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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

College life gradually returned to normal in 2022/23 as we collectively moved past the worst of the disruptions caused by the Covid pandemic. The bustling activities and the widespread revival of laughter served as outward signs of a joyous resurgence of cherished traditions, the establishment of new and exciting ones, and ongoing efforts to address the structural weaknesses that the pandemic had exposed.

However, amidst this joyful normalisation and forward movement, we were struck by profound sadness as we bid a heartfelt farewell to our Patroness, Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We remember Her Majesty's engagement with Queens' with deep appreciation and fondness. She will forever remain a source of inspiration for our community.

Our Fellowship continued to grow as we focused on deepening subject expertise and expanding interdisciplinary possibilities. Several of our Fellows received prestigious external recognitions and awards.

We successfully attracted the brightest of students, including through widening participation efforts that also saw the expansion of postgraduate scholarships to 22 under the Alexander Crummell initiative. Several of our students excelled in university sports and well beyond, including the youngest person ever named in the New Year's Honours List. Additionally, we hired more staff to fill vacancies, which aided in the recovery of our external events, and we expanded the accommodation we offer students with the purchase of a new site on Grange Road.

The successes the College achieved in 2022/23 would not have been possible without the steadfast support of our alumni and donors. We were thrilled to welcome numerous alumni back to Queens', whether through various reunions, individual visits, or the successful gatherings held in an increasing number of cities. Generous contributions from donors allowed us to establish additional Fellowships, subject and research funds, and bursaries for sports and societies. Such support was also instrumental in completing significant projects on our estate, including Cripps repairs.

In conclusion, I would like to express my deep gratitude once again to all the members of Queens' who have contributed to our vibrant and supportive community. Your unwavering support and active engagement have strengthened the foundations of the College, enhanced the quality of life within it, and propelled us towards continued progress and greater accomplishments. I am confident that Queens' will continue to exceed expectations in the manner we deliver on our important mission of an inclusive environment that nurtures academic excellence and contributes in a purposeful manner to the wellbeing of society.

With warm regards,

**MOHAMED A. EL-ERIAN**

## THE DEATH OF THE PATRONESS

As all Members of the College will be aware, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who had been Patroness of Queens' College since early 2003, died on 8 September 2022 aged 96. As soon as the College heard the news the flag was lowered to half mast, black drapes were suspended over the Great Gate and also over the railings beside the Porters' Lodge and social functions were cancelled for the period of mourning. A short service was held in Chapel to remember Her Majesty and to offer prayers for the new King Charles III. A book of condolence was installed in the Chapel. The BBC interviewed the President for a short piece on 'Look East'. The President represented the College at Her Majesty's funeral in Westminster Abbey. In 2010 the College commissioned a portrait of the Queen by James Lloyd. Black and white copies of the portrait, which normally hangs in Cripps Hall, were displayed outside the Porters' Lodge in the Round and in the Chapel during the period of mourning. A formal Memorial Service for Her Late Majesty was held in the College Chapel on Wednesday 19 October 2022. The President delivered a eulogy and the Dean of Chapel preached.

Not long after the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who had been Patroness of Queens' for more than 50 years, the College received a letter from Buckingham Palace saying that Her Majesty the Queen was reviewing all the patronages of her late mother. After a brief correspondence, Her Majesty agreed herself to take on the historic role of Patroness of Queens' College, the first ever Queen Regnant rather than Queen Consort to assume that title. She visited the College, along with the late Duke of Edinburgh who was then Chancellor of the University, in 2005 and joined the Fellows and other representatives of the College in Old Hall for luncheon. On this occasion she unveiled a plaque under the archway of the great gate in Old Court to commemorate her visit. She came again to Queens' in July 2019, after opening the new Royal Papworth Hospital, and once more joined Fellows and representatives of staff and students for a meal. She was greeted by the President, Lord Eatwell, and Lady Eatwell and was also introduced to the then President-elect, Dr Mohamed El-Erian and his then fiancée, now Mrs Anna El-Erian. The College extends its deepest condolences to King Charles III and to all the Royal Family. The President, the Senior Tutor and several other Fellows and Members of Queens' were present when the accession of King Charles was proclaimed by the Vice-Chancellor from the steps of the Senate House on Sunday, 11 September.

### **The President's Address at the Memorial Service in the College Chapel for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Patroness, on 19 October 2022.**

We are here today to collectively mourn Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our Patroness. We are also here to reflect on, celebrate and give thanks for what she did for so many during her historic and impactful reign of over seven decades. Much has already been said, in many places, about Her late Majesty's extraordinary commitment to public service, particularly in serving the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Indeed, a common theme of the events already held at Queens' in her honour is the deep appreciation and admiration

the world has for Her late Majesty's dedication and effectiveness – something that, unquestionably, will be remembered for many centuries. She will serve as a north star for so many around the world. And she will continuously inspire many.

All this is about the "what"; and it is very important, impressive and impactful. Interestingly, the "how" and the "so what" are as impressive as the "what". The "how" was consistently characterised by a superb level of engagement, a huge interest in the well-being of others and, of course, her energy, wit, and humour. The "so what" included encouragement, inspiration, comfort and hope for so many.

Here at Queens', we were particularly privileged and delighted to have had Her late Majesty as our Patroness. Because of that, we were able to witness first-hand the what, the how, and the so what.

As some of you were not at Queens' at the time, allow me to tell you a few things about her last visit to our College in July 2019. As you would be able to gather from the videos posted on YouTube and from the photos on our website, Her late Majesty made a point of spending considerable time with many members of our community who had enthusiastically come to Old Court, stood on the grass, and warmly welcomed her. Repeatedly, she stopped to talk to students, staff and Fellows. Repeatedly, she showed genuine interest in our wellbeing, our work, and our aspirations. What the video and photos fail to show you, however, is the engaging conversations Her late Majesty had during lunch in Old Hall. Through her exceptional combination of genuine interest, humour, wit and caring, she engaged with many and in a fashion that had impact and left a lasting impression. As our Patroness, she was particularly interested in the impact of our research on the wellbeing of society, the transformational academic opportunities offered to our students, the welcoming nature of our beautiful gardens and, critically, the continuous progress our College was making on access and participation. A diverse, inclusive and friendly Queens' was particularly close to Her late Majesty's heart.

Everything I have shared with you this afternoon is illustrated and reinforced by the remarkable comments that many of you, and lots of other members of our community, wrote in the Condolence Book we placed in this Chapel after we heard the sad news. Individually, they capture deep appreciation and admiration for Her late Majesty. Collectively, they produce a powerful and beautiful painting of, yes, sadness, but also appreciation, respect, and admiration.

Her late Majesty will continue to be a most inspirational and aspirational force of good for many generations at Queens'. Like you, I thank God for her contributions to Queens', and for what he enabled for her and for so many others. May she rest in peace.

Thank you.

**MOHAMED EL-ERIAN**

## **A Summary of the Dean of Chapel's Address at the Service of Remembrance for Queen Elizabeth II, Patroness**

I would like to thank the Master for his tribute and spend a short amount of time adding my own.

I had the privilege of meeting Her Majesty the Queen on two occasions; once here in College and once whilst serving as a curate in Hampshire. In preparing to meet the Queen when I was first ordained, many people said that the first thing I would notice was that she was not very tall. Whilst this was technically true, it was not the first thing I noticed. When the Queen walked into Romsey Abbey I was overwhelmingly struck by a beauty that radiated out of her. It was attractive and awe inspiring. The beauty that shone was the quality of her integrity. I would like to add to the list of attributes the Master mentioned, that of integrity. This evening I am giving thanks for the Queen's integrity.

I have often wondered what a Patroness actually does. What is her role in College life? What do they 'change' by their patronage? I have decided that it does not matter what they are supposed to do, but more what and who and how they are. What example they give us and offer us.

In the death of the Queen I am grieving her inspirational integrity. Integrity is a deeply Biblical, and a core principle in Christianity. It is often overlooked as it is not measurable and it is often not as explicitly observable compared with other pillars of our faith. Integrity is the enemy of ego, which drives what we seem to value a lot of the time. Although it is difficult to quantify, it is perceivable. It is beautiful and compels others to sit at the feet of and admire those with it. Integrity, and developing integrity, has to be worked at. The Queen would have had to work at it. This means those who have integrity have had to learn, to persist, and to have been dedicated to the pursuit of it. I respect the Queen for that.

It is out of this admiration for a person that dedicated her life to developing, honing and maturing a sense of integrity that I stand here this evening and say, thank God for the Queen.

**TIM HARLING**

## THE SOCIETY

### THE FELLOWSHIP IN 2022-23

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In August 2022, shortly after the 2022 edition of *The Record* had gone to press, news reached the College of the death, at the age of 81, of **Sir John Banham**, who had been an Honorary Fellow since 1989. He was best known as Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry 1987-92. He was also the first Controller of the Audit Commission and had a very successful career in business, as Chairman and Director of several major companies. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Cornwall and had honorary doctorates from the Universities of Bath, Loughborough, Exeter and Strathclyde.

Lady Juliet Beament, MBE, widow of **Professor Sir James ('Jimmie') Beament** (Fellow and Life Fellow of Queens' 1961-2005) also died in August at the age of 88. The College extends its deepest sympathy to their two sons, Tom and Christopher Beament, and all their family. Juliet was a distinguished luthier, maker of violins and similar instruments, and a renowned teacher of that art. Born Sara Juliet Barker in Cambridge, daughter of Professor Sir Ernest Barker, she was educated at the Perse School and Roedean, and played the violin from an early age. In 1954 she travelled to Germany to train as a violin maker at the Oberfachschule, Mittenwald. On returning to Cambridge, she set up a small workshop and became one of the first female violin makers in the U.K. In 1960 she started teaching the art of violin making at the Cambridge College of Arts and Technology (CCAT – now Anglia Ruskin University) and was soon much in demand. She was playing viola in the CCAT orchestra when Jimmie Beament joined as a double bass player and they were married in 1962. Her classes became so popular that they were moved to the main workshops at CCAT, then in 1978 she also began summer courses. In 1986 she started her own workshop and was joined by a group of distinguished violin and bow makers and repairers and teachers. Over the years hundreds of students, ranging from professional players to Cambridge dons, including several Queens' Fellows, learnt how to make instruments under her guidance. The Cambridge Violin Makers workshop is still thriving, with many weekly classes and summer courses, and is now run by Christopher Beament.

In December the death was announced of **Professor Brian Pullan**, FBA, aged 87. An undergraduate and graduate student at Trinity College, Brian was a Fellow of Queens' from 1963 until 1972. He served as a Tutor, Praelector and Director of Studies in History at Queens'. He was also an Assistant Lecturer and Lecturer at the Faculty of History from 1964 until he was appointed Professor of Modern History at the University of Manchester in 1973, where he also became Dean of Arts. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1985.

**Dr Peter Steele**, a former Fellow and College Lecturer in Pathology, died in January aged 79. As well as teaching Pathology, Peter served the College as Tutorial Bursar. He was a Fellow from 1976 until 1981. Most of his professional career was spent as a Consultant Pathologist in Chester, based at the Countess of Chester Hospital.



Two new research fellows were admitted in October 2022. **Dr Hamish Symington** was an undergraduate at St Catharine's College and read the Natural Sciences Tripos, specialising in Biochemistry and graduating with a First class degree. He sang in Queens' Chapel Choir some years ago and continues to sing in several choirs and choral ensembles. After working briefly in the St Catharine's Alumni Office and as a Computer Officer in the University, he became a Designer/Design Manager for C.U.P. There then followed a period as a Freelance Graphic Designer (working, amongst many other projects, on *The Record*), before he co-founded and ran Light Blue Software Ltd, a business designing software for photographers. In 2017 he made the decision to return to the academic world and began a PhD in Plant Sciences on 'Improving the Pollination of the Strawberry'. He has won awards for talks, including popular science talks, and making public information films on botanical research. He is also a cryptic crossword setter and Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Beekeepers' Honey Show.

