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The Mathematical Bridge in Summer.

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From the President

This is the seventh and final letter I shall write as President of Queens'. I am immensely grateful for the privilege of serving in this office. Coming to the College from elsewhere, I have found it to be a friendly and informal society in which academic work and wider interests both find their proper place, and are pursued with balance, enthusiasm and notable success. My wife, Ruth, and I are grateful for the friendship we have received and for the opportunity to live in what is surely one of the finest small great houses in England. I particularly thank Old Members for their forbearance about my inevitable ignorance of past generations and for the warm welcome given me when I joined the Queens' family.

A theme I have often touched on, in the various speeches I have been called upon to make, is that the College is a community, in which everyone counts and to which each can make a contribution, and that this community, though focussed on the resident members, extends far beyond them to members of Queens' throughout the world. (The term 'Old Members', though convenient to use, is really a misnomer - we never cease to be a part of the College). We are anxious to reinforce the ties which relate all Queens' men and women to their academic home and to improve the records that we keep of our members' interests and achievements. Enclosed with this issue of the *Record* is a form which we hope that you will all complete and return to us in the envelope provided.

It is imperative that we preserve the heritage from which we have all benefited, and that we resist to the uttermost those levelling-down forces at work today which threaten to turn Collegiate communities into mere halls of residence. The support of the wider Queens' community is vital to us if we are to fulfil our resolve to hand on intact to future generations what we have ourselves received.

JOHN POLKINGHORNE

The Society

The Fellows in 1995

Early in 1996, the Society was saddened by the death of Sir Harold Bailey at the age of 96, our oldest Fellow and one of the greatest scholars in the history of Queens'. An appreciation of Sir Harold appears elsewhere in the *Record*.

The Society also learned with regret of the death of one of its Honorary Fellows, Mr Kenneth Dadzie, a distinguished economist who had given long service to the United Nations. He was at the time of his death the Ghanaian High Commissioner in London. As the *Record* was being prepared for the press, news reached the College of the death of another of its Honorary Fellows, Sir Thomas Padmore, G.C.B., former Second Secretary of the Treasury and Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport, at the age of 86. An obituary will be published in next year's *Record*.

Every year brings changes in the Fellowship. Dr Lee left us in September to take up a Professorship in Economics in the University of Leicester. Dr Collop and Dr MacKay resigned their Bye-Fellowships, the former to become a Lecturer in Engineering at Nottingham University, whilst the latter moved a shorter distance to take up the Stokes Fellowship at Pembroke College. Dr Reynolds completed the tenure of his Research Fellowship and moved to Selwyn

College to teach Russian. Dr Geiges resigned his Research Fellowship in order to return to his native Switzerland and teach mathematics at Bern University. Mr Hart also resigned his Research Fellowship on taking up an editorial appointment at the Cambridge University Press. All these leavers have given valuable service to Queens'. We thank them for their time with us and wish them well.

Not all changes involve departures. We learned with great pleasure that the University had appointed Dr Diggle and Dr Singh to personal professorships and they are now Professorial Fellows. Dr Coaker has retired from his College Lectureship in Zoology, but he remains an Official Fellow in the office of Steward. Dr Gee became an Official Fellow in Engineering on his appointment as a University Assistant Lecturer. Dr Allison returned, after a brief sojourn in South Africa, to a University Lectureship and a College Official Fellowship in Law. Dr Callingham has given up the Librarianship, after a period in office which included the highly successful refurbishment of the War Memorial Library, and he has been succeeded by Dr Pountain, who consequently resigned his Tutorship after twelve years of valuable service in that post. Dr Johnstone resigned as Admissions Tutor and he has been succeeded by Mr Bridge.

The biggest expansion in the Society has been in the category of Bye-Fellows with four new incumbents appointed in the course of the year: Mr Bollom, our enterprising Manciple and Catering and Conference Manager; Dr Benton to teach computer science; Mr Coe to teach economics; and Dr Gérard Watts to teach mathematics. Our two new Research Fellows are Ms Humfress, a historian of the late Roman Empire, and Dr Neather, whose scholarly interests are in Chinese poetry. (Caroline Humfress is the first woman who was an undergraduate at Queens' to become a Fellow of the College.) In addition we have two new Fellow Commoners: Dr Slater, who keeps an eye on our clinical veterinary students, and Mr Welch, a retired surgeon who teaches anatomy.

The President gave the New College Lectures in the University of New South Wales and published a collection of other lectures entitled *Serious Talk*. He was awarded an honorary D.Sc. by the University of Leicester and a prize from the Templeton Foundation for his Gifford Lectures, *Science and Christian Belief* (in North America, *The Faith of a Physicist*). Mr Parmée continues his indefatigable series of translations from the French, of which the most recent is a version of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. In 1994, he celebrated his eightieth birthday (apologies for not noting this in last year's issue). Professor Diggle has lectured extensively abroad and he had the unusual honour of having one of his University Orations (presenting Stephen Hawking for his honorary degree) set to music by Barry Seaman as a choral work, first performed in Brighton in December. Professor Tiley has taken his LL.D., is President of the Society of Public Teachers of Law, and is engaged, *inter alia*, in a Comparative Tax Law Project based at Harvard University. Professor Stein gave the Maccabean Lecture at the British Academy. Professor Wright has been elected to the Executive of the International Association of University Professors of English. He has contributed to *Blackwells Dictionary of Critical and Cultural Theory*. Dr Jackson has appeared on television as the 1995 Christmas Lecturer at the Royal Institution, with great success. Sir Ronald Oxburgh has been elected President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr Holmes has become an Affiliated Lecturer in the Department of

Anatomy. Dr Macleod is the first holder of a new appointment in the Engineering Department as Director of Research. He also joins Dr Pountain in the ranks of regular church organists. Queens' is certainly playing a full role in the Department of Engineering, as Dr Prager has been appointed Director of Undergraduate Education. Dr Keown has edited a symposium, *Euthanasia Examined*. Dr Pitelis has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Minas Gerais in Brazil and at a Carnegie Institute meeting held in Corsica. Dr Gee gave a keynote tutorial at the International Conference on Neural Networks, held in Paris. Dr Kim was awarded the Yorke Prize by the University. He also married in the course of the year. Dr Fraser Watts was joint editor of the *Handbook of Memory Disorders*. He received a benefaction for a project on Psychology and Christianity and an award from the Templeton Foundation for his University course on Science and Religion.

Among the Fellow Commoners, Dr Dowson is joint author of *Personality Disorders*, Dr Slater has contributed to *The Equine Manual*, and Mr Watson has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists.

JOHN POLKINGHORNE

Harold Walter Bailey 1899-1996

With the death of Professor Sir Harold Bailey at the age of 96, Queens' has lost one of its greatest scholars and longest-lived Fellows. He was appointed Professor of Sanskrit by the University in 1936 and was elected a Professorial Fellow of Queens'. He became a Life Fellow on his retirement in 1967 and was elected an Honorary Fellow that year. In its obituary of Sir Harold, *The Independent* described him as "an academic Titan who dominated philological research for over 60 years ... In the opinion of some Cambridge academics he was the greatest scholar of his College since Erasmus". *The Times* said, "He was regarded as the most distinguished orientalist of his generation, indeed perhaps of any since the 18th century".

Harold Bailey was born in Wiltshire in 1899 on 16 December, the day appropriately known in the church calendar as O sapientia ("O wisdom") though he always politely deprecated any association. However, when he was ten his parents emigrated to start a new life farming 200 miles east of Perth in Western Australia. At that point his formal schooling ceased and Harold had to acquire his knowledge from old encyclopaedias and the few books available to him. By his own admission he became attracted to languages and scripts from his early days on the farm, fascinated by writing that he could not read on tea-chests from India. He set himself to teach himself as many languages as possible, and by the age of 19, by all accounts, he had acquired Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, French, German and Russian and something of a dozen other languages ranging from Arabic and Syriac to Sinhalese and Japanese. He even found some books on Sanskrit, Pali, and Avestan and began to learn those languages which were the foundation of his life's work. Not surprisingly, given his lack of formal education, he did not go to university until he was 21. The University of Western Australia at Perth did not have an oriental languages faculty, so he read classics, writing a thesis on religion in Euripides for his M.A.

In 1927 he set sail for England with a scholarship to study Sanskrit and Indo-European comparative grammar at Oxford. He was never forgotten by Australia - he was reputed to have been the first Western Australian to have



The Plaque to Sir Harold Bailey in Perth.

Photo: Dr Ian Lee

been elected to a Chair anywhere in the world. Both the University of Western Australia and the Australian National University at Canberra in due course elected him to Honorary Doctorates of Literature. When the City of Perth celebrated its Sesquicentenary in 1979, the City Fathers determined to select 150 Western Australians to represent the history of their state and city. Plaques for each year were set into the pavement in the main street, St George's Terrace, and in amongst the politicians and sports personalities, the tycoons and artists, "Professor Harold Bailey, Scholar" was selected for the year 1952. He stayed in close touch with his family in Australia, encouraging several family members in academic careers.

Once at Oxford his facility for languages and academic brilliance were soon recognised and in 1929 he became the first lecturer in Iranian and Zoroastrian Studies at the School of Oriental Studies in London. When the time came for Oxford to find an examiner for his D.Phil. thesis, the main name that came up was Harold Bailey, so quickly had he become pre-eminent in his field. His early work centred on the *Bundahishn*, a sort of encyclopaedia of Zoroastrianism, written in Pahlavi, a Middle Iranian language. His thesis, much enlarged by further decades of learning, was eventually made ready for publication in 1989. His extraordinary facility for languages and breadth of knowledge enabled him to reconstruct gaps in ancient languages even where no written or oral tradition survived. Certainly no language of the whole Indo-European group, past or current, presented him with any great difficulty. He once said that, "Once one has learnt thirty or so languages, the principles become obvious and it is only a matter of spending a few days with the vocabulary". He had a photographic memory and rarely had to look up any word in a dictionary twice. In order to further his understanding of ancient Iranian languages he set himself to learn the languages of the Caucasus - Armenian, Georgian, Ossetic, Chechen and the like - so that he could understand borrowed words and roots. In 1969, attending a conference in Tbilisi in Soviet Georgia, he astonished a local audience by addressing them in both varieties of Ossetic. To commemorate the occasion he was presented with the traditional dress of a Caucasian warrior, complete with weapons and cartridge belt. On return to Cambridge he was painted in this war-like garb - the famous portrait that now hangs in Queens' SCR.

He had a particular love of epic poetry. Having no copy of his own of the twelfth century Georgian epic *Man in the Pantherskin* by Rustveli, he simply copied the Bodleian's

manuscript by hand - all 1,600 quatrains. He wrote an epic of his own in the form of rhyming diaries, over 3,000 verses long, in a language he invented himself based on inscriptions in the ancient Persian Sarmatian language. He insisted that the interpretation of his epic would not be difficult, "There's hardly a line that could not have been understood by any Persian of the 4th century".

When he came to Cambridge and to Queens' in 1936 he embarked upon his greatest life's work, deciphering, editing, and translating the vast collection of manuscripts discovered in the early 20th century after lying hidden for over 1,000 years in the 'Caves of the Thousand Buddhas' in what is now Chinese Turkestan. These were written in an Iranian language by the Saka people who inhabited the Kingdom of Khotan. In order to understand the Buddhist content of the texts, Sir Harold had to learn Chinese, Tibetan and Turkish, but with his unparalleled knowledge of Ancient Iranian and Indian, as well as many other Central Asian languages, ancient and medieval, he began to decipher and publish these previously almost inscrutable texts. Definitive translations and editions were published in a long series of volumes between 1945 and 1979, together with the monumental *Dictionary of Khotan Saka* in 1979 and *The Culture of the Sakas in Ancient Iranian Khotan* in 1981.

Sir Harold began to acquire a vast library with books piled high on every surface in his College rooms and later in his flat. His learning extended to many other fields: he had a particular interest in Welsh and the Celtic languages and once asked a friend to correspond in Cornish, saying that with a knowledge of Cornish sound laws and Welsh and Breton it should be quite possible to fill up the gaps in known Cornish vocabulary. He could discourse learnedly on a huge variety of subjects from Dante to the Arthurian Legends, and published widely on the interpretation of ancient Indian texts and the elucidation of the origin and

development of the Iranian family of languages. His knowledge of modern languages was scholarly more than colloquial. He once received an invitation to a wedding in French. He replied in beautiful and flawless, but extraordinarily out-of-date pre-1914 French. The family treasures his acceptance to this day. A diffident and modest man, he was extremely generous with his time and his knowledge with any who expressed an interest in his work. Scholars came from all over the world to consult him or read texts with him, and he never begrudged them help. He was an inspiring teacher to many young students in his field. What fascinated him were words and how they are put together in language; he was much less interested in the history or politics of the people who wrote and spoke those words. When shown a newspaper headline about one of the events that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union, he merely replied, "Oh, I'm only interested in their languages". Younger Fellows found him a little daunting and taciturn, but he was always pleased to entertain them to tea and show them his unparalleled collection of manuscripts and books. A man of old-world courtesy, he would often greet lady visitors with a bunch of flowers.

Concerned about his remarkable library, Sir Harold joined forces with his fellow philologists, the Allchins and the Van Lohuizens, to form the Ancient India and Iran Trust. In 1981 they acquired Brooklands House in Brooklands Avenue and for the first time the collection could be housed on shelves. Recently a grant from the National Lottery has ensured the proper cataloguing of the Trust's library, which along with his hundreds of published works will be his great and lasting memorial. Sir Harold moved to Brooklands House and delighted especially in the garden. As a Professorial Fellow he could not hold major College office, but he acted for a long time as Garden Steward at Queens'. In the days of the old Fellows' Garden, he was often to be seen walking around conversing with the garden cats, feeding them bread and tit-bits from High Table. In the late 1930s he was, in addition, responsible for the allocation of College rooms, especially arrangements for students to share in the then new Fisher Building. He also loved music, teaching himself the violin and viola to a high standard and playing for years in a string quartet.

College stories of his years at Queens', interrupted only by war service at the Foreign Office where he read newspapers and letters in languages as diverse as Albanian and Armenian to discover hints of German plans, abound. They mostly centre around his total commitment to study. He remarked to one Fellow that he found reading in bed rather trying as it was so difficult to balance the text, the notebook, and the dictionary all at once. He once discovered a fire in the next door room of Dr Ramsay. He merely shut the door, rang the Porters' Lodge to inform them, and got on with his work. When the floods of 1947, which inundated the Fisher Building, were under discussion, someone said to Sir Harold, whose rooms were in Fisher, "Harold, you must have been cut off". "Oh no", he replied, "I was in my room". He was somewhat impractical and other worldly; when a Fellow borrowed his microfiche reader and had to change the plug, Sir Harold had to ask which bit was the plug when it was returned. Walking in the Welsh hills with another Fellow, his only topic of conversation was the number of items on the agenda of the Royal Asiatic Society, of which he was President. There is a story about Harold noticing Henry Hart doodling, trying out a new pen. Henry was writing in Hebrew and



Professor Sir Harold Bailey painted by Ronald Way in 1972.

Harold became agitated because he could not make out one of the words. Mr Hart was penning a Hebrew version of the famous doggerel about the man going to St Ives who met a man with seven wives. Sir Harold completely failed to recognise the rhyme - the word he could not decipher was 'Ives'. A man of very ascetic tastes and a teetotaler, he ate very sparingly and then mostly salad and vegetables. He enjoyed walking and cycling tours and continued to walk into College for lunch into his nineties, always sitting at the head of table. He continued to work until a few weeks before his death, though failing eyesight meant he had to read through a thick magnifying glass. He was taken into hospital after several falls in November and died of a heart attack on 11th January 1996.

He became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1944 and was knighted in 1960 for services to Oriental Studies. He was loaded with academic honours, receiving honorary degrees from several universities, though it is said Sir Arthur Armitage had to persuade him hard to accept an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity rather than Literature from Manchester. He was particularly pleased by his Honorary D.Litt. from Oxford. He was a President of the Philological Society, a member of several overseas Academies and an honorary member of many important linguistic and oriental societies. There can have been few men or women of such prodigious learning, so devoted to pure scholarship, or who understood and spoke quite so many languages. His international fame has added lustre to Queens' for almost 60 years.

JONATHAN HOLMES

Kenneth Dadzie Honorary Fellow 1991-95

Kenneth Kweku Sinaman Dadzie was born in Accra in the Gold Coast in 1930 and attended Achimota College there before coming to Queens' in 1949 to read Economics. Following graduation in 1952, he joined the civil service in his native country and gradually gained experience in various highly responsible posts before selection for the foreign service of the newly independent Ghana. In 1956 he became Ghana's deputy permanent representative to the UN and was its representative to the Security Council from 1960 to 1963. Permanent representation of Ghana at the UN office in Geneva then followed whilst, at the same time, he also served as Ambassador to Austria and Switzerland.

Deeply involved in the evolution of the UN, Dadzie was particularly concerned with issues relating to decolonisation and was closely associated with the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Inter-agency Affairs and Co-ordination between 1971 and 1973 before his own eventual appointment in 1978 as the first Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation. His value was well recognised by his own country and he was appointed Ghana's High Commissioner in London in 1983, though he returned to the UN in 1986 as Secretary-General of the Conference on Trade and Development, concerned with the economic interests of the Third World. Dadzie brought all his acquired skills as a career diplomat to the post and challenged developed and developing countries alike to take new initiatives in solving problems of growth and development. He advocated the liberalisation of trade, embracing the idea of open markets and progressive policies in the private sector, and fought for agreement on improved national debt strategy. The role of UNCTAD increasingly came under criticism from the industrialised countries and

Dadzie's influence had become seriously eroded by the time his term of office expired in 1994. He then returned to the post of High Commissioner in London in which he was still serving at the time of his death.

A skilful tactician and accomplished diplomat, Kenneth Dadzie was the first African to hold a series of high offices within the United Nations. Moderate, but committed to his purpose and development mission, he was always ready to challenge prevailing economic orthodoxies whilst never rashly discarding them. His stature was such that he was amongst those considered possible successors to Mr Pérez de Cuéllar as Secretary-General of the United Nations, but, in the event, his fellow African, Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, was chosen. Dadzie was elected an Honorary Fellow in 1991 but his many duties and commitments prevented him from visiting the College.

MAURICE SCARR

Catherine Bull

Mrs Catherine Bull, widow of Dr Max Bull, died peacefully in Worthing in July. She was a great friend of Queens' and a great support for Max during his years as Director of Studies for medical and veterinary students, Tutor, Senior Tutor, and MCR President. She presided over innumerable sherry parties and dozens of tea parties, dinner parties, even strawberries and cream after tennis on the lawn of their home, 32, Cavendish Avenue, with great good humour and matriarchal authority. Few who responded to those famous invitations, 'Mrs M M Bull At Home', will forget the warmth of her welcome or her unflappability when tea pots were overturned over her best tablecloth or yet another full sherry glass smashed over her favourite carpet. She also played an important part behind the scenes organising events for the wives of Old Members and Fellows and above all providing Max and their sons with a happy and comfortable home to which to retreat. She and Max retired to Worthing to be near their eldest son, a local consultant, very shortly before Max died. She continued to motor up to Queens' to visit friends and the College, but sadly ill health forced her to end these visits some years ago.

JONATHAN HOLMES

The Hart Walk 1995

It is 60 years since Henry Hart first went walking in the Lake District, fulfilling a childhood ambition to walk in the mountains that he could see in the distance on excursions from his Yorkshire school. It is more than 50 years since he first took parties of Queensmen there. In my undergraduate days in the late 1960s, his ability to out-walk my contemporaries, not to mention his famous encounters with sheep ('Hello sheep; fancy meeting you here, do you come here often? No indeed! Then it is quite by chance, the pleasure is all mine'.) were legendary. Never endowed with a physique suitable for making rapid progress uphill and downdale, I wisely refrained from joining the Hart walking parties in those days. However I reckoned that, now Henry is 'in his eighty-fourth year', I stood some chance of keeping up with him and was persuaded this year to make my debut on the Hart Walk.

Allan Hayhurst kindly offered a lift and on the May Bank Holiday weekend I found myself installed in the celebrated Mrs Jackson's guest house in Grange. The good Dr Hayhurst suggested an 'easy opener' to get our walking legs going and proposed an ascent of the adjacent Cat Bells.

The ascent of Cat Bells is steep. Somehow I made it to the top inspired by the magnificent views across Windermere and the opportunity to take a photograph or two (my main incentive for climbing mountains). At the top we walked along the ridge and I must confess to a touch of envy as, from above, I observed younger people making nothing of the climb. One particular figure in a fluorescent orange bobble hat was striding up the mountain as if out for a stroll on level ground. Picking our way back down to Grange we were overtaken by the orange bobble hat which proved to be concealing Canon Brian Hebblethwaite. So there were to be three Deans on the main walk. Back at Mrs Jackson's it was revealed that Henry Hart had climbed Skiddaw by himself for his 'easy opener'. I began to wonder if I could indeed keep up with my two predecessors. After the traditional and excellent dinner at the Langstrath Hotel, I retired to bed completely shattered.

In the morning everyone was very solicitous. Though I was almost the youngest in the party, there was clearly considerable doubt in experienced quarters whether someone of my very round shape could manage strenuous activity. I assured them that I had proper walking boots which were not new and a real anorak, rejected Allan Hayhurst's kind offer of special socks guaranteed to prevent blisters in favour of my thirty year old school games socks, and reminded them all that despite my shape I was not unaccustomed to outdoor pursuits. The original plan was to scale Blencathra. However the summit was entirely shrouded in low cloud, so we set off up Glenderaterra Gorge in intermittent rain towards Skiddaw House. There were twenty odd of us, mostly OQs, their spouses and children. Conversation was very pleasant and to the perhaps secret surprise of some I kept up easily (though not with Brian Hebblethwaite who, frustrated by the pedestrian pace of the main party, kept striking off ahead to investigate passing crags). After a packed lunch at Skiddaw House and a close encounter with a sheep who consumed the remains of the traditional seed cake baked by Mrs Jackson, it was decided to attempt a small conical mountain called Great Calva. The going was boggy as there was no apparent path, but the view from the top was spectacular. The clouds had lifted enough for Scotland to be spied in the distance. The long walk down to Mosedale and then towards Mungrisdale afforded the occasional glimpse of the orange bobble hat in the far distance ahead and eventually the welcome sight of Gillian Hart and her car to transport us in relays to the Mill Inn. I must confess to looking forward greatly to the moment when I could take my boots off to relieve my aching feet, but, unlike Dr Hayhurst, I had no blisters.



3 Deans: Dr Holmes, Mr Hart, Canon Hebblethwaite on the Hart Walk.
Photo: Charles Moseley

The Hart Walk was as usual a very enjoyable experience and occasion, wonderfully organised by Charles Moseley, and wonderfully enriched by Henry's presence, his wit and wisdom undimmed by the passing of those sixty or so years.

JONATHAN HOLMES

Thomae Smithi Academia

The Thomae Smithi Academia, a discussion group for Fellows and Fellow Commoners, was founded in 1976, and has met five times a year without interruption for the past nineteen years. In October it celebrated its 100th meeting. The occasion was marked by the return of one of the founding members of the Society, Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith, who is now Dixie Professor of Ecclesiastical History and a Fellow of Emmanuel. His introductory talk 'What is Truth to the Historian?' provoked one of the liveliest debates in the Society's history.

Other discussions were introduced by Mr A W M Reynolds, on 'The Death of the Poet', by Dr F N Watts, on 'Going to Sleep', by Professor J Holloway, on 'Proverbial Wisdom', and by Dr E G Kahrs, on 'Claret Prospects'.

JAMES DIGGLE

The Staff

John Camps and Danny Woods retired this year. John joined the College in 1958 at the age of 15 and played a significant role in the Bursary until last summer when ill health enforced a premature retirement. His knowledge of the College and its staff will be greatly missed. Danny retired in 1985 and then joined the College staff! In his former employment he had worked on the restoration of the President's Lodge. He quickly developed a deep affection for the College and this was entirely reciprocated. Another notable departure was Clare Sargent, our College Librarian since 1988. She brought the War Memorial Library into the modern age and oversaw its refurbishment. We wish her well in her new post at Radley College.

In any organisation there are certain people who, through their personality and good humour, improve the working environment for others. One such person is our piratical plumber, Joe Woods. I will take the opportunity of his attainment of 50 years of age to wish him well for the next half century.

Finally, it is with regret that I report the deaths of three of our bedmaker pensioners: Doris Clarke (1953-81); Edie Richards (1953-71); and Elsie Wdowyn (formerly Maskell, 1954-81).

ANDY COSH

The Porters

In Cambridge College terms a 'Porter' is defined as a keeper of the keys and by association the Porters' Lodge is the place where the keys are housed. Whilst this is undoubtedly true, the function of the Porters' Lodge at Queens' College is multi-faceted. The Lodge is manned by a Head Porter, a Deputy Head Porter, five Security Porters and a Receptionist. The Lodge is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on a three-shift basis.

A Security Porter starts the day shift at 0800 hours and is confronted by the first delivery of the daily mail, usually comprising two full sacks. After a brief handover from the duty night porter he sorts the mail into alphabetical order,



Porters pigeon-holing the mail.

Photo: Andrew Gee

and, with the assistance of the Receptionist, who arrives at 0830 hours, pigeon-holes the mail. Our target is to ensure that all mail is distributed so it can be collected by students as they pass through the Lodge on their way to their first lectures. The day porter then delivers the first mail, plus any internal or intercollege mail, to the offices and Fellows' rooms and collects the outgoing mail at the same time. This mail round, as it includes every part of the College, is also a security patrol. The porter will report any unusual observations, damage, unserviceabilities or suspicions he noticed during this patrol. On his return he usually has time for a cup of tea before the second post arrives at 1100 hours.

Meanwhile, the Receptionist greets all visitors to the College and directs them to their destination. She deals with telephone enquiries and takes and distributes messages for the Fellows and students. She issues keys for both domestic and public rooms, takes guest room bookings, issues temporary car parking permits, sorts and franks the outgoing mail and is generally the link between the inner College and the outside world.

