he enjoyed walking and cycling (he did not bother to learn to drive until quite late in life) and liked to make home-made toys for his children. He also built several extensions to the family home. He was a keen and active member of the Labour Party and also a stalwart member of the local Methodist Chapel. He liked nothing better than a battle, usually over the state of the roads, with Redditch Development Corporation.
moved house several times, each time exchanging his carefully chosen antiques for others more suited to his new quarters. At the age of 80 he moved to a council flat in Milton, near Cambridge, often walking the three miles into town. Two years later, without warning or explanation, and to his friends' great grief, he severed all links with them. Letters, cards, the telephone and even his front door, all went unanswered. He divested himself of most possessions, and, as his sight failed, of his books too, saying that he had them all stored in his memory. He was looked after by devoted neighbours. When he died, tributes flowed in from across the world - their collected reminiscences run to more than twenty thousand words. As one former pupil put it, "he changed lives".

J.E.Hamway (1945) aged 86. John Hamway grew up in Egypt, where he attended the English School in Cairo. He sailed to England on a ship repatriating soldiers in autumn 1945. The weather and post war rationing were a shock, as were the spartan living conditions. He followed his brother Jack (1937) who had graduated from Queens' in 1945 in Law, but John read Natural Sciences, taking Part I in 1948. At Cambridge his time was largely spent writing for Varsity and as Publicity Officer for the Footlights. In 1948 he persuaded the BBC to undertake their first broadcast of a Footlights Revue, with Brian Johnston as presenter. After his degree, he tried unsuccessfully to make a living as a journalist, before training as a solicitor. He built up a thriving practice and wrote extensively on tax and employment law for the Director Magazine and elsewhere. He was a Director of the British School of Motoring and in the 1970s helped rally driver Paddy Hopkirk write a cartoon strip about safe driving for the Sunday Mirror. In retirement he split his time between Ibiza and England and indulged his life-long passions for beetles and sea fishing. His son Nigel followed him to Queens' in 1974.

R.S.Howard, D.Univ.h.c., CPFA (1948) aged 86. Raymond Howard was born at Hither Green, South London, and educated at Beckenham & Penge Grammar School. He then undertook National Service with the RAF at Chivenor & Tangmere before coming up to read Economics at Queens' in 1948. On graduation in 1950 (under wartime regulations), he worked as a graduate accountant at Eastbourne Borough Treasurers (where he met his wife) and then continued in the local government finance sector in Rochester and then Orpington. In the finals of the CIPFA exams, he won a prize. In 1961 he became the first Finance Officer of the University of Sussex, where he was responsible for setting up the accounting systems, pension scheme, insurance & banking for the new University. On his retirement in 1988 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate for services to the University and he continued to attend governing body meetings for many years. On retirement he returned to live in Eastbourne and enjoyed walks by the sea. Raymond regularly attended the annual alumni weekends at Queens' and enjoyed keeping up with contemporaries. He was a very keen gardener, enjoyed classical music and travelled to Italy extensively. His son Tim Howard came to Queens' to study Natural Sciences in 1976.

Rear-Admiral G.G.W.Marsh. O.B.E., C.B. (1948) aged 85. Geoff Marsh was born in Hertford and educated at St Albans School, where his father was the Headmaster. In 1947 he entered Dartmouth and was sent by the Royal Navy to Queens', coming up in 1948 to read Mechanical Sciences. He served on the aircraft carrier HMS Indefatigable and on the destroyer HMS Carron, before joining the trials ship HMS Girdle Ness, on which he was the weapons engineer for the testing of the first generation anti-aircraft missile Seagull, and then the guided missile destroyer HMS Norfolk on which Seagull was first deployed. Promoted Commander in 1966, he headed the project developing the successor missile system Seadart (which performed so well in the Falklands and Gulf Wars). He conducted the first live firings from HMS Bristol and received the OBE for his work. In 1982 he became a Captain and commanded the Royal Naval Engineering College at Plymouth, an appointment which he greatly enjoyed. A Rear-Admiral in 1982, Geoff was Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Operational Requirements), then Deputy Controller of the Navy and lastly Chief Naval Engineer Officer. In 1985 he was appointed a Companion of the Bath. Many expected him to become a Member of the Board of Admiralty, but instead he accepted the Directorship of the NATO Frigate Replacement for the 90s (NFR90) Project, based in Hamburg. The idea was to save money by designing a standard frigate acceptable to many NATO members. However, the different nations wanted different types of ship and Geoff's job was to try to reconcile the competing interests of the Americans, the French, the British and other European partners. For three years he chaired a seven nation steering committee with representatives of the governments, industry and navies of the various countries. It was an all but impossible task, but he did achieve some common ground through consummate diplomacy and the sheer force of his intellect. Eventually the Americans built their own design, none of which were sold abroad, and some European nations (but not the British) did cooperate on the building of a frigate class. As a young man he had a penchant for flowery shirts, played the guitar and took his family all over Europe in a VW camper van. In later life he became interested in environmental issues, making his own home carbon neutral and himself installing various environmentally-friendly devices.