**Dr Eamonn O'Keeffe** has been elected to a Research Fellowship at Queens' in the History of the British Army. This is a joint appointment of the National Army Museum, the Centre for Geopolitics at Cambridge and Queens', generously supported by several donors. Dr O'Keeffe was brought up mostly in Canada and is an expert in the British Army of the Napoleonic period. His undergraduate degree and D.Phil. were undertaken at Merton College, Oxford, and he also has a Cambridge M.Phil. From January until June 2021 he was a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Hertfordshire and he has much teaching and pastoral experience.

**The Revd Anna Jones** has been appointed as Chaplain and has been elected to an Official Fellowship. She was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England after a career in academic librarianship and student support in 2019 and became a priest a year later. She comes to Queens' from a curacy in the Three Rivers Group of parishes in East Cambridgeshire. She graduated in Music from Merton College, Oxford, in 1996. There followed an M.A. in Library and Information Studies from University College, London, and an M.Phil. in Historical Musicology from Cambridge as a student at Peterhouse. She then undertook some research in the field of seventeenth century music in England whilst training as a Librarian at Trinity College, at Trinity College of Music in London and at St Edmund's College. In January 2005 she was appointed as the Lee Librarian at Wolfson College, becoming a Fellow and Tutor at Wolfson in October 2009. In 2012 she accepted the post of Whipple Librarian at the Department of the History and Philosophy of Science in Cambridge, but remained a Fellow of Wolfson until she resigned both positions to begin ordination training at Westcott House, Cambridge, in 2017. As part of her training she was affiliated to Jesus College and was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Theology for Ministry. She is a talented cellist and enjoys choral singing and needlecraft. Her husband, Dr Neil Jones, is a Law Fellow at Magdalene College.

**Dr Elizabeth Weir** has been elected to a Bye-Fellowship in Psychology. She has Honours BAs in both Linguistics and in Dramatic Arts from the University of Southern California, where

she also completed the Natural Sciences coursework for matriculation into medical school. She has been at Queens' studying for her PhD in Psychiatry in the Autism Research Centre in Addenbrooke's and now holds the position of Doctoral Scientist there. Her research centres on the physical health and healthcare of autistic adults. She has been a Rokos Postdoctoral Research Associate at Queens' for the past year as well as a College Teaching Associate.

**Dr Jeremiah Mitchell** has also been elected as a Bye-Fellow, in his case in Physics. He will primarily be responsible for supervising mathematics for our Natural Science students. After an initial degree in 2013 in Physics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, he undertook a PhD at Northern Illinois University. He continued to work at that University as a postdoctoral researcher until 2020 when he became a Postdoctoral Research Assistant at the Kavli Foundation at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge. His research interests include cosmology, early universe models, dark matter searches using atom interferometry and cavities, dark energy tests and gravitational wave detection. He is the co-manager of MAGIS-UK.

The College has elected **Mr Nicholas Morris** to the position of Director of College Music from October 2022 and he has also been elected as a Bye-Fellow. Nick was Organ Scholar at Queens' 2011-14 and read Music for his BA degree. He is also a pianist and harpsichordist and holds the Advanced Postgraduate Diploma in Organ Performance from the Birmingham Conservatoire. Since graduating he has served as Assistant Organist at Birmingham Cathedral, where he was also Joint Assistant Head of Music, and at Clare College. He has also worked at Southwark Cathedral and has been Assistant Director of Music at St George's, Hanover Square in London, since 2016. He is a Freelance Accompanist at the University of Birmingham and Orchestral Keyboardist for the Chineke! Orchestra. As a schoolboy, he was a chorister at Westminster Abbey.

The Institute for Computing for Climate Science has recently been established at the Computer Laboratory. The College has elected three of the senior officials of the Institute to Bye-Fellowships as Schmidt Climate Futures Bye-Fellows. The Schmidt Climate Futures computing initiative will cover all costs to the College. **Dr Dominic Orchard** is the Principal Investigator at and Co-Director of the new Institute, **Mr Chris Edsall** is the Head of Research Software Engineering and **Ms Marla Fuchs** is the Senior Administrator. **Dr Orchard** obtained his MEng degree in Computer Science from the University of Warwick in 2008 before moving to Cambridge to study for his PhD (on programming contextual computations) at the Computer Laboratory. He also has a Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education from the University of Kent. After periods as a Research Associate at Imperial College, London, and at Cambridge, he became a Lecturer (later Senior Lecturer) in Computer Science in the School of Computing, University of Kent. He is interested in programming language theory and practice, verification and tooling for computational science. **Mr Edsall** obtained his BSc and MSc in Physics from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. He worked as a

Systems Administrator for Southern Internet in Christchurch, New Zealand, and then for the National Institute of Water and Atmosphere in Wellington. He then moved to the U.K. and to the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton 2012-16 as IT Systems Manager, then Scientific Computing and Infrastructure Manager. He was Senior IT Support Specialist at the University of Bristol 2016-21 before moving to Cambridge. His research interests include high performance computing, performance portable programming models, climate science, artificial intelligence and software engineering. **Ms Fuchs** has a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York. In 2008 she graduated with an MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development from Cambridge. She was a Conservation Expedition Staff Member in Mexico in 2004 and 2005 as well as working as a manufacturing engineer in Connecticut. From 2006 she worked for Xaar in Cambridge as a manager and then as a carbon analyst for Mouchel in London. 2010-15 she was the Low Carbon Knowledge East of England Partnership Co-ordinator, based at Anglia Ruskin University, before moving to the University of Cambridge as the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account Co-ordinator in the Research Strategy Office. From 2018-21 she was the Chief Operating Officer, based in the Department of Plant Sciences, of the 'Transforming India's Green Revolution by Research and Empowerment for Sustainable Food Supplies' initiative, before moving to be the Impact and Operations Manager, University Commercialisation and Innovation Policy Evidence Unit.

**Mr Mansur Boase** has been elected as a Bye-Fellow in Mathematics. He graduated as a wrangler from Trinity College in 2001 and then went on to do the Certificate of Advanced Study in Mathematics (retroactively an MMath). He won several prizes from Trinity and was awarded the Smith-Knight Prize by the University. He has stayed in Cambridge, supervising extensively and researching on a wide variety of topics, since graduation, and has been a Teaching Associate at Queens' since 2019. He is particularly interested in Arithmetic Progression in two-dimensional Lattice Walks, Additive Number Theory, Polytopal Sperner, Ryser's Conjecture, Independent Sets in Cycle plus Triangle Graphs and Conway Substitution Sequences. He writes poetry and has interests in Philosophy, Buddhism and Classical Chinese Humanities.

**Dr Lisa Mullen** has been elected as a Bye-Fellow to strengthen the College's teaching capacity in English. She is a Teaching Associate in the Faculty of English. She graduated BA from St Edmund Hall in Oxford in 1990. She went to Birkbeck College, London, in 2009 to study for an MA in Cultural and Critical Studies, followed by a PhD. She completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education at Oxford in 2020. She was an Assistant Tutor, then a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Birkbeck, before taking up a Junior Research Fellowship at Worcester College, Oxford in 2016. She has been a Bye-Fellow and Acting Director of Studies at Downing College for the last three years. She specialises in Modern and Contemporary English Studies and also teaches in the Film and Screen Studies MPhil course. She has given many talks on BBC Radio 3 and has worked as a journalist and editor and as a reader for Manchester University Press.

**Dr Kate Hendry** has been working since 2022 as an Ocean Climate Scientist at the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge. She graduated BA and MSci in Natural Sciences from Queens' in 2004, before going on to Hertford College, Oxford, to study for a DPhil in Biogeochemistry, looking at trace metals in brine and microalgae in Antarctic sea ice. She has also obtained a Postgraduate Certificate in University Teaching and Learning from the University of Cardiff. After two years as an NERC postdoctoral researcher at Oxford, she moved to the States as a Postdoctoral Scholar at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. From 2011 until 2013 she was a Research Lecturer at the University of Cardiff before moving on to the University of Bristol as a Royal Society University Research Fellow and Lecturer. In 2017 she was promoted to an Associate Professorship and also served as Senior Tutor for postgraduate taught students in the Department of Earth Sciences at Bristol. She holds the Antarctic Service Medal (2012) and won the European Association of Geochemistry Houtermans Medal in 2016. She has extensive teaching experience in Geology and Environmental Geosciences and is also actively involved in the world of equality, equity, inclusivity, diversity and accessibility within the marine scientist community. Her father and older sister are also graduates of Queens'. She has been elected as a Bye-Fellow at Queens' to strengthen teaching in Natural Sciences.

**Mr Joe Perkins** is a distinguished Economist and he has been elected a Bye-Fellow to assist in teaching at Queens'. His first degree was in Philosophy, Politics and Economics in 2000 at Balliol College, Oxford. He then undertook an MPhil in Philosophy at St John's, Cambridge, before returning, after two years working as an economist at H.M. Treasury, to Oxford and All Souls College for an MPhil in Economics. He won the George Webb Medley Prize for Best Performance in Written Exams. From 2002-2009 he was a Prize Fellow in Economics at All Souls. From 2006 until 2016 he was a Tutor in Economics and Lecturer in Public Finance and Budgeting at the University of Oxford, whilst also working at the UK National Audit Office as Audit Manager and Economist 2011-14 and Director of Regulation, Consumers and Competition 2014-16. In 2016 he became Chief Economist at Ofgem and since 2020 has been Senior Vice-President and Head of Research at Compass Lexicon in London. In this capacity he has been advising several tech and other companies and regulators, including Ofcom, Ofwat, Spotify, the National Grid Electricity System Operator and Vodafone on a variety of economic problems, including the challenges presented by a move towards net zero emissions and merger control regimes. He is a Member of the Council of Management, Regulatory Policy Institute, a Trustee of Sustainability First, and the Chair of Trustees, Oxford Economic Papers.

**Professor James Brenton** has been elected as a Professorial Fellow. He has had a very distinguished career in cancer research and care and has been Professor of Ovarian Cancer Medicine in the Department of Oncology at the University since 2020. He qualified as a doctor at University College Hospital in London in 1988, having taken an intercalated year for a BSc in Computer Science and Basic Medical Science in 1985. His subsequent career included spells at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto and Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. He studied for a PhD at the Gurdon

Institute in Cambridge. He eventually became a Cancer Research UK Senior Clinical Research Fellow at Addenbrooke's and since 2006 has been a Group Leader at Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute and an Honorary Consultant in Oncology at the Hospital. He has been National Lead for the ovarian cancer domain since 2015 and for four years was also Head for Cancer for the East of England Cluster. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and an elected Fellow of the European Academy of Cancer Sciences.

**Dr Ilona Kater**, who is currently a Teaching Associate at the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge has been elected as a Bye-Fellow for a year. She works on interactions within ecosystems, including the impact of human politics, economics and culture on plant and animal species. Most of her research has been conducted on ecosystems in the Arctic region. Her first degree was in Ecology from the University of Stirling. She then studied for a PhD at the University of Durham where she was a Teaching Assistant before coming to Cambridge in 2021. She has wide experience of university teaching.