The day porter, having finished his afternoon patrol, delivers any large packages which have arrived via other delivery agencies and at 1700 hours hands over to the evening porter. When all the other departments are unmanned, the evening and night porters monitor the alarms, respond to requests for assistance from whatever quarter, provide regular security patrols, switch on the lights, lock the College gates and do the job of the Receptionist. The evening porter ensures the good order of social functions, closes the bar and puts the College to sleep. He is joined by the night porter at 2130 hours. When he goes off duty at 0200 hours, the night porter retires, but always with an alert ear for alarms or calls. At 0530 hours the night porter rises and, during the first security patrol of the day, opens the gates, puts out the lights, and greets the milkman, catering staff and bedders while awaiting the mail. No two days are the same. From the requirements of the students in term, to the requirements of the conference delegates in vacations, vagrants, intruders, anxious parents, visitors, illegal parkers, fires, medical emergencies and many more incidents will all contrive to ensure that life in the Porters' Lodge is never routine.

The Porters' Lodge has been extensively refurbished internally during the past two years. The problem of lack of space remains. The automatic gates in Fisher Drive are remotely controlled and monitored from the Lodge. You

can now sign out a stereo to accompany your session in the gym, buy a phone-card or tokens for the squash courts, or post your letter with the Queens' logo franked upon it.

The Porters' Lodge remains the nerve centre of the College. It's the meeting place, the information centre and the link between the various utilities and the students. The Porters are the fountain of all knowledge when any student requires advice and seemingly are expected to have the solution to all student problems. Who else then to approach when, to mention one or two recent incidents, a student was locked in a bathroom, three ladies were shut in the Fitzpatrick Hall and desperate for the bathroom, a mink was running loose in the cycle sheds, and a lady backed her car into Queens' Drain. Who said Porters don't have a sense of humour!

JIM COUTLER, HEAD PORTER

The Safety Officer

Even if their origins are not lost in history, the majority of College offices are very long-established. I couldn't hold any of them for the twenty years I was a Professorial Fellow and little thought that within a year of retiring I would be invited to occupy the newest of all such posts - Safety Officer. Under Health and Safety at Work legislation any undertaking which employs more than half a dozen people must have such an officer, a safety policy and organisation, and my first task was to set up an appropriate system. Unlike similar sized businesses, which are usually devoted to a single activity, a college is complicated because it employs small numbers of people in a diversity of different categories: domestic work, maintenance, catering, gardening, office work, and security, as well as the largest group: the Fellows. A separate set of regulations covers students and the accommodation they occupy, while yet another set relates to visitors. A college safety officer therefore needs to be familiar with almost the entire range of the extensive legislation, covering everything from COSHH - harmful chemicals (not to be confused with the Senior Bursar) - to five-legged chairs and whether a driver of a mini-tractor should wear a safety helmet. I have been asked to advise on anything from a policy on AIDS, how to deal with the pigeons nesting at the top of the Old Gate Tower, to the storage of biscuits. I have organised a trial emergency evacuation of the kitchens, and exercises for staff to practice putting out real fires.

If one cuts through the bureaucracy, the underlying objective is very worthwhile; the employer may have considerable responsibilities towards the work force, but the real aim is to make everyone safety-conscious in a common-sense way and prevent them taking unnecessary risks. Some of my duties may seem very mundane, like carrying out periodic inspections of each of the work places, spot checks to see that correct fuses are being used or that fire extinguishers are not used as door stops. Although these are things which could easily produce resentment of someone snooping, they can be done so as to obtain everyone's co-operation. Perhaps that is more important in creating a safe working environment than all the detail in the regulations.

We have a large Safety Committee composed of the appropriate College Officers and the heads of the various departments of College work, together with elected members of staff and of the MCR and JCR. The Safety Officer reports on his inspections, on new legislation, accidents and incidents, and - the longest running item - on his attempts to get the City to change the parking bays

outside Fisher Gate, which were eventually partially successful. Staff and students can raise any matter of concern, and many valuable suggestions have come from the Committee.

I have two axes to grind. Some manufacturers are so concerned about protecting themselves against any possible litigation that they produce reams of technical information about their products, often referring incorrectly to safety legislation, and this causes needless worry to the ordinary users who cannot make head nor tail of it. Secondly, it is entirely reasonable for the official guidelines to insist that managers ensure their employees understand the safety rules which apply to them, but the way in which some of the legislation is drafted makes one wish there was also an obligation on the bureaucrats to clarify the regulations for those who have to implement them. Fortunately, the College has some very helpful lawyers, one of whom chairs the Safety Committee.

For a retired Fellow, the nicest thing about being Safety Officer is that it not only keeps me regularly in touch with the Fellows and the activities of the College, but also with all the College staff, who are the nicest group of people with whom one could ever wish to work.

JIMMIE BEAMENT

The Chapel

The main focus of worship in Chapel continues to be the Sunday evensong with sermon, but from time to time, once or twice a term, the traditional-style 1662 services are replaced by something else. There have been two very successful 'informal' services, one in the Lent Term and one in the Michaelmas Term, organised by committees of students drawn from across the board of denomination and churchmanship. Our Ridley link student, Gregor Cuff, who helped in Chapel as part of his ordination training during the 1994-95 academic year, preached at the first, and his successor, Mark Collinson, at the second. There was also a 'Queens' Praise' service in the Lent Term and a Freshers' Service in the Michaelmas Term at which the Revd Dr Chris Hancock, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, preached, as well as the traditional 'Music and Readings for Passiontide' and Advent Carol Service.

As well as the President and Dr Holmes, two Fellows preached in Chapel during the year - Dr Fraser Watts and Dr John Keown. Visiting preachers have included the Revd Leonard Browne, Vicar of St Barnabas', Cambridge; Mr David Green, Assistant Head of Student Ministries, U.C.C.F.; the Revd Dr. Jeremy Begbie, Vice-Principal of Ridley Hall; Professor David Ford, Regius Professor of Divinity; the Revd Canon Michael Bourdeaux, Director of Keston Research; Professor Margaret Spufford (wife of Dr Peter Spufford), Professor of Social History, Roehampton Institute; the Revd Professor Don Carson, Research Professor of New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Illinois; and Bro. Anselm, SSF, Vicar of St Bene't's, Cambridge. Gordon Giles, a stalwart of the Chapel Choir for many years, preached at a Sunday full choral evensong in the Easter Term shortly before his ordination to be curate of the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Cambridge.

The preachers at the Commemoration of Benefactors services in May and at the Visit of the Queens' Club in June were the Revd Dr William Strange (1973), Vicar of Llandeilo Fawr, Maesteilo and Taliaris, and the Revd Dr Alan Sowerbutts (1973), Priest-in-Charge of Brindle, Lancs.

Three 'College Corporate Communion' were organised during the year. The first was at 10 p.m. on the evening of the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, the second at 6.45 p.m. on Ascension Day, and the third in place of Evensong on the evening of Sunday, 5th November. There were also Choral Eucharists on Ash Wednesday and All Saints Day. The Informal Communion late on alternate Tuesday evenings continue popular. A number of graduate and fourth year students have given brief addresses at these services and Martin Rich, Geoff Bache, Michael Bourne and Rupert Jordan have taken it in turns to play the piano to lead the singing, ably supported by other instrumentalists.

There was a special service on Remembrance Sunday to mark the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. After the traditional two minutes silence and Act of Remembrance and prayers, the Choir sang Howells' Requiem. Between movements the names of the 116 Queensmen who gave their lives in the War were read aloud. A large congregation found the service very moving.

A quiet day was organised at the end of the Lent Term in the President's Lodge. The day was led by the President who focused on different methods of prayer.

Ralph Woodward ended four very successful years as Organ Scholar by making another CD in June. A fuller account of the choir's activities appears elsewhere in the *Record*. Edward Barbieri was joined by a new Junior Organ Scholar, Rupert Jordan, in October. For many years it has been generally felt that the choir could look rather untidy wearing their variety of elderly surplices maintained in the Chapel cupboards. During the summer Edward Barbieri succeeded in negotiating a very favourable deal with an ecclesiastical outfitters and persuaded them to make 30 new cassocks at an extremely reasonable price. Resplendent in these cassocks, the choir, as an experiment, have been singing two full choral evensongs a week at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays in Full Term.

The purchase of the cassocks was made possible by the increased income to the Chapel Fund from the hiring of the Chapel for concerts. Over the Long Vacation alone there were eleven concerts and six organ recitals arranged by outside organisations and the Chapel has become the regular rehearsal and concert venue for the Fairhaven Singers. Many of the concerts are organised by 'Music Around Cambridge', the successors, on a smaller scale, to the Cambridge Music Festival. The organ was visited by the Suffolk Organists Association in October and put through its paces by the Organ Scholars and several visitors. There were also six weddings and a Golden Wedding ceremony in Chapel during the year. Dr Callingham very generously gave the Chapel a silver baptising spoon which was used for three baptisms over the summer. Very sadly someone broke into every cupboard and almost every drawer in Chapel in early November, no doubt searching for money. The only important item found to be missing was the spoon. The College is also very grateful to Mrs J Morgan who gave us two splendidly-crafted wooden collecting bowls in memory of her husband, W S Morgan (1927). The Bodley Cope was borrowed by Watts and Company for an exhibition of historic and contemporary embroidery at Christies in London during September organised jointly with the Royal School of Needlework.

Samantha Lawrence took over as Chapel Clerk at Easter and Mark Elliott as Sacristan. The Ryle Reading Prize was awarded to Martin Rich. Claire Turner has been a most efficient Christian Aid rep.

JONATHAN HOLMES

The Libraries

Fellow Librarian and Keeper of the Old Library:
Dr Pountain

College Librarian: Martin Williams

Library Assistants: Helen Lewis, Sibylle Mager,
Susan Scott, Donna Worthington

The year has seen a complete change of personnel in the Library, since almost as soon as Brian Callingham retired as Librarian, Clare Sargent moved to be Librarian of Radley College. We owe a tremendous debt to Brian and Clare: together they planned and oversaw the splendid refurbishment of the War Memorial Library, and Clare, in addition to her bold reclassifying and computerising of the whole catalogue, created an ethos of good humour and user-friendliness which, together with the comfortable new surroundings, resulted in vastly increased usage by Junior Members. To Clare too we owe several initiatives in the Old Library, to which she was passionately devoted as a scholar: the Provenance Project and the beginning of a serious conservation programme.

I have a hard act to follow, then, and I am grateful to inherit something that is already in such good order. Not that there are not things to be done: librarians have a new responsibility of harnessing the vast electronic information resources now available, and we plan to introduce CD-ROM facilities to the War Memorial Library in the near future. In the Old Library our main priority must similarly be electronic: the computerising of the new catalogue so carefully compiled by Harry Torpey and Joan Holloway.



The historic globes in the Old Library.

Photo: Brian Callingham

And the work of conservation must continue: a modest but urgent project for which financial help would be most gratefully appreciated is the protecting of our three globes (Sir Thomas Smith's own celestial globe and the pair of 18th Century John Senex globes). These globes were early visual aids and now rightfully repose in the Old Library as a venerable College teaching resource.

In October, Martin Williams joined me as successor to Clare Sargent, with the title of 'College Librarian', which reflects the importance and scope of the erstwhile 'Assistant Librarian' post which has grown over the years. Martin worked in the Classics Faculty Library prior to taking up his appointment at Queens', and before that was a member of the nursing profession. His medical background was interestingly reflected in his devising of a fascinating exhibition of some of the Old Library's considerable holdings in medicine, which was shown to Fellows, College Staff and Junior Members in December and January.

A Library such as ours could not function without additional help, and we are, as ever, indebted to our Graduate helpers, who bear much of the burden of the routine checking in of books, shelving, and paper work.

I record with gratitude the many generous donations we have received in the course of the year. Mrs Eileen Tod left £15,000 to the College which went via the Development Appeal towards the War Memorial Library refurbishment.

The following donated copies of works written or edited by themselves: The President, C.F. Beckingham, Mr Bridge, A. Brunt, Dr Callingham, Dr Cormack, T. Dalyell, W.S. Morgan (deceased), Dr Pountain, Dr Sattelle, B. Swann, G. Taylor, Dr Watts. Other donations were received from the BBC World Service, M. Bernard, S. Birkenhead, M.M. Bresly, Mrs Bridge, Dr Callingham, St Catharine's College, P. Davis, H. Downton, the Faculty of Economics and Politics, S. Gupta, J. Heron, Queens' College Hockey Club, Dr Hughes (deceased), A. Hussain, Mr and Mrs R.F.H. Jackson, M. Judd, S. Khwoja, V. March, Queens' College Medical Society, A. Mehra, the Sandar Patel Memorial Society, Dr Sattelle, C. Shendan, C. Sheridan, R.J. Webb, R. Williams, R. Woodward and E. Wynn, together with a large number of books left anonymously by departing Junior Members and other books 'found in the Library'.

CHRISTOPHER POUNTAIN

The Fabric

Pride of place must go to the completion of the restoration of the painted vaulted arch of the main gate to Old Court. After repainting a year ago, a new uplighting system has now also been installed. This work was carried out wholly by the College's own maintenance staff. They went on to redecorate the Library passage.

1995 saw the completion of new steel railings along the entire frontage of the College onto Queens' Green and Silver Street, as far east as the Porters' Lodge. New motorised gates outside W staircase control vehicular entry to Fisher Drive from Silver Street; these gates can be operated remotely from the Porters' Lodge, and open automatically to let vehicles out. The design of the railings, gates, and brick pillars harmonises with the style of Fisher Building and existing railings. The *leylandii* hedge along the Queens' Green frontage was too overgrown to permit erection of the railings, so it was grubbed up and replaced by a beech hedge of mixed colours. We were able to preserve the *leylandii* hedge along Silver Street. The railings



*St Bernard – roof boss in the vault of the main gate tower.
Photo: Andrew Gee*

alongside Queens' Green incorporate new external lighting for the previously unlit path across the Green, used by students going to the University Library or West Road sites.

The Erasmus Building (1959-60) underwent extensive internal renovation during 1995. Unsatisfactory plastic wash-basins in the bedrooms were replaced, the woodwork in all rooms was revarnished, the corridor floors were sanded and sealed, and carpets were fitted in all bedrooms. Extra fire-break doors were fitted to divide the southern corridors from the eastern, and new staircase exit doors created for the southern corridors. Extensive smoke-sealing work was done to isolate rooms from the corridors.

The A.D. Browne Room was created in 1964 by conversion of the former residential set B2. It was intended both as a reading room (to relieve the then over-crowded library) and as a display area for a collection of prints of the College. The style of the conversion was characteristic of its age, and the room had become both faded and out of sympathy with the medieval style of the rooms around it. It was decided to put set B2 back into residential use, and to restore as many historic features as could be discovered underneath minor decorative alterations from the 18th century and the more substantial damage of 1964. When we stripped the walls back to their original timber frames, we discovered that, in 1964, they had created an L-shaped room out of a main room and a bedroom by simply destroying half the width of a 1448 timber-framed wall, including removal of the load-bearing central post which had been supporting a ceiling beam and first-floor wall above.

It is not often that we are driven to fakery, but we decided to restore the full width of the timber-framed wall by means of a replica half-wall constructed out of old timber recycled from a demolished barn. The original 1448 half survived to serve as a model for the replica, which included a new load-bearing central post. Several layers of ceiling were taken

down to expose the original beams, which were restored as a half-timbered ceiling. This side of B staircase was built in 1448, a year earlier than the other side and C staircase. Different teams must have been at work each year, because there are noticeable differences of detail between the 1448 and 1449 works. Externally, along Silver Street, only the 1449 section has the lozenge patterns. Internally, we were interested to discover differences in the way the timber-framed walls were infilled. On C staircase and in B1, the timber frame was filled with bricks set in diagonal patterns before being rendered with plaster. Here in B2 and next-door in A staircase, the infill was a crude woven lattice of laths which had been rendered. This had not been satisfactory in the long-term: the rendering had become easily detached from the laths. It also cannot have been very soundproof. We preserved the lath lattice on the walls which adjoin set A1 by re-rendering it with modern adhesives and plaster, but on the staircase side of B2, where the lattice work was very decayed, we replaced the infill with dense wood-wool material. All the timber-framed walls were replastered in half-timbered style, as they had been in 1448.

Room B2 had been strewn with pipes of all sorts since the 1964 works, and considerable time and ingenuity were expended in routing these services out of sight. An almost unique feature of B2 is the original 1448 fireplace in clunch, complete with a backing of bricks set in herring-bone pattern, which was restored into use, having been blocked up in 1964. The external walls of the room were stripped back to the original brick and stone, and then replastered so as to leave exposed the clunch window frames. In doing so, we uncovered names carved into the clunch which had been obscured by plaster for centuries. The 18th century shutter cases were preserved in situ, despite the character of the remainder of the restoration being medieval. New metal-frame leaded lights were fitted on the Silver Street side of the bedroom to replace decayed predecessors. Efforts were made to improve the underfloor ventilation, where some dampness and mustiness had been evident when we opened it up. The final result is perhaps the most impressive of all the Old Court restorations we have done in recent years.

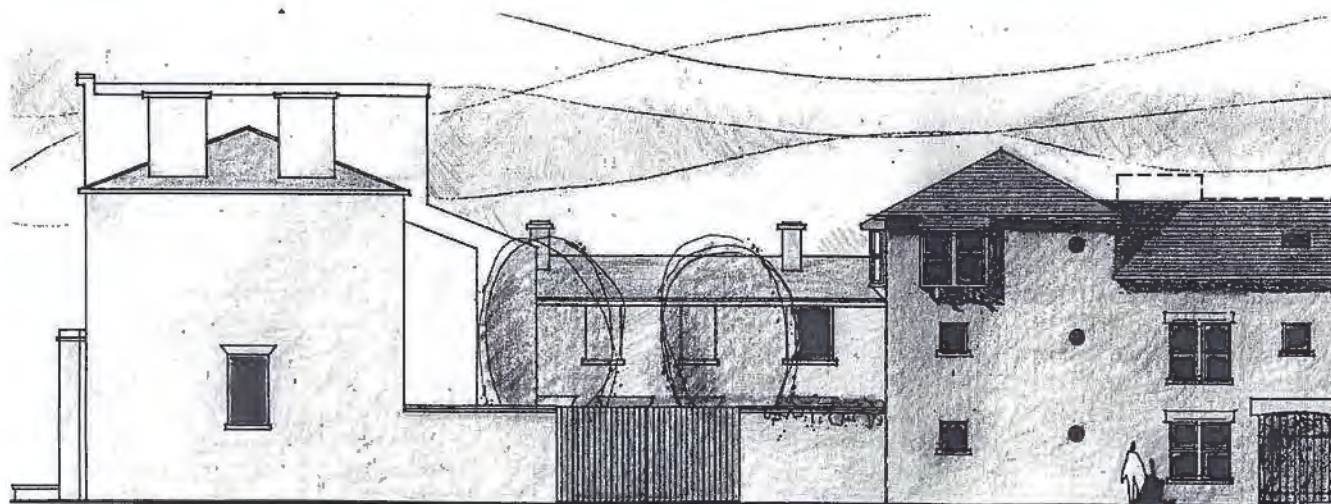
Last year I recorded that the Sick Bay had been remodelled internally. More was done this year. The former convalescence ward was little used, and so it has been altered to become a new Housekeeper's Office. The Housekeeper and her Assistant had outgrown their original small office, which was converted into a Fellow's Study.

The old Music Room, at the East End of Chapel, had been neglected for some years. At some stage in the past, the



Restoring Room B1.

Photo Brian Callingham



98/100 Norwich Street – Architect's Drawing of the Elevation to Norwich Street.

windows had been internally blocked up, presumably to keep the noise of music inside. The leaded lights outside had then decayed under the influence of vandalism. The windows were unblocked, and the leaded lights completely renovated. Secondary double-glazing was added to solve the noise problem. New non-glare lighting was fitted. A humidity control unit was installed so that the St Margaret Society can keep their pianos and harpsichord there under controlled conditions.

In the Old Hall, we are experimenting with a new lighting system over the dais to improve its suitability as a concert venue for the St Margaret Society. In Cloister Court, the four-way porch between the Screens passage and the Cloisters was re-roofed. There had been extensive decay of its timbers and leadwork. At least two squirrel's nests were discovered inside it.

At the top of Essex staircase, a gyp-room and bathroom have been remodelled and renovated so that the top floor rooms of Essex can be more easily used as residential sets.

At Owlstone Croft, a disused part of the 1940s extension to Block A (formerly the Sisters' dining room in the nurses' hostel) was reroofed and fitted out internally as a study room for the use of residents.

ROBIN WALKER

98/100 Norwich Street

Queens' has built and opened a new postgraduate hostel at 98/100 Norwich Street, the site of the former Alma Brewery. The new house is contiguous with the existing college houses at 61, 63 and 65 Panton Street, and all four houses now enclose a small courtyard.

98/100 Norwich Street is a double house, sharing one large common room and kitchen looking out onto the courtyard. It has 14 bedrooms, some pairs of which can be let either as double sets to married couples, or as two single rooms to individuals.

Work started in the winter of 1994/95. The building contract proceeded more slowly than planned, so that the house was not ready for occupation until late October 1995. In the meantime, the prospective tenants camped out with tolerant friends. The Housekeeper performed small miracles in completely furnishing and fitting the 14-bedroom house in less than a week, an operation which required considerable advance planning and co-operative furnishing contractors. The final day before occupation saw

the Housekeeper and Junior Bursar touring the house with screwdrivers and cartons of light-bulbs, attending to last minute changes of door locks and provision of reading and bedside lamps, and scribbling notes to inform the incoming tenants where everything was. The keys were released to the students on Saturday October 28th 1995.

Although Queens' has provided extra units of accommodation steadily over the last twenty years by conversion of existing properties, 98/100 Norwich Street is the first purpose-built student accommodation constructed by Queens' since Cripps Court, apart from the flats over the new Boathouse. It has been funded out of our own reserves. The architects were RH Partnership of Cambridge, and the Mechanical & Electrical Engineers were Roger Parker Associates.

ROBIN WALKER

The Faculties in the 90s

Social and Political Sciences

The Faculty of Social and Political Sciences is housed in the Old Cavendish Building. This site makes for an interesting faculty home for three reasons. First, one is occasionally asked to direct visitors on pilgrimage to the famous Cavendish Laboratory. Second, the offices are regularly checked with a mercury sniffer, as there has been an ongoing concern about mercury contamination. Third, getting an office (mercury-contaminated or not) is a luxury as the site is too small for the expanding Faculty.

The Old Cavendish Building is on most tour guides of Cambridge. The physics laboratories were built on the site of the old Botanic Garden in Free School Lane (1872-3), at the expense of the Chancellor, William Cavendish, the 7th Duke of Devonshire. Here, in 1897, J.J. Thomson established the existence of electrons. Then, for many years, the laboratory was headed by Lord Rutherford (Cavendish Professor of Physics, 1919-37), perhaps the most famous of the Cambridge atomic physicists.

After the war, mercury tanks were used as computing memory stores, converting binary data into acoustic pulses which travelled as sound waves along the mercury in glass pipes. Unfortunately, the mercury has permeated the whole building. In September 1995 an expert committee submitted its report to the University on the extent to which mercury

contamination might present a health hazard to staff and students accommodated in the Old Cavendish Building. Mercury levels are not something to be taken lightly. Elemental mercury is a hazardous substance known to cause both acute toxic and more chronic effects, particularly to the kidney and the nervous system. Regulations concerning occupational health and hygiene require that an assessment of risk is made and appropriate steps are taken to reduce the risk. The report's tone is reassuring. The University began an extensive and expensive programme of work to decontaminate the building in 1990. Since then mercury concentrations in the building and in the occupants have been monitored carefully. The report concludes that, according to the Health and Safety Executive standard, individuals may work in the Old Cavendish for eight hours daily without being at risk.

The mercury levels in the building have provided an intense social reaction that raises many interesting sociological and political issues. A keen student might wish to use it as a case study of the source and spread of rumours; or to examine response bias in data collection. For example, one wonders about reliability, when staff are asked to respond to the question, "How many hours in a typical week do you spend in your office?" However, an even more interesting topic for sociological investigation is to observe the effects of over-crowding. The democratic principles on which the Faculty usually thrives have been shaken, and the individualistic ethos comes to the fore, when faced with the basic dilemma that the demand for office space is far greater than the Old Cavendish can supply. Fortunately, expansion is imminent and some faculty have taken advantage of the new premises in Jesus Lane, which offer not only a mercury-free environment but also close proximity to Pizza Express!



*The Old Cavendish Laboratory in Free School Lane, 1970.
Photo: Jonathan Holmes*

Perhaps, just as well, the Faculty of Social and Political Science (SPS) is far more than its building. The Tripos continues to evolve with now 27 papers on offer in Part II. Part I offers an inter-disciplinary introduction to the social sciences, with papers in sociology, politics, psychology and anthropology. Uncharacteristically of Cambridge as a whole, women SPS students perform as well as men in terms of the proportion who gain firsts. Queens' students have been no exception. Last year Sondhya Gupta, who took SPS in combination with her studies in Veterinary Medicine, received a first and the subject prize.

As in many other subject areas, the SPS examination structure is now under review. There is some concern that too much reliance is placed on assessments that involve writing three exam questions in three hours. The Faculty is proposing to diversify its assessment procedures. One alternative assessment, already on offer, is the extended dissertation, by which students can replace an examination with a 10,000 word essay. A Queens' student, Caroline Bell, who took this option last year, wrote on autistic mind-blindness and won the Gladstone Memorial Prize for the best dissertation in psychology.

Political and Social Sciences is a growing subject in the University and there has also been an increasing number of Queens' students specialising in this area over recent years. There is a related M.Phil. course in the Institute of Criminology which is hugely popular and shows the value of applying social science theory and methods to societal problems.

In years past graduate students in SPS were left very much to their own devices and, with the exception of guidance from their supervisor, had little formal training. This is now changing. The Economics and Social Research Council, one of the bodies that funds graduate research, requires that the Ph.D. programme should provide a training in research skills, as well as an environment conducive to original research. It is hard to imagine a more stimulating research environment than Cambridge, but more formal training in research skills is still a relatively new idea. Queens' has been active in promoting such training with the College hosting inter-departmental Ph.D. workshops in social science methods.