Professor S. Shaldon, M.D., F.R.C.P. (1949) aged 82. Stanley Sheldon’s surname was changed from Schlaff during the War (in which he served as a runner for the Air Raid Protection Service). He was born in London to Orthodox Jewish immigrants and attended University College School in Hampstead up to the age of 15, then the Sorbonne in Paris. He won an exhibition to Queens’ and studied Natural Sciences for Medicine, specializing in Psychology for Part II. He played freshman rugby and water polo for the University. He went to the Middlesex Hospital for his clinical training, winning many scholarships, medals and prizes there. He trained in Internal Medicine at the Middlesex and Hammersmith Hospitals before two year’s military service at a hospital in Lagos, Nigeria, from where he published several papers on tropical diseases. He returned to England as a Registrar at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School and wrote a thesis on the splanchnic circulation which won
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increasing acclaim as a playwright, screenwriter, performer, director and author. His lively and develop medical, especially dialysis, equipment. He died in Monaco in December 2013.

M.G. Boddy (1953) aged 80. Michael Boddy was raised in the Yorkshire village of Baldersby where his father was the vicar. He grew up with a love of language, instilled by his father, a delight in wit and wordplay, theatre and pantomime, a serenity of spirit and a great affinity with the natural world. A gentle, erudite and private man, he used his wit and natural exuberance to overcome his shyness and his self-consciousness about his size – as an adult he was very tall, of great girth and sported a large red beard. He attended Marlborough College and then read English at Queens’, where he was a member of the Bats. In 1959 he emigrated to Tasmania and taught at a high school in Hobart. In 1964 he went to work at the Emerald Hill Theatre in Melbourne and then in 1965 he moved on to Sydney, receiving increasing acclaim as a playwright, screenwriter, performer, director and author. His lively and witty 1970 play, The Legend of King O’Malley, staged at Sydney’s Old Totte was a particular success, exuberantly epitomising what amounted to a new wave of Australian theatre in the 70s and 80s. This play kicked off more than a decade of great creativity. He co-wrote Hamlet on Ice, Biggles and Cash (for the new Tasmanian Theatre Company). Cradle of Hercules was commissioned for the opening season of the Sydney Opera House, exploring the relationship between the aboriginal peoples and the early settlers. This was the first Australian play to feature aboriginal actors in major roles. He wrote or co-wrote scores of plays and musicals as well as screenplays for television. He penned 27 plays for children and young people (there were also children’s books, often illustrated by his artist second wife, including The Smallest Frog in the World) and was a weekly columnist for the Canberra Times and The Australian newspapers. He had a particular passion for melodrama and some of his vaudeville productions were especially successful. In the middle of all this success, Michael and his wife moved to a remote farm in the bush, near the village of Bingalong – they intended to build a house but found the storage shed they first lived in so conducive that they never moved out of it. He wrote extensively about the rural community in which he lived, using all his intellectual and literary skills to depict the modest but (as he saw it) innately noble lives and work of ordinary people, whilst his wife painted locals – a picture of Michael reclining nude in the farm sunroom hangs in the Australian National Portrait Gallery. They wrote many issues of The Bingalong Bugle for their community and Michael wrote books on home economics and food (notably Michael Boddy’s Good Food Book), on small-scale farming and on sustainable living as well as keeping up his columns on topics ranging from consumer affairs and politics to natural history and farming. There was also a regular and greatly loved series, Kitchen Talk Newsletter.