**Dr Mona Jebiril**, a Research Associate at the Faculty of Education, has been elected a Bye-Fellow. She is a Palestinian and her first degree was in English Language and Literature from the Al-Azhar University of Gaza. After an MSc in Higher Education at Oxford, she was the manager of a centre and Lecturer in English at the University of Palestine, before returning to Al-Azhar University as a Teaching Fellow in Education. She came to Cambridge as a Gates Scholar to study for a PhD at Queens' in 2012, subsequently becoming a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the College. As a Research Fellow at the Centre for Business Research in Cambridge, she researched the political economy of health in the Gaza Strip. Her work now centres on the 'Close the Gap: Fair Admission for Postgraduate Research' project at the Department of Education. This is a joint project of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge mapping selection processes at a number of departments with a view to improving access for students from marginalised backgrounds to doctoral studies at the two universities. She has participated in extensive media training and film workshops and has produced a number of films, some of them animated, and podcasts, especially about health and education in Gaza.

**Mr Stephen Farrant** (1956) has been elected a Fellow Benefactor in the light of his exceptional generosity to and support of the College over many years. Through the Friends of Aliko Vatikioti for Music & Arts, set up many years ago in memory of Stephen's wife – a Greek concert pianist – donations have been made to endow the Senior Organ Scholarship, a choral scholarship, the Friends of Queens' Music, the Bats (*Scanlan-Michell Fund*), MagSoc (*Farrant Fund*) and Queens' Arts Society (*Mary Beale Fund*). Other gifts have created postgraduate scholarships in Music, disabled facilities across the College, refurbishment of the Music practice rooms, plus new lighting in Chapel.

In May **Trevor Bradley** (1989) was also elected as a Fellow Benefactor. He has endowed the Bradley Fellowship in Chemistry, endowed the Football Club (*Farnfield Fund*) and made a

series of donations to benefit students reading Education and Psychological & Behavioural Sciences. He also donated the *Bradley Travel Bursary*, the *Bradley Sports Bursary*, the *John Spencer Sports Bursary* and funds for the Old Library and President's Lodge. Trevor read Natural Sciences (Chemistry) at Queens' and retired from a career in finance several years ago.

**Dr Elsa Noterman** resigned her Research Fellowship early and left Queens' in September 2022 to take up a Lectureship at Queen Mary College, London. **Dr Rosa van Hensbergen** also resigned her Research Fellowship and left in January 2023 to take up a post as an Assistant Professor at Yale University. **Professor Richard Nickl**, Professor of Mathematical Statistics in the University, has decided to resign his Fellowship at Queens'. Richard has been a Fellow since 2008 and taught Pure Maths for the College.

Three long-standing Fellows of Queens', **Professor James Jackson**, **Professor Elizabeth (Lisa) Hall** and **Professor Roderic Jones**, all retired at the end of September 2002 and become Life Fellows.

**Professor James Jackson** was an undergraduate at Queens' and first became a member of the Society as a Research Fellow in 1979. From 1977 until 1981 he was away at the Seismic Discrimination Group at MIT as a visiting scientist. In 1983 he became a Bye-Fellow in order to act as Assistant Dean of College and he became an Official Fellow the following year. He has supervised Earth Sciences for Queens' for more than forty years. The University first gave him a post as a Lecturer in Earth Sciences in 1984 and in due course he was promoted to a readership and then to a chair in Active Tectonics. He served as Head of the Department of Earth Sciences 2008-16. He was awarded the CBE in 2015 in particular for his work with 'Earthquakes without Frontiers' (EwF), which seeks to use the insights of geologists to reduce the risk from earthquakes to populations in developing countries. His research has centred on earthquakes and the study of the processes that produce the major surface features of the continents. He also uses a range of satellite-based techniques, combined with observations of the landscape in the field, to study how the continents develop and deform on all scales. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2002.

**Professor Lisa Hall** took up a 'New Blood' Lectureship in Biosensors in the University of Cambridge in 1985 and was elected a Fellow of Queens' in 1988. Before coming to Cambridge she was an MRC Research Fellow at Imperial College, London, then at the University of Oxford. In 1999 she became a Reader in Analytical Science in the Institute of Biotechnology and since 2003 has served as Professor of Analytical Biotechnology. From 2010 – 2018 she was Deputy Head (Research) at the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, then Head of Department 2018-20. Until her retirement she led the Cambridge Analytical Technology Group in the Department. She taught Chemistry in the Natural Sciences Tripos for Queens' for many years and has been a Tutor for both undergraduate and postgraduate students for a remarkable 34 years. She has particularly championed the postgraduate

community at Queens'. For many years she has also served as Senior Treasurer of the May Ball Committee and, happily, has agreed to continue that service. She also continues to organise the 'Midtable' dining for postgraduate students. She is the most senior female Fellow and was the first female professor at Queens'. In 2013 she was appointed Vice-President, serving for five years until 2018. In 2015, Lisa received a CBE for her services to Higher Education and to Sport for the Disabled. In 2001 she was awarded the Pilkington Prize for her work on TransEuropean postgraduate courses in Molecular Sensor Technology and in 2008 she co-founded CamBridgeSens, a strategic vision to bridge sensor research activities across the University of Cambridge. Lisa's research has been focused on the interface between biology and electronic, mechanical and optical systems to achieve measurement and diagnosis. She has worked especially on biosensors and diagnostic systems and has a special interest in diagnostics for low and middle income countries. She was awarded an Honorary DSc by the University of Chichester in 2018, in recognition of both her status as a role model for women in science and engineering and also her contributions to science and to widening participation in sport for the disabled. She has won a series of prizes and awards for her work, including the Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Chemistry in 2005. Lisa has been a generous donor to the College and *The Lisa Hall Postgraduate Scholarship* was endowed in her honour.

**Professor Rod Jones** became a Fellow of Queens' in 1990. He was a University Lecturer in Physical Chemistry and had previously worked at the Meteorological Office. He has taught Chemistry for Queens' for over thirty years and was an Assistant Director of Studies for the Natural Sciences Tripos. He was also a Tutor for several years and served as Vice-President from 2007 till 2013. In due course he was promoted to a readership in the University and then became Professor of Atmospheric Science. He was also Director of the Institute for Aviation and the Environment. Rod's research focuses on atmospheric chemistry and climate change, spectroscopy, and instrument development for field observations of the atmosphere. He founded the Facility for Airborne Atmospheric Measurements and is currently developing low cost sensors and sensor networks for air quality monitoring, personal exposure and health impacts of air quality, and using drones for atmospheric research. Rod was the inaugural *Trevor Bradley Fellow in Chemistry* at Queens'.

**Dr Thomas Forster**, who has been teaching Pure Mathematics for Queens' with great success since 2016 and also lectured extensively in the Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics, retired to Wellington in his native New Zealand in September 2022. He becomes a Fellow Emeritus.

**Dr Sarah Williams** has only been a Fellow in Physics and Director of Studies for Natural Sciences since October 2021. However, in that relatively brief time she has made a great impact on the College and become a much-valued member of the Society. She has been appointed to an Assistant Professorship in High Energy Physics in the University, but, sadly for Queens', this post is tied to a Fellowship at Murray Edwards College. She left Queens' in

February 2023, but will remain a Fellow Commoner for the rest of the academic year while she continues to teach for Queens'. *Sarah was the inaugural Shvidler Fellow in Natural Sciences.*

Fellows who were promoted last year by the University to full professorships (grade 12) and professorships (grade 11 – the old readerships) have announced their titles. **Professor James Campbell** is Professor of Architecture and Construction History; **Professor Ioanna Sitaridou** is Professor of Spanish and Historical Linguistics; **Professor Graham Denyer Willis** becomes Professor (11) of Global Politics and Society; **Professor Claude Warnick** is Professor (11) of Mathematical Physics.

**Mr Stephen Price** has been promoted to the Chair of Neurosurgical Oncology at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

**Dr Tim Eggington**, the Fellow Librarian, has been upgraded to an Official Fellowship from a Bye-Fellowship. **Emeritus Professor Richard Weber** has become a Bye-Fellow and will continue to assist with the teaching of Mathematics at Queens'.

**Lord Eatwell**, who was a Fellow of Trinity College for many years before becoming President of Queens', has been elected a Fellow Emeritus of Trinity. He has also received the honorary degree of Doctor of Policy Research and Practice from the University of Bath.

The Senior Bursar, **Mr Jonathan Spence**, has been appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire. His duties are to assist the Lord Lieutenant and represent her at local ceremonies and official events. The appointment will not affect his work and responsibilities at Queens'.

**Professor Richard Prager** has been appointed Chief Scientific Adviser to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

In December it was announced that **Professor Lisa Hall** had been awarded the MRC Millenium Medal. The medal, specially created by the Royal Mint, is the Medical Research Council's most prestigious personal prize and is presented each year to an outstanding researcher who has made a major contribution to the MRC's mission to improve human health through world-class medical research. Lisa was recognised for her "pioneering multidisciplinary work and key translational impacts in biotechnology and biosensor design", especially her transformational work on glucose biosensors, and "for using synthetic biology techniques to develop new diagnostics and environmentally sustainable local manufacturing techniques that will benefit the NHS and provide beneficial solutions for low and middle-income countries." She was presented with the Medal at an MRC meeting in Birmingham in March.

In June it was announced that **Dr Eamonn O'Keefe**, one of the College's Research Fellows, had been awarded the André Corvisier Prize by the International Commission for Military



History. The Prize is awarded for the best PhD thesis in military history completed at any university in the past calendar year.

**Professor Clare Bryant** has been elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology. In April news came that she has also been elected a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales. **Professor Martin Dixon** has been elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.

In the annual round of internal promotions in the University announced in June 2023, **Professor Christopher Bickerton** has been promoted to a full (Grade 12) professorship. **Dr Peter McMurray** has been upgraded to an Associate Professorship (Grade 10) and **Dr Lisa Mullen** became a 'Senior Teaching Associate'.

**Dr Simon Goldman**, a graduate of Melbourne University who completed a PhD in Experimental Psychology at Queens' in 2011 has become a Fellow Commoner. He is currently Investment Director of the UCL Technology Fund for Albion Capital. He teaches banking and finance for Queens' but has also been a major supporter of the Queens' Entrepreneurship initiatives. **Mr Robert Jeffrey**, who has coached for the Boat Club for many years and has been a consistent friend of the College, has also been elected as a Fellow Commoner.

The new *Rokos* PDRAs, appointed from October 2022, are **Dr Ayse Derya Cavga** (Biochemistry), **Dr Lorena Escudero Sánchez** (Radiology), **Dr Paul Lohmann** (Economics), **Dr Vihanga Munasinghe** (Chemistry), **Dr Joana Nascimento** (Social Anthropology), **Dr Peter Ochieng** (Computer Science), **Dr Anna Luna Post** (History), and **Dr Claire West** (Earth Sciences/Chemistry). In addition, three postdoctoral researchers at the El-Erian Institute have become College PDRAs with dining privileges on High Table. They are **Dr Michael Kaiser**, **Dr Atiyeh Yeganloo** and **Dr Malte Dewies**.

JONATHAN HOLMES

## THOMAE SMITHI ACADEMIA

This academic year the Thomae Smithi Academia returned to its full calendar of five meetings. As ever, these were held in the Old SCR on Monday evenings at 8.45p.m., where a fifteen-minute presentation to the Fellowship on a topic of general interest was followed by an hour's wide-ranging discussion.

For the benefit of the many Fellows new to the Society, the first event on the calendar in October served in part as an introduction to the society, its history and its purpose. **Dr David Butterfield** introduced a discussion on the title 'Sir Thomas Smith, the Thomae Smithi Academia, and the Challenges of Fellowship'. Then in November **Dr Ramsey Faragher** presented a sobering talk on the theme: 'The Driverless-Car Revolution: Will it Come?'