Queens' now has about 20 students in SPS, including graduates. This is a small enough number for all students to know each other, but large enough to form a sense of group identity. Hopefully, in the coming years, the numbers will expand still more. It is an exciting time to be studying sociology, social psychology and politics, because we live in an age of massive social transformation. The discipline is an inherently controversial endeavour because the study of society is inevitably caught up in depicting, and reflecting on, the nature and direction of social change. At Queens' I think we are fortunate in being able to study social change in a context that is so full of the physical and symbolic reminders of times past. Sociology (my own subject area) and history are taught as though they were distinct fields of study, but living and working in College is a daily reminder that the two subjects are closely interwoven.

JACQUELINE SCOTT

The Department of Physics

The Cambridge University Physics Department, based at the Cavendish Laboratories on the West Cambridge Site, is currently in a period of significant change. One of the most important changes is the move to a four year course, necessitated by the relative decline in the standard of

preparation of the students at entry and the continuing desire to give students a thorough training in physics to a professional level. Within the Cambridge departments, Physics, Chemistry, Engineering and Earth Sciences have all extended their courses this way, and it is expected that other science faculties will follow. The extension means that core material which used to be taught in two years and one term, is now covered at a reduced pace over a full three years. Students not wishing to take the four year course can leave at this stage, with the award of a B.A., and take extra courses during the third year on communication skills and Physics in Action. An alternative third year course for both physicists and mathematicians is the new Part II in Astrophysics, which started this year, run by the Institute of Astronomy. The large majority carry on to the fourth year of the Physics course. This then gives us the opportunity to offer a wholly option-based Part III, which we hope will provide excellent preparation for research or for a career in Physics. The final degree awarded is then the M.Sci. as well as a B.A.

For those with longer memories, the main change in Cambridge Physics to occur over the past twenty-five years came in moving the entire Department from the Old Cavendish site in the centre of Cambridge out to its present site in West Cambridge, opposite the Institute of Astronomy on Madingley Road. The town centre site was becoming very cramped (and is now known to have a problem with mercury contamination - see the accompanying article on the SPS Faculty), and a move to a site with much more space was necessary. The modern building in West Cambridge has been very successful, although it has had problems with its flat roof, which the architects did not foresee would collect water! Hopefully this problem is now under control. The continued advantage of the West Cambridge site is the availability of land - indeed considerable expansion on the site has taken and continues to take place. The site also houses, for instance, both the Microelectronics Centre, run jointly with Hitachi, and the Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Superconductivity. West Cambridge is also attracting attention from other University departments, with rumours of Engineering and Mathematics considering moves from their central sites. Indeed, with the advent of the new University Athletics Track just a stone's throw from the Cavendish Laboratories, there is now talk of a possible swimming pool and maybe more exotic sports facilities to be shared with the city.

The history of the Cavendish is a long and successful one, and includes the discovery of the electron, the neutron, pulsars and the Josephson effect. This has resulted in the award of over twenty Nobel prizes, of which three winners (Professors Hewish, Josephson and Mott) are still at the Cavendish. In 1997 the centenary of the discovery of the electron by J.J. Thomson will be celebrated, and, in 1995, the Mullard Radio-Astronomy Observatory, based in the Physics Department, celebrated its 50th anniversary. This was marked by a weekend of talks, visits to the telescope site and a dinner - a remarkably successful occasion with around two-thirds of past members of the group returning to participate. John Findlay, a former Queens' Fellow whose obituary appeared recently in the *Record*, was a founding father of radioastronomy in America and was also one of the last students of Rutherford at the Cavendish. The Radioastronomy group was also lucky to be able to list Ken Machin (former Senior Tutor at Queens') as one of its past members, and three present members are current Fellows at Queens' (Professor Baldwin, and Drs Lasenby and Richer).

Add to that the fact that the current Professor of Radioastronomy (Professor Richard Hills) is a past Queens' undergraduate, and a significant history of association between Queens' and Radioastronomy becomes evident!

Returning to the present, the new Cavendish Professor to succeed Sir Sam Edwards has recently been appointed. This job goes to Richard Friend whose research includes work on organic semi-conductors and luminescence. The Head of Department is currently Professor Archie Howie, who has wrestled valiantly with the many difficulties caused by changes in the method of research funding and the rigours of the Research and Teaching Assessments. The changes in research funding mean that the concept of the 'well-found laboratory' has all but been lost, and now each individual grant holder has to apply for money to run the services that used to be financed centrally. Physics has been particularly successful in obtaining these replacement funds, compared to other departments, but the cost for individuals both from this and the new levels of Research and Teaching Assessment is a greatly increased amount of time spent on 'red tape' - the latter has now become one of the most significant components of an average academic workload.

Overall, while the groups and interests within the Cavendish have evolved considerably since the days of Rutherford and Thomson, research is still very vibrant and active and the Cambridge Physics Department is still acknowledged to be one of the premier physics centres in the world.

ANTHONY LASENBY

The Historical Record

John Smith, the Cambridge Platonist

It was Sellars and Yateman, in their classic *1066 and All That*, who described the Royalists at the time of the Civil War as "wrong, but romantic" and their opponents, the Puritans and Parliamentarians, as "right, but repulsive". There are few tales more romantic than that of the arrest and expulsion of Edward Martin (who had been Archbishop Laud's Chaplain), the Royalist President of Queens', his imprisonment, escape, and eventual flight to join the future Charles II in exile in France. When the Parliamentarian General the Earl of Manchester visited Cambridge in 1644 he also expelled the entire Fellowship of Queens', in effect for their Royalist sympathies. Martin and several of the Fellows lived to be restored to their positions in 1660. But what of their 'repulsive' replacements, the group of men who have gone down in history as the 'intruding Fellows' of Queens'? In fact they included some very distinguished scholars. The new President, Herbert Palmer, an Old Queensman, was a member of the Westminster Assembly of Divines and a well-known theologian. Among the Fellows was the eminent mathematician John Wallis, but none was more distinguished than the 'Cambridge Platonist' John Smith, 1616-1652.

The Cambridge Platonists were a small group of theologians much influenced by the Platonic School of philosophy and much given to using the ideas of Plato and his successors, especially the third century philosopher Plotinus, to illustrate their religious writings. The two most important Platonic ideas they used in their theology were the

supremacy of reason and the immutability of principles of morality. However their teachings were very much rooted in Scripture and their interests in religion. They particularly emphasised the importance of human reason in theological enquiry, but they saw no clash between faith and reason, which they argued was the "candle of the soul" and God-given. They saw the twin pillars of the search for truth as the "natural light" of reason and the revelation of God through Scripture. They also placed great emphasis on growth in holiness. Arguing from the scriptural principle of "Faith without works is dead", they preached increasing moral obedience to God's laws as the only way of gaining greater spiritual insight and joy.

Offended by the fierce dogmatism of their age they also taught tolerance and moderation, believing that opponents should be approached with calmness and 'sweet reasonableness'. In arguing that differences of opinion could be allowed to co-exist within a single church they laid the foundation of the 'Broad Church' idea of Anglicanism. "Universal charity is a thing final in religion", said Benjamin Whitcote, Smith's Tutor at Emmanuel and mentor. This led to clashes both with the Puritan Calvinists and, after the Restoration, with the High Church party, but their ideas and their emphasis on the rational aspects of Christianity really mark a turning point in English theological and intellectual tradition.

Of this small group of 'philosophical divines' active in the 1640s and 1650s, John Smith appears as a man of the most attractive personality and arguably the most learned and profound a thinker of them all. His fame rests above all on his series of ten *Select Discourses* written in a superb prose-style and published several years after his early death. He was born in 1616 in Achurch in Northamptonshire of 'respectable poor' parentage. His mother died shortly after his birth and he probably received his early education in the nearby town of Oundle, sponsored by local people who recognised his talent. He was admitted at Emmanuel in 1636, but took longer than was usual to get his BA and MA - it is thought he was probably already in poor health. The

delay cost him his chance of a fellowship at Emmanuel because of the rule debarring more than one person from any one county holding fellowships at the same College. But his great ability and obvious talents made him a prime candidate for one of the vacancies at Queens' in 1644. He was Hebrew Lecturer and Censor Philosophicus and taught Mathematics at Queens' (and later for the University) and was an extremely popular tutor. In 1650 he became Catechist and Dean of Chapel and started to deliver his series of 'Discourses' as sermons.

F.J. Powicke in his book *The Cambridge Platonists* (J.M. Dent and Son, 1926) says of Smith, "Few men can have ever made so deep an impression of greatness on pupils and friends, or have inspired so profound an affection. Nor is there anything in the writings of the Cambridge men so irresistibly suggestive of intellectual and spiritual genius as his *Discourses*". It is not possible adequately to summarise Smith's writings, but his chief emphasis lay in promoting a holy life as the best way to right belief. "The simplest yet the deepest rule for the true attainment of all Divine knowledge and power is unqualified obedience". Powicke says, "Whatever else he says Smith always comes back to this ... you must do and be in order to know". Though little remembered nowadays his *Discourses* had a profound effect for centuries after his death. Wesley extracted portions for his *Christian Library* and selections were published throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. Both Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Matthew Arnold were deeply influenced by his writings. *Select Discourses* has gone down in history as one of the great Christian classics.

Smith died, probably of tuberculosis, on 7 August 1652 and was buried in the College Chapel. A mark of the respect and affection in which he was held was the attendance of the Vice-Chancellor and all the Heads of Houses at his funeral. The sermon was preached by his friend and pupil Simon Patrick, later Bishop of Ely. Patrick spoke of Smith's unfeigned humility and deep spiritual life, "he lived in a continual sweet enjoyment of God". He then continued, "he had such a huge, wide capacity of soul, such a sharp and



Print of the Cam and the Essex Building by Baldrey in the 'Cambridge Almanack', 1804.

piercing understanding, such a deep-reaching mind, that he set himself about nothing but he soon grasped it and made himself a full possessor of it". He went on to speak of his great industry and his "Herculean labours day and night". Patrick said Smith was a "living library and walking study", but "he was not a library locked up, nor a book clasped, but stood open for any to converse withall that had a mind to learn". No wonder that his contemporaries said he had "studied himself into a consumption".

Smith not only enriched the College by his outstanding scholarship, but also by leaving his large (by 17th century standards - over 600 books) library to the College, including an impressive collection of mathematics and astronomy books. 'Intruding' fellow he may have been, but John Smith was certainly one of the most illustrious men ever to have graced the annals of the College.

JONATHAN HOLMES

A Century of Sewerage: 1896 - 1996

In 1896, just as in 1996, the Fellows of Queens' were choosing a new President. In his *History of Queens' College, Cambridge*, J.H. Gray, writing in 1898, records: "The Fellows then took a step for which no precedent could be found in the annals of the College ... Dr Herbert Ryle [a Fellow of another college] was elected by the free and unanimous choice of the Society ..." Gray makes a point of the fact that Ryle was the first modern President to be elected from outside Queens'. He goes on to describe various alterations to the President's Lodge undertaken before Ryle moved in, and then ends the paragraph, "Another piece of work, done at the same time, and not less important because it obtrudes itself neither upon eye or nose, was the laying down of a new system of drainage throughout the College."

It is difficult to reconstruct the sense of relative importance that a historian must have felt in discussing the choice of the President in the same paragraph as the connection of Queens' to the mains sewerage system. Perhaps the incoming President had precipitated this modernisation by requiring new sanitation in the Lodge, or maybe it was the author's little joke on which he might eat well for years to come.

New drainage must have made a significant improvement to the quality of life in College. Friars' Building, put up in 1886, had been built without baths or WCs. Dokett Building, started in 1911, was the first building in Queens' to be designed with baths and WCs, but these were then such a radical development that they were consigned to the basement. We had to wait until Fisher Building in 1936 before bathrooms appeared on the staircases close to residential rooms.

How were these new drains built? They lie seventeen feet under Old Court and cross under the wine cellars with no hint of disturbance in the medieval brickwork. One possible answer recently came forward. After the Queens' Lane sewers collapsed, workmen digging down discovered rotting pit-props either side of the old sewer. It appears that the sewer had been mined horizontally from one vertical shaft to the next. Such vertical shafts still survive in Old Court and Cloister Court.

There is no written record of the arrangements in College before the arrival of mains sewerage. The most that we can conclude is that it is fortunate that Queens' is located beside a river.

ROBIN WALKER

Queens' in Wartime

I came up in October 1940. There were no cars; there was no petrol. The probability of getting to Cambridge by rail from Somerset was greater by a twelve hour cross-country route with seven changes than through London, where railways were regularly disrupted by the nightly blitz. We were allowed one trunk - which went 'luggage in advance' and arrived up to a week later - and whatever luggage we could carry with us.

Medics apart, Prelim. and Tripos results determined whether one would be in residence for the following year. Most people reading arts and humanities expected they would not be. Scientists and engineers with firsts and upper seconds could expect another year. A few who got firsts in the right subjects were reserved for a Part II. Those who didn't make it were directed into 'work of national importance' or the Forces. One of my first year friends (not a Queensman) decided he had no chance of getting a second and joined up, because a volunteer could choose which Service to enter. He went into motor torpedo boats and was captured on his first mission, spending four years playing jazz in various POW camp bands in Germany.

By 1942 the College was a strange place with less than a dozen third year men, apart from those reading medicine. A quarter of the residents were St Bartholomew's Hospital students, and their relationship with Queensmen was occasionally somewhat volatile. Everyone had to parade at Grange Road at 8.50 on Sunday mornings, in what was euphemistically called the Home Guard, and undergo preliminary army training until 5 p.m., under the abusive orders of sergeants of the Irish Guards. One night in ten we also had to take our turn in the fire-watching rota, which meant sleeping fully-dressed in one of the two Air Raid Precautions rooms, after making tours of the College until 1 a.m. and bellowing our heads off at any window which was showing a chink of light. The then Senior Tutor, James Potts, was the College fire warden: a splendid sight with his red beard, white tin hat, and, usually, a pair of Bermuda shorts. The College found it so difficult to find fire-watchers during vacations that I resided for most of the Christmas Vac. of 1942 entirely at College expense, theoretically fire-watching every third night, although there was nothing to do except catch up on a large amount of academic work.

One of the impressive things about this period was the remarkably high level of honesty. Because of the risk, had there been an incendiary raid, we were not allowed to lock our rooms at any time whether we were in or out, but theft was almost unheard of. There were no smoke detectors or fire alarms. Compared with today's safety and security precautions, personal responsibility was taken for granted; *sic transit gloria mundi*.

Most of our rooms still had coal fires, but we only had a fire if we collected our ration - in sacks - from behind the old squash courts and hauled them up to our rooms. Throughout the winter the bedmaker came in at 7 a.m., lit the fire, and expected us to be up by 8 for breakfast in Hall. Indeed by 1941 all meals were in Hall because, with rationing, it was the only way one got any food, and in all the circumstances we were reasonably well fed. The only notable rebellion was against boiled potatoes in their skins for dinner after dinner, and when Archie Brown appeared on the gallery of Old Hall to make yet another announcement about food rationing, he was pelted with them. We were, however, issued with our tea and sugar rations. I collected sugar and packed four precious

pounds in the bottom of my trunk. The paper bags did not survive the journey, but my mother salvaged it for a Christmas cake. Alas, she had also thoughtfully put moth balls in the bottom of the trunk. The cake, with all its other carefully hoarded ingredients, was ruined.

Music hours, when one was allowed to listen to a radio, were from 6 to 9 in the evenings. Not many people had a radio; I did in my third year, and most of the staircase gathered in B5 on Thursday evenings to listen to ITMA - one of the few programmes worth hearing - or to special and usually very depressing news bulletins.

Gates were locked at 10 p.m. with late passes after midnight. One of the oddest things was that, for a period, the door to the bridge from Cloister Court was locked at midnight, and, if one lived on the old side of the College, the only way to climb in and out was over the spikes at the end of Dokett, made more comfortable if one threw a Home Guard greatcoat over them. It seems surprising that, with clothes rationed, gowns were still made and had to be worn at night, but squares were abandoned in 1942 because they became trophies grabbed in the black-out by US airmen with whom the streets of the City abounded. And, because gowns made us identifiable, a few of the pubs most frequented by the said airmen were put out-of-bounds to the University; there was, of course, no College bar.

The circumstances in which we lived might now be thought impossibly restrictive, but we were very conscious of our privileged position compared with that of most of our contemporaries in the Forces, and I am sure we enjoyed life just as much as people do today. We also discovered what could be achieved by a highly organised regime in which what are now called 'social' activities hardly existed.

A last memory is of Degree Day. We were a very small number who had actually completed three years. There was no degree luncheon, no dinner jacket: a suit - if we had one. But, to take part, I had cycled 120 miles the previous day on

a bike which had been reconstituted from cannibalised wrecks abandoned behind Friars. I was so stiff that morning I said to John Bevington, who was next in line, "If I get stuck when I kneel in front of the Vice-Chancellor, you'll have to come and help me up". The rest of the day was spent packing the one and only trunk, and, nothing daunted, the following morning I set off for Somerset - on the same bike.

JIMMIE BEAMENT

VE Day at Queens'

By October 1943, when I came up to Queens', Cambridge life seemed mostly unaffected by the War. There was the blackout, of course. Curfew time to re-enter College was 10 p.m., but this had little relevance because we all knew where to climb in. St Bartholomew's Hospital medical students were quartered on us and relished putting us off our food at mealtimes by reporting gory details of their practicals. We had to hump our hundredweight of coal from behind the Fisher building twice a term. But these were minor inconveniences. The almost complete absence of motor traffic was a blessing. The bicycle reigned supreme.

We lived a full social life. Fraternisation with the opposite sex was positively enhanced by the then monastic nature of every College, the prohibition against sporting one's oak while entertaining girls, and the curfew. I still relive my despair at being lost in the grounds of Newnham after being precipitated from the window of a resident's room owing to the Matron's unexpectedly early round. The 'Freshers' Market' in the Corn Exchange was thronged with every conceivable society whilst Mr Potts, the Senior Tutor, urged the wisdom of not joining everything. Political activity was very strong with most debate being engaged by the Labour and Communist groups on how far to the left we should move after the War. At Queens', the St Margaret and the St Bernard (now alas defunct) Societies thrived but the Bats



Air Raid Trenches in Walnut Tree Court - reproduced from 'The Dial' of the Michaelmas Term 1938.



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was in moratorium. Henry Hart had started the D Society. Music and drama flourished in the Town; lunch and tea dances abounded; sport flourished in every College. Even the Boat Race was rowed, but at Ely. Food seemed plentiful, if not very varied. We all had three meals a day in Hall.

The major war impact, as D-Day drew near, was the increasing presence of American troops. They were especially evident along King's Parade, sitting on the low wall and providing an embarrassing wolf whistle run for any local female. One night we removed the street name sign and replaced it with a notice saying "Neither bicycles nor Americans can be leant against this wall". It made the necessary impact and a photograph appeared on the Londoner page of the *Evening Standard* by lunch time. The American HQ was, we felt appropriately, the Bull Hotel over which flew the Stars and Stripes. This had to be replaced every morning because it was *de rigueur* to have such a flag adorning the wall of one's College room.

VE Day, to me, still seems like yesterday. I woke soon after dawn to a crisp, clear, beautiful May morning with already a cloudless sky. Between the twin towers of Old Court there was strung a necklace of polished porcelain chamber pots gleaming like pearls in the sunshine. I walked from Queens' through the then quiet streets to breakfast with friends at Emmanuel. Returning to Queens' I met an Egyptian colleague who had a car and the influence to have petrol. We drove to London, picking up two of his girl friends in Hampstead. We went on to Buckingham Palace and joined the throng cheering Their Majesties and Churchill on the balcony. We went on to the Piccadilly Hotel for coffee and apple pie, all we could afford. I was lumbered with the bill: ten shillings! After coffee and cakes in Hampstead we returned to Cambridge. The evening twilight seemed to last for ever. There was a big bonfire on Midsummer Common. One of us climbed an eighty foot oak and reported on the string of fires in the villages out towards the fens.

We returned to Queens'. The college eights were being brought along the Backs. It had never been done before. I was in the College fire brigade, so we started the river-side pumps and, in the darkness, hosed the crews into the Cam as they came alongside Erasmus Walk. Nobody minded. It was a fittingly irresponsible end to a perfect day and the war in Europe.

W E DUCKWORTH (1943)

A Wartime Encounter

In his speech at the annual College Club dinner a few years ago, the President remarked that, in his experience, Queensmen are to be found everywhere. The truth of this observation had already been dramatically demonstrated to me nearly fifty years previously by a remarkable coincidence.

I was an undergraduate at Queens' from 1940 to 1942 and again, after war service in the RAF, from 1946 to 1947. The first period was one of wartime conditions with air raid warnings, occasional bombs, blackout, food and petrol rationing, and fire-watching duties with the College fire service directed by the late Archie Browne (I have a clear recollection of Archie's trousers being soaked during one practice at night by the faulty connection of two hose flanges). It was a time of uncertain future for all of us because of the hazards of future military service and the possibility of national defeat at a time when Great Britain stood alone against Nazi Germany. All the same we managed to enjoy our limited wartime residence at Queens'.

In February 1945 I was the second pilot of an RAF Dakota aircraft on a mission to drop supplies to soldiers of the British 14th Army, who were fighting the Japanese in the jungle in Burma and were almost totally dependent on air supply. At the briefing, prior to our mission, we had been given an incorrect map reference for the dropping zone, which resulted in our being unaware that we were flying at only a few hundred feet above enemy held territory. Awareness came very soon with a loud bang indicating that the aircraft had been hit by enemy ground fire, which severed an aileron cable and made it difficult to bank the aircraft. We managed to turn the aircraft round towards what we hoped was friendly territory and after ten anxious minutes saw a clearing in the jungle ahead of us. It proved to be an airstrip under construction with men working on it with picks and shovels. We put down the flaps and undercarriage and, with workmen running in all directions to avoid us, made a safe landing in spite of a burst tyre.

Our unexpected arrival on a non-operational airstrip attracted the attention of a British officer who drove towards us in his jeep. My captain told me to go and explain to this officer the reason for our arrival. As I stepped out of the aircraft, and he stepped out of his jeep, we faced each other in speechless astonishment. Then he said, "It's John Winterbotham", and I said, "It's Henry Dunn". Henry and I had been contemporaries at Queens' three years before and had not met since. Our crew became Henry's overnight guests until his airstrip became operational and mechanics could be flown in to make our Dakota airworthy.

The ending of the war in Europe on VE Day a few weeks later made no difference to us who were involved in the war against Japan. Even the Japanese surrender on VJ Day three months later made little immediate difference to us, because the soldiers were still in the jungle relying on air supply, even though the fighting had mostly stopped, and we had to continue to fly. However, those who were not flying the next day were able to celebrate in proper manner.

I returned to Queens' to resume my studies in January 1946 but it was about another 40 years before I again came face to face with Henry Dunn, this time at a dinner at Queens'. We both instantly recalled our Burmese encounter and the amazing coincidence of two Queensmen meeting in such unlikely circumstances. The President was right!

B J W WINTERBOTHAM (1940)

Memories of a Brave Man

The approach of the VJ Day anniversary has stirred many memories in the villages of Cambridgeshire. Local men fought all over Europe and North Africa during the Second World War, but it was the war with Japan that is still best remembered with a mixture of sadness and anger in virtually every parish.

The Old Cambridgeshire Regiment was captured by the Japanese at Singapore almost as soon as the men disembarked. Many did not come back and those who did brought with them stories of unimaginable suffering and cruelty. Many suffered from nightmares for years. One was Geoff Barker who lived in Barton. His family went back locally for many generations. His father had been a groom and blacksmith to Winston Churchill during the Boer War, after which he became village milkman.

Geoff was one of those taken at Singapore, spending his war in the notorious Changi Gaol. His weight went down to six stone, yet he survived - just. From his happy manner,

nobody could have guessed at Geoff Barker's experiences. For years he was head groundsman at Queens' College where his prepared wickets were some of the best in the country. As a boy he watched Jack Hobbs on Parker's Piece and as a man he was hitting sixes well into his sixties. Latterly I would bump into this quiet man at Fenners; in retirement he still loved cricket. Sadly he will not see VJ Day; he died two years ago.

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The War Memorial before adaption to include the Second World War – from 'The Dial', 1921.

The Roll of Honour

The names of 116 Queensmen who gave their lives in the Second World War are recorded on the War Memorial in Chapel. Old Members may be surprised to hear, however, that we know very little about these men beyond their Christian names (recorded in the Matriculation Book) and their subjects (from the University Tripos results) if they took any exams. We do not know where or when or in what circumstances most of them died, whether they were military or civilian casualties, or in which branch of the services they served. Full details of all those who died or were killed in the First World War (indeed all those who fought) are included in *The War List of Cambridge University*, published by C.U.P. in 1921, but there is no equivalent for the Second World War. It would seem appropriate to mark the 50th Anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day by trying to compile a proper detailed list to deposit in the College archives.

The Ministry of Defence advises us that the records of the three services, as indeed the records of officers and other ranks, are kept separately, and so it would be a great help to find out for the bulk of our Roll of Honour whether they were Army, Navy, Airforce or Merchant Navy, or civilians,

and whether or not they were officers, before they could track down the information. The Keeper of the Records would very much like to hear, therefore, from any Old Member who remembers any details about those who died in the Second World War so that we can begin to compile a proper War List.

JONATHAN HOLMES, KEEPER OF THE RECORDS

The Sporting Record

Do You Remember Clacton?

As a student at the College and now as President of the Old Boys' Hockey Club I have been 'on tour' at Easter to Clacton for the last eight years. A recent contact suggests that Queens' have been going to the tournament there for many years. However, Clacton 1995 will go down in history as the year we finally did it. The Frank Garrard Cup has been won for the first time in Clacton Hockey Club's 54 years by a Queens' side. The trophy, won on previous occasions by great sides such as Old Loughtonians, is now inscribed with Queens' College Old Boys' Hockey Club. The Club's philosophy is to blend the experience of age with new talent emerging from Queens', and so several current members of the College hockey team took part in this historic victory. It is a huge achievement for our Club and one of which we can all be rightfully proud. The Old Boys are determined to maintain the College's attendance at this Tournament and would like to know exactly how long Queens' has been sending a team.