S.J. Hills (1967) aged 65. Stephen Hills was born in Enfield and came to Queens’ from Enfield Grammar School. He read English and, along with his friends Graham Swift and Hugh Haughton, formed an impressive trio who were awarded double firsts. In 1970 he joined the staff of Cambridge University Library where he spent the rest of his working life, except for the year 1971–72 when he was at Sheffield University acquiring an M.A. in Librarianship. In the Library, where he was always known as Steve, his specialty was cataloguing and he was for 25 years the head of English-language cataloguing. His sharp analytical mind enabled him to develop an expertise in cataloguing rules and policy which was invaluable to the Library and was in constant demand as he trained other staff and solved their problems. His contribution to the Library went far beyond these duties and he played a major role in building up the Library’s collections in English and American literature, especially for authors such as James Joyce and D.H. Lawrence. His dedication to his work, his calm efficiency (notwithstanding a famously cluttered desk), his perennial good humour and his ready wit gained him the respect and affection of all his colleagues. His facility with words, both spoken and written, was legendary and he was always able to find the most appropriate words for any occasion. He was also modest and unassuming, to such an extent that one tribute at his funeral said that he would have made an ideal poster child for the National Association of Lights Under Bushels. His knowledge of classical music was encyclopaedic and he was an inveterate attender of concerts in Cambridge and in London. Other enthusiasms included bird-watching and, in later years, although at first he had to be prompted by his wife, holidays in Scotland and Scandinavia. After suffering from heart problems he retired in 2012 but sadly enjoyed less than two years of retirement.

The Revd C.A. Stone (1975) aged 60. Peter Stone had graduated from Leicester University before coming to Cambridge as an ordinand attached to Westcott House. He read Theology as an Affiliated Student at Queens’ and graduated BA in 1977. He was ordained deacon in
1978 and priest in 1979, serving his title as Curate of Bradford-on-Avon. After a brief period as Rector of Corsley, he became Chaplain and Head of Religious Studies at Dauntsey’s, the independent school in Wiltshire, in 1983. In 1996 he returned to parish ministry as Vicar of St Philip’s, Upper Stratton, Swindon. In 2000 he took leave of absence with the support of his bishop who announced that the appropriate treatment for a medical condition was gender re-designation. After the appropriate surgery, the vicar returned to the parish, with the support of both the bishop and the huge majority of the congregation, as the Revd Carol Ann Stone. In 2006 she became a Governor of Swindon College (where she had taken a course in photography) and in that year also St Peter’s, Penhill, Swindon was added to her benefice. She was a very hardworking and dedicated parish priest. She died after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

TJ Thompson, LLM (1978) aged 67 Jay Thompson was born in Ponca City, Oklahoma, and educated at the High School there. He went to the University of Oklahoma where he was elected to a national honorary mathematics fraternity. He went on to study law at the Washington School of Law in St Louis. He became a Captain and Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force, 1972-78, serving in Turkey and the Headquarters, Air Force General Litigation Division in Washington DC, and, whilst still a serviceman, attended George Washington University to study for an LLM in Labour Law. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. After leaving the forces, he came to Queens’ to study for an LLM in International Law. He went into private legal practice in Washington, Los Angeles and Denver, focusing on complex business litigation and representing corporations in labour-related litigation and negotiations. He then became successively Senior Counsel to AT&T Corp. in New York City, Senior Attorney of AT&T Broadband and Comcast Corp. in Denver, Associate General Counsel of Burlington Northern Railroad in Fort Worth and Staff Vice-President and Deputy General Counsel of Continental Airlines in Houston. He was a member of the Bar in five states and of the U.S. Supreme Court and frequently appeared as appellate counsel before various federal courts. He died in Tucson, Arizona.

SJR Richards (1979) aged 54. Simon Richards was born in High Wycombe, the son of an electrical engineer and an art teacher, and was educated at the Royal Grammar School there. He came up to Queens’ in 1979. After graduating, he studied for a PGCE at Liverpool. From 1989 he taught at Audenshaw High School in Manchester, becoming Head of History and Head of Sixth Form, before moving to Gosforth Academy, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where he was Deputy Headteacher. By all accounts a very effective teacher, he was ideologically committed to the state sector in education. He had a great love of travel and the outdoors and was a keen walker, mountaineer and cyclist. He was also a great lover of films, with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the subject, even hosting the local Film Club at the hospice where he was a patient when he became too unwell to host it at home. He died after a ten-year battle with kidney cancer.