In the Lent Term, **Dr Jasmin Jahić** offered wide-ranging reflections about the 'Loss of knowledge in the digital world', and in March **Dr Andrew Thompson** presented the annual wine meeting on the theme 'Rhône Reflections'.

At the final meeting of the academic year, in May, **Dr Jamie Blundell** presented a paper on the question 'Can we predict who will get cancer?', which led to a lively discussion about things that matter.

DAVID BUTTERFIELD

## SIR JOHN MICHAEL MIDDLECOTT BANHAM, KT, D.L., M.A.

HONORARY FELLOW 1989-2022

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Sir John Banham, former Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry and business leader, died a few days before his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 9 August 2022. He had been in poor health for some time. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of Queens' in 1989 whilst at the C.B.I. and was a generous supporter of the College.

John Michael Middlecott Banham was born on 22 August 1940 in the Palace Hotel, Torquay, transformed, during the War, into an R.A.F. Hospital. His father **Terence Middlecott Banham** (Queens' 1931) was a doctor and surgeon, serving with the R.A.F. at the time, and his mother Belinda became a National Health Service administrator and was later awarded the C.B.E. for her work. After the War the family moved to a home near Truro. John always regarded Cornwall as home and was proud to be appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of that county in



1999. He attended Charterhouse and came up to Queens' in 1959. He read the Moral Sciences (now Philosophy) Tripos for Part I, but changed for his third year to specialise in Psychology within the Natural Sciences Tripos, gaining a first. He played hockey for the College. After graduation, he joined the Foreign Office as an Assistant Principal, but left after two years, working briefly for the advertising agency J Walter Thomson, before four years as Director of Marketing for the Wallcoverings Division of the paper manufacturer Reed International, where he introduced ready-pasted wallpapers. He then joined McKinsey and Co., the American-based management consultancy, becoming its youngest UK-based Director in 1980. He gained wide

experience of British industry whilst at McKinsey and Co. and was responsible for consultancy assignments in engineering, aviation, food processing, mineral extraction and several other manufacturing and service firms. From this period of his career date the publication of two books: *Future of the British Car Industry* (1975) and *Realising the Promise of a National Health Service* (1977).

In 1983 he began his career in public service on becoming the first Controller of the new Audit Commission, set up to improve efficiency in local government with a mandate to obtain better value for money in areas such as community care, the management of education and council housing. He wrote a number of reports for the Audit Commission on education, housing, social services and local government finance. His particular bugbear was the inefficient management of resources and he was ruthless in exposing overspending both by local authorities and by Whitehall. Then in 1987 he was appointed Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, the employers' organisation. His appointment coincided with the zenith of the Thatcher era. Under his predecessor the C.B.I. had often been very critical of Government, characterised by "generalised whingeing" about Government policy, but Banham ushered in an era of co-operation, campaigning to overcome some of the UK's perceived 'competitive handicaps' and urging investment in innovation, skills training and inner-city infrastructure. He was nevertheless never backward in criticising the Government if he felt they were not helping business prospects or were introducing policies which were a hindrance to employers and businesses. The C.B.I. was well-known for its authoritative business opinion surveys, and Banham not only publicised these but used them to come up with policy ideas. He extended his tenure of office until after the 1992 General Election and was knighted for services to British business in the New Year Honours that year. He wrote important papers for the C.B.I. on the UK economy, on skills, transport, the infrastructure, urban regeneration and manufacturing.

John Banham continued his public service as Chairman of the Local Government Commission for England 1992-95, introducing several much needed reforms, including the establishment of 48 new 'unitary authorities' and the restoration of several historical county boundaries altered in the 1972 reorganisation of local government. In 1994 he wrote a book *The Anatomy of Change: blueprint for a new era*. He also chaired the Retail and Consumer Affairs Foresight Panel 1997-2001 and the Future Homes Commission.

After leaving the C.B.I., he built up a very distinguished and influential business career as a company director and chairman. From 1992 till 1995 he was Chairman of John Labatt (Europe) (later Labatt Breweries of Europe) – the European arm of the well-known Canadian brewers – and also of West Country Television, which was to take over the South West franchise for ITV in 1993. He was at the same time Chairman of the private equity group ECI Ventures 1992-2005. In 1994 he took over as Chairman of the building materials firm Tarmac, a post which he held until 2000 and two years later also became Chairman of the retailer Kingfisher. From 2000 until 2005 he was Chairman of Whitbread and was instrumental in moving the company from concentrating mainly on brewing and pubs to acquiring interests in hotels and other sectors of the leisure industry. Other chairmanships included Geest 2002-05, Cyclacel Ltd 2002-6, Spacelabs Healthcare Inc 2005-08 and finally from 2006 until 2011 the major chemical manufacturer Johnson Matthey. He was also at various times a Director of the National Westminster Bank, of National Power, of the Merchants Trust, of Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, and of Invesco. All these companies thrived under his guidance and leadership and he liked to point out that his pension pot consisted solely of shares in companies he had helped to run. He was once described as Britain's most successful business leader.

He continued also with some public service and charitable work. He was a Director and Member of the Board of Business in the Community, a Member of the Council of Management of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, a Member of the Governing Body of the London Business School, a Managing Trustee of the Nuffield Foundation and Honorary Treasurer of the Cancer Research Campaign. In 2001 he chaired an enquiry into the adequacy of savings patterns for the Institute of Actuaries. He received an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Bath, and Honorary Doctorates of Science from the Universities of Loughborough, Exeter and Strathclyde. He was also an Honorary Fellow of the City and Guilds of London Institute and was made the first Fellow of Cornwall College when it gained its independence.

John Banham was a man of strong self-confidence. He was never afraid to express his opinions or to make his views clear, forthrightly if necessary. He once said of City analysts who were talking down British prospects, for instance, that they were a "lemming brigade" spouting "hysterical nonsense". If he was more high-profile than many of his predecessors at the C.B.I., then his frankness and flair for publicity served to keep the organisation and the interests of its members in the news. He became highly regarded as a business speaker and made regular appearances discussing business matters on television and radio. He

chaired South West Enterprise 1995-98 and produced a *Plan for Growth for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly* to help the local enterprise partnership. He had a passionate interest in urban regeneration and social housing and advised Cornwall County Council on housing projects later in his life.

He was a senior Freemason, a grand deacon of the United Grand Lodge of England. He was a very keen sailor, a passion ignited by messing about in boats on the River Fal as a boy. He was involved in the notorious Fastnet Race of 1979 when a Force 11 gale hit the fleet. The yacht he was crewing reached safety unharmed but many boats and several lives were lost. In 1965 he married Frances Favell, a mental health worker from Cornwall, who survives him along with their son, Mark, two daughters, Serena and Morwenna, and eight grandchildren. He loved walking – hiking for many years in the Pyrenees. He also played tennis and even ran the London marathon in 1984. He became passionate about gardening and “ground clearing” in the seven acres of garden at the family home in Penberth, near Penzance, which had been in his wife’s family for over a century.

## **BRIAN SEBASTIAN PULLAN, M.A., PH.D., F.R.HIST.S., F.B.A.**

FELLOW 1963-72

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Brian Pullan, who has died aged 87, was an Official Fellow of Queens' for nine years from 1963. During that time he served the College as a Tutor, as Praelector, and as Director of Studies in History, and many have fond memories of his personality and of his contributions to the College. He was born in 1935 and educated at Epsom College. After two years National Service in the Royal Regiment of Artillery 1954-56, he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, staying on after his undergraduate career to study for a PhD. He was a Research Fellow of Trinity 1961-1963. He came to Queens' as a College Lecturer in History and Official Fellow in August 1963, not long before his appointment by the University in 1964 as an Assistant Lecturer in

the Department of History. He was promoted to University Lecturer in 1967. At Queens' he was a very conscientious, caring and effective tutor. Professor Allan Hayhurst particularly remembers his speech at a Governing Body meeting in defence of students involved in the Garden House Hotel riot in the Lent Term 1970: "It was about how frequently students get drunk and that drunkenness comes in many forms, including political drunkenness..." As a member of the 'Council of the Union' he did his best to bridge what he perceived as a serious gap and failure of communication between students and dons at the time. He supervised in both Medieval and Early Modern History and was at first Assistant then full Director of Studies in History. He is remembered as very supportive of his students and as a source of great encouragement in their studies and careers, especially if they continued on to a PhD. One of his History students, **Dr Rory Miller**, has said, "He was an extremely pleasant and approachable man who always had time for his students". One of those he mentored and supervised was the late **Paul Ginsborg** (subsequently a Research Fellow, a University Lecturer and an Honorary Fellow – obituary in the 2022 *Record*) and introduced him to the history of Venice and Italy.

He was appointed Professor of Modern History at the University of Manchester, starting in January 1973. He went on to serve as Dean of the Faculty of Arts there from 1982 to 1984 and stayed at Manchester for the rest of his career. He also served as Chairman of Ashburne Hall, a hall of residence on the Fallowfield Campus. He became an Emeritus Professor when he retired in 1998. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1985, serving on its Council from 1990-93, and, in 1991, he was awarded the Academy's Serena Medal for his contribution to the humanities. He was in addition a Corresponding Fellow of Ateneo Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti.

His translations of important medieval documents, *Sources for the History of Medieval Europe from the Mid-eighth to the Mid-thirteenth Century*, were begun when he was still a student and published in 1966. **Professor Joseph Canning** has written, "[this book] is extremely useful for teaching purposes – there is nothing else like it. It is wide-ranging at the ecclesiastical and political levels. It was a considerable achievement of translation done right at the beginning of his career." His research and writing centred on the early Renaissance in Italy and in particular the social and economic history of the Venetian state. He published many articles and, while he was at Queens', he also edited *Crisis and Change in the Venetian Economy in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries* (1968). In 1973 he published *A History of Early Renaissance Italy*. In 1971 he had published *Rich and Poor in Renaissance Venice: The Social Institutions of a Catholic State to 1620*, perhaps his most important work, some 650 pages long. It deals with the *scuole grandi*, Catholic devotional and charitable institutions in the city, later philanthropic and educational institutions in Venice, designed from the mid-fifteenth century to deal with severe and endemic poverty, and government systems of cheap credit, also established in the mid-fifteenth century, in which Jewish bankers and Christian pawnshops were actively involved. He delved further into Jewish Italian history,

publishing *The Jews of Europe and the Inquisition of Venice, 1550-1670* in 1983. He also wrote a series of important articles on the Venetian attitude to Jews and their moneylending, including a translation of one case, *The Trial of Giorgio Moreto before the Inquisition in Venice, 1589*, which appeared in *Judicial Tribunals in England and Europe, 1200-1700* (2003), which he edited with Maureen Mulholland and Anne Pullan. He continued his work on early modern Catholic charity and associated policy. His book *Poverty and Charity in Europe, Italy, Venice 1400-1700* came out in 1994 and *Tolerance, Regulation and Rescue: dishonoured women and abandoned children in Italy 1300-1800*, his last major work, was published in 2016. In addition, he co-edited *Town and Townspeople – Medieval and Renaissance Europe: essays in memory of Kenneth Hyde* (1990) and *Venice: a Documentary History 1450-1630* (1992).

Such was his reputation as a scholar of Venice that he was consulted by the UK Film Council about their film production of *The Merchant of Venice*, starring Al Pacino as Shylock, in 2004 to ensure authenticity. He made a number of suggestions about friars, soldiers and even appropriate dress for Shylock's servants, all of which were followed.

In retirement he turned his hand to researching the history of his adopted university. There followed two volumes: *A History of the University of Manchester 1951-1973*, which was published by Manchester University Press in 2000, and *A History of the University of Manchester 1973-1990*, which came out in 2014.