ROGER BUCKLEY

Eton Fives

I suppose, as the majority of you will never have heard of the sport, I should start off with a description. It is played in a court about the size of a squash court, but without a back wall (thus making it the only sport I know where the spectators can be standing in the rain while the players stay dry). Teams consist of two players, wearing padded gloves, who hit the ball (slightly bigger, and harder, than a squash ball) with their hands. The ball must hit the front wall above a ledge which is about chest height. The pairs hit the ball alternately, and it is only allowed to bounce on the floor once. The game is made complicated by the fact that the court contains various ledges and a step halfway up the court, and has a buttress sticking out from the left-hand wall.

The sport remains fairly exclusive and unknown, since only a small number of schools have courts, but I can recommend it as both challenging and enjoyable. Cambridge has a club of about 20-30 players, and plays regular matches culminating in the Varsity match. This year we'll be hoping to avenge our narrow defeat of last year, the 1st VI losing 2-1, but our greater strength in depth meant the 2nd VI cruised home 3-0. Sadly matches no longer take place between colleges, and the days when most colleges would have their own court are over. Following the demolition of Portugal Place last June, the University now has only one usable court, at Magdelene, but the renovation of the two courts at the Leys School has meant that the club still has a home. I am currently the only regular player at Queens', and am Secretary of the Cambridge Club, but a few Queens' members have expressed the desire to learn how to play, so there may be more in the future.

GUY CHAPMAN

Officers of the Clubs 1995-96

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	(Ladies)	Harriet Bulkeley		
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	(Ladies)	Kat Astley		
Bridge		Karen Brown	David Clarkson	
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	(Ladies)	Sam Lawrence		
Croquet		Geoff Bache		
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Football	(Mens)	Richard Mansell	Andrew Beecroft	Dan Preddy
	(Ladies)	Helen Smithson	Rhian Tucker	
Golf		Richard Jordan	Paddy Corr	Andrew Beecroft
Hockey	(Mens)	Angus Gowland	Chris Sherratt	Colin Singleton
	(Ladies)	Karen Sloan	Jo McAllister	
Lacrosse		Kirsty Lamb	Sally Watson	Pippa Blount
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	(Ladies)	Beverley Pearce		
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	(Ladies)	Michelle Gillan		
Rugby Union	(Mens)	Evan Richards	Ahid Abood	Charlie Statham
	(Ladies)	Bianca Roccelli	Sarah Holmes	
Squash	(Mens)	Alan Yeoh	Richard Chalcraft	
	(Ladies)	Jo McAllister		
Swimming		Kate Grange		
Table Tennis		Michael Bourne	Colin Singleton	Menaka Perera
Tiddlywinks		Andrew Young	Rupert Thompson	
Volleyball		Julian Sweet		
Water Polo		Dan Preddy		

Athletics/Cross Country

Whilst the end of the 1994/95 season saw the Queens' cross country team tail off to a lowly position in Division 2, the start of the 1995/96 league has been rather more promising.

Cuppers athletics provided unheard of successes for Queens' women. Helene Fuller and Maddie Garlick tried their utmost to enter every event on offer. Alas, Helene obviously overdid things and could only manage to win both 100 and 200 metres, whilst Maddie made the top three in both 1500m and 3000m. The men's team, meanwhile, was hit with injury, 'flu, and day trips to Alton Towers (see QED report). Their performance was thus unmemorable.

After three events in the cross country season, Queens' lies second in Division 2, the highlight being a second place in the Madingley Relays, Maddie donning a fake beard to make up the numbers for the men's team. Eric Roller, Rob Stewart and Mikey Teall all made it into the individual divisional top ten. Maddie, Rob and Mikey also participated in the highly triumphant Varsity match at Oxford.

The rest of the season looks promising. With just a couple more speedy individuals, promotion to Division 1 is a distinct possibility. Staying there, however, will require a lot more depth.

Badminton

Queens' College Badminton Club remains the largest college badminton club in Cambridge, with six men's and three ladies' teams. All the teams have performed solidly over the past year, consolidating on their previous league positions, except for the men's fifth team, who were 'very unlucky' in not winning any of their league matches! Fortunately, the men's and ladies' first teams did remarkably well, both coming second in their respective 1st

Divisions in the Lent Term. We also have two Blues squad players in Stu Raynor and Steve Bayly, who played exceptionally in the Varsity match, winning the majority of their matches together.

This summer, however, has seen the unfortunate demolition of Portugal Place by St John's, which has resulted in the breakdown of the league. Consequently, it is hoped that a reduced league will be initiated in the Lent Term 1996, when there will be a maximum entry of three teams per college. Fortunately, with the badminton court that is available for us on site, we have been able to arrange some friendly matches against other colleges, in which both the men's and ladies' teams have been successful.

Basketball

Despite moderate form in the league, the 1994-95 season ended on a high, as the team sensationally regained Cuppers by beating Trinity Hall in the final. Especial credit should go to our three Blues players, Adam Preston, Eric Francia and Dave Katz (the last 'transferred' from Hughes Hall), but the club as a whole can claim responsibility. The present campaign has begun with a lengthy transitional phase with few players remaining from last year. Consequently, the champs are currently tottering in the league with one win out of three. It remains to be seen to what degree morale will dissipate with the absence of the likes of Martin Ruehl and Jeffrey Karish. New members of the club, though, are both numerous and impressive; next term can be looked upon with some degree of optimism. A fresh batch of American graduates (including Brian Lehman and Clint Alexander) should be available for Cuppers, and, if Adam Preston gets out of the library, there is no reason why Queens' should not make it a three-peat.

Boat Club

With results of 3rd College boat at Peterborough and 4th in the Cam Head-to-Head, the 1st VIII were looking strong, and of comparable speed to their neighbours in the Bumps order. However, the Lent crew came together very impressively by the Bumps: Caius, who believed themselves faster, were caught on the first day in Plough Reach, Jesus on the second, and LMBC were bumped very quickly on the third. Trinity Hall took two lengths off Queens' at the start of the last day, but were drawn progressively back in the most exciting race all week. Only a canvas separated them as the boats crossed the finish line, leaving Queens' third on the river with a grudge to settle for 1996. The 2nd VIII went up three, with an unfortunate row-over on the Friday as King's bumped out ahead. Nevertheless, they proved themselves faster than many first boats. The 1st VIII proved themselves faster than all the other first boats at the Head of the River, finishing 108th - the fastest Cambridge college by a long way.

A week later, Queensman Miles Barnett stroked the Blue Boat to victory by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, capping his victory stroking Goldie the previous year.

The Easter Term began strongly and just continued to improve. The 1st VIII produced wins of Senior 2 eights at Putney and College eights at Bedford Regatta. These were followed by carrying off Senior 2 and Senior 3 at the Metropolitan Regatta - a performance which led to preselection for the Temple Challenge at Henley. The 1st VIII reaffirmed their growing stature, bumping Clare, Christ's, Pembroke and 1st and 3rd Trinity to win well-deserved blades for the second year in a row, finishing 9th on the River. The 2nd VIII had three quick, solid bumps.

On the final day they were narrowly denied blades by Jesus II despite overlapping from Ditton Corner to the Railway Bridge; they are now 10th in the Second Division.

Drawn against a controversial Oxford Brookes crew in the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley, the VIII went off at 44, but was $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths down at Fawley. Hard racing drew them back to finish $\frac{3}{4}$ length down to the eventual winners of the event.

Near the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, we received the sad news of the death of Peter Kirkpatrick, one of the greatest of Queens' oarsmen. An obituary appears elsewhere in the *Record*.

Depleted slightly by those trialling for University boats (including Miles Barnett and Jack Mellor for the Blues squad) we remained in fours for most of the Michaelmas Term. In the Fairbairns the VIII came twelfth. On November 11th, four Queens' oarsmen travelled to London to represent Queens' in the Lord Mayor's Parade. The incoming Lord Mayor, John Chalfrey, coxed for Queens' in the '50s. We marched in the procession, in blazers and carrying Queens' blades, escorting the Lady Mayoress's coach.

After our pre-term winter training camp in Nottingham, and with our sights set on the Headship of the Lent River, QCBC's first aim for the Lent Term is to settle that grudge with Trinity Hall ...

QCWBC also has its sights on unfinished business of 1995 - to go Head of the Lent River. Despite winning the Head-to-Head, the 1st VIII had one row-over due to boats bumping out ahead; the same happened to the 2nd VIII, and therefore both were denied blades. Nearly as memorable was seeing the Sidney Sussex stroke catapulted out of the boat by a crab, and rescued by Dan Fitzgerald, one of the Queens' bank party!



The First Boat bumping in the May Bumps. Photo courtesy of Jet Photographic - The Cambridge Studio.

The Easter Term yielded a 1st IV pot in the Cam Sprints, which the 2nd VIII lost in the finals to Christ's I. The 2nd VIII later convincingly gained their blades with all their bumps before First Post Corner. Gutsy rowing in Michaelmas 1995, with the coaching expertise of Peter Holmes, earned a win in the Winter Head, and a fifth place in the Fairbairns (under difficult circumstances). The 2nd VIII were the 4th college second boat in the Autumn Head.

Meanwhile, Susie Henstridge reclaimed her place at 7 in the University Lightweight VIII, and Kat Astley was selected for Blondie. No less potential has been displayed by 1995's novices, who revealed unprecedented enthusiasm for smashing boats. They compensated, however, with the 2nd novice VIII winning the Clare Sprints Plate, and the 1st novice VIII coming 4th in the Fairbairns.

Bridge Club

To date the Bridge Club has had a successful year. Last year the Queens' first Cuppers' team, under the leadership of Adam Khan, remained undefeated, although unfortunately the competition was never completed. This academic year the regular Sunday afternoon meetings and practice sessions have continued, and (when the Boat Club isn't competing) attendance is good. Consequently three Cuppers teams have been entered this year. An inexperienced third team were an early casualty losing by XX IMPs over 16 boards! The second team have progressed smoothly to the quarter finals, courtesy of two walkovers. The first team, aided by the presence of three first years with University experience, have also reached the quarter finals, beating a highly rated St John's first team in the process.

Chess

Last year's league was virtually a formality as Queens' wiped everyone off the board to reach a near record points total of 39/45. The addition of three quality first years to the team transformed Queens' from an already good 1st Division team to one of the strongest in Cambridge league history. Queens' provided no less than three of the seven strong Varsity team (and the reserve as well) which was probably the highest-rated Cambridge team ever. The Dark Blues were duly trounced 6-2 (one women's board). All three from Queens' won convincingly.

However, tragedy struck in the semi-finals of Cuppers as we came up against a strong St Catharine's side. Although we beat them 5-0 in the league, a series of unfortunate incidents/mishaps conspired to lose us the match 2½ all on board count, the narrowest possible margin. To our chagrin Catz went on to win Cuppers.

This year things are looking very bright, as, although we bade farewell to our Welsh International and previous club captain Andrew Jones, our team has unbelievably got stronger, owing to the arrival of first year Mark Ferguson. This brings the tally of England Internationals at Queens' to four!

Having received quite a reasonable sum of money from the JCR coffers this year we were at last able to purchase some clocks and sets. Armed with this new equipment we entered three teams into the league. All three are currently top of their respective Divisions, the first team got off to a particularly tremendous start dropping a mere 1½ points in six league and Cuppers matches. We have one sole aim this year - to win the Double. If we don't do it with this team, then we should all be shot!

Cricket

Winter nets in the Lent Term proved very successful and enticed a healthy selection of new players to replenish last year's depleted squad. A good team spirit began to develop and hopes for the forthcoming season were high. Unfortunately the season began a bit too quickly and we found ourselves playing Cuppers without any further practice. Our meagre total of 125 was never going to be enough and we ended up losing by 6 wickets.

Our annual fixture with the Gentlemen of Suffolk followed, a match in which we started to show our true colours. We amassed 245-6 at a good rate, with Bayly scoring a stylish 97. The opposition finished on 114-7, with the three main strike bowlers Welch, Beecroft and Bayly taking 2 wickets apiece.

In the league against St Catharine's, our attacking bowling was accompanied by very friendly fielding and allowed them to rattle up 210-6 in their allotted 40 overs. However our response was measured - a solid start from openers Howarth and Thornhill, a 100 partnership for Welch and Bayly (scoring 62 and 69 not out respectively) followed by some lusty late hitting by 'Bomber' Beecroft securing us victory with 5 balls to spare.

We faltered in the following game against Christ's in response to their 184. However, we were soon back on track with a complete annihilation of Churchill. Superb pace and swing by Welch 5-16 and Beecroft 4-11 saw Churchill dismissed for only 32. All talk of an underprepared wicket was soon dismissed as openers Howarth and Thornhill knocked off the runs in just 6 overs.

We knew a good win against Corpus should secure us the title. Tight bowling restricted Corpus to 137, with Beecroft and Bayly both capturing 3 wickets. In response we looked to be cruising at 115-2 but eventually struggled home at 141-6 with Darren Jewell booming the winning four in his own unique style. This proved to be enough to take the college 1st Division title, a fitting end to an excellent season.

Women's cricket had a fairly quiet year. We played a match against Fitzwilliam Ladies Second Team and had a very convincing victory. Unfortunately, Queens' were not able to exhibit their cricketing skills as a large proportion of the balls bowled at them were unhittable! Ms Extras was an extremely high scorer in this match. Queens' performed very well in Cuppers which was held in May Week, even though some of the key players were unable to be present. We defeated Fitz II again and reached the semi-finals where we met the St John's team. With one ball remaining, we required two more runs but unfortunately we did not manage it. However, it doesn't get much closer than that, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Croquet

Another good year for the College saw six pairs entering the Cuppers competition. This unfortunately was never finished owing to lack of time to play the final rounds. Stuart Parker and Mark Elliott were thus forced to retire undefeated, while Geoff Bache and Neil Sneade reached the Quarter Finals. The College also fielded three players out of the six who played in the Varsity match at Hurlingham in London, these being Geoff Bache, Guy Chapman and Justin Jones. Despite a heavy defeat by Oxford, all acquitted themselves well against more experienced opposition, and with the

newly formed Cambridge University Croquet Club taking shape in 1996 we can look forward to providing a stronger challenge to Oxford in future.

Football

Queens' men's first team had a solid season under the leadership of Nick Gealy. The captain, along with many of the previous year's team, provided the basis of a strong squad. This was helped by the introduction of a number of very capable undergraduates and experienced postgraduate students. The centre of defence saw the partnership of first year students Richard Mansell and Andrew 'Bomber' Beecroft blossom. Andrew was nicknamed 'Bomber' after turning up to a league game with his head shaven. His new aerodynamics helped him to score a fine headed goal! Combined with Hull graduate James Thornhill and the interchangeable Dans (Preddy and Holloway), the first team had a solid platform to build on. The creative skills of captain Gealy, Steve Muir and David Craig tormented the opposition, while the terrier qualities and battling of Jeremy Welch and Chris Walker ensured the opposition knew they had a game on their hands. Top goal scorer Matt Halsey combined with Danish import Phil Risborn to provide a hard-working and often flamboyant attacking partnership.

Playing a 4-4-2 formation, the first team finished a respectable fifth in the inter-college 2nd Division, the highest place for a number of seasons. The team registered several wins, with particularly notable victories over Caius, Selwyn and Pembroke.

The introduction of University footballer Nick Staples was not enough to help Queens' in Cuppers. The much fancied King's with a cast of Blues players only just managed to defeat a battling Queens' team in extra time. The draw for the Plate competition paired Queens' up with cup favourites Christ's. The team's best all round performance of the year took the game to penalties after an exciting 1-1 draw. Unfortunately Queens' lost 5-4 with keeper Geoff Bache unable to stop the well taken Christ's kicks. Richard Mansell was voted players' player of the year.

The second men's team under the guidance of Dallas Windsor had a hard season ahead of them being one of the highest placed second teams in the league. Playing against mainly other college first teams they just managed to stay in the 3rd Division. The men's third team was officially established within the league system thanks to the efforts of captain Dave Lawrence. The team even managed promotion before the start of the season thanks to an administrative error by the league. With a well used squad of 57 players, the third team has given everybody the opportunity to play competitive football.

Last season was a memorable one for Queens' Ladies Football. We were eventually beaten in the plate competition by Girton who went on to win. It was a hard-fought match and an amazing goal by Helen McColl, almost from the half-way line definitely deserves a mention. We have maintained a strong position in Division 2, thanks to well-known faces such as Claire Valiér, Sally Parker, Rhian Tucker and Suzie Jenkins, as well as some notable fresh blood in the form of Mhairi Donaldson, Caroline Green, Sally Archer, Rachel Treadaway and Karen Page. Hat-tricks have been scored by Suzie Jenkins and Helen Smithson, and our most notable win was a crushing 5-0 defeat of Churchill. We are currently hoping to go far in the Plate competition, after a tactical loss to Emmanuel in the

first round of Cuppers (we didn't want to play Cambridge United Reserves anyway!). Hopefully with the well-renowned striking skills of Karen Sloan and Bianca Roccelli, the solid defence provided by Jeanne Stampe and others and our first full-time goal keeper, Rachael Clark, the 1995-6 season will end on a high note. Claire Valiér has been selected for the Blues team this season. Our thanks is especially extended to our extremely enthusiastic and encouraging coaches, Richard Mansell and Andy Beecroft, for all their time, patience and Saturday afternoons.

Golf

Queens' College Golf Society has continued to enjoy its termly outings to compete at the Moat House Hotel, Bar Hill. The prestigious Queens' College salver is hotly contested in grand tradition at the end of every Easter Term, with exams fading in the memory. Summer 1995 was no exception, and with a large and distinguished field under the guidance of Andy Matthews (outgoing President) the golf was as hot as the summer sun.

Surviving an air shot at the first, Andy Beecroft came through the field to claim first prize. The day closed with the traditional speeches and prize-giving and a few bottles of wine to see us into the night.

Our special thanks go to Robert Gelashon (manager) and David Vernon (club professional) at Bar Hill whose continued support and generosity has seen the Society truly rewarded over recent years.

Hockey

With impressive results and vibrant enthusiasm the men's hockey club has been gradually ascending to its divinely appointed position in the Cambridge cosmos: both the 1st XI and the 2nd XI ended last season with a succession of triumphant victories over our rivals, trampling them mercilessly into the dust. The 1st XI, under the Herculean captaincy of James Stevens, won eight of their eleven games, losing only one (due to a bizarre twist of fate, we hasten to add), and were consequently promoted to the 1st Division, and quite rightly too. Contributions from Steve Whitbread, Steve Bayly, and a new crop of promising new players such as Harry Carslake, Chris Sherratt, and Guy Chapman were integral to this achievement, and, as ever, Justin Jones terrorised the enemy attack by means of persistent guerilla warfare.



Matthew Radley in action for the Hockey Club. Photo courtesy of Jet Photographic - The Cambridge Studio.

This season in the 1st Division has been an altogether more stretching affair, since we have now been on the field with teams who almost approach our level of skill and stamina, but amongst a series of tightly contested draws a double victory against the might of Girton provided the high-point, firstly in Cuppers by means of a last-minute goal, and secondly in a comprehensive mauling administered to them in the league. New players such as David Middlemiss, Andrew Stannard, and Stephen Woodward have shown great promise for the next couple of seasons. Special mention should go to Roy Maslen, the *bon viveur* veteran, who will be retiring after seven years of active service at the end of this season, and secondly to Colin Singleton, whose persistent ferreting has created much excitement (but no goals as yet).

The 1994-5 season could not have gone much better for the Queens' ladies team. In Cuppers, we reached the semi-final and, once again, we had to play St John's. We were out for revenge after last year's narrow defeat on penalty flicks. The team played excellently and we took them to extra-time, but, in the last ten minutes, the St John's team managed to put in the winning goal. However, in the league we remained undefeated all season, finished top of the 2nd Division, and so were promoted into the 1st Division for the first time that anyone currently at Queens' can remember.

The new season has started well, although obviously the 1st Division is proving to be considerably tougher than the 2nd. Although we lost a number of talented players who left last year, several very able freshers have joined the team, notably Emma Bowers, our speedy right-wing, and Claire Brown, an excellent midfielder.

We lost the first few league matches against the best teams in the Division, but we have had convincing wins against Newnham and New Hall, enabling us to maintain our position in the 1st Division next year. Special mention must go to Debbie Cresswell who is spending her first season in goal and has proved to be invaluable. In Cuppers we met St John's II in the second round. This proved to be a tough match but we won 1-0, scoring the goal in the final two minutes and thus putting us through to the quarter-finals.

Half-way through the season, the team has now settled down and is playing together well. We have high hopes for the remaining league matches and also for Cuppers - at least this year, owing to the nature of the draw, we won't meet St John's again in the semi-finals.

Lacrosse

Lacrosse is catching on. After the Christmas break we were pleasantly surprised to find that people's enthusiasm for lacrosse had not waned. Now the task was to find someone to play against (not all colleges were that keen!). Corpus and St John's became our staple diet interspersed with a few practices. Cuppers, however, proved to be an embarrassment once more, with both teams knocked out in the first round. Good job really, considering Aaron Smith almost knocked out a Magdalene girl.

Those that survived the ordeal of the annual dinner, went on to play this season. News of lacrosse life off the pitch had spread throughout the College and so people signed up to play at the squash. But because of everyone's busy lives we were only able to enter two teams into the 'All New Lacrosse League'. At present we are steadily improving with the firsts third in the league and the seconds only four from the bottom. And we even made it to the second round of Cuppers this time

Netball

1995 has been an excellent year for Queens' College netball. Our greatest achievement was reaching the semi-finals of the Cuppers competition. We were only narrowly beaten by Newnham in an exciting game. Unfortunately our success in the mixed Cuppers competition was not nearly as impressive, but we would like to thank all the 'lads' for participating so willingly. The first and second teams both played consistently well in the 2nd and 3rd Divisions respectively. The first team achieved second place and therefore was promoted to the 1st Division. The second team just missed out on promotion by achieving third position.

Pool

Pool in Queens' continues to thrive with no less than five men's teams and two women's teams. The men's firsts, led by Matt Carmody and Richard Charley, had a good season, proving Queens' is one of the best pool colleges. A great start to the season led to a real challenge for the title, but lost games towards the end meant a final placing of third. In the Cup, a semi-final place was earned and the tie went right down to the wire when the normally reliable pairing of Matt Halsey and Vrugvad Karkhanis lost at the death. The men's seconds were all-conquering and, led by the Mauritian flair of captain Ali Jaumdally, they won 14 matches out of 14 to win a league and cup double with the undefeated pairing of Richard Jordan and Andy Beecroft clinching the cup in the final frame. The year ended with Matt Carmody, Richard Charley and Andy Beecroft making the Varsity team with the Queens' captain, Matt Carmody, Cambridge's best player.

Rugby

The year started well for Queens' with the defeat of an impressive Magdalene side. Several key players who had been injured for the Michaelmas Term came back to give the team a solid pack and a pacy back-line. Indeed two of the backs were also athletics Blues! Unfortunately this was not enough to get us through the first round of Cuppers. Emmanuel had been the best side in our Division and we were unfortunate to meet them.

At the end of the Lent Term we headed northward to Nottingham for our annual tour. The drawback of having our only game cancelled owing to a flooded pitch failed to dampen our enthusiasm. In the end a good tour was had by all!

The new Michaelmas Term brought a promising influx of players, both graduate and undergraduate. Unfortunately injuries have plagued us again and by the second week we'd lost almost an entire back line. The up side has been the performance of our massive pack. Hopefully we'll be at full strength for Cuppers next term.

With their debut in the 1995 Cuppers, Queens' Women's Rugby Football Club were finally given the opportunity to enter the college scene! The team played three matches, losing two, yet winning the final one against St John's by a great margin, which restored their confidence and high spirits.

The Michaelmas Term saw the entry of a newer, younger team into the 2nd Division of the college league, led again by last year's captain, Bianca Roccelli. So far one out of five matches have been played. This was won 21-7 due to strong tackling from all members of the team and incisive running and successful converting by the captain. Of the other four, three walk-overs were awarded to Queens' so our current position is top of the Division! Great progress has

been made thanks mainly to regular training sessions with coach Evan Richards and the huge enthusiasm of all team members. The team now has its own shirts and ball, an added incentive to potential recruits.



The First Ladies Rugby Sevens Side with their Coach. Photo courtesy of Jet Photographic - The Cambridge Studio.

Squash

This year has been outstanding for ladies' squash in Queens'. We have managed the double of winning both the Cuppers and league competitions. After at last gaining promotion into the 1st Division at the end of 1994, the first team went on to show everyone that they should have been there forever. We won all our matches, beating even Jesus, who thought themselves to be invincible.

Cuppers ended in a very tense final against New Hall. Although Helen Smithson and Jo McAllister lost to two experienced University players at numbers 1 and 2, our team had strength at 3, 4, 5 in the form of Betsy Schumann, Cath Thomas and Suzie Jenkins who all won. The cup is now on proud display in the Bar! The second team has been promoted to the 2nd Division and are doing well.

This year new players are helping to ensure that we can always field a good second team; the first team is through the first round of Cuppers and Jo McAllister has been selected to play for the University.

Having dropped down in the league in 1994, Queens' College men's squash teams were reinforced by a large intake of new talent. Lent 1995 was a hugely successful term, with teams rising up again in the leagues. Queens' II rose a division to lead Division 4, whilst Queens' III remarkably jumped two divisions. However, bad attendance prevented the rise of Queens' I and it maintained its position near the top of Division 3. Performances especially worthy of mention came from David Goodey, Sanjay Mehta, Gareth Branston and Graham Clarke.

The Michaelmas Term proved to be exciting for both the teams and the Club. After the changeover, several skilful and experienced players arrived, notably Andrew Harrower and Matt Taylor among the graduates and John Wakefield among the undergraduates. The team also saw the return of Dr Allison, who was at the top of the Queens' ladder before

he left. Queens', Trinity, Robinson and Churchill are the only colleges with four teams in the league. Several freshers are very enthusiastic about the game and there are now over eighty people on the squash ladder and competition is very fierce for the high positions. At the end of the Michaelmas Term, Queens' I and II rose another division while the third and fourth teams rose another two divisions.

After Adam Branscomb had supplied the necessary financial liquidity, the Club made about two hundred pounds in a bop held at Queens'. This together with special grants negotiated by the captain will be used to buy three new club rackets and to subsidize coaching sessions for team members.