2008 YEAR

Kerala Adams-Carr is a Doctor at West Middlesex University Hospital in London.
Katherine Alcock is an Actor living and working in London.
Jane Ashford-Thom is working as a Media Lawyer in Cheltenham.
Mark Attree is an IT Specialist for CERC, an Environmental Consultancy in Cambridge.
Joseph Bannister is a Professional Actor
Louise Barr works in Market Research for Tesco.
John Baxter is working at Alphasights, a knowledge broker in the Financial Services industry.
Charles Bell is completing his PhD in the Department of Medical Genetics at Cambridge.
Andrew Bellis is working for a parish church in Harold Hill, East London, while studying theology part-time at the Cornhill Training Course.
Emily Bellis (née Clarke) is training to be a Secondary School Maths Teacher.
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Janet Berry (née French) is a PhD student in the department of Chemistry at Durham University.
Thomas Best is an Economist at the Bank of England.
Benjamin Blume is a Technology Investor at Atomico.
Jennifer Bottomley is a Research Executive with the polling and market research company ICM.
Helen Breewood is studying for a PhD in food sustainability at the University of Manchester.
Jacob Brubert is finishing his PhD on prosthetic heart valve design at the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, University of Cambridge.
Georgina Bryan is a pupil barrister at Littleton Chambers.
Timothy Cameron is a Design Engineer at Mutech Ltd.
Dominic Campbell writes software for Gamma, the Telecoms Company.
Ruth Carmichael is completing a PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Bristol.
Chloe Chan is a Doctor at Lister Hospital, Stevenage.
Aignes Cheevers is a Policy Advisor at the Cabinet Office.
Joseph Christopher is studying for a PhD in Oncology at the University of Cambridge and will shortly resume his medical training.
Michael Clark is a Software Engineer at Redgate Software in Cambridge.
Hannah Condon works in policy, performance and communications at Westminster City Council.
Charlotte Craven is a Doctor at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.
Vruti Dattani is a Junior Doctor at Luton and Dunstable Hospital.
Alicia Davies is an exploration geologist at BP.
Mark Davies is an Aerodynamicist at McLaren F1 Team.
Jessica Davies is a structural engineer in London.
Jichi Deng is studying for a PhD in Engineering (Signal Processing and Communication Group) at Cambridge.
Rebecka Dickens (née Kiff) is studying Medicine at the University of Nottingham.
Natasha Dickson is a Building Services Engineer at Max Fordham.
Helge Dieter is studying for a PhD in Mathematics at the University of Cambridge.
Thomas Duncan is a Software Develop at Acturis in London.
Gemma Dyson is a trainee solicitor at Allen & Overy.
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Stephanie Edwards works in the British Embassy in Beijing.
James Fearnley is a Doctor at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital.
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Thomas George is a Management Consultant at Elxirr Partners.
Samuel Greenaway is a Veterinary Surgeon working at The Scott Veterinary Clinic in Bedford.
Catherine Gregory is a Civil Service Fast Streamer and is currently working in the Department of Health on the Ebola Response Team.
Julian Grey is a Risk and Security Analyst at TNT Brazil, in São Paulo.
Rachel Griffths is a primary school teacher in Stoke-on-Trent.
Gemma Gronland has just completed Teach First, teaching English at a secondary school in East London and has now started a PhD.
Madeleine Hammond is Development Officer for New College, Oxford.
Christopher Hansford is a Mechanical Engineer, specialist in water engineering, at Pell Frischmann Consulting Engineers in Exeter.
Sarah Hansford (née Bruckland) is working at Tozers Solicitors in Exeter and will soon be qualifying into their property team, with a focus on agricultural property, charities and high net worth clients.
Oliver Hart is working as a Mechanical Engineer at Cambridge Design Partnership, specialising in product development.
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Anthony Herzig is studying for an MSc in Statistics with Applications in Medicine at the University of Southampton.
Jennifer Hill has completed an MA in Human Rights Practice and has been travelling in East Africa, Asia and New Zealand.
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Hannah Miller is a Producer for Channel 4 News in their Washington DC bureau.
Judith Milne is a reservoir engineer working for RPS Energy.
Hans Mohrmann is a George Mason University professor and a political science researcher.
Hannah Murray is an actor. She has a recurring role in the HBO series *Game of Thrones* and has appeared in several films including *God Help the Girl*.
Zachary Newman is teaching maths and religious studies in a secondary school in West London.
Mark Nicholson has founded Alchera Technologies, a Cambridge-based tech start-up.
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Deborah O’Brien is a Teacher in a prep school in Oxfordshire.
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