Brian listed his hobbies in *Who's Who* as 'dogs and theatre'. In 1963 Brian married Janet Maltby, who is also fondly remembered by Queens' students as the co-host of many tutorial parties and dinners. They had two sons. Janet died in 2018 and Brian is survived by his children and grandchildren. Martina Mampieri in '*Humanities and Social Sciences online*' has written that Brian will be remembered as "a beloved teacher and mentor with a quiet, humble and warm temperament". The Italian food writer and historian Luca Marchiori wrote, "I chose my university, the Victoria University of Manchester, UK, because it was, at the time, the only British university that had a professor who taught Venetian history. And so, in the early 1990s I came into contact with the wonderful Professor Brian Pullan. Unlike, sadly, many of the academics in the Department of History, Professor Pullan actually cared about his students and oozed love and passion for Venice".

## PETER RAYNOR MACDONALD STEELE, M.A., M.B., B.CHIR., PH.D., F.R.C.PATH

FELLOW 1976-1981

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Peter Steele, who was a Fellow of Queens' 1976-81, has died at the age of 79. He was a University Lecturer in Pathology and supervised the medical, veterinary and biological natural sciences students at Queens' in that subject. He also served as Tutorial Bursar.

Peter was born in Scunthorpe to Arthur and Margery, the second of five children. When he was 12, the family moved to Norwich. His father, an Anglican clergyman, was Rector of St Augustine's church, Norwich, and Chaplain of H.M. Prison, Norwich. Peter attended Norwich School where he excelled academically. He also played the violin and viola in school and local orchestras. Encouraged

by his uncle **Russell Taylor** (Queens' 1932), Peter won a place to study Natural Sciences for Medicine at Queens' in 1963. He loved Cambridge and threw himself into every aspect of life as an undergraduate, playing table tennis, joining the judo club and once even crossing the River Cam on stilts! He also famously on one occasion walked from King's Lynn to Cambridge, winning notoriety in the local press. He specialised for Part II of the Tripos in Pathology.

Always academically curious, Peter went on to study for a PhD in Pathology, researching in cryobiology and studying the T4 Bacteriophage, before completing his medical studies. He gained his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1972, training at the Middlesex Hospital and the Central Middlesex Hospital where he met his wife, Evelyn. After qualifying as a doctor, Peter worked first in Ipswich and then in Orsett Hospital, Essex, before a chance conversation with Professor Roger Greaves, a former Head of the Department of Pathology and one of Peter's PhD supervisors, led him to return to Cambridge in 1974 as a Demonstrator (Assistant Lecturer) in Pathology. Concurrently he was an Honorary Registrar in Morbid Anatomy, gaining valuable autopsy and histopathology experience at Addenbrooke's Hospital. He was upgraded to Lecturer in 1979. Peter was elected as a Fellow of Queens' in 1976 and became Tutorial Bursar the following year. He was also appointed as one of the Fellows on the Council of the Union. The College and his supervisees enjoyed his congenial company and lively and friendly manner. His family enjoyed several very happy years in Cambridge.

In 1981, looking for a new challenge, Peter left his beloved Cambridge when he was offered the position of Consultant Pathologist in Chester. Now with two young children, Peter and Evelyn settled in Chester, living close to the city centre and making many lifelong friends.



Peter enjoyed his job and investigated many complicated cases over the years. He was based at the Countess of Chester Hospital and was one of the early implementers of the National Cervical Cytology Screening Programme. He regularly attended the Coroners Court and Crown Court to give evidence as an expert witness. This responsibility always weighed heavily on him and after 24 years, when he turned 60, he took the decision to retire.

In his retirement, Peter enjoyed watching sport and playing snooker, walking in the Welsh mountains and spending time with his grandchildren. He also took the opportunity to travel and, as a reluctant flyer, discovered the joy of cruises. He and Evelyn visited destinations across the globe, including the North Pole, Antarctica, China, New Zealand and the Caribbean. Peter lived life to the full and remained academically and intellectually engaged with medicine throughout his life. He passed away peacefully after a short illness in January 2023. He is survived by his loving wife Evelyn, daughter Sarah and son Alasdair, as well as four grandchildren, of whom he was very proud.

## THE STAFF

With the College back in full swing after the pandemic, there have been many staff changes as Cambridge life settles back to more normal times. We said goodbye this year to Claudio Lupu, Nixon Lapuz, Lorena Paton, Fabio Stochino, Kinga Brackaczek, Brendon Hyde and Andrea Salamon-Molnar (all members of the Catering Department), Siân Bex (Tutorial Office), Steve Moule (Maintenance), Ross Albon (Gardens), and Francé Davies, Yee Voong, Sophie Beedell, Emanuela Costanza, Margaret Cook, Emma Charlesworth and Rebecca Sharkey (Alumni Office). After almost 20 years of service to Queens', Peter Maiden retired from the Gardens Department. Janis Cross (Human Resources Manager) has also retired after 28 years at Queens'.

There have been many new Members of Staff to welcome: Adam Lesko, Jack Wells, Erban Kullolli, Adam Oxford, Vasile Stan, Natalie Mosiaeva, Luke Moy, Lora Mustafa, Alice Clarke, Pawel Jonczak, Denis Demydchuk, Gtye Lenickaite, Krisztina Lisovoj, Aikaterini Katsarou, Cristian Lella, Toma Lenickaite, Harriet Riches and Reece Seppings in Catering. Robin Gillan has started in the Gardens Department. Charlotte Armstrong has become the new Widening Participation and Access Worker and Jess Spicer is the new PA to the Senior Tutor. John Bull and Jonathan Lock have joined the Maintenance Team. Eleanor Joyce, Hannah Badger, Eden Dudley, Joseph Paskiewicz and Emily Walsh are new in the Alumni Office. Kemi Fadero has joined the Health & Wellbeing Team. Jon Chiffins and Toby Howe are new members of the IT Team and we have welcomed Silvija Moss as our new HR Manager and Jemma O'Grady as the HR Administrator. Emma Sibbald joined the College as Library Graduate Trainee in

September. Manolo Lagana is to be congratulated on his promotion to Food & Beverage Service Supervisor and Michal Wolf on his promotion to Section Chef (Chef de Partie).

The Sports and Social Club have begun running events again. In March there was a trip to the Varsity Rugby Match. In May, trips to Africa Alive and Southwold and in June to BBC Gardeners World and Food Show.

Enzo Apuzzo (Senior Chef de Partie) has celebrated 20 years at Queens' and Sebastian Kurowski and Natalja Kovaltsuk (Housekeeping) and Andrew Wilson (Hospitality and Operations Manager) have reached the 15 year mark. Julia Calver (Tutorial Office), Fiona Simm (Head of Domestic Services), Anna Karpinska and Ivana Coganova (Housekeeping) and Rubarajah Ratnasingam (Kitchens) have now been working for Queens' for ten years.

#### **LORRAINE M LOFTUS**

*Bursars' Assistant*

## **THE FABRIC**

The ever-challenging economic backdrop left by the pandemic and heightened levels of inflation have challenged both external revenue streams and procurement. The College has continued to work within sensible financial restrictions, focusing maintenance and project activity on safety-related and business-critical repairs, whilst continuing to progress planned capital projects to decarbonise the estate.

A wonderful donation from one of our Fellow Benefactors towards works specifically related to Cripps Court, has meant the Cripps Dining Hall Lantern, the beautiful vaulted ceiling and external light source to the Hall, has been carefully refurbished. The works included installing an ambitious scaffold from Cripps Court, up and over the Armitage Room, and on to the Dining Hall roof. The scaffold was also suspended within the Hall to allow the Hall to remain operational throughout the works. New glazing with remote window shutters was installed alongside new energy-reducing LED lights. Finally, an external access ladder will be installed during August 2023.

In the President's Lodge the cloakroom area has been refurbished and expanded, and the final dormer windows on the rear of the Lodge have been repaired and insulated.

The Housekeeping and Maintenance Departments have continued their ambitious refurbishment project of the external properties on Panton Street and in Newnham,

replacing kitchens, bathrooms, fitted furniture and fixings, bringing the accommodation up to modern standards. The final stage will be the college properties on Norwich Street and Maids Causeway, planned for summer 2023.

To transition towards Net Zero Carbon by 2045, a masterplan has been developed from the site-wide energy assessment and estate decarbonisation study completed in 2022. Several major projects have been identified, including a complete refurbishment of the Erasmus Building. Throughout the last year, a detailed design has been developed and we are currently awaiting feedback on the planning application. The Erasmus roof will be utilised to discreetly house air source heat pumps, and it is estimated that this area of heat generation will be sufficient to feed Erasmus, Friars and Dokett Buildings. Funding this work will be challenging and the College is seeking low carbon government grants. It is hoped this project can start in 2024/25.

Sadly, the Owlstone Croft masterplan was refused planning permission in January 2023. This followed a protracted planning review process which gained the full support of the City Council Planning Officers, but, despite being put forward as recommended for approval, the local Councillors refused the application. The fundamental objective for this project is to create a community and homes for our postgraduate students at Owlstone Croft. The homes would be supported by inspirational study and community space and enhance the existing Owlstone Croft site, meeting our educational needs and accommodation objectives. The plans also included degassing the existing buildings and enhancing the biodiversity of the site by over 50%, with new trees and native hedgerow and a wetland meadow. Following the refusal, the College has launched an appeal, and will seek a public inquiry over the summer of 2023.

On a more positive note, the College was successful in securing a fantastic new property on Grange Road. The house and grounds were previously owned by the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology and provide over 30 bedspaces, study and work rooms. This strategic purchase will enable the series of refurbishment and sustainability projects, including the Owlstone Croft development, which will result in a disruption to student accommodation over the next 10-15 years. With the Grange Road property, the College will no longer need to seek alternative external accommodation solutions for students whilst tackling large scale developments.

**ANDREW BAINBRIDGE**

*Domestic Bursar*

## THE GARDENS

2022 was the warmest year on record since records began in 1884. Rainfall was below normal through the first two-thirds of the year, but was followed by a wet autumn. Winter overall was marginally milder and somewhat drier than average. Extreme temperatures during the year in Cambridge were a high of 39°C in July and a low of -10°C in December.

Environmental conditions continue to provide challenges for gardeners. The hard winter frost in December killed many plants that had survived previous cold winters. The cold spell killed most of our established *Penstemons*, *Hebes*, *Pittosporum* 'Tom Thumb', *Agapanthus* and *Trachleospurnum Jasminoides*, resulting in a large amount of replanting in late spring. Then the warmer than average June 2023 triggered many plants to flower earlier than usual. This premature flowering meant the college gardens looked at their best for Graduation and the following Open Days.

Ongoing problems with lawn pests and periods of drought have forced us to rethink the type of grass we use in our lawns. Last autumn we changed our grass seed species and over seeded with a fescue grass seed mix containing *Festuca Arundinacea*. This species roots up to seven times deeper than perennial rye and fescue grass species. Time will tell if this will be a success. Also, the increase of box blight and box moth caterpillar are a great threat to our box hedges, an infestation of the caterpillar can defoliate a hedge in days, weakening the plant causing premature death. The small ermine moth caterpillar causes similar damage to *Euonymus* and *Prunus* species. Control for both pests is achieved by cultural methods and regular spraying through the caterpillar stage of their lifecycles.

Cripps Lawn was graded and reseeded with shade tolerant grass seed after the work on the Cripps Hall lantern was completed in spring 2023. A mass planting of crocuses will take place around the mulberry tree later in the year.

An arrangement of pots was introduced next to the *Prunus* trees in the Round: a display of tulips in the spring followed in the summer by a tropical display of *Dahlia*, *Canna tropicana* and *Pelargoniums*.