Swimming

Queens' put out a strong team in the Cuppers' swimming championships held throughout April. Representing the women's team, Kate Nicholson produced two excellent swims in the butterfly and individual medley races making the finals in both. Wendy McEachern also produced an outstanding swim when she secured second place in the final of the 100 metres backstroke. The success of the women's relay teams also reflected the up-and-coming strength of Queens' swimmers. The freestyle relay team came third in the final and the medley team finished fifth (Kate Grange, Kat Astley, Kate Nicholson, Wendy McEachern).

The star of the men's team was Daniel Fitzgerald who won the men's butterfly and individual medley races. Dan recorded exceptionally fast times in these two swims which led to his automatic selection for the University squad in preparation for the 1996 Varsity match. The men's relay team (Dan Fitzgerald, Simon Brocklehurst, Anders Gill, Ben Richardson) also produced good swims, unfortunately narrowly missing out on the finals.

In terms of individual achievements throughout the year, Kate Nicholson swam with the University squad in both the Lent and Easter Terms. Kate Grange represented the University in the 1995 Varsity match winning the 100 metres breaststroke in a time which earned her a Blue. She also swam in the National Students Swimming Championships in December in which she collected the bronze medal in the 50 metres breaststroke.

Table Tennis

Last season ended fairly well with each team finishing about half-way down their respective Divisions.

Queens' continues to be a strong force in table tennis this year with only Emmanuel entering as many teams in the leagues. Having lost only three out of fifteen matches so far this season, we can hope to improve upon last year's positions.

With two Blues players, including an international, fresher Paul Robertson, prospects are very good for a possible victory in Cuppers. With another first year, John Wakefield, undefeated so far in the league, to help make up the team of four, we are looking almost invincible!

Women are taking an ever-more active interest in the sport, with several having played for Queens' over the last year and one lady from Robinson beating Demis Hassabis!

The one disappointment was that we did not manage to keep a two-year record and provide a team for the away match at Girton.

Tennis

The men's tennis team always had a lot to live up to, as the first team, bolstered by lots of talented graduates, had been promoted to the 1st Division in 1994 and the second team to the 4th.

After the departure of the majority of the squad, Division 1 always seemed an artificially high position, and, despite some encouraging and gutsy performances, it would be fair to say that as a team we were outclassed. We failed to win a match. James Norman played splendidly well in the number one position, however, and mention should also be made of Richard Chalcraft and Chris Bolinghaus as first years with promise.

Unfortunately, the second team fared little better. Guy Chapman did the majority of the organisation as second team captain. Adam Branscomb played as many games as was humanly possible and many people, too numerous to mention, filled in extra places when needed, and indeed substituted into the first team also.

The season was not without success, however. Our Cuppers team led by Blues player Mark Weisberger, and Grasshoppers player Martin Ruehl did very well. Graduates came out of the woodwork and played in a superb team which unfortunately lost in the semi-final, decided in an epic game involving Mark.

The social highlight as ever was the Pimms and strawberries mixed doubles tournament which was again blessed by glorious sun in May Week. It is sad however that tennis in Cambridge suffers so badly by being so tightly crammed into the summer term. Exam commitments mean it is often difficult to find a team willing and able to play twice a week. This should be addressed by the CULTC, perhaps with smaller teams and Divisions.

Volleyball

Queens' has taken a full and active part in the student volleyball scene over this last year. The acquisition of two portable nets and balls over Easter allowed both regular training and spontaneous sessions. Training, the inter-collegiate summer league, Cuppers and impromptu social matches in the sun made for a full calendar.

Indoor training over the winter resulted in one of the club officers, Matthew Pritchard, representing the University in a closely fought Varsity second team match hosted by Oxford.

Regular college training sessions were held, and a novice team of keen undergraduates was prepared for the summer league competition. The league was the biggest ever with some 26 teams in three divisions. The Queens' novice team distinguished itself by failing to lose a single game in the 2nd Division. There was a particularly memorable game against a Blues-bolstered Clare team most unhappy at being beaten!

The graduates at Queens', coming from all corners of the volleyball-playing world, were not to be outdone. They formed a fine fighting unit in the 1st Division, showing tremendous athletic ability, notably in the shape of their Aussie captain, Justin Mannolini. They were only beaten twice, by Christ's and St Edmund's, both teams considerably more mature.

As well as the ongoing drama of the league, open sessions were held to make the most of the glorious summer sun. As many as sixty students came to use our nets set up on Queens' Green. Many passers-by and tourists joined in for good measure including a visiting Canadian national volleyball coach!

The one day Cuppers tournament, held at Jesus on a blisteringly hot day, proved tough after our league successes. A slightly understrength team did well in consistently close matches, but we could not quite repeat our previous form.

Water Polo

1994/95 was one of the most successful seasons for Queens' water polo in some years. We won promotion to the 1st Division as 2nd Division champions, winning five, drawing one and losing one. This may seem slightly surprising as it was predicted in last year's *Record* that we were going to struggle. As it was, Toby King and Lisa Thomas' Ph.Ds. lasted longer than expected and we had a couple of other graduates at Queens' for the year who had played some polo before. The Cuppers campaign was less memorable - we bowed out to Churchill in the second round. Queens' was represented at the University level by Lisa Thomas and Daniel Preddy.

In the Michaelmas Term we have had some difficulty getting a full strength side out on a regular basis. On the occasions that we have done so, we have actually coped quite well with the higher standard opposition in the 1st Division. This is partly because of the arrival of a South African international, Ashley Kantor, and partly because of the growing experience of those who started playing last season like Steve Muir, Colin Singleton and David Goodey. Ashley Kantor and Daniel Preddy will be going on tour with the University team in the new year to Barcelona.

The Students

The long list of 'Distinctions and Awards' confirms that Queens' students have maintained a high level of academic achievement this year. There were 107 Firsts in the summer examinations, of which 27 went to women. The College ranked second in the University for combined Firsts and Upper Seconds, a reflection of the students' hard work and commitment.

The total number of students at Queens' has grown to 760. This partly reflects the ever-increasing importance of the graduate population, now 286, but is also a consequence of the extension of undergraduate courses in engineering and physical sciences from three years to four. We now have 30 undergraduates in their fourth year and this will increase to about 50. The percentage of women undergraduates in the first year is 39%, which has raised the figure for the total undergraduate population from 35% last year to 37% this year. I have hopes of a further increase next year as women represented 48% of applicants for admission.

Pressures on student numbers from the DFEE have squeezed the University into a narrow window between a required minimum 'Contract Number' and a 'Maximum Aggregate Student Number', which limits the College's autonomy in admissions decisions. The new Admissions Tutor, Stuart Bridge, is rapidly assimilating the intricacies of these and other restrictions, while continuing to be positively encouraging to new applicants. He, the Senior Tutor, or another Fellow would be pleased to visit any school to talk about the University, the College and the admissions procedure.

Remarkably the Presidency of the JCR has gone to the same matriculation year (1992) for three years running. Angela Chan was President in her second undergraduate year, Bip Nandi in his third year, and now Chris Vryonides as a fourth year Engineering undergraduate.

Individual successes in sport have resulted in the awards of Blues or Half Blues to Miles Barnett and Erica Plambeck (rowing), Fedor Schulten (hockey), Kate Grange, Lisa Thomas (swimming and water polo), Dan Preddy (water polo), Marc Weisberger (tennis), Stephen Bayly (badminton), Harriet Bulkeley, Adam Preston, John Francia (basketball), Adrian Williams (gymnastics), Tim Gershon (judo), Erich Roller (orienteering), Eirik Pettersen (ice hockey), Simon Birkenhead, Matthew James and Richard Birtwistle (shooting), Stephen Muir (canoeing), Guy Chapman (Eton fives), Ian Hawke (archery), and Andrew Jones, Aron Cohen, Demis Hassabis (chess). College teams which did particularly well in Cuppers included the women's squash team and the basketball team, which won, the orienteering team, which came second, and the women's hockey and netball and men's tennis teams, which reached their semi-finals. Special mention should be made of the chess team which includes three of the top six under-21 players in the country! The Boat Club had an excellent year. In the Lents the Men's and Women's First and Second Boats were each only one bump away from their oars. In the Mays the Men's First Boat and the Women's Second Boat both won their oars. In the Fairbairns the Men were winners of the Plate. For all sports it has been a year of good all round participation, with some notable success.

The year has been very lively in the performing arts. Bats' May Week production *Cyrano de Bergerac*, directed by Angela Chan, was performed with great pace and spirited action. Acting and rowing were brought together on the Fitzpatrick Hall stage in Helen Reynolds' direction of the comedy *One Over the Eight*. The production of Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire* skillfully placed four sets on the stage simultaneously. Queens' student writer Samantha Ellis directed her own works: the musical play *Suckers* and the black comedy *Candy Jar*. The Musical Theatre Group, under the direction of Tal Shamir, played to capacity houses at the Mumford Theatre with *Chorus Line*. MagSoc's Christmas concert was a particular high point of the year with David Pievsky's conducting of full choir and orchestra in Mozart's *Requiem* and Clare Selby's sensitive playing in Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 20*.

Sons and daughters of OQs who are at present in residence include Thomas Brunt, Sophie Bye, Peter Clements, Michael Dowler, Helen Freake, Laura Garforth, Simon Gazzard, Daniel Godfrey, Frances Gooderson, Isabel Isherwood, Tim Jeanneret, Peter Kirkham, Ian Langslow, Samantha Lawrence, Alison Macdonald, Jack Mellor,

Catherine Scholes, Ben Sills, Andrew Thompson, and Richard Windram. In addition Peter Allport, Sophie Bye, Harry Carslake, Rachael Clark, Tim Clarke, Andrew Dominey, Laura Garforth, David Lawrence, Damian Nussbaum, Douglas Paton, David Stone, and Tjun Y Tang had older brothers or sisters at Queens'.

KAREEN THORNE

Africa - 1995

Refugee camps are never much fun - too much death, disease and squalor for most people's liking. They're right, of course, a sprawl of 23,000 people, many terminally ill, all malnourished and carrying memories of close relatives tortured or 'missing' as a result of a civil war, will never be the most popular tourist destination. But for some, be it due to a desire to help, the draw of mass suffering, or a host of other motivations, they make compelling destinations. It was probably for all these reasons that, when I was asked to help in a Sudanese refugee camp in the summer, I quickly agreed. Having spent nine months working with street kids in Kenya before coming to Queens', I did not feel too daunted by the prospect - although I did take the precaution of making sure a good friend agreed to come with me.

The camp we were to visit straddles the Nile in the north of Uganda. It is run by the UN to try and provide for the steady stream of people escaping the civil war in Sudan that started 14 years ago. Our brief was to team up with two others (one English, one Sudanese), and then spend two weeks in the camp helping at a 'conference' (English definition: a gathering of about 4,000 people under three trees and lots of UN plastic sheeting). The 'conference' was to be run by the New Sudan Council of Churches (exiled due to the war), and we were to see if it would be possible for future groups from England to go and help in their work amongst the refugees.

The theme of the conference was "Reconciliation", with the aim of bringing together Christians from surrounding camps to work through problems thrown up by civil war, talk about old times, and as this was an African not an Anglican event, hold a few all-night parties. All this took place with armies traipsing through the camp at night forcing young men to join their units and tribal violence erupting due to the frustration and uncertainty of the situation.

The experience is impossible to summarise, and memory serves up strange morsels. The sound of shells exploding during breakfast does not help the Weetabix go down. People in refugee camps can laugh a lot. The work was deeply appreciated and terribly important. It was all futile and a pathetic attempt to stem the suffering. None of this fits into a coherent whole, but it was invaluable, and certainly whet my appetite for more.

BEN WATSON

A Damp South African Summer

I have, from an early age, been involved in an international Progressive Jewish Youth Movement called NETZER (a Hebrew acronym meaning Reform Zionist Youth Movement). In England I have attended and staffed many events, including a two-week summer camp. Netzer is an ideological movement based on the ancient Jewish idea of 'Repairing the World' and is both Zionist and very community based. As a result, along with progressive Judaism and community values, social justice features as the



'A Streetcar named Desire' in rehearsal.

Photo: David Garfield

major theme of informal education that as youth leaders we try to give to our members. During this year, the opportunity arose for me to be a youth worker on a Netzer summer camp in South Africa, and I flew out to Cape Town in early December.

The theme of the camp was equality, and, for 19 days, we, as youth leaders, were *in loco parentis* for about 80 eight to eighteen year olds. Our aim was to give these young people an informal Jewish education based on the ideologies of Netzer, concentrating on different aspects of equality. This meant not only writing and running fun-packed, interesting and educative programmes to keep the most hyperactive eight year old as well as the cynical sixteen year old busy, but also dealing with any problems that arose from being away from parents or camping in the rain, and even with minor dilemmas in the theological beliefs of some of the older participants! Netzer is very keen that the education is not 'sit-down and learn'. In Hebrew, *Dugma ishit* - setting a personal example - is the most important teaching method.

My responsibilities included providing music for singing and for praying. In 19 days I taught over a dozen new songs, and many more alternative tunes to prayers they knew, in a desperate attempt to keep spirits high during the wettest summer this part of South Africa had experienced in over twenty years. They all blamed me for bringing 'English weather' with me!

We also celebrated Jerusalem's 3000th birthday which was marked by an evening's performance of a brief history of the city. This was attended by the leaders of South African Progressive Jewish and Zionist Communities as well as Sir Sigmund Sternberg from London.

Speaking to South Africans, they all feel very proud and optimistic about their country. They take pride in raising their new flag every morning - something Netzer was too ashamed to do during the years of apartheid. I will never forget the singing of *Nkosi Sikelel* with *Die Stern* - the two official national anthems. I made some wonderful friends and very much enjoyed being able to take part in the 1995 Netzer South Africa summer camp.

JOSHUA PLAUT

Expedition to Guyana

It was hard work raising £3000. It was a year when my pigeon hole was full of letters from companies who were "sorry - but wish you luck in your fundraising", a time when people avoided me when I looked like I had a sponsorship form in my hand! But after asking almost everyone in College and even people on the streets, I finally met the target and set off on a Raleigh International Expedition to Guyana.

On landing in Guyana we were 'packed' into a Bedford truck to Camp Seweyo for one week of training and familiarisation. There were 120 people on the expedition and we were working on eight projects throughout the country. I was thrilled when I was chosen for the project I most wanted - a trekking and medical project in the Pakarimas region. Initially we trekked to Kaieteur Falls - the highest single drop falls in the world. For a place of its beauty it was completely unspoilt - no hotels, no tourists, no handrails. We then trekked through rainforest and savannah visiting villages to carry out malaria smears and vaccinations. The project was physically demanding, especially as we had to carry all our own food and equipment, it was always raining and we even ended up swimming across a river with

our backpacks! There were also logistical challenges as we had to maintain a cold vaccine chain, that is the vaccines had to be administered in 48 hours or they would expire. The results were extremely satisfying - 11 villages, 980 vaccinations, 1100 malaria smears.

My second project was a water survey project. After learning how to drive Avon speed boats we travelled down the Aruka river visiting villages, taking note of their water and sanitary conditions. The results of our survey are being used by Guyana Water to put water pumps in the most needy villages. We also had the opportunity of visiting Almond Beach - the only beach in the world where all four main species of turtle come to lay their eggs. Our two hour beach walk at 1 am was rewarded - we saw a six-foot Leatherback turtle just as it had finished laying its eggs.

In the last project we helped to construct a jetty and bond at a village called Maria Henriatta. The only source of supplies for the village was a ferry that visited fortnightly and the jetty which it used to dock was dilapidated. It was excellent working with the locals using local materials - which involved going into the forest to get logs - and extremely satisfying to see something real come up before your eyes.

Thinking about my experience, I learnt most from the people I met: the shy but friendly Amerindians, the local Guyanese, and my fellow team members. It's amazing how close you become to people in two months when together you're thrown into the deep end and given a goal!

RADHA RUPAREL

Forest Conservation

Less than a week after the end of the Easter Term, I was on a plane bound for Dar-es-Salaam as one of the five members of Project Mount Nila '95 - an undergraduate conservation expedition to Tanzania. Far from the safaris and beach holidays that seem to be inextricably linked in most people's mind with Tanzania, I had in prospect three months in a tent, carrying out biological research in what looked on paper to be a potentially rather damp region of montane forest.

The expedition had the main aim of carrying out biological survey work in two separate blocks of mountains in the north-east of Tanzania, towards the border with Kenya. These two semi-isolated ranges - the Nguu and East Usambara Mountains - are part of the Eastern Arc Mountains, and comprise islands of moist forest, extremely rich in what are often very localised plant and animal species, in the sea of the hot, dry plains. Our first visit was to the East Usambaras, one of the most densely populated areas of Tanzania. It has suffered large-scale deforestation due to logging for hardwood and to allow for the continual expansion of subsistence agriculture. Here we met for the first time with our local counterparts: Jonas, Raymond and Ernesti, three superb foresters with whom we worked throughout the project, and who quickly became our mentors, advisors and close friends.

The area already had a very high-profile government forestry project that was attempting to instil in the local farmers the importance of the remaining forest, not least in ensuring the rainfall that they and their crops depend upon. We worked in two of the so-called catchment forest reserves and, targeting the birds and the mammals, collected the data needed by organisations such as the Wildlife and Conservation Society of Tanzania and BirdLife International, to bring the importance of the forests to the attention of the wider conservation community.

The forest in the two regions between them turned up five globally-threatened species of bird, and two globally-threatened mammals. We were also able to draw attention to pit-sawing activity at both sites that was getting alarmingly close to the forest reserve boundaries, and a dirt road that was being constructed in the Nguus with the expressed purpose of making access easier for the trucks that carry the hardwood planks away, ultimately to the plush tourist hotels on the coast.

Whilst the dreary, damp days stuck under canvas quickly fade from the memory, some moments will remain for a long time. The beautiful forest mornings with sunlight streaming through the canopy; the thrill of walking along paths occasionally used by buffalo, or sleeping in areas where leopards are known to roam; cutting paths in forest where no Westerner may ever have been before; nights with coffee and chocolate ration around the camp-fire; and days in local schools to explain to the bemused children what these strange foreigners were doing in their forests.

ROBERT POPLÉ

A View of the Sinai

The peak's name, "Umm Shomar", could be translated, with a little artistic licence, as the mother of all mountains. And, admittedly, it was a long way up. The view stretched in one direction across the Red Sea to Egypt, and in the other across the Gulf of Akaba to the mountains of Saudi Arabia, poking up through the haze like forlorn giants. And in my hand at last was a nice cup of over-sugared genuine Bedouin tea.

The route we had taken through the mountainous Sinai desert to get there was not one that tourists commonly use. In fact it had been many decades since any European had laid eyes on the ruined monastery, possibly one of the oldest of its kind in the world, that lay at the foot of the peak. The building may well yet have the distinction of making it into the Ph.D. thesis of the trek's leader, a theology graduate from Cambridge. For one Bedouin family we passed, the novelty of a party of nine white people in that area was such that the father found his camera and took a picture of us. It wasn't always an easy trek, along paths at times too narrow, steep or low for camels, that left my rucksack protesting under the weight of anything up to fifty pounds of water, food and equipment, in temperatures hot enough to fry eggs on the rocks. Never before had I stopped to consider just how difficult walking through thick, soft sand for any distance could be.

Of course, once we'd conquered the peak, and returned to more habitable parts, we took in all the usual tourist attractions of the Sinai peninsula during the rest of our fortnight there: the obligatory and incredibly uncomfortable camel ride, snorkelling in the Red Sea on one of the world's most spectacular coral reefs, the metropolitan delights of Nuweba, Dahab and Sharm-el-Sheik, climbing Mount Sinai itself (an easy task after Umm Shomar) in the dark to watch the sunrise from the top, and then going back down to an inhabited monastery at its foot to see the now-extinguished burning bush (which had blackberries on it when I was there). I just wonder if any of the ancient biblical writers were every inspired to write a short piece, having sat on top of the world with a nice cup of over-sugared Bedouin tea in their hands ...

ANDREW GIBSON

5th Tokai Bank Student Conference

5.05am, Thursday, 27th July 1995, Nagoya, Japan. As dawn breaks, so begins the 5th day of the 5th Annual Tokai Bank Student Conference, and the air is thick with tension: today will see the culmination of three days of gruelling negotiations, as representatives of the conference's four sub-committees report to the assembled conference on their findings. What hangs in the balance is ... nothing less than ... world peace. Well, maybe not. The odds for a gathering of 90 students of diverse nationalities, drawn from differing cultural and political backgrounds, who would in all likelihood need a week to come to a consensus on their pizza order, arriving in less than 72 hours at a universally acceptable, globally-workable plan of How To Save The World in Five Easy Steps were never going to be wildly favourable.

However, this said, a number of things were achieved at the Nagoya Conference: successful and instructive dialogue, particularly between Japanese students and international students, a general realisation of the not insubstantial similarity in the ultimate aims of those present, and, in parallel, a realisation of the variety of different and strongly-held beliefs about policies to achieve these common aims. These are in all probability the rather more modest aims of these annual conferences with the theme of 'Students' Roles in Promoting Peace and Prosperity in the 21st Century'.

Up to three British students participate in the Conference each year. The sole sponsor is the Tokai Bank Foundation, the charitable trust of one of Japan's largest investment banks. In addition to the conferences, it sponsors a wide variety of domestic community and arts projects, these activities constituting the demonstration of what Trevor Boon (Queens' 1957), the Facilities Manager of the Bank's London branch, describes as '... a corporate will for the creation of a peaceful world, the avoidance of conflict, [and] the facilitation of goodwill between peoples through enhancement of international dialogue at the level of citizens'.

Selection proceeds by way of interview and essay. The Foundation also funds up to three scholarships a year for British students to learn Japanese at the Centre for Japanese Studies at Nanza University in Nagoya, where the Bank's headquarters are located. Having had contact with Bank representatives while in Nagoya, most delegates concluded that cynicism about the sincerity of financial institutions' involvement in such projects in this instance was probably unjustified, and that a genuine concern for international issues does exist within the Bank. This, combined with both the open acceptance by the Bank of the limitations of what the conference and its participants can achieve in its present form and the large amounts of enthusiasm and preparation put into the proceedings by the Japanese students, reassured those initially of the mind that any contribution that they might be able to make to the promotion of world peace would be negligible. By the end of the conference an air of optimism was pervasive.

For anyone who is willing to engage in discussion, and to put effort into that discussion, the returns - including being the subject of an almost overwhelming Japanese hospitality, and a unique opportunity to experience Japan without the costs that such a venture usually incurs - are very generous, and I would without hesitation recommend the conference to any Queens' student.

CLAIRE O'BRIEN

Distinctions and Awards

First Year

First Classes and Awards:

Owen J. Arthurs (Yale VI Form College, Wrexham): Part IA Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Thomas J. Auld (Minster School, Southwell): Part IA Mathematics Tripos; College Exhibition.
 David N. Barnett (Haberdashers' Aske's School, Borehamwood): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Alison L. Best (Cowbridge School): Part IA Law Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Matthew C. Bicknell (Aylesbury Grammar School): Part IA Mathematics Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Richard J.H. Birtwistle (Winchester College): Part IA Engineering Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Jonathan D. Blower (Wolverhampton Grammar School): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Jonathan C. Boston (Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh): Part IA Engineering Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Simon H. Brocklehurst (Bishop's Stortford High School): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Ian J. Burfield (Westcliff High School for Boys): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Matthew J. Cain (Bury College, Manchester): Part I Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos (French).
 Jigna Chandaria (Woodhouse College, London): Part IA Engineering Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Martin J. Dwyer (John Henry Newman School, Stevenage): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 David R. Fereday (Maiden Erlegh School, Reading): Part IA Mathematics Tripos; College Exhibition.
 David C. Hotham (Hymers College, Hull): Part IA Mathematics Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Jonathan R. Lambourne (Kingswood School, Bath): Part IA Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Ian P. Langslow (King's School, Peterborough): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Edward W. Llewellyn (Queen Elizabeth's School, Faversham): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Alexander D. Nesbit (Alleyn's School, London): Preliminary Examination for Part I Classical Tripos; College Exhibition.
 N. Blinne A. Ni Ghralaigh (Cours Notre Dame Des Victoires, Levin, France): Part I Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos (French).
 Teresa Niccoli (Liceo Scientifico A Calini, Brescia, Italy): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Edward C. Oliver (Manshead School, Luton): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Mark D. Pattison (Frome Community College): Part IA Mathematics Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Robert G. Pople (Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Aaron W. Smith (Wolfeaton School, Hull): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Elizabeth A. Steels (Hertfordshire & Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford): Part I Economics Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Nicholas W. Sturge (Bootham School, York): Part IA Computer Science Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Neil K. Todd (Judd School, Tonbridge): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Marc O. Weisberger (University College School, London): Part IA Law Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Paul G. Withers (Wolverton High School, Stafford): Part IA Natural Sciences Tripos; College Exhibition.
 Alan S. G. Yeoh (Haileybury): Part I Economics Tripos; College Exhibition.

Second Year

The following were awarded First Classes and Foundation Scholarships:

Richard J.E. Armstrong: Part IB Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos.
 James C. Beck: Part IB Mathematics Tripos.
 David W. Clark: Part IB Engineering Tripos.
 Mark C. Elliott: Part IB Law Tripos.
 Samantha N. Ellis: Part I English Tripos.
 Nemone C.M.C. Franks: Part IB Law Tripos.
 Timothy J. Gershon: Part IB Natural Sciences Tripos.
 Angus M.T. Gowland: Part I Historical Tripos.
 Calum A.McK. Grant: Part IB Computer Science Tripos.

James R. Hopgood: Part IB Engineering Tripos
 Nicholas S.H. Jankel-Elliott: Part IB Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos.

Antony M. Lewis: Part IB Natural Sciences Tripos.
 Kit L. Lim: Part IB Natural Sciences Tripos.
 Thomas M.W. Nye: Part IB Mathematics Tripos.
 Mark Offord: Part I Oriental Studies Tripos.
 Philip J. Outram: Part IB Mathematics Tripos.
 Beverley A. Pearce: Part IB Law Tripos.
 Douglas P.I. Pierce-Price: Part IB Natural Sciences Tripos.
 Jessica L. Rowland: Part IB Engineering Tripos.
 Tal Shamir: Part IB Engineering Tripos.
 Colin P. Singleton: Part IB Mathematics Tripos.
 Stephen C.L. Telfer: Part IB Computer Science Tripos.
 Andrew D. Towers: Part IB Mathematics Tripos.
 Andrew J. Turner: Part IB Engineering Tripos.
 Clare L. Warrior: Preliminary Examination for Part II Archaeology and Anthropology Tripos.
 Lucian J. Wischik: Part IB Computer Science Tripos.
 Gregory M. Wright: Part IB Mathematics Tripos.

Third Year

First Classes and Awards:

Guy P.S. Banim: Part II Historical Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Sarah E. Bedford: Part II English Tripos.
 Lindi Botha: Preliminary Examination for Part II Archaeology and Anthropology Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Harriet A. Bulkeley: Part II Geographical Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Anthony D. Challinor: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Victoria A. Clark: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Andrew P. Dominey: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Foundation Scholarship; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Julia J. Donaldson: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Daniel P. Godfrey: Part IIA Engineering Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Anna L. Gregory: Part II Historical Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Lucy L.H.C. Grig: Part II Historical Tripos.
 Sondhya Gupta: Part II Social and Political Sciences Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Frances J. Harper: Part II English Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Damian P. Hayes: Part II Historical Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Andrew L. Hazel: Part II Mathematics Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Ian H. Holmes: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Alexander E. Holroyd: Part II Mathematics Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Peter W. Howell: Part II English Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Timothy J. Hunt: Part II Mathematics Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Oliver T. Johnson: Part II Mathematics Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Eamon J. McCrory: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Joseph M. Maher: Part II Mathematics Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Benjamin A. Martin: Part II Economics Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Andrew Marven: Management Studies Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 E. Oliver T. Morris: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Karen M. Page: Part II Mathematics Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Duncan E. Potts: Part I Electrical and Information Sciences Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Patrick A. Puhani: Part II Economics Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Matthew J. Reed: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Foundation Scholarship; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Martin J. Rich: Part IIA Engineering Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Deborah K. Snow: Part II Classical Tripos.
 Yih-Choung Teh: Part II Mathematics Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Matthew H. Todd: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Mark Turin: Part II Archaeology and Anthropology Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Karen L.F. Watson: Part I Manufacturing Engineering Tripos.
 Christopher R. Watts: Part II Natural Sciences Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.
 Adam B. Webster: Part II Economics Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.
 Thomas E. White: Part II Mathematics Tripos.
 Nigel A. Whiteoak: Part I Manufacturing Engineering Tripos.
 Dallas F. Windsor: Part II Historical Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.

Fourth Year

First Classes and Awards:

Louise Y. Jolly: Part II Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos.
 Matthew J. Radley: Part II Law Tripos.
 Martin A. Ruehl: Part II Historical Tripos.

Chloe F. Starr: Part II Oriental Studies Tripos.
Claire L. Weir: Part II Law Tripos; Foundation Scholarship.

Graduate Students

First Classes and Awards:

Christopher J.N. Gelber: LLM; Foundation Scholarship.
Daniel J. Horrobin: Part II Chemical Engineering Tripos.
Christopher J. Hunter: Part III Mathematics Tripos; Foundation Scholarship; Bachelor Scholarship.
Stephane Jacoby: LLM; Foundation Scholarship.
Justin J. Mannolini: LLM; Foundation Scholarship.
Giles W.P. Thompson: Part III Mathematics Tripos; Bachelor Scholarship.

College Awards

Year Prizes

Joshua King Prizes: A.D. Challinor; L.Y. Jolly; M.A. Ruehl
Hughes Prizes: D.W. Clark; A.M. Gowland
Venn Prizes: T.J. Auld; E.C. Oliver

College Subject Prizes

Braithwaite Prize: M.J. Dwyer.
Max Bull Prize: Not awarded.
Chalmers Prize: A.D. Challinor.
Chase Prize: Not awarded.
Clayton Prize: Not awarded.
Colton Prize: T.J. Auld.
A.B. Cook Prize: L.Y. Jolly.
Lucas-Smith Memorial Prize: C.L. Weir.
Melsome Memorial Prize: Not awarded.
Henry Mosseri Prize: O.J. Anthurs.
Northam Memorial Prize: B.A. Martin.
Lawrence Peel Prize: Not awarded.
Penny White Prize: D.K. Snow.
Phillips Prize: M.A. Ruehl.
Prigmore Prize: D.W. Clark.
Archaeology and Anthropology: M. Turin.
Chemical Engineering: D.J. Horrobin.
Computer Science: L. Wischick.
Economics: P. Puhani.
Electrical and Information Sciences: D.E. Potts.
History: A.M. Gowland.
Law: J.J. Mannolini.
Mathematics: T. J. Hunt.
Natural Sciences: T.J. Gershon; E.J. McCrory; E.O.T. Morris.
Oriental Studies: C.F. Starr.
Social and Political Sciences: S. Gupta.

Other Prizes

Cyril Bibby Prize: D.K. Snow.
Dajani Prize: Not awarded.
Farr Poetry Prize: Not awarded.
Openshaw Prize: P.J. Outram.
Ryle Reading Prize: M.J. Rich.

University Awards

Mrs Caude Beddington Prize in Modern and Medieval Languages: L.Y. Jolly.
Hartree and Clerk Maxwell Prize in Physics: A. D. Challinor.
T.R.C. Fox Prize in Chemical Engineering: D. J. Horrobin.
Le Bas Research Studentship: M. E. B. Tait.
Manuel Lopez-Rey Graduate Prize in Criminology: D. M. Craig.
W.A. Meek Scholarship: C. J. Gardiner.
Graeme Minto Prize for Management Studies: A. Marven.
Neville Mott Prize in Theoretical Physics: A. D. Challinor.
North Carolina State University Prize in Chemical Engineering: M. R. Towell.
Amy Mary Preston Read Scholarships: M. E. B. Tait, C. E. Valiér.
Rayleigh Prize: E. N. Holland.
Smith's Prize: S. G. Llewellyn Smith.
Smith Kline Beecham Prize in Chemistry: C R Watts.
E.C.S. Wade Prize in Administrative Law: M. C. Elliott.

James William Squire Studentship: B. A. Pearce.
Rebecca Flower Squire Scholarships: M.C. Elliott; N.C.M.C. Franks.
C.T. Taylor Studentship: C.K. Gardiner.
Henry Arthur Thomas Book Prize: J.N. Kandel.
Wrenbury Scholarships: B. A. Martin; P. H. Puhani.
Kennedy Fellowship: C.F. Starr.

Ph.D.

B. R. April (History); K. S. Bose (Biological Anthropology); E.D. Burns (Theology); C. J. Butler (Chemical Engineering); S. A. Carl (Chemistry); J. E. Cowan (Social Anthropology); N. Deliyannaki (Modern & Medieval Languages); M. Doerrzapf (Mathematics); D. M. Downey (History); D. Gersh (Engineering); D. E. Holloway (Biochemistry); R. A. Ibata (Astronomy); T. St.J. King (Engineering); K. C. Knox (History & Philosophy of Science); M. S. Y. Lee (Zoology); R. J. Neather (Oriental Studies); P. M. Northover (Economics); D. O'Brien (Classics); P. A. O'Brien (Chemistry); J. J. Odell (Engineering); C. Perricos (Engineering); N. G. Robertson (History); T. Roscoe (Computer Science); B. A. Schumann (Biological Anthropology); I. D. B. Stark (Computer Science); L. K. Thomas (Zoology); Y. Tsukamoto (Engineering); A. C. A. Woode (Modern and Medieval Languages); P. J. Wyatt (Chemistry); Y. Yoon (Economics).

Council of the Union

The steadily productive co-operation between JCR, MCR and Fellows has continued this year. The JCR are negotiating the free installation of several more University network phones with ACC - College members will be able to take accounts with ACC and use these phones for external calls also. The Council of the Union is trying to organise a supply of discounted bike helmets, thanks to Dr Hall in particular, but in the meantime is offering subsidies to students towards the purchase of helmets. Budgeting of specific funds has also enabled the support of several extremely worthwhile causes, such as the Eating Disorders Project and the Environment Action Network.

There is also a willing spirit of co-operation between the JCR and the porters. Together the College as a whole is looking into the prospect of installing a system of security cameras around College. The porters have also been very helpful in allowing the JCR to improve their loans scheme - there is now a JCR stereo available for students to sign out. The loans officer has also negotiated an arrangement with Woolworth's whereby the JCR borrows a popular film on video each month.

The JCR Committee also finalised the installation of a much-welcomed chocolate machine beside the squash courts earlier in the year, and have arranged for a careful selection of pictures to be hung in the bar to produce a more homely atmosphere. The Committee have also set up an electronic mailing list to keep those interested up to the minute with their progress regarding many on-going issues. One such issue is the kitchens - a sub-committee has been set up to look into various matters related to food.

Finally, those things which we take for granted in Queens', such as well-attended JCR open meetings and other successful entertainments, are still going strong. The Ents Committee have amazingly built further on last year's success by introducing more popular new bops to the already impressive list of well-regarded ents. All in all, Queens' reputation, social as well as academic, is as strong as ever.

1995-96

President: Chris Vryonides *Secretary:* David Lawrence
Vice-President: Professor Weber
Junior Treasurer: Ben Horner
Fellows: Dr Jackson, Dr Lasenby, Dr Hall
Graduates: Clare Hayward, Marcus Quierin

JCR Committee:

President: Chris Vryonides *Secretary:* David Lawrence
Treasurer: Ben Horner *External Officer:* Jane Howell
Steward: Alan Yeoh *Womens' Officer:* Kate Marzillier
Welfare: Amy Edwards *Entertainment:* Paddy Corr
Publicity & Drain: Ed Llewellyn
Governing Body Observers: Stuart Crouch, Andrew Beecroft
First Year Reps.: Alexandra Stout, David Middlemiss

The MCR

The Queens' graduate community has always been sociable, and this year proved to be no exception. Graduate formal halls have been popular and pre-dinner sherry and post-dinner port are enthusiastically consumed weekly, both at Queens' and at other college exchange formal halls - Fitzwilliam, St Catharine's and Churchill have been amongst the lucky colleges to entertain our graduates.

For the summer we are trying to reintroduce regular summer dining dates to encourage long vac social interaction. This regularity, it is hoped, will relieve the poor overworked graduates from the requirements of any unnecessary organisation. Continuing the entertainment theme, the MCR has staged two financially successful bops and several MCR parties in the Woodville Room.

On a more lasting note, the MCR has enjoyed some rather more lasting improvements to facilities. Firstly, the construction of a new graduate house in Norwich Street has significantly eased the problems of second and third year accommodation (except for the first intake, who were forced to make alternative arrangements for the first few weeks whilst the building work was completed). This year there were even a couple of rooms left over at the end of the ballot. Secondly, the MCR Woodville Room has been promised a facelift: a new wooden panelled ceiling will appear over the Easter Vacation, replacing the old water damaged polystyrene tiles.

Of course, the MCR still engages in the usual round of feasts and pub crawls, one of which was planned for St Valentine's Day as an alternative to the usual romantic affairs. Pleasingly, the graduates are working off these excesses in a variety of sporting activities, most notably the newly re-formed football team who won their first match 8-2. Clearly Queens' MCR is a force to be reckoned with.

1995-96

President: Clare Hayward *Secretary:* Steve Hewson
Treasurer: Marcus Quierin *Women's Officer:* Liz Atwell
Room Steward: Chris Hunter *Steward:* Mike Burton
Ordinary Members: Katy Davies, Barry Flannigan, Selina Cox, Vanessa Buchanan

Owlstone Crofters

Many major improvements have taken place this year, beginning with the submission of a proposal for a study room at Owlstone Croft by the Resident's Committee of 1994/95.

Other changes, prompted in part by the loss of our VCR from the common room, affected mainly the security arrangements and provisions for access. This is being spearheaded by the installation of a DIY 22-zone electronic doorbell system. This temporary system will come into effect soon and has received widespread financial support from the residents. It is hoped that this system will ease the



The Old Senior Combination Room. Photo: Michael Manni Photographic

difficulty of satisfying the conflicting requirements of ready access for visitors and good security. At present, the front door is left open. This doorbell system will eventually be superseded by a comprehensive entryphone system.

On the social front, Andrew Gibson, our Entertainments Officer, has done an excellent job of organising events. These include the Owlstone Party, a mulled-wine evening on Guy Fawkes night and a Christmas Party. Additionally, there were two wine receptions to welcome new residents at the start of Michaelmas 1995 and a small reception hosted by Dr Spufford.

1995-96

President: Jonathan Khang *Treasurer:* Mehul Khimasia
Secretary: Joseph Maher
Entertainments Officer: Andrew Gibson
Floor Representatives: Michael Webster, Eiko Thielemann, Isabel Obert, Euanne Ng, Fionnuala Corry, Shailen Majithia

The Clubs and Societies

The FF Society

The FF Society (formerly the E Society) held six meetings during the year. The speakers were Dr Malcolm Macleod, Fellow of Queens' and University Lecturer in Engineering, on 'Filtering chips: doing a lot of multiplying in a small space'; the Revd Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Magdalene College, on 'Popery and the President: Queens' and Cambridge before the Civil War'; Professor Sir Andrew Huxley, O.M., F.R.S., formerly Master of Trinity College and Nobel Laureate in Medicine, on 'Collective amnesia in science'; Dr Philip Towle, Fellow of Queens' and Director of the Centre of International Studies, on 'The Bosnian morass'; Professor Anthony Hewish, F.R.S., Emeritus Professor of Radio-Astronomy and Nobel Laureate in Physics, on 'A Cambridge view of the Universe'; and Dr Geraldine Pinch, University Lecturer in the Faculty of Oriental Studies, on 'Magic and Medicine in Ancient Egypt'.

JONATHAN HOLMES

Computer Club

PoemNet, the network built by some students in 1988, continues to work and is being used. However, the hardware is in short supply and ageing, and we frequently have unexplained problems which then mysteriously go away again a day or two later. If we had more time to devote to it, we could probably fix it, but work does seem to get in the way! We recently contacted Brian Candler, the main designer, who is now working in Belize, and he was pleased to hear that it is still in operation.

Of particular interest to those involved in PoemNet were mumblings about the possibility of ethernet installation to some student rooms. This would be a great benefit to students, bringing us in line with the computing facilities offered at several other colleges. PoemNet is too slow for serious work, and the computer room is full all too often, so being able to work in one's own room would be a great help.

NICHOLAS STURGE

Economics Society

The Economics Society is now drawing to the close of its third year in its present incarnation and continues to flourish. It remains primarily social in its emphasis with the highlight once again the Annual Dinner with guest speaker, Sir David Walker. Other successful events have included the Garden Party, featuring a string quartet, and the Christmas Dinner - again shared with the lawyers and medics. This year we worked up an appetite with a football match - a team of economists, including several Fellows, took on the combined might of the lawyers and medics and won 7-6. The academic dimension of the society has been maintained with speaker meetings being addressed by Mr Robert Chote of the *Financial Times* and Mr Richard Madden of Arthur Andersen. The society has a sound base on which to grow with continued sponsorship from Arthur Andersen and support from British Airways and Bass. We are currently setting the wheels in motion for forthcoming speaker meetings and the Annual Dinner.

1995-96

President: Stuart Crouch Treasurer: Jeanne Stampe
Secretary: Diana Jackson Social Secretary: Suzie Turner

Q.E.D.

Q.E.D. has broken a long-standing tradition and been really active this year, enjoying the support and participation of a fair cross-section of Queens' engineers. The year began with a presentation by the Regional Director of Mott MacDonald, Consulting Engineers. The talk was on something close to most of our hearts: the proposed Cambridge Rowing Lake! Then came the highlight of our activities so far, a trip to Alton Towers. Twenty-four lucky engineers got their names down quick and were able to go. We stayed in a Youth Hostel miles from anywhere. An early start was in order, and we arrived at Alton Towers at 6.30 a.m. The Technical Manager showed us around various rides and their restricted areas, explaining the workings. Forced to put faith in our future fields, we took to the 'Nemesis' and 'Thunderlooper' rides with a mixture of awe and terror.

Other slightly more down-to-earth events included a talk by RedR - The Register of Engineers for Disaster Relief, and a trip to the BBC R&D Centre, where cutting-edge research goes on in the setting of an eighteenth-century

country manor. Among forthcoming events to be finalised are trips to Ford's Dagenham plant, the London Underground Jubilee line extension and the Second Severn Crossing. But there is one thing that still puzzles us: what does the D stand for?

1995-96

President: Sarah Bowden Secretary: John McColgan
Vice-President: Tom Robertshaw Treasurer: Jon Boston

History Society

The highlight of the year was the annual dinner in March. Our speaker had the 'flu, and so we are most grateful to Canon Brian Hebblethwaite who stepped into the breach and delivered a most amusing speech. In the Easter Term Lucy Grigg arranged the first ever History Society trip to Ely, ostensibly to see the Cathedral, although in the event the guide was more of an interesting specimen than the building itself. The highlight of the day was a taste of world-famous fish and chips! We were also able to persuade the powers that be to give us a tour of the College.

The innovative theme continued this academic year with a History Society bop (held jointly with the lawyers). This appeared to offer great potential for filling the History Society's ever-empty coffers, but we only raised £10!

1995-96

President: Emma Wells Treasurer: Michael Bourne

Queens' Bench

1995 has been a very busy year for Queens' Bench. There were, of course, the usual round of speaker meetings on subjects as diverse as 'The Crisis at Lloyds of London' and 'The Law Commission'. There were also some great dinners throughout the year including the newly inaugurated Lent Dinner to launch us into 1995. Having held this dinner once it now looks set to take its place as a traditional yearly activity.

On top of the usual social and occasionally legal events, three things stand out as worthy of particular attention. The first of these must be our Annual Dinner. After the hustings and elections for the new committee, we progressed through to Old Hall for dinner. After the dinner, Julie Stewart, the retiring President, gave a short review of the past year. Dame Margaret Booth then gave us a very entertaining address on the future of the Bar as she saw it. The academic year closed with our May Week Garden Party in the Fellows' Garden. The consumption of vast quantities of Pimms, sparkling wine and strawberries on a gloriously sunny day was the perfect way to relax after the stresses and strains of the exams of the previous week.

After the new students had been well and truly welcomed into the Queens' Bench at our Freshers Dinner, it was time to concentrate more on matters legal. To achieve this we combined with Trinity Hall Law Society to produce a mock murder trial. The case was based on the Agatha Christie novel *Cat Amongst the Pigeons*. The event was judged by local barrister Gareth Hawkesworth. A highly entertaining evening was concluded by the jury delivering their verdict, before the great detective, Hercules Poirot, enlightened us all with his version of events. The jury had decided on the correct verdict for which they were awarded a few bottles of bubbly and Rag was given a donation of £30.

1995-96

President: David Sunman *Secretary:* Karen Sloan
Treasurer: Helen Smithson
Social Secretary: Beverley Pearce
1st Year Rep.: Catriona O'Neill

Mathematical Society

Queens' College Mathematical Society was established by Dominic Cashman and Dave Lawrence in the Easter Term 1995. As well as assisting and representing Queens' mathematicians on a College level, the committee will try to organise events for mathematicians, including attracting guest speakers. As well as successfully taking on the running of the annual dinner, the committee have already attracted the interest of the accountancy firm Ernst & Young who are subsidising a mathematicians' formal hall in January, for which they will provide a speaker. Hopefully we can interest other relevant companies in a similar way to ensure that this will be only the first of many such funded events. The society is independent of the Quintics and has no intention of interfering with their activities by arranging academic talks!

1995-96

President: David Lawrence *Treasurer:* Andrew Berman
Secretary: Peter Allport *Social Secretary:* Ralph Smith
2nd Year Rep.: Tom Auld

Medical Society

Rumoured to be one of the oldest medical societies in Cambridge, Queens' MedSoc continues to provide a variety of events for a variety of medics and vets. With James Stevens at the helm, 1995 began with a series of speaker meetings ranging from Professor Hudson's 'Childbirth in the Third World', to Dr Abrahams' 'Anatomy and Art' and an alternative Eastern approach to medicine by Drs Zhang and Wang.

On the social side, the Annual Dinner was well attended. Mr Theo Welch, our Anatomy supervisor, delivered an amusing speech. We have also enjoyed a May Week Garden Party, a curry night with other colleges, and, more recently, the now legendary Christmas Dinner with the lawyers and economists. In the Michaelmas Term we continued the tradition of speaker meetings on varied topics - Dr Keown informed the society of 'The tragic truth about Dutch death', and Dr Darlington spoke on diet and arthritis.

MedSoc is always happy to hear from former Queens' students and associates and appreciates their continuing support.

1995-96

Co-Presidents: Peter Acher, Helen McColl
Secretary: Louise White *Treasurer:* Peter Butler
2nd Yr Rep.: Jennifer O'Neill *Vet. Rep.:* Harry Carslake
Grad. Rep.: Bip Nandi

Bats

1995 proved to be a very interesting year for Bats. We have built upon our reputation for innovative and experimental works, whilst continuing to produce mainstream theatre of the highest quality.

Lent Term began with *A House Divided* - an opera chronicling McCarthyite witch hunts at an American University. *An Indian wants the Bronx*, a challenging piece about racism, provided the late show. The seventh week main show was *Borromini*, a multi-media extravaganza involving a videowall, live band and a 12-piece orchestra. The only way to describe it was as an experience unique to Cambridge theatre involving the longest technical rehearsal on record. The late show was John Godber's *Teechers*, an extremely funny and well-received school-room comedy. May Week brought with it sun, fun and a Cloister Court production of *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Sword fights, romantic poetry and large nose combined to provide Bats with the very best of Cambridge's May Week offerings (again!).

Bats annual jaunt to the Edinburgh Fringe was with a play enticingly entitled *Hot, Hung and Horny*. This was the Edinburgh première of a 'light and fluffy soap opera' by David Roddis. With audience figures four times the fringe average, a heat wave and a theatre without air-conditioning it was definitely hot!

Something Blue was the main show in the fourth week of the Michaelmas Term. This was a student-written play loosely based on the *The Dutch Courtesan* by John Marston. The late show was an excellent production of Samuel Beckett's *Endgame*. Seventh week proved to be one of the best weeks Bats has had in several years. The late show, *One over the Eight*, was a comedy about rowing. The effort of building a replica of a boat and installing it in the Fitzpat proved worthwhile as the play was one of the best-attended and most profitable late shows ever. The main show was a production that took Cambridge by storm. The last night was sold out several days in advance! Live jazz music, a staggering set and outstanding acting ensured that *A Streetcar Named Desire* will be remembered by many for a long time to come.

To produce great theatre is expensive and experimental works pose an even greater risk. Hence a priority for Bats in 1996 is the continuing search for corporate sponsorship, which we have been without since the end of our agreement with Touche Ross last year.

1995-96

President: Dominic Cashman *Senior Treasurer:* Dr Cebon
Secretary: Helen Reynolds *Publicity:* Kate Marzillier
Junior Treasurer: Philip Hassall
Artistic Director: Joshua Norman
Technical Director: Peter Bowman
Executive Producer: Matthew Knight
Wardrobe Manager: Anthony Hardy
Entertainments: Daniel Shurz

Chapel Choir

1995 proved to be one of the College Chapel Choir's most eventful years ever. The strength of vocal talent within the College meant that a greater proportion of the Choir than for some time were members of Queens'. On February 12th we held the now-traditional St Valentine's Day Concert, a candlelit performance of Tallis' *Lamentations* and Stanford in Eb (another manuscript discovery of Ralph Woodward). A small group from the Choir sang in the Long Gallery Concert, but the main event of the end of term was a candlelit Fauré *Requiem* on March 5th, attended by a huge number of people who overflowed onto the altar steps to enjoy a magical performance.

The Choir spent the last weekend of the vacation renewing our ties with the parish of Hickling. As ever, we were royally entertained and managed to fit in some singing in between eating, drinking and watching sheep give birth! A week later, a small group from the choir sang at a Eucharist in St Edward's Church for Dr Watts, in return for a large breakfast. Another event in May kept us from revising too hard: a concert in West Road in aid of Comberton Parish Church, organised by the President's Housekeeper. This was quite an occasion with West Road packed, and the Choir, joined by London soloists, singing music by Holst, Rachmaninov, Tippett and others (cassettes are available from Glenys Nixon).

The May Week Concert was a great success and the versatility of talent at Queens' was demonstrated on the following day by the appearance of a band at the JCR Barbecue substantially made up of Queens' undergraduate members of the Choir. The Chapel Choir had their own barbecue on Queens' Green the following Friday, after a week of rehearsals for our next CD. The recording was made on June 26th - 28th.

The Choir means much more than just the music: members of the Choir went to football matches, punted at dawn and holidayed together; it was thus with a profound sense of loss and disbelief that we learnt in October of the sudden death of Anna King of Newnham College, who was one of the Choir's most loved members from 1993 until 1995. There is now considerable anxiety for another former member of the choir, Bill Oates, who is among the hostages held by separatist guerillas in Irian Jaya, Indonesian New Guinea.

From October the choir, numbering eighteen - a considerably smaller choir than before - started singing three services a week. Although a large proportion of the choir were new, the sound blended immediately and it was not long before we were settled into our regular routine. Highlights of this first, crucial term included Kodaly's *Missa Brevis* on All Saints' Day followed two days later by a superb evensong in Peterborough Cathedral. A week later the choir gave an excellent account of themselves in a concert, the day after singing the Howells *Requiem* on Remembrance Sunday. It was decided to make a compact disc of the Advent Carol Service. The term finished with Handel's *Messiah*, given to a capacity audience.

Over Christmas several of the choir met up to raise money for planned tours to Italy, Switzerland and Germany by singing carols in several cities round the UK. After Christmas the choir came back early to record two CDs in the middle of which they were Choir-in-Residence at Lincoln Cathedral for two days, singing five services.

RALPH WOODWARD and EDWARD BARBIERI

Christian Union

The year started with the triennial CICC mission, "Eternity". For Queens' that meant hosting one of the lunchtime apologetic talks in Old Hall as well as the chance to take our friends along to a range of talks throughout the week. For the duration of the week we had two Assistant Missioners living in College. They were Dave Green (Assistant Head of Student Ministries at UCCF) and the Revd Liz Smyth (Curate at St Barnabas').

In October we were all encouraged by the arrival of several enthusiastic first years to swell our ranks. A free lunch was provided for all the first years in Freshers' Week to give them the opportunity to find out more about the

CHAPEL CHOIR CD

Copies of the Queens' College Chapel Choir's second CD under the direction of Ralph Woodward are now available.