Improvements were made to a memorial border on Erasmus Lawn. Three struggling *Betula* 'albosinensis' trees were replaced with *Betula utilis* 'Jacmontii'. The soil level was raised with metal edging and the border planted with mainly spring planting: *Uvularia*, *Huchera*, *Cornus* 'Annys winter orange', *Pulmonaria*, all under planted with spring crocus.

There have been some staff changes in the Gardens Department. Peter Maiden retired after 22 years' service to the College and Ross Albon moved on to pastures new after 8 years' service. Robin Gillan has joined us from Trinity Hall.

**IAN PATTERSON**, *Life Fellow and Garden Steward*  
**STEVE TYRRELL**, *Head Gardener*

## THE CHAPEL AND FAITH CENTRE

New faces and a new space have been a feature of life in the Chapel and Faith Centre this academic year. **The Revd Anna Jones**, Chaplain, and **Mr Nick Morris**, Director of Music, arrived to take up their respective posts in September and moved into offices in FF8, Cripps Court, which now functions as the Queens' Faith Centre. Having this facility set aside for people of all faiths and none to share significantly enhances the College's support for faith-based activity, dialogue and shared hospitality within the community. It builds on and enhances the provision previously arranged in AA14 by the Dean of Chapel, and has quickly become home to termly gatherings of JSoc, occasional events organised by ISoc, weekly meetings of the College Christian Union, the Chapel book group, an Interfaith Photovoice workshop on gratitude, and a variety of activities to promote wellbeing.

After the pandemic hiatus, Chapel worship settled from the start of the Michaelmas Term into a regular pattern of Choral Evensong on Sundays and Wednesdays, and Choral Compline on Fridays (with the fatal attraction of drinks and doughnuts) during Full Term, punctuating the annual round of prayer beginning with the morning office each weekday at 8.15am, preceded by a period of silent prayer. National and world events provided ample occasion for additional intercessions within and beyond these times, including for people affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, prayers marking the anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and Holocaust Memorial Day.

The death of our Patroness, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, was marked on several occasions in Chapel, including a short sequence of prayers at the beginning of the official period of mourning, a service on the morning of the state funeral, and a choral commemoration service on 19th October, which included a tribute from the President and a homily by the Dean of Chapel. **The Revd Tim Harling's** celebration of the late Queen's integrity prompted a sermon series during the Lent Term looking at questions of integrity from a variety of different denominational and thematic angles. We are grateful to the Revd Bill Miller (Lead Minister, Cambourne LEP), Mrs Marisa Johnson (Clerk to the Cambridgeshire Area Quaker Meeting), the Revd Andrew Hurst (Circuit Judge, and Assistant Curate, St Mark's Newnham), the Revd Dr Carole Irwin (Lyn's House, Cambridge), Fr Paul Keane (Chaplain, Fisher House Catholic Chaplaincy), and the Revd Naomi Nixon (CEO, Student Christian Movement) for their thought-provoking contributions, bookended by the Chaplain and Dean of Chapel. The home team dominated the preaching schedules during the Michaelmas and Easter Terms, which featured two sermons by the Dean Emeritus, **the Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes**, and further contributions by the new incumbents of two of the College's local livings, the Revd Jonathan Collis (Rector, St Botolph's Church, Cambridge) and the Revd David Newton (Team Rector, the Lordsbridge Team, which includes St Helen's, Little Eversden) during the Michaelmas Term, and others from Dr Gemma Simmonds SJ (Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology), Dr Rachel Holdforth (Chaplain, Westcott House), and former Queens' chorister Dr Robert Hawkins (ordinand, Westcott House) in the Easter Term.

A new weekly book group brought together students, staff and fellows to think about a Christian response to climate change (prompted by Nicholas Holtham's *Sleepers Wake*) in the run up to Advent; provoked serious reflection on the merits of logotherapy via Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning* as part of our commemorations of Holocaust Memorial Day during the Lent Term; and opened a window onto the spiritual wisdom of Julian of Norwich as we marked the 650<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her revolutionary text *The Revelations of Divine Love* (via Robert Fruehwirth's book *The Drawing of this Love*). A small band of pilgrims visited the site of the cell occupied by Julian during her career as an anchorite in Norwich during May Week, and her spirit will be kept alive in Chapel through a weekly Julian group meeting for 30 minutes of silent prayer and contemplation which will carry over into the new academic year.

The compression of Cambridge full term means that any collective celebration of Christmas in College comes extremely early, this year displacing Advent Sunday with exhortations to 'Hark the herald angels sing', much enhanced by additional contributions from the Chapel Choir. Those of us around a bit further into December were able to come together to sing carols again at the Staff Carol Service, this time led by the Graduate Choir, which continues to provide valuable occasional liturgical musical support (this year including an evening Eucharist on Remembrance Sunday, a service for Ash Wednesday, and a sung Eucharist for Ascension Day, at which vestments belonging to the Canonesses of St Augustine, the previous occupants of 12 Grange Road, recently purchased by Queens', were worn), besides its own schedule of performances. A capacity congregation gathered at Chelsea Old Church, courtesy of the previous Chaplain, **the Revd Max Bayliss**, for the Alumni Carol Service last December.

The Chapel Choir was thwarted in its plans to sing Evensong at Peterborough Cathedral in February due to an outbreak of COVID in the ranks, but the virus didn't deter a visit from the choir of St Mary's, Richmond, under the direction of former organ scholar **Alex Berry** (2009) the following Sunday for a joint service of Choral Evensong, which made a joyful noise. Besides the revival of life events in Chapel post-pandemic – this year totalling 3 weddings, 2 blessings, one renewal of marriage vows, one baptism and one service of thanksgiving for the birth of a child – it is particularly good to be able to report the return of a foreign tour for the Chapel Choir, which visited Amsterdam in July (after a busy end of term schedule of commitments including the Leavers' Service and Alumni Garden Party) for services and a recital at the Nicolaasbasilek.

The outer edges of chaplaincy extend far beyond its visible fruits, and so we rejoice in the faith of our founders and benefactors who provided that we may continue such work beyond the surface, even as we trust that what is visible points beyond ourselves to greater glory.

**THE REVD ANNA JONES**

*Chaplain*

# THE LIBRARIES

## WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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The library and its services have shown significant progress this year, not least with the introduction of a collaborative workspace for undergraduate students located in Cripps Court (AA14). This new area, adorned with potted plants, reflects the more lively ambiance of the War Memorial Library, which also now features plants, decorated book displays, and an active whiteboard, populated by student comments and drawings.

In the Lent Term, the library's triennial undergraduate/graduate survey took place, and we extend our appreciation to all who shared their valuable insights. Overall, students were positive about library services although there are clear areas for continued improvement: the main complaint being lack of space for books and study. The survey reflected the precipitous increase in the use and availability of e-books since the pandemic, much of which has been paid for out of College library budgets. In nearly all subject areas, students welcome the convenience of e-books, although, for extended study, most students, particularly in humanities, continue to value printed books. This is reflected in our own statistics that show circulation of printed books has remained broadly constant over the past five years alongside the increased availability of e-books. The past year has seen a remarkable rise in the number of requests for the acquisition of physical books (an average of 4.5 books requested per week), supplementing our routine acquisition of essential reading list materials.

Our various preparations for the introduction of the foundation year at Queens' have included significant expansion of the WML collection. To accommodate these and other additions, we continue to relocate lesser-used items to stores in order to meet the perennial challenge posed by limited shelf space in the WML. Projects aimed at cataloguing modern special collections, such as the Theatre History Collection (donated by **Henry Burke** (1953) and **Bruce Cleave** (1953)), and the Local Collection (relating to College, University, and Cambridge), have already yielded fruitful outcomes as we begin to receive student requests to consult these books.

As ever, we are immensely grateful for the many titles that have been donated to the library over the past year. Donors include **Rev. Laurence Hubbard**, **Prof Rod Jones** (Life Fellow), **Dr Richard Kirk**, **Prof Dr Mim Kemâl Öke**, **Dr Rosa van Hensbergen**, **Eros Nicolaou**, **Michael Selby**, Jenifer Glynn and **Simon Mainwaring**.

## OLD LIBRARY

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The cataloguing and curation of the College's manuscripts has continued to take up a large proportion of Old Library staff time in 2022-3. It will be remembered that in October

2021, the College received a most generous donation of £50,000 for the digitisation of its medieval and other unique manuscripts from Dr Virge James in memory of her late husband **Dr Nigel James (1963)**. In April this year we were fortunate enough to receive from **Nigel Farrow (1958)** a further most generous gift of £85,000 to create and publish a new printed catalogue of the college's medieval, oriental, and early modern manuscripts together with a more general interest book about the Old Library. These are hugely important developments and essential to our efforts to raise the profile of our world class collection as a resource for teaching, research and outreach. Both projects have required much associated curatorial work (conservation, locating manuscript fragments in early printed books, assigning manuscript numbers, metadata creation, etc.). This work has been undertaken predominantly by our Rare Books Curator, **Lucille Munoz**, to whom I am most grateful.

By far the most significant project of the year has been our Old Library exhibition, entitled 'Enslavement and Salvation' (open during October-April). This represented the culmination of the college's Legacies of Enslavement investigation which began in the summer of 2020 as an all-college endeavour, later becoming more purely a library project. What did we discover? With its main source of income having been from fees and rents, there is little evidence to suggest that Queens' College ever invested in the South Sea or other slave-trading companies, the only known exception being some East India Company bonds purchased in the 1760s. Nevertheless, the College's connections to enslavement were extensive and multifarious. We discovered, for example, **Peter Moncrieffe** who matriculated at Queens' in 1829 as one of the University's first, if not the first, student of Black heritage. He was one of hundreds of Queens' students who progressed to careers in the Empire, as merchants, planters, administrators, commentators, clerics and much else. Many, if not most, who went to the Americas in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries would have interacted with enslavement in some shape or form. Out of the 2,000 people who were Queens' members between 1700 and 1833, thirty-five students were identified whose families had actively benefitted financially from slave holdings in the Americas. It seems inevitable there would have been more. As fee paying Fellow Commoners, these members donated library books and other gifts, and helped to finance the College which in turn laundered their family wealth into status and career opportunities facilitated through their association with Cambridge. It was, however, as an institution whose main task was to train Anglican clerics that Queens' became most famously associated with enslavement, and, of course abolitionism. Late eighteenth-century Queens' was a hotbed of evangelical Anglicanism. Its president, **Isaac Milner (1750–1820)**, was a close friend of William Wilberforce with whom he shared the same agenda for moral reform at home and abroad. Just one example of their worldview can be seen in the African Institution, an organisation headed by abolitionists including Wilberforce to which, we discovered, numerous Queens' members paid subscription fees, whilst others played leading roles in its affairs. Following the Abolition Bill of 1807, the African Institution announced its intention to promote "civilisation



and happiness" in Africa as a means to "repair" "those enormous wrongs which the natives of Africa" had endured as a result of the slave trade. A key objective was to relocate freed slaves from the Americas to Sierra Leone on the west coast of Africa. Enthusiasts for this plan envisaged a Christian dominion with a thriving economy, under British rule, that would form a blueprint for the "civilisation" of Africa. Such statements reflected not only the reforming ambitions of abolitionists but also their sense of cultural superiority, a combination which serves to underline how antislavery could itself drive British imperial expansion.

There are many different manifestations of this world view evident in the activities of Queens' members who pursued careers overseas. Our exhibition featured texts and other objects as a means to promote better understanding of the multifaceted part played by Queens' College and its members in this history. I'm glad to say that over five months we received nearly 1,400 visits to the exhibition and associated events. Visitors included school groups, students, academics and members of the general public. Many engaged us in conversation, revisited several times, and left thoughtful feedback. An extended online version of the exhibition and its accompanying booklet is accessible via the Queens' Old Library website. In addition, and very importantly, we have made all the research data about college members linked to enslavement available via the same website and we hope very much that this will serve as a basis for future research.