Price £12.00 incl. p&p

Cheques payable to 'Ralph Woodward' and copies available from him, c/o 114 Histon Road, Cambridge, CB4 3JP.

The recording features première recordings of Stanford's Commemoration Anthem and Evening Service in E^b, new works by William Todd and Ralph Woodward, and music by Parry, Naylor, Sumsion, and Holst.

Christian Union in Queens'. Towards the end of the Michaelmas Term we held a dinner at which the speaker was Vic Jackopson of Hope Now International Ministries. It was well supported by the Christians in Queens', many of whom brought along friends to hear what Vic had to say. As ever the year ended with our Annual Houseparty, led this time by Dave Green. Almost 40 people spent the weekend in the stable block of Letton Hall in Norfolk.

Throughout the year our weekly Prayer and Praise meetings and Bible Study Groups have continued to be well supported by all the members of the CU.

1995

College Representatives: Amanda Hillyard, Mark Stewart

Queens' Ents

College Entertainment (Ents) remains an ever-popular aspect of student life. This year, the Queens' Ents Committee - a body of 20 eager volunteers - has been extremely busy organising and co-ordinating music events for students on most Friday and Saturday evenings during Full Term. Live bands play when possible, although the bops (discos) are more frequent and attract students from across the University.

Music tastes from jazz to the latest 'house' dance music are catered for, and the luxury of a venue like the Fitzpatrick Hall allows excellent sound and lighting systems to be provided. The bops - in particular the showpiece *Progression* which occurs once or twice a term - see the Fitzpatrick transformed into an impressive music arena. Money is spent on new events, artists and decor to help strengthen Queens' Ents enviable reputation among the Colleges for providing a wide range of high quality entertainment. DJs and acts from within the University as well as some more widely known names appear.

A Bop Scheme is in operation which helps College Societies raise funds by running their own bops. We also provide some other entertainment in the College Bar such as quizzes and small bands - ensuring the Ents Committee is among the most active groups in College!

PATRICK CORR

Queens' Films

Over the past year the Film Club has successfully continued to provide a wide range of films, with performances of classics such as *Citizen Kane* and *The 39 Steps*, British blockbusters such as *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *Shallowgrave*, and more novel items such as *The Wedding Banquet* and *Brazil*. We continue to enjoy the excellent facilities of the Fitzpatrick Hall with one of the best sound systems in Cambridge. Every year we note the increase in competition from other college societies: currently there are about ten college film societies, and 1995 also saw the opening of a new multi-screen cinema in the town.

The undoubted highlight of the year was the outdoor showing of *The Blues Brothers* during May Week. Mercifully, despite threatening clouds all day long, the rain held off, and this year's showing proved to be the most popular and successful yet. The evening is a great event for all of the committee and the hundreds of students who descend on the Erasmus Lawn, and is still the only event of its kind in Cambridge. The technical crew continued their tradition of appearing in costume, and insisted on wearing black suits and dark glasses at one o'clock in the morning!

Thanks are due to all those on (or off) the committee who give their valuable time to running the club, and to our Senior Treasurer, Dr Keith Johnstone. At a time when college film societies are having difficulties, our long-standing reputation and considerable support in College will guarantee our society's existence for a good many more years.

1995-96

President: Mike Brewer *Technical Director:* Phil Hassall
Treasurer: Neil Frankland *Secretary:* Nicola Devey
Film Selection: Greg Wright
Front of House: Roz Wyatt-Millington
Assistant Technical Director: Tim Stevens

Green Committee

This year we altered our paper recycling facilities so that a company collects the paper, thus saving us a lot of time. We have also introduced a drinks can recycling system. A charity collects our cans and keeps the money that it gets from them. Throughout the University, there have been a number of campaigns - last term it was 'Social Justice' which was promoted throughout the College.

A number of events were organised for Environment Action Week in February by the University, along with smaller events in College. In Queens', we set up a stall outside Hall selling Fair Trade goods and used the week to promote our activities. There was also the appointment last term of a University Environment Officer who is in the process of drawing up an environmental policy for the University.

AMY EDWARDS

Islamic Society

The Islamic Society was formed in the latter half of the Michaelmas Term 1995. So far there has been an intense flurry of activity with a highly confused Mr Radwan and an overly-cool Mr Jaumdally knocking their heads together to think up new ideas. Already, they have set up an Islamic Library (in room B3) which loans out a vast range of Islamic literature and is open to any University member.

The end of the Michaelmas Term saw the Society hold its first social evening and discussion group which, to everyone's surprise, went very smoothly.

Next term, with Ramadan coming up, we hope to invite many more College members to share in the blessings of the month. We also hope to emphasise the common thread between Jews, Christians and Muslims and increase inter-faith dialogue.

1995-96

President: Tarique Hussain *Secretary:* Saiful Md Sani
Treasurer: Ali Jaumdally

Photography Society

Support has been strong this year with many new members joining to learn darkroom techniques. The Club continues to provide free chemicals in its darkroom and plans exist for the continued improvement of the equipment. The academic year 1994/95 provided the first sizeable amounts of funding for this long-term project. Unfortunately, JCR financial arrangements prevented the Club from making the planned purchase of a colour enlarger that would have greatly enhanced the usefulness of the darkroom. However, a significant proportion of the money required for this large investment has already been collected and the Club hopes to acquire the necessary financial help from the JCR for this project in the near future.

The exhibition of Lent 1995 did not fare as well as that of Lent 1994, partly owing to organisational difficulties. However, the quality of the submissions for this event, which was followed by a University-wide exhibition, was generally high.

1995-96

President: Jonathan Khang *Secretary:* Duncan Grisby
Treasurer: Dave Garfield

Queens' Rag

Queens' Rag is always trying to find a balance between raising money and raising hell. Events this year ranged from big money-spinners like the Celebrity Auction and SIN (a disco) to bar-based events like Pancake 'n' Pint. Although the main focus of fundraising is Rag Week in the Lent Term, we got off to a good start in the Michaelmas Term with a Chocfest in the bar and another sophisticated and successful Jazz and Cocktails soiree in Old Hall, and, of course, with hours spent on cold street corners shaking tins.



The Queens' Rag Committee. Photo courtesy of Jet Photographic - The Cambridge Studio.

The highlight of Rag Week, as ever, was the procession through town. Not only does it raise loads of money, it also raises the profile of Rag within Cambridge and we get to pretend we're back at primary school for the day.

Queens' students again showed they are willing to do anything for charity, selling themselves as slaves to the highest bidder. However, Angus Deayton's tie, under Dr Sage and Dr Prager's hammer at the Celebrity Auction, raised more than any individual slave!

Our end of year total amounted to £7,800, the second highest college total (again), and part of Cambridge Rag's record-breaking total of £80,000, which is distributed by ballot between 25 local and national charities. The reputation of Rag within Queens' remains high and this year's committee are well on their way to an even higher total.

1994-95

Co-Presidents: Samantha Ellis, Jane Howell

Treasurer: James Godbee Publicity: Helen Reynolds

St Margaret Society

1995 has been an extremely successful year for MagSoc, with growth in membership, the securing of new facilities, and a series of excellent and popular concerts. The year began with an orchestral concert, including Lindi Botha's superb performance of Vaughan Williams' Oboe Concerto, as well as Schubert's 5th Symphony and Mozart's *Musical Joke*. Later in the Lent Term, following a series of frantic visits to the nation's libraries to find 300 copies, the Chorus performed Handel's *Messiah*, conducted by Edward Barbieri. The performance was of an extremely high standard, and West Road Concert Hall was virtually full. That term also saw the creation of the Erasmus String Orchestra, conducted by David Pievsky. They have now given two extremely enjoyable concerts.

The May Week concert consisted of Duruflé's *Requiem*, Naylor's *Vox Dicentis*, Tippett's *Negro Spirituals* and Handel's *Overture to Rodelinda*. It was the final concert to be conducted by Ralph Woodward, who has been an immensely popular figure with both orchestra and chorus for a number of years. The concert was followed by champagne and strawberries in the Fitzpatrick Hall (plans to use Walnut Tree Court having been abandoned as the May Ball marquee was still being assembled there).

MagSoc's activities are not restricted to putting on concerts; we are also responsible for practice facilities in College. Over the summer, the Old Music Room (behind the Chapel) has been completely renovated to provide a warm and comfortable room with a good acoustic which can be used for recitals and Chapel Choir rehearsals as well as ensemble practice. Out of our own funds, MagSoc will be buying a Yamaha upright piano, which will provide Music Room 2 with its own instrument. The Council of the College Union have agreed to provide us with a large sum of money to purchase a new Boston grand piano for Old Hall. We hope to restart our series of lunchtime recitals, with this new instrument as a focus. MagSoc would like to thank the previous committees and the Old Members who have contributed to this plan, and especially Oliver Johnson, who provided the final work. Queens' will also be joining the University Instrumental Awards Scheme, which should persuade even more talented musicians to apply here.

The Michaelmas Term began with a concert in the first week, which, although a logistical nightmare, gives us a

chance to recruit talented first years to our orchestra. Chris Slaski conducted the Mozart *Wind Serenade* (allowing some College wind players the chance to perform), *Brandenburg Concerto No. 4*, and Warlock's *Capriol Suite*. Most recently, the Michaelmas Choral Concert took place, with a chorus of over 300 singers (the largest for many years) and every ticket sold. An outstanding performance of Mozart's D Minor Piano Concerto was given by Clare Selby, a second year Queens' music student (a semi-finalist in the Young Musician of the Year competition in 1992). This was followed by Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*, and then Mozart's *Requiem*. The concert was conducted by David Pievsky and greatly enjoyed by both performers and audience.

1995-96

President: Samantha Lawrence Secretary: Nick Sturge

Junior Treasurer: Martin Rich

Senior Treasurer: Dr Pountain

Orchestral Factotum: Ahmed Hussain

Committee: John Andrews, Oliver Johnson, Antony Lewis, Tim Lockley, David Pievsky, Clare Selby, Chris Slaski, Ralph Smith, Alex Stout, Claire Warrior

Vegetarian Society

This society is a new addition to the repertoire, and was set up in the Michaelmas Term to collate and collectively represent the views of a significant and increasing proportion of current undergraduate members. Our first two meetings, held in the opulent surroundings of the Old Kitchens, resulted in a whole series of suggestions for improving the quality and variety of our food in Cafeteria and Hall. These were brought up at the Steward's Committee, where we now help the JCR in monitoring developments in Queens' catering.

We will continue in our struggles to prevent the humble English mushroom from achieving domination in virtually every vegetarian option we eat, and to improve the dreaded Gado Gado with Peanut Sauce that is the reason for our existence.

1995-96

President: Upin Dattani

Secretary: Livia Mitson

Treasurer: Alex Bacon

May Ball 1995

1995 was a difficult year for May Balls as shrinking student finances reduced demand. Several balls have collapsed in recent times, but fortunately Queens' remains one of the more popular. Even so, 1995 was not a sell out. Old Members formed an important contingent among the guests on the evening of Tuesday 20th June. The committee hopes to welcome even more in 1997. Please write to the Applications Secretary early in 1997 if you would like an application form.

The 1995 Ball enjoyed much better weather than several in recent years, falling as it did at the start of the long, dry summer. The theme of the Ball was a world cruise, with different courts providing ports of call in different continents. Guests entered Old Court to discover themselves in Asia. To one side India and a range of Indian food. To the other, Japan, with a sumo wrestling dojo for the active, or a taste of sake for those wanting to watch. On

to Cloister Court and Africa. Guests found themselves enjoying the colonial splendour of the northern coast, taking cocktails in a Casablanca bar whilst being serenaded throughout the night.

Once again, Walnut Tree Court provided the central focus of the Ball. Here guests were in Europe, where an enormous piazza café offered a range of Continental delights: ice creams, strawberries, splendid cakes and crêpes washed down with a choice of wines and real ales. Ballroom dancing was interspersed with a varied cabaret and guests were kept moving in the early morning with a Barn Dance. In Friar's Court it was North America - pizza, cookies and beer whilst enjoying the traditional fun of the fair. Beneath the Erasmus Building was a Texan hog-roast and a Western Saloon Bar, then the border. On the Erasmus Lawn it was South America and carnival, where guests could dance all night in the main band marquee. Top of the bill was the chart band *Dodgy*.

The 1995 ball was praised both for its food and drink (a Queens' Ball tradition) and for its entertainment. *Varsity* described Queens' as a gourmet's ball and one of May Week's best kept secrets. A secret no more. Join us on the night of June 17th 1997!

1995 Committee

President: Steve Frost *Secretary:* Sam Beams
Junior Treasurer: Andrew Marven
Senior Treasurer: Dr Sage
Committee: Andrew Gibson, Andrew Joyce-Gibbons, Rupert Thompson, Julian Sweet, Tom Auld, Richard Mansell, Jemma Tuxford, Michelle Gillam, Danny Godfrey, Katie King, Dr Hall, Dr Prager

Queens'/Clare Overseas Education Fund

Originally focussed on South Africa, the Queens'/Clare Overseas Education Fund has extended its help to include other regions and hopes to concentrate on educational projects in less developed parts of the world. The projects themselves could include community based education, literacy and adult education, new initiatives in education

including music and drama, or education focussed on underprivileged members of the society including women or disabled children. However, accountability of use of funds and sustainability of projects still remain essential criteria for funding.

We ran a successful drive to change the image of the Fund from passive to active. This year QCOEF donated £924 to UKUSA, which develops music skills and thus improves the earning power of people from the townships of Durban, South Africa. The money will go towards instrument hire. The committee was pleased to receive letters of thanks from girls in Zimbabwe we had previously sponsored through CAMFED and decided to allocate £1345 to sponsor five girls through secondary education. Link Africa received £3176 to support a project worker upgrading science teaching in South Africa. Two students in Kuria district in Kenya received bursaries of £1550 through Tatwa-Maahe Educational Trust. The most recent project of the year was Navajeevana, a rehabilitation centre for disabled children in Sri Lanka. £315 will be used towards playground equipment.

1995-96

Committee: Miranda Lea, Katie King, Menaka Perera, Radha Ruparel, Kit Lim, Lara Allen, Dr Towle



Bats May Week Production: Cyrano de Bergerac.

Queens' College Club

Committee

<i>President:</i>	J.C. Polkinghorne, F.R.S.	1949	<i>Vice-Presidents:</i>	L.V. Chilton	1923
<i>Secretary:</i>	A.N. Hayhurst	1957		D.W. Bowett, C.B.E., Q.C.	1948
<i>Treasurer:</i>	T.H. Coaker	1970		The Rt Hon. Sir Stephen Brown	1942
				M.M. Scarr, G.M.	1933

Until 1996

D.W. Swinhoe-Standen	1947
B.J.W. Winterbotham	1940
D.M.A. Hook	1951
P.R. Trigg	1948

Until 1997

E. Bertoya	1980
H.R. Nye	1957
N.K.S. Wills	1960
J.A.V. Richard	1947

Until 1998

J.T.H. Pick	1946
R. King	1940
H.A. Pilley	1984
J.W. Sutherland	1941

Until 1999

P. . Blackaby	1946
B.F.F. Crane	1932
R. Hewitt	1956
N. Taberner	1963

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday 24th June 1995. The Treasurer reported that 233 new members had joined. By a vote, it was decided to maintain the current practice of a separate dinner for spouses at the Club Weekend. Over 200 people were present at the Dinner, at which Roy Cross (1945) proposed a toast to the College and the Club. In his reply the President reported on the past year in College. The next annual Club Dinners and Annual Meetings will be held on 22nd June 1996 and 21st June 1997.

The College Appeals

Throughout its history the College has relied upon donations, benefactions and bequests to provide the means for substantial improvements to the facilities it can offer and to assist in the restoration of its historic fabric.

The Development Appeal provides support for capital improvement projects and has achieved much since it was launched in the early 1970s. It has furnished and equipped the Cripps Court development (£434,000); refurbished the Old Kitchens and Pump Court (£450,000); and, most recently, it has provided the means for the reconstruction of the War Memorial Library (£480,000).

The Heritage Appeal provides support for the restoration and renovation of our historic buildings. It has provided the

principal finance for the refurbishment of the President's Lodge (£350,000); the re-roofing of the Essex building (£62,000); the repair of the Chapel organ (£12,000); and the cleaning and repair of the Silver Street elevation of Old Court (£120,000).

The current balance of these funds stands at £175,000, but our objectives far exceed this figure. The most immediate needs are the re-tiling of the Old Hall floor (£150,000); the re-painting of the Sun Dial (£25,000); the cleaning and repair of the Queens' Lane elevations of Old Court (£350,000); and computer networking student rooms - a project designed to keep us at the forefront of teaching and research.

The main objectives of the College Appeals have been described above. However it is quite possible for donations to be earmarked for other College purposes if the donor requests it. If any Member would like further information about Gift Aid, bequests, or the tax implications of donations to the College, please write to the Senior Bursar.

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Deaths

We regret to record the following deaths:

The Revd R.N. Sharp (1914).

The Revd Prebendary E.E.F. Walters (1922).

A.D. Hamilton, O.B.E. (1923).

His Honour Judge D.P. Bailey, LL.B. (1926).

S.W. Lister (1926).

V. Packer (1928).

Sir Thomas Padmore, G.C.B. (1928).

The Revd Canon D.W. Ellis-Jones (1929).

The Revd P.T.W. Tranter (1929) in 1994.

E.K.R. Aserappa (1930) in 1994.

T.M. Banham, M.D., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (1931).

M.H. Clark, D.F.C. (1932) in 1994.

D.S. Palmer (1933).

E.G. Goodrich, M.C. (1935).

P.E. Hughesdon, M.D., B.Chir. (1935) some years ago.

P.C. Kirkpatrick (1935).

Professor Sir Harold W. Bailey, D.Phil, F.B.A. (1936).

A. Coxon, (Captain R.N.) (1936).

C.R. Shaw (1936).

J.H. Gibson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.R.C.O.G. (1938) some years ago,

K. Hind (1938) in 1993.

G.D. Armitage (1940L).

J.H.R. Newey, LL.M., Q.C. (1941) in 1994.

Professor R.W. Shephard F.P.S., A.Inst.P. (1941).

T.R. Sidlow (1941).

F.E. Whitehead (1943).

F.J. Thomas (1944) in 1994.

D.W. Atterbury (1946).

J.A. Silverlight (1946).

M.H.C. Warner, Ph.D. (London) (1948) in 1994.

K.K.S. Dadzie (1949).

Professor J.G. Nicholson, Ph.D. (1949).

B.H. White (1952).

K. Whittle, M.B., B.Chir. (1953) in 1994.

C.P. Darbyshire (1954).

M. Joseph (1956).

D.J. Gorman (1957).

M.J. Price Ph.D., F.S.A. (1958).

J.B. Ellis (1959).

A.R. Trickett, M.Sc. (Warwick) (1965).

P.A. Lawrence (1966).

R.J. McAllen (1970).

G.C. Penfold (1970) in 1994.



Representatives of the Boat Club escorting the carriage of the Lady Mayoress in the Lord Mayor's Procession.

N.A. Reynolds, Ph.D. (1971) in 1994.

M.A. Adu (1973) in 1994.

R.S. Balme (1973).

C.E. Blacker, LL.B. (1973).

C.D. King, Ph.D. (St Andrews) (1976).

C.J. Lawn (1979) in 1994.

The Venerable D. Walser (1982L) in 1993.

We publish short summary obituaries in the Record of Queens' members who have died, where information is available to us.

The Revd R.N. SHARP (1914) aged 99. Born into a missionary family. Norman Sharp came to Queens' from Westminster School and graduated in 1921. A great cyclist, he would bicycle to College from his home in Wimbledon - good training for the long-distance cycle rides across the Persian desert that he undertook in later years. He went to Ridley Hall and was ordained in 1922. After holding a curacy for two years, he travelled overland, under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society, to Yezt in Persia spending the next 43 years in that country ministering to the Christian population and acting as a kind host to English visitors. Married in England in 1930, he returned with his wife to Yezt where he had built a church - Persian in style but with Western features such as stained glass windows put together with his own hands. In 1936 he moved with his family to Shiraz where he built a second church on the same model. He subsequently built churches at Qalat and Bushire. He was a gifted musician who played the organ and composed several Persian hymns. Self-taught, Sharp was a distinguished Persian scholar. He translated works on Persian architecture and archaeology and taught ancient Persian languages at the Pahlavi University of Shiraz. He was particularly interested in early Persian inscriptions containing references to Christ and published *The Inscriptions in Old Persian Cuneiform of the Achaemenian Emperors* in 1951. He conducted a service for the Queen when she visited Shiraz and showed her round Persepolis. After retirement in 1962, he concentrated on his university work at Shiraz until his return to Chippenham in 1967 where he translated several Persian books and took services at St Andrew's Church until a few years ago. Sharp loved train journeys and thought nothing of going to Edinburgh and back in a day to see a friend.

The Revd Prebendary E.E.F. WALTERS (1922) aged 91. Coming from Dean Close School, Egerton Walters read Theology, Classics and History at Queens' and then prepared for Holy Orders at Cuddesdon Theological College. Appointed curate at Malvern Priory in 1927, he also joined the staff of a preparatory school and then, three years later, moved to Ellesmere College as chaplain and housemaster. In 1936 he was appointed chaplain and assistant master at Epsom College, but, after two years, left to become Vicar of Newnham-on-Severn and inspector of schools for the Gloucester diocese. In 1941 he went to Lichfield to establish St Chad's Cathedral School which developed notably during his fifteen years as headmaster into a successful preparatory school for boys, mostly boarders. Dedicated to education in the traditional mould, Walters was a gifted priest-schoolmaster who brooked no departure from Christian values and the rigorous practice of hard work. His strict discipline was tempered by a dislike of pomposity and bureaucracy and a discreet sense of humour. Many of his boys continued to turn to him for advice on a variety of problems long after their schooldays. At Lichfield he also shared in the leadership of the cathedral's worship, acted as chaplain to two bishops in turn, and became a prebendary in 1951. Walters became Vicar of St Mary's, Shrewsbury in 1956. There an atmosphere of dignified worship and a fine choir attracted a congregation from far beyond the parish boundaries. He was also chaplain of the Royal Salop Hospital. He retired in 1968 to live near Brecon - he had inherited the lordship of the manor of Llandew in 1944 - where he assisted in local parishes and at Brecon Cathedral and was chaplain counsellor at Christ's College, Brecon.

A.D. HAMILTON, O.B.E., F.R.I.C.S. (1923) aged 90. Archibald Hamilton came to Queens' from St Edward's School and took a first in Geography. After a short period as a schoolmaster, he accepted a post as a junior assistant surveyor in Northern Rhodesia involving town surveys, road alignments and, later, the initiation and management of a scheme to train young Rhodesians in cadastral surveying. During the war he was retained in Rhodesia as Acting Commissioner of Lands, Mines and Surveys and then promoted to Acting Chief Surveyor. He was the sergeant-major in the Local Defence Force responsible for the defence of the Northern Rhodesian mining installations. Hamilton returned to England in 1948 to take up appointment as Principal Survey

Officer at the Royal Engineers School of Military Survey. His role as an instructor in large scale and cadastral surveys included the supervision of many specially selected students from overseas. By the time he retired in 1968, students from more than 30 countries had benefited from his extensive knowledge and wide experience of surveying.

E.K.R. ASERAPPA (1930) aged 85. Kingsley Aserappa, the son of a prominent Ceylonese lawyer, attended two well-known public schools in Ceylon before coming to Queens' to read Law. Following graduation in 1933 he went on to qualify and practise as a Barrister. He was appointed Assistant Land Commissioner for Ceylon in 1943. Although he was officially due to retire in 1969, his tenure of this post was twice extended at the request of the Sri Lankan Ministry of Lands. A man of recognised diligence and integrity, he was a lively wit and raconteur and, in retirement, read widely and enjoyed gardening. John Walker (1930), a close College friend who maintained a lifelong correspondence with him, recalls Kingsley Aserappa as a very good companion with a wry sense of humour, said to be the only person able to play tennis whilst smoking a pipe!

T.M. BANHAM (1931), M.D., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.L.O. (1931), aged 83. Terence Middlecott Banham was born in Aynho, Oxfordshire, the son of a clergyman. Educated at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate, he came up to Queens' to read Natural Sciences. He played a full part in College life, being amongst other things the secretary of the Hockey Club. He went on to St Thomas's Hospital in London to complete his medical training. After qualifying, he became an ear, nose and throat specialist and served in the Royal Air Force throughout World War II. On being demobilised, he moved with his family down to Cornwall, where he worked as a consultant surgeon until his retirement. He was the father of Sir John Banham (1959), one of our Honorary Fellows.

M.H. CLARK, D.F.C. (1932) aged 81. Gifted as a leader and filled with enthusiasm, Maurice Clark enjoyed a rewarding and successful career in the service industry. This was broken only by distinguished wartime service as a pilot in 616 Squadron, Bomber Command, during which he was awarded the DFC and Bar. At the time of his death Clark was managing director of Retford Halls and Grounds Ltd and Clark's Dyeworks Ltd.

E.G. GOODRICH, M.C., F.Inst.Pet. (1935) aged 79. Gordon Goodrich came to Queens' from Liverpool College to read Classics and Law and, after graduation, was commissioned into the Lothian and Border Horse Regiment of which he became adjutant. His army career was distinguished by his powers of leadership and persuasive command and by the award of the Military Cross. On demobilisation he joined a firm of merchant bankers and was posted to Ecuador in 1948. His long working-life association with the oil industry began the following year on his transfer to the Anglo-Ecuadorian Oil Company and later to the Lobitos Oil Company. He returned to London in 1951 and worked with the company's managing director until 1958 when he joined Stewarts and Lloyds. Eventually, as their General Manager in charge of a specialised commercial and engineering team, he was responsible for sales world-wide. In 1970 he was recruited by Bechtel, an international construction company with growing interests in oil, and was responsible for the rapid expansion of their London office. At the time of his retirement in 1984, Bechtel was in the forefront of the design and management of North Sea oil installations. Gordon had a flair for personal relationships and the respect in which he was held in the industry was recognised by his appointment as the President of the Oil Industries Club for 1980 and 1981. Actively interested in golf, bridge and racing, he was also involved in charitable works and was Vice-Chairman of the successful Queens' Heritage Appeal.

P.C. KIRKPATRICK (1935) aged 79. Peter Kirkpatrick came to Queens' from Monkton Combe School, read Natural Sciences, and then took the Special Examination in Law. He was with ICI for a short time before his war service, during which he was in Greece and Italy and reached the rank of major. After demobilisation he was one of the first members of the new ICI Fibres Division where he remained until 1967 when he joined the Post Office and was involved in marketing and overseas licensing. He later moved to British Telecom, by whom, in his retirement, he was retained on a consultancy basis. Peter Kirkpatrick's consuming interest was in rowing and such was his skill and dedication that he became one of the most distinguished and respected oarsmen on the Thames. He rowed at Henley for his school and for Queens' and earned a trial cap for the University. He represented Thames Rowing Club at Henley on numerous occasions, twice during his undergraduate years. In particular, he stroked the victorious crew in the Steward Fours in 1947 and 1948. This four represented Great Britain in the European Championships and the Olympics, and, when linked with Leander in an

eight, won a bronze medal for England in the 1950 Empire Games. His last major rowing success was a third Henley Stewards Four win in 1951. He will long be remembered for his prowess as a competitor at top level and his total unruffled command of his crews, and also as a perfect exponent of the classic Tideway Fairbairn rowing style. He was one of the most devoted supporters of QCBC and, until only a few years ago, frequently returned to Cambridge to coach the First VIII. An animated spectator and entertaining host, he remained a vice-president and trustee of Thames Rowing Club until his death.

C.R. SHAW (1936) aged 78. Cecil Shaw came to Queens' from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Darlington, and graduated in Geography. He was then commissioned lieutenant, but in Crete was taken prisoner-of-war. After his release he was appointed to the teaching staff of his old school. In 1950 he joined the Inspectorate in Northern Ireland, from which he retired in 1977. In 'retirement' he quickly established a reputation as an outstanding representative of the Educational Books Division of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, but a stroke at the end of 1978 prevented him from continuing this work. Always a keen sportsman, Cecil took part in athletics as a shot-putter and initially played rugby and then soccer for the College. He was awarded full soccer colours and, on occasions, played football for the University. In later life his interests were predominately in golf, music, photography and the conversation and camaraderie of his fellow retired teachers.

His Honour J.H.R. NEWHEY, LL.M., Q.C. (1941) aged 70. Born in Uganda, John Newhey moved with his parents to Tanganyika and Singapore before attending Dudley Grammar School and Ellesmere College, from which he won a scholarship to Queens'. His studies were interrupted by war service as an officer with the Central India Horse in India, the Middle East, Italy (winning the US Bronze Star in 1944) and Greece. Newhey returned to Cambridge in 1947 to complete his course and took a first in Law. He was called to the Bar in 1948 and, as a junior counsel, developed a wide-ranging practice at the Common Law Bar and established a reputation as a likely candidate for judicial office. His ability was recognised by a succession of important appointments as counsel or assessor for the Post Office, the Treasury, the GMC and the GDC. He was successively Deputy Chairman of Kent Quarter Sessions and a Recorder of the Crown Court as well as an Advisor to the Home Secretary under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. He became a bencher in the Middle Temple in 1977. In 1980 Newhey was appointed London Official Referee and in 1990 became the Senior Official Referee - mostly involved in judgements on construction industry disputes - until his retirement in 1993 through ill-health. Courteous, kind and considerate, John Newhey nevertheless exercised a firm control over his trials. He will be particularly remembered for his initiative in introducing a number of time-saving procedural devices designed to reduce the costs of litigation. As an expert in local government and planning law, he was a Parliamentary Boundary Commissioner from 1980-88 and chaired several important planning enquiries. He contested (as Conservative and Liberal candidate) the Cannock constituency in the 1955 General Election. A devoted churchman, well-versed in Ecclesiastical Law, he held the office of Commissary General of the City and Diocese of Canterbury, and played a full part in local affairs. Three of his children, Robert (1975), Guy (1977), and Jane (1981), were also at Queens'.

Professor R.W. SHEPHARD, F.P.S., A.Inst.P. (1941) aged 74. Ronald Shephard was an exhibitor at Queens' and, after graduating in Physics in 1944, was drafted for research work on tank armament. After the war, he held successive Military Establishment appointments involving armament research and defence operational analysis with particular reference to the assessment of ground-to-ground weapons in relation to force structure and resource allocation. He was also a prime mover in the use of war games for operational research analysis. In 1968 he became Professor of Ballistics at the Royal Military College of Science where he introduced the teaching of operational research as part of the Army Staff Course. He was appointed Military Operations Adviser to Royal Ordnance plc in 1984. Shephard held many academic, professional, and international advisory posts. He wrote more than 80 technical reports, was the senior author of *Applied Operations Research: Examples from Defence Assessment* (1988), and continued to direct the annual International Symposium on Military Research which he initiated at the RMCS in 1983. He was an early active member of the Bats and, for many years, a member of the Magic Circle.

F.J. THOMAS (1944) aged 68. Francis Thomas came from Crewkerne Grammar School to Queens' and took a degree in Natural Sciences. In 1949 he joined the Ministry of Agriculture and was employed in various advisory capacities in a number of locations until he was appointed Regional Agricultural Officer for the South West of England in ADAS,

based in Bristol. He retired to his native Crewkerne in 1986. His special interests were rugby - he played for Bath throughout the fifties and was a one-time member of the Somerset RFU Committee - and gardening. His public service included chairmanship of the Somerset Food and Farming Year (1989), membership of the Bath and West Show Council and chairmanship of the local Community Swimming Pool Committee. A practising Christian, Thomas was a member of his local Parochial Church Council.

J.A. SILVERLIGHT (1946) aged 75. John Silverlight was born in Canada, the son of a Jewish émigré converted to Christianity and ordained an Anglican priest. The family moved to California in 1927 and from there to Wood Walton Rectory in the Fens in 1933. After schooling at Sleaford College, though he always remained a Canadian citizen, John served throughout the war "in defence of the country I live in" as an officer with the Royal Artillery in the Middle East. He was badly wounded before El Alamein but recovered to serve post-war in Palestine before coming to Queens' to read English. Whilst at Cambridge he performed in the Footlights. After graduating, Silverlight began his career as a journalist with *The Eastern Daily Express* in Norwich. Successive appointments with *The Continental Daily Mail* in Paris and *The Daily Mail* in Edinburgh and London followed until he joined *The Observer* in 1960. There, at various times, he edited news pages, leader pages, and profiles, and was deputy editor of the colour magazine. His passionate interest in words and grammar generated the "Words" column in *The Observer* which he continued to write for nine years after his retirement in 1984. His obvious zeal for perfection and respect for learning and good writing enabled him to sub-edit the work of the most distinguished writers without losing their esteem and trust. He could be lavish with praise and reporters appreciated his advice and encouragement as he edited their submissions. Silverlight's superb skill as a sub-editor is best illustrated in *The Observer Observed* - a collection of two centuries of writings compressed into 300 pages - which he co-edited with Joanna Anstey in 1991. Silverlight was well-read, sufficiently versed in classical history to lecture on it, and knowledgeable about music. He published a book, *The Victor's Dilemma*, about the Allied intervention in Russia after the Bolshevik Revolution.



A frosty morning in the Grove.

Photo: Jonathan Holmes

R.D. POYSER (1947). Roger Poyser, whose death was reported in last year's *Record*, came up to Queens' as a scholar from King Edward's School, Birmingham. He read Natural Sciences and, after several years in the research department of Courtauld's, joined the Science staff of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1957. Teaching electrical engineering, wave motion, and nuclear science he was a great help to generations of midshipmen in their studies. He also helped with boat tests and conducted yacht cruises and organised an annual much-acclaimed Rolls Bentley Rally. From 1967 he was also Chief Scientific Adviser to the Devon County Authority until the organisation of civil defence for nuclear attack became unnecessary. In retirement after 1988 he explored canals on his cruiser, acted with the Dartmouth Players, and rambled on his beloved Dartmoor, until cancer intervened.

M.H.C. WARNER (1948) aged 67. Michael Warner came to Queens' from Monkton Combe School after National Service in the RAF and read History (Pt I) and Law (Pt II). He was a civil servant for 30 years, mostly with the Ministry of Defence, progressing from Executive Officer to Assistant Secretary. He was awarded a Ph.D. by King's College, London, in 1973, for his study of the Law of the Sea in developing countries undertaken whilst on a sabbatical year as a Leverhulme Fellow. He was seconded to the Foreign Office in 1979/80 as Deputy Leader of the UK Delegation to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Negotiations in Geneva. Warner took early retirement in 1984 and for the last ten years was engaged, in collaboration with his wife, on historical research. He died of a brain tumour having faced his illness for over a year with characteristic spirit and immense courage.

Professor J.G. NICHOLSON, Ph.D. (1949) aged 65. Evacuated from Sussex to Crosby during the war, John Nicholson was educated at Waterloo - cum - Seaford Grammar School before coming to Queens', where he read German and Russian. Following graduation Nicholson was appointed to teach Russian to officer cadets and midshipmen at the Joint Services School for Linguists. He taught the more relevant authentic contemporary accent he had acquired from Soviet Russian trawlermen at the Liverpool Docks rather than the old-fashioned 'purist' accent of Tsarist times. In 1954 he moved to Munich to work at the Institute for the Study of the USSR and there developed a life-long interest in the complexities of contemporary Russian politics. Three years later he went to Montreal as the editor and subsequently head of the Russian section of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Then followed a period as assistant professor of Russian at McMaster University, Hamilton, before he took up a similar appointment at McGill University, Montreal, where he chaired the new Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies and was promoted to a full professorship in 1965. From 1978 to 1983 he was founding executive director of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, administering a massive budget of government grants to Canadian academics and as such the most influential figure in non-scientific research in Canada. Thereafter he engaged in a series of projects including running a year's comparative course on Russian and English semantics in Moscow, uncompleted research into Lenin's use of Russian, and lecturing and writing on Gorbachev and his associates. He maintained contact with British universities, holding a visiting professorship at Oxford in 1971-2 and returning to Cambridge as a guest lecturer in the late eighties. Nicholson made an outstanding contribution to the study of Russian semantics and his *Russian Normative Stress Notation*, published in 1968, became a standard work for the study of Russian word stress. An accomplished linguist, his command of French fitted him, during a crisis in the French department at McGill in the early seventies, to chair and run that department for a year concurrently with his own.

M. JOSEPH (1956) aged 59. Michael Joseph came to Queens' from Bryanston School and graduated in Law. In 1962 he qualified as a solicitor coming third in the Solicitor's Final Examination and began work as a conveyancing solicitor with a major firm in the City. His unusually informal and nonconformist attitude towards clients and his increasing disillusionment with the ethics of some legal practices eventually led to a breach and the subsequent award of agreed damages for unfair dismissal. His first book *The Conveyancing Fraud*, in which he urged the public to undertake their own conveyancing on the grounds that they could do much of this work themselves at minimal cost, was published privately in 1976. The manuscript had been rejected by a succession of established publishers - he claimed they had rashly shown it to their solicitors. Joseph travelled the country with the advocacy of a zealot to promote sales and the book was eventually reprinted several times and ran to 70,000 copies. Unafraid to be contentious, he was always happy to challenge entrenched practices which he regarded as impositions on the public. Though not without subsequent eminent support and praise, his criticism of the legal profession and his belief that the media would not publish his views because of the influence of

legal advisers bordered on the obsessive. His combative style brought him into conflict with building societies, the Law Society, and even the police when he took to stamping banknotes with the slogan "Stamp out solicitors". Joseph, who was a talented pianist, also published *Lawyers Can Seriously Damage Your Health*.

D.G. GORMAN (1957) aged 59. From Dartford Grammar School, Douglas Gorman came to Queens' and graduated in Modern and Medieval Languages before beginning a career in management consultancy with Coopers and Lybrand. In 1964 he decided to join two colleagues from Coopers and Lybrand in founding the Computer Management Group. He was Chairman at the time of his death. His style of leadership, derived from egalitarian principles, enabled him to take the Company from its origin in the basement of his own home to an organisation employing 2500 people with offices across Europe. In spite of the reluctance of some members of staff to expand beyond the Croydon base, in 1964 he opened an office in the Netherlands where business prospered through contracts with the Dutch Government and with Philips. Gorman introduced employee share ownership in 1967 and his generous interpretation of the scheme inspired everyone to regard the Company as their own and to wish to contribute to its success. His philosophy of employee participation was recognised by Proshare at an award ceremony in 1994. In the same year he was made an Officer in de Orde van Oranje Nassau in recognition of his contribution to the Dutch economy. He had lived in Holland since 1981.

M.J. PRICE, Ph.D., F.S.A., (1958) aged 56. Martin Price was educated at King's School, Canterbury, and, at Queens', read Classics and was captain of cricket and played squash for the College. As an undergraduate he developed a consuming interest in Greek coins and went on to study them at the British School in Athens and as a Research Fellow at Downing. In 1966 Price joined the staff of the Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum and, thereafter, was the author or joint author of a series of scholarly publications, notably *Archaic Greek Coinage: The Asyut Hoard* (1976) on the origin of coinage in the Greek world of the 7th and 6th centuries BC, and *Coins and their Cities* (1977) on coins made in Greek cities in the time of the Roman Empire. The latter showed for the first time how these coins could contribute to the understanding of the architecture of that period. Price's third and principal research interest was in Hellenistic coinage. His monumental catalogue, *The Coinage in the name of Alexander the Great and Philip Arrhidaeus* (1992), indicated, for the first time, a structured purpose in the coinage of their era. Price founded the periodical *Coin Hoards* and was chairman of the British Academy's *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum* series. Generally accepted as the leading authority on the coinage of classical Greece, he also had concern for the less scholarly interest. In 1980 he created and edited *Coins* - a general survey - and in 1988 co-authored *Coinage in the Greek World* - an introduction to the subject. He was appointed to a personal Deputy Keepership at the British Museum in 1978, became a corresponding member of the German Archaeological Institute in 1985, and was a visiting Fellow at Princeton 1986-87. Price was elected a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society in 1964, was its secretary from 1977 to 1983 and was awarded its prestigious Gold Medal in 1992. He was also a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London and held many international academic distinctions. His engaging modesty, his approachability and intellect, and his constant willingness to help others with their work, made Price a respected and much-loved scholar. He was Director of the British School in Athens at the time of his death.

J.B. ELLIS (1959) aged 53. John Ellis came from East Barnet Grammar School to read Chemistry at Queens'. Training under the Unilever Management Scheme followed and he began work at Price's Chemicals in Cheshire. After a succession of management positions within Unilever at home and in Holland, he became Chairman of Vinamul Chemical Company in Surrey and then, in 1989, was appointed Corporate Vice-President, Resins and Speciality Chemicals, Europe.

A.R. TRICKETT (1965) aged 48. Robert Trickett came to Queens' from Rossall to read Mechanical Sciences and, after graduation, went on to Warwick University to take an M.Sc. in Business Studies. He then entered the family steel business, Easton and Booth Ltd, of which he was managing director for many years before moving on to give the benefit of his experience to fledgling businesses. At the time of his death he was a business adviser with Sheffield Enterprises. A man of great enthusiasm, Robert was a past chairman and an active member of the Inca Management Research Group. He was a keen dinghy sailor and an energetic founder member of the Carsington Sailing Club.

P.A. LAWRENCE (1966) aged 48. The son of a retired Indian Army colonel living in Co. Wicklow, Philip Lawrence won an Entrance Exhibition to Queens' from Ainslieforth College to read English. A

courteous and friendly individualist, Philip was an entertaining talker with a passionate interest in politics and economics. He was a committee member of the University Liberal Club. He began his teaching career at St Benedict's School, Ealing, and then, after a spell as Head of English at Gunnersbury Boys School, Brentford, he became Headmaster of a comprehensive school in Lambeth. He was appointed Headmaster of St George's R. C. School in Maida Vale in 1992 and inherited problems with academic results and discipline. In three years, through a combination of strong leadership and an uncompromising stand against ill-discipline and playground violence, he transformed the school, earning the popular esteem and respect of parents and pupils alike. Philip was stabbed to death outside his school going to the aid of one of his pupils who was being attacked by a gang of youths - a tragic end to a courageous and caring man.

R.J. McALLEN (1970) aged 44. Richard McAllen attended Epsom College before coming to Queens' to read History. A deeply committed Christian, he was very involved with the Christian Union and was its 'Coll. Rep.' at Queens' for a year. He also played hockey for the College. On graduating he returned to his native Diss in Norfolk and became a Chartered Accountant, working for Larkin Gower in Norwich. In 1993 he set up his own practice in Diss. A member of the Assemblies of God denomination there, he spent a lot of time on Christian work and preaching. He set up a church centre in Eye, Suffolk, in a redundant Methodist church he purchased himself. Something of a poet, he learnt, just before his death from cancer, that one of his poems on the subject of Easter was to be published.

G.C. PENFOLD (1970) aged 42. Godfrey Penfold came to Queens' from Malvern College and read Engineering. He gained three golf blues whilst at College. After graduating he worked for a few years as a stockbroker and then trained as a chartered accountant. He was an internal auditor for British American Tobacco, working all over the world, but especially in South America. A great opera buff and music lover, Godfrey died of a heart attack whilst playing golf.

N.A. REYNOLDS, Ph.D. (1971) aged 42. Whilst at Queens', Nigel Reynolds, who was a pupil at Haberdashers' Aske's School, read History and was Steward of the JCR, publicity manager of the ADC and President of the Bats. After graduation he went on to take a Ph.D. in the Faculty of Divinity - his thesis was on the origins of early Christian asceticism - before commencing a career in the Theatre. He worked successively at the Arts Theatre, with the Prospect Company, with the English National Opera and at the Royal Opera House. Reynolds was Master Carpenter at the Old Vic, and was Production Manager of the Wexford Opera House in 1987 and 1988.

C.H. BLACKER (1973) aged 41. Charles Blacker came to Queens' from St Austell Grammar School and took Part I of the Law Tripos and then History of Art. His wholehearted participation in the life of the College earned him a prize awarded by Cornwall County Council for the Cornish undergraduate who had made the most of his time at Oxbridge. He founded the short-lived Richard III Society. After graduation he took a post as an interpreter in Brussels using language skills acquired during long vacations and subsequently went freelance and became a force in the establishment of the Interpreters' Union in Brussels. Blacker loved living in Europe and remained there until his death. His contemporaries will long remember his performance, at a College smoking concert, as Marlene Dietrich complete with black lamé dress and handmade shoes and also the celebrated election of a duck nominated in opposition to Blacker to the JCR. The duck was duly elected but flew 'out of residence' the next day, leaving Blacker to succeed to the post!

C.A. KING (1976) aged 37. Chris King came to Queens' from Tonbridge School and read German and Norwegian in the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos. Even at College, ill-health severely disrupted his studies and few will forget the courage and cheerfulness with which he soldiered on. He had severe arthritis attributable to haemophilia. Despite his disabilities, Chris was fiercely independent with a wide range of cultural interests and was a very popular member of the College. After graduation he undertook teacher training at Bangor, but his real interests lay in philology and he eventually obtained a Ph.D. place to study twelfth century English at the University of St Andrews. His thesis was on Middle English Dialectal Phonology. He moved to Oxford, thereafter, to work in lexicography. His great joys in life were gardening and books. Sadly the very treatment that enabled him to survive led to his early death. Like many other haemophiliacs, he contracted HIV from his vital blood-clotting factor injections. A batch of these had been made from contaminated blood.

C.J. LAWN (1979) aged 35. Christopher Lawn read Geography at Queens' after attending Kimbolton School in Huntingdonshire. At College he was a rower and a regular attendee at the Union, as well as going on expeditions under the auspices of the Explorers and Travellers Club. He was a keen walker and an entertaining and witty companion. After Queens' he went to work for Lloyds Bank in London, but then trained as a teacher at Liverpool University. He taught geography at Dr Challoner's Grammar School, Bucks, and Ranalegh School, Bracknell, before settling at the John Hampton Grammar School, High Wycombe. He was liked and respected as a teacher by both students and colleagues and was much involved in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and Young Enterprise activities. He was a keen supporter of Amnesty International, Oxfam, and Friends of the Earth. As a sixth-former he had been successfully treated for Hodgkins Disease, but the radiotherapy had damaged his heart, and he died following major heart surgery to try and alleviate the problem.

College Invitation Dinners and Lunches for Old Members

The College held its Tenth Invitation Dinner on 23rd September 1995, to which all members of the 1956-62 entry were invited; 217 attended.

The Eleventh Dinner will be held for members of the matriculation years 1974-8 and is planned for 28th September 1996. Also in 1996 the Second Lunch in the current cycle will be held on 5th July to which members of the matriculation years up to and including 1948 will be invited.

Invitation Dinners and Lunches are separate from the Queens' Club functions and are intended to be complementary to the annual Club Weekends held in June which are open to all years and to which spouses or partners can be invited.

TOM COAKER



Diners at the 1995 Dinner for Queens' Members in Washington, D.C.

Regional Dinners

Queens' Members in the North-West

The forty-fifth Annual Dinner was held at Broomcroft Hall, Didsbury, Manchester, the residence of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester, Professor Martin Harris, himself a Queensman and an Honorary Fellow of the College. The Revd Bryant F.F. Crane presided and thirty-nine members of the College were present. Our guest-of-honour was Dr Thomas Coaker who replied to the toast of the College proposed by Harold Fish.

The next Dinner will be on Friday, 3rd May 1996 at Broomcroft Hall, again by kind invitation of Professor Harris. Our guest-of-honour will be the President and we hope that members of the College living in the area will make an effort to attend. Please address any enquiries to the Revd B.F.F. Crane, 6 Ridgefields, Biddulph Moor, Stoke-on-Trent ST8 7JE. Tel: 01782 513752.

Queens' Members in the South-West

Owing to the closure of the County Hotel in Taunton the twenty-third Annual Dinner was held at the new Forte Posthouse Hotel on Friday, April 21st 1995, there being twenty guests. New ground was broken by having the Senior Tutor, Dr Kareen Thorne, as our guest-of-honour, but unfortunately this did not attract any lady graduates. We were given an up-to-date report on the College in which the recent high level of academic success was emphasised; this was appreciated.

The new venue having met with approval, the next dinner will be held there on Friday, April 26th 1996, when it is expected that the Dean, the Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes, will be our guest.

The Forte Posthouse is close to Junction 25 on the M5. Enquiries should be addressed to E.W. Chanter, Malsover, Calverleigh, Tiverton, Devon EX16 5BA. Tel: 01884 253315.

Queens' Members in the West Midlands

The tenth Annual Dinner was held on Friday, 2nd February 1996 at the Edgbaston Golf Club, Birmingham. Peter Brown presided and there were 34 diners including spouses and guests. There would have been 40 but for late unavoidable cancellations.

The guest-of-honour was Professor John Tiley, the Vice-President, who was accompanied by his wife, Jillinda. We also welcomed, once again, Joan Armitage to the great pleasure of us all. The Vice-President brought us up to date with College news and it was clear that in all aspects of University life we have much of which to be proud.

The next dinner will be held at Edgbaston on Friday, 31st January 1997. Those wishing to attend, whose names are not on the mailing list, should contact Philip Cox, 9 Sir Harry's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2UY. Tel: 0121 440 0278.

Boar's Head Dining Club

The ninth Annual Dinner was held in Old Hall on Saturday, 1st April 1995, and was attended by fifty-nine members and guests. Dr Coaker was the guest-of-honour and responded to a toast proposed by Tom Hudson. John Gordon, the chairman of the club, proposed a toast to the '55 crew who, forty years ago, won the Ladies Plate at Henley, the first time this had been achieved by Queens' College Boat Club. John Cox responded and went on to propose a toast to the Boat Club to which the Captain of Boats, Adam Rumian, replied. All members of the '55 crew attended the dinner, many accompanied by their wives, including members who had travelled from Canada, the U.S.A. and New Zealand for the occasion. The Dowson Silver Sculls were presented to John Barker by Adam Rumian. The Williams Cup was won by Tom Hudson and Ian Menzies so it will have been to Argentina and New Zealand before being returned ready for the 1996 tub pair races.

Queens' Members in Victoria, Australia

The sixth Dinner for Queens' Members in Victoria took place at Ormond College, University of Melbourne, on 24th November 1995. The guest-of-honour was Professor Iain Wright, Life Fellow and Head of the English Department at the Australian National University. Iain spoke about recent discoveries in the Old Library and in particular about remarkably detailed instructions for the construction of the College stage for productions in 1638.

As the most distant (by 13,000 miles) of Members' gatherings we run the risk of being forgotten by headquarters. Therefore those present (twenty-one Members and partners) were very appreciative indeed of Iain's willingness to travel from Canberra in order to join us and to share his researches with us.

Any Fellow visiting Australia in 1996 would be very welcome to join us at our next Annual Dinner, which can be timed to suit. Prospective guests should contact Alan Reddrop, 50 Golden Way, Bulleen, Victoria 3105, phone (613) 9850 7603.

Queens' Members in the Cambridge Area

Fifty-six members and guests from the Cambridge area sat down to dinner in the Old Hall on 26th April 1995. Our guest-of-honour was the Senior Tutor, Dr Kareen Thorne, who gave us an interesting insight into College life today. We are pleased to say that the President and Mrs Polkinghorne also attended. The 1996 dinner is to be held on Wednesday, 24th April, when our guests will be Dr and Mrs Brian Callingham. He is Director of Studies in Medical and Veterinary Sciences and was until recently Librarian and Keeper of the Old Library. We hope to have a good attendance once again. The 1997 dinner has been fixed for Wednesday, April 23rd.

Enquiries would be welcomed by the organiser - John Sutherland, 69 Stow Road, Stow-cum-Quy, Cambridge CB5 9AD. Tel: 01223 812394.

Queens' Members in Shropshire and Mid-Wales

A lunch was held on 29th April 1995 in Shrewsbury; twenty-eight attended. We were delighted to welcome the President and Mrs Polkinghorne and to hear an up-to-date account of College news. Geographically this is a big area and some members had to travel up to 150 miles for the event. The enthusiasm demonstrated in tackling such distances and the level of interest expressed by members who were unable to attend, as well as those present, raises the hope that this may become a regular event.

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