**TIM EGGINGTON**

*Fellow Librarian*

## ADMISSIONS

Building on our experiences from recent years, the undergraduate admissions round ran smoothly, with all interviews again taking place online. We expect school examination results to return to pre-pandemic patterns this summer and have adapted our offer-making accordingly. A large proportion of our offer holders visited Queens' for a dedicated event in April; we have learned that this is a valuable opportunity for them to meet members of the community and to experience College life. At the time of writing, in common with the majority of other colleges in Cambridge, we have agreed to continue with online interviews for a further year.

This academic year has seen a welcome return to in-person visits both to and from schools in our Link Areas of Bradford, Havering, Kent and Medway. We have engaged with over 100 schools and continue to work closely with IntoUniversity in Bradford; during the academic

year 2021-22, its first year of operation, the local learning centre supported over 900 young people to improve their attainment and to raise their aspirations. We will be inviting prospective undergraduate applicants to visit Queens' for open days in July and September, with the College's events fully in person again for the first time in several years.

The role of Admissions Tutor now also encompasses the admission of postgraduate students to Queens' and the disbursement of the College's postgraduate scholarship funds. As I write, we have almost completed the process of making offers to applicants who hope to join us as postgraduates from October 2023. I am pleased to report that we have awarded a significant number of postgraduate studentships, including several of the College's flagship **Alexander Crummell Scholarships** and the newly established **Lisa Hall Scholarship**. All of these financial awards will enable outstanding students to continue their academic studies as part of our community.

**DR SUSAN HAINES**

*Admissions Tutor*

# THE SPORTING RECORD

## ATHLETICS & CROSS-COUNTRY

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The Club has not been active this year. Several College athletes represented the University.

## BADMINTON

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The Queens' Badminton Club started slowly in the Michaelmas Term as we were not able to enter the Open League owing to administrative and timing issues. However, this lack of competition allowed us to pursue mixed training sessions through the term, helping the players to develop and increasing turnout, particularly among Freshers – there were over 50 sign-ups. These opportunities for improvement showed, as, despite early setbacks, the Women's Team ended the Term first in their division, with a game differential of +12 under a new league format: a fixture previously consisted of 9 doubles matches, but this was changed to 4 doubles matches and 3 singles matches.

In the Lent Term, the Queens' Men's Badminton Team participated in Division 3 of the College Open League and the Cuppers' tournament. Singles trials were conducted early in the term. Three first years, **Michael Lin**, **Arya Labroo** and **Adi Kalra**, joined the team. The players from the previous year were **Amey Madkaikar**, **Daryl Lee**, **Vaibhav Malhotra** and **Samyak Jain**. In the Open League, the men won three out of six fixtures in the league and a total of 24 games out of 42. We ranked 2nd overall and have been promoted to Division 2! Some notable performances were Arya winning five out of six of his singles league matches and Samyak and Amey winning all 12 of their doubles league matches.

Women's Badminton had an eventful Lent Term participating in the 2nd Division of the University-wide league. The team placed third overall, with a variety of players joining in each match. The Club members included **Kiran Basra**, **Amirah Marzook**, **Rachael Price**, **Drishti Angra**, **Heidy Chen**, **Saanya Verma**, **Alice Archer**, **Olivia Nutt**, **Megan Hodge**, and **Anna Fitzpatrick**.

*Women's Captain:* **Saanya Verma**, **Olivia Nutt** (Michaelmas)

*Men's Captain:* **Samyak Jain**

*Treasurer:* **Anna Fitzpatrick**

## BASKETBALL

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2022-23 was an undeniably triumphant year for the Queens' Basketball Team. With many of our previous players graduating, it was a year of fresh beginnings that was graced with a roster of new talents that showed promise from the onset. The team first displayed signs of potential in an engaging friendly match with Robinson College, our formidable adversary from last season. This marked the beginning of an impressive run in the Michaelmas Term, in which the Team swept the league with consecutive victories. Our long-standing partnership with Fitzwilliam College not only sharpened our performance but also strengthened our resilience. Through ups and downs, it ultimately led us to securing a commendable position among the top 16 in the Cuppers Tournament in early March.

The Lent Term did not come without its challenges. The demanding season took a toll on several key players resulting in injuries, and academic commitments further strained our resources. These circumstances left us facing formidable teams in less-than-ideal conditions with only five or six players. Yet, the team's indomitable spirit was on full display. We braved the odds, putting up a spirited fight that ended in a narrow loss in the Cuppers first round.

The season concluded on a high note with the team earning the chance to compete for promotion to Division 2. The Club managed to transition seamlessly from a senior-heavy roster to a team of fresh talent who are committed to playing for the next two years. This fresh pool of talent has laid a robust foundation that promises an exciting future for Queens' Basketball, reigniting our ambition to reclaim our position in Division 1, equalling our glorious promotion of three years ago.

Special commendation goes to **Thomas Militello**, who showcased extraordinary dedication to the team by stepping up to play amidst challenging circumstances. We also extend our gratitude to our partners at Fitzwilliam College for their steadfast logistical support.

As we look back on the 2022-23 season, it's clear that it was more than just a successful year – it was a testament to the team's unyielding spirit, resilience, and commitment to excellence.

*Captain:* **Peter Zeng**

*Vice-Captain:* **Kevin Lee**

*Team:* **Peter Zeng, Kevin Lee, Zerong Chen, Thomas Militello, Tom Tan**

## BOAT CLUB

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It has been another good year for the Club with a number of positive steps forward in its post-pandemic recovery. QCBC started the year by running a free barbeque for any new member of the College, at which people could come and try rowing for the first time. This served both to attract a wider range of novices than usual and to widen the Club's profile to the rest of the College. The eventual novice uptake was particularly strong this year, and it is hoped that the event can become a mainstay of Freshers' Weeks in the future!

QErgs was a great success this year, returning indoors to the Fitzpatrick Hall for the first time since 2019. For the first time, in conjunction with East Anglia Youth Rowing, children from local disadvantaged schools were invited to compete. The Club hopes to expand this 'access' programme in future years to help widen participation in rowing. The event itself was a huge success, with over 120 crews competing. Thanks must go to **Dominic Jephcott** (1988), **Toby King** (1989), **Paul Schreier** (1987) and **Simon Hartley** (1989) for a generous donation of £4,000 in support of the event.

Racing throughout the year has been very successful with QCBC crews putting in outstanding performances across all levels. We saw three sets of blades across the year: M1 in the Lent Bumps and W1 and W3 in the May Bumps. In addition, there was a win at Emma Sprints for NM1 and impressive performances off-Cam at HoRR and Met Regatta. **Brett Taylor** was selected for the winning Men's Blue Boat. As a result of this year's racing, the Club holds the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> positions respectively in the Men's and Women's First Divisions in the Mays.

With a strong group of first and second years on both sides, the future looks bright for QCBC. With the Clubs' funds finally merged and a new dedicated Senior Treasurer at the helm, significant progress can finally now be made in taking the next steps to compete with the largest clubs on the river.

*President:* **Freddie Floyd**

*Junior Treasurer:* **Josh Moore**

*Senior Treasurer:* **Dr Christopher Clark**

*Fellow Commoner:* **Mr Rob Jeffreys**

*Secretary:* **Lucy Jarrett**

*Men's Captain:* **Tim Robson**

*Women's Captain:* **Susanna Power**

*Men's Head Lower Boat Captain:* **Gus Molyneux**

*Women's Head Lower Boat Captain:* **Anna Jowett**

*Lower Boat Captains:* **Leena Mueller-Koegler, Flynn Ryan, Nimrah Ali**

*Coxes' Captain:* **Joe Walker**

*QERs:* **Heramb Modugula, Beanie Spain, Charlotte Smith**

*Alumni Officer:* **Hannah Baker**

*Sponsorship Secretary:* **Lucy Kirkwood**

*Webmaster:* **Matt Beton**

*Social Secretaries:* **Leena Mueller-Koegler, Flynn Ryan, Ines de Gruchy**

*Welfare Officers:* **Laura Hum, Brett Taylor**

*Crew Jester:* **Brett Taylor**

*Men's 1st Mays VIII:* **Ben Harding, Freddie Floyd, Gus Molyneux, Peter Stevens, Brett Taylor, Josh Moore, Flynn Ryan, Konstantin Hemker, Zak Smith**

*Women's 1st Mays VIII:* **Leena Mueller-Koegler, Abi Smith, Lucy Kirkwood, Anna Jowett, Rosie Aylard, Lucy Jarrett, Pippa Sayers, Susanna Power, Laura Hurn**

## CHESS

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The Queens' Chess Team has grown from strength to strength, and this year was another excellent year on the 64 squares! Queens' competed in the First Division of the inter-college league against nine other colleges. It was a 6-round Swiss-style tournament, with a final round in which teams adjacent to each other on the leader board played a match to determine the final position. Each match consists of three or four players from each college playing head-to-head games with each other, and the aggregate score from these games determines the result.

Queens' fought hard in the first six rounds, rotating between our squad of 5 people. We started off with an amazing 3-1 win against Trinity, the favourites to win the whole tournament, and continued to show great heart throughout the rounds against tough competition. There were wins against Churchill (3.5:0.5) and Clare (2.5:1.5), draws against Emmanuel and Corpus Christi (both 1.5:1.5) and a loss to Homerton (1-2). We ended the six rounds in 2nd place, which meant that we had to play 1st placed Trinity again in a match that would determine the winner of the Division.

This was a tense match, with a last-minute win squaring the contest at 2-2. This brought the match to a blitz tiebreak across all boards but Queens' couldn't get over the line. Overall,

this was a great performance from the team given the strength of the opposition. We will be back next year, and we are eyeing that first position!

*Captain:* **Riyaan Yesudian**

*Team:* **Riyaan Yesudian, Ivo Zerkov, Guy Flint, Mark Brandstaetter, Viktor Miykov**

## CLIMBING

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Queens' Climbing Club (QCC) is a beginner-friendly and welcoming society that is growing rapidly, along with the sport. We mainly focus on bouldering, but also run regular trips to top-rope and lead climbing walls for people to expand their climbing skills. As a very beginner friendly sport, bouldering is the perfect way for students to try something new at university, and a lot of our club members are relatively new to the sport.

After a successful year last year, QCC has retained its 2022 victory by placing 1st again in both the inter-collegiate Cuppers competitions this year. With more than 100 people in our WhatsApp group chat, it is no surprise that we are able to be so successful! As well as this, a lot of QCC members go on to compete for the University in national climbing competitions. The Cambridge University Mountaineering Club (CUMC) competition team has been very successful this year, placing first overall at the London University Bouldering Events, and placing highly in other competitions.

Our renowned merchandise allows QCC members to be very easily recognised at our local climbing wall, Rainbow Rocket, and seeing the gym filled with our T-shirts and hoodies is a proud moment for the President of the Club! There has been some controversy this year about where the most favoured bouldering wall is, with the small bouldering wall in the Kelsey Kerridge leisure centre becoming more popular, but I think Rainbow Rocket will always be the best.

*President:* **Emily Overington**

*Vice-President:* **Hiro Josep Farre**

*Social Secretaries:* **Guy Flint** and **Emily Giles**

*Social Media Secretary:* **Sam Wedgwood**

## CRICKET

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Having failed to get a Queens' cricket team out during the 2022 season, it was brilliant to see Queens' College Cricket Club in action again for the 2023 season. Following a tough Cuppers draw we ended up in a group with Caius, Fitzwilliam and Pembroke. Our first match was a win against Pembroke with a fantastic innings from **Aditya Kalra** carrying us through. Unfortunately, our next match against Fitzwilliam was rained off so the points were shared. Our final group game was against Caius, who proved to be too strong for us, despite a brilliant performance from **James Onley-Gregson** with both bat and ball. Caius progressed from our group, ending our Cuppers campaign. However, our final match of the season was against the Apothecaries & Artists CC, a touring side who were in Cambridge for the week. It was a lovely day out in the sun with match tea and beers courtesy of the visitors. Unfortunately, it ended in a thumping win for the Artists, even with another fantastic performance from James Onley-Gregson. James won his Blue and represented Cambridge at Lord's in the T20 match. **Susie Hicks Beach** won a Half Blue, representing Cambridge in the one day game – our first female Half Blue ever. Grace Burton also played at Lord's with Susie but was injured for the one day match.

*Captain:* **George Penney**

*Fellow Patron:* **Richard Rex**

*Hon Life Patrons:* **Dr Geoff Cook (1955)**

**Mr John Spencer (1969); Mr Nick Cosh (1965); Mr Stephen Fry (1978) MCC President 2022-23; Mr Tom Holland (1986)**

*Team members:* **George Penney, James Onley-Gregson, Aadam Basrai, Aditya Kalra, Aditya Krishna, Anshu Attavar, Anthony Shin, Arya Labroo, Cameron Hair, Jacob Freedland, Jonah Weiniger, Matt Covus, Noah Chamberlain, Oscar Drury, Saakithyan Sritharan, Tom Hinton**

## CROQUET

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A croquet team and club has not been constituted this year.

## DANCESPORT

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Several Queens' students competed for the University team at the IVDC national competition in February, and the Varsity Match in May. **June Song** placed fourth in the Intermediate Latin category and represented Cambridge A in the team match, at which Cambridge finished



as runners up to Imperial College, London. June and **Tom Hinton** were selected for the Cambridge A team in the Varsity Match, and **Daisy Clifford** and **Liv Wood** for Cambridge B – both teams beat their Oxford opponents to continue Cambridge's ten-year winning streak. Tom & June were awarded Half Blues for their results, and Tom has been elected First Team Captain for the University in the coming year.

*President:* **Tom Hinton**

*Vice-President:* **June Song**

## FOOTBALL

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### QUEENS' BOARS (Men & Non-Binary)

1<sup>st</sup> XI: Coming off a tough previous season, the Boars XI entered Division 1 in 2022/23 with high ambitions. A number of new faces joined the team. After a strong start, the Boars arrived at Christmas with a winning record. Their attacking style of play had led to high-scoring games (occasionally for both sides) and was capped by a 9-0 win over Selwyn to end the Term. The Lent Term started well with an 11-4 Cuppers victory over Lucy Cavendish, but this was unfortunately followed by a close defeat to League (and likely Cuppers) winners Fitzwilliam. Cuppers and poor weather left the Boars with two League games to play going into the Easter break, but looking to end the season on a high note, potentially finishing as high as second in the League should both matches be won.

*Captain:* **Toby Clark**

*Squad:* **Aidan Collins, Alberto Ferro, Avi Friedrich, Ben Brown, Ben Grace, Ben Harvey, Ben Sutton, Cameron Hair, Isaac Morley, Jonah Weiniger, Jyotirmoy Paul, Konstantin Hemker, Matt O'Donovan, Moritz Prybzilla, Oscar Selby, Sean Cusack, Stefan Titus-Glover, Tom Wooley, Wesley Barrett**

2<sup>nd</sup> XI: the 2022/23 season gave the Queens' Boars 2s an opportunity to solidify their position in Division 4 after a successful promotion campaign the previous season. The performance in the Michaelmas Term was characterized by fluid passing and pressing football, but also vulnerability to counter attacks and a failure to convert key chances. Thus the team came away with only one win and a draw. The feeling of underachievement after Christmas spurred the squad on, resulting in three important victories and a comfortable mid-table finish. The final game of the season saw a resounding 8-1 victory for the 2s against Churchill. If only we could have played them every week...

*Captain:* **Harry Cookson**

*Squad:* **Aadam Basrai, Alex Brooke, Archie Hardisty, Asa Kelsey, Beiting Wang, Braulio Cortavarria, Ewan Heaney, James Onley-Gregson, Jonah Weiniger, Joseph Musson, Kieran Russell, Matthew Warren, Oscar de Wit, Oscar Selby, Oscar Tam, Riyad Ahmed, Stefan Titus-Glover, Vincent Yung, Zac Tiller**

### **QUEENS' GREENS (Women & Non-Binary)**

The Queens' Greens had another year of great participation and engagement with football. We had a whopping 28-man squad to work with, which meant that we almost always had a full team for each game. Despite relegation and a pretty disastrous record this season, with score lines as bad as 15-0, we consistently had people turning up for matches as well as to training, a testament to how much fun we all had despite the score lines.

*Captain:* **Isabella Taylor**

*Squad:* **Abby Hallett, Amirah Sadeli, Anna Fitzpatrick, Ayoola Ishola, Benedetta Radice Fossati, Betty Blythe, Bissie Shupo, Elizabeth Neri, Emma Badman, Emmie Savory, Erika Dovey, Gemma Lindsey, Imogen Carter, Isla Stone, Izzy Lowe, Jenny Kretzschmar, Jessica Udeh, Josie Edwards, Julia Gog, Mia Griso Dryer, Polly Hipkiss, Ria Khan, Salomé Sivignon, Sara Fakouri, Sasha Glendinning, Scarlett Scott, Shannon Grimes, Vivian Wang**

[MCR FOOTBALL: the MCR Football team has amalgamated with the Queens' Boars and is no longer a separate entity.]

*QCAFC committee:*

*President:* **Shannon Grimes**

*Vice-President:* **Alberto Ferro**

*Senior Patron of Football:* **Dr Mohamed El-Erian**

*Senior Treasurer:* **Prof Julia Gog, OBE**

*Junior Treasurer:* **Mohamed El Daouk**

*Events Officer:* **Scarlett Scott**

*Communications Officer:* **Sean Cusack**

*Kestrels Players:* **Konstantin Hemker, Moritz Przybylla, Cameron Hair**

## HOCKEY

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Queens' College Hockey Club got off to a roaring start with over 25 new signups at the Queens' Freshers Fair. Alongside the introduction of a Thursday training session shared with Jesus College, it seemed the new team would only go from strength to strength. Sure enough, in the first few weeks rapid progress was made, both in team performance and in individual ability. There were two members who joined the team with no previous experience of hockey and it was immensely fulfilling to watch them develop across Michaelmas Term. This could not have been possible without funding to provide these members with the sticks and shin-pads needed for them to play, so a huge thank you goes out to our benefactors for enabling us to offer these to our new recruits.

Michaelmas Term, however, was not all sunshine and rainbows. On the contrary, it was quite possibly the wettest November on record, and it was a real testament to the Team that they came out to play each week – spurred on no-doubt by the Tesco brownies which became a staple feature at the end of each Sunday game.

Having reached the semi-finals last year, we had high hopes for Cuppers in Lent Term. However, not even a chocolate brownie could lead us to victory in our opening game against St John's/Newnham 1s as several of our players were away representing the University in their regional league games. Nonetheless, despite our early departure from Cuppers, attendance at training continued to flourish which stands us in good stead to take the trophy next year.

*Captain:* **Grace Burton**

## MIXED LACROSSE

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The Michaelmas Term started strongly with Queens' managing to get a full team out each week to compete against some of the strongest teams that Cambridge has to offer. Unfortunately, the budding enthusiasm of QCMLC was not enough to overcome the years of training that other colleges had had to develop. With a win, a draw and a few losses, we ended the term 6<sup>th</sup> in the League. Queens' were sadly relegated to the Second Division.

With winter weather taking over during the Lent Term and finalists starting to realise the importance of their looming exams, attendance took a turn for the worse. Only fielding a side for four out of six matches made the challenge of staying in Division 2 impossible. Despite some great new talent joining the side in the form of **Ben Sutton**, and a few players defecting to Queens' from the medics' team, we were not able to hold onto our position in the League. This gives us plenty of opportunity to regain our standing next year.

The final mixed lacrosse event on the college calendar was the long-awaited Cuppers Tournament held at the Wilberforce Road Playing Pitches. Queens' came out swinging, determined to show what a full team could produce. With the new additions of **Flynn Ryan** and **Erica Morgan**, QCMLC won a narrow victory over the medics, followed by a swift defeat of the Newpus side (Newnham and Corpus Christi). With two victories and two matches left in the group stage, things were looking up for the Team. However, spirits were dampened by both the loss of a few players and an hour-long torrential downpour. A man down, we now had to take on both Pitzwards and Robinson, needing one draw to be able to claim a place in the play offs. These two sides just managed to get a goal up on us, meaning we were sent home early. However, it was these two sides that went on to take both first and second in the tournament. With this in mind, the Queens' Team were very happy with the performance put out that day, and even happier with the brunch eaten afterwards.

All in all, the 2022/23 season was one of ups and downs, but still provided a great way to get more people trying out lacrosse for the first time.

*Captain:* **Matt Covus**

## NETBALL

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The ladies' team has had a very successful year with some incredibly strong players. Starting out in Division Two in the Michaelmas Term, the team won almost all the matches, resulting in promotion to the First Division. In the Lent Term, the team performed extremely well placing third at the end of the season. The most notable win being against top of the Division St John's.

In Cuppers the team were extremely successful in the pool stages, winning most of their matches in the double digits. In the quarter-final they had a tight match with Newnham but won by two goals, thus progressing to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals after an extremely well fought match the team just lost to an extremely strong Jesus team, who went on to win the tournament.

This year saw the reintroduction of a mixed team after its loss during Covid. It was hard to gather a team most weeks, however a few matches were played. These matches were a lot of fun for all involved. The Mixed Team also played in the pool stages of Cuppers. Hopefully the team can gain some more momentum in the coming years.

*Captain:* **Erica Morgan**

*Team members:* **Erica Morgan, Kate Godsmark, Lucy Dodd, Emily James, Eve Maylor,**

**Bissie Shupo, Emilie Pawels, Milly Dunne, Susie Hicks-Beach, Rosa Humphries, Lottie Butler, Katherine Tubbs, Laura Hurn, Olive Nicholson, Frankie Harley, Imogen Camp**

## PADDLE-BOARDING

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Bookings were quiet in October. Along with the former managers of the Society, the President repaired punctures in two boards and took stock of the inventory before taking over. The equipment wasn't in good condition as it had been poorly maintained by the users, so a new bookings system was instituted, requiring students to take a photo of the returned equipment so that responsibility was passed on to the user.

With the nicer weather in the late spring, there has been an increase in bookings, averaging about seven bookings a week. More funding was obtained to purchase another board. At present, there are three boards for use. It is very pleasing to note that non-student users, including the Porters, are showing interest in hiring the boards. It is an activity well-suited to everyone in the College community. An electric pump has been purchased to inflate the boards, reducing the labour and time (though manually pumping the boards was a nice workout before the real fun).

*President:* **May Yeo**

## POOL

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The Pool Club has yet to reform after the pandemic.

## RUGBY

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Following a hugely successful 2021/22 season, the Rugby Club was keen to maintain momentum into this academic year, and despite the departure of several regular QCRFC members, the squad remained strong with the addition of experienced freshers and postgrads.

In the League, we again joined with Jesus College and remained unbeaten until late November, beginning with an impressive 41-5 victory over Trinity-Christ's, and a narrow win against Robinson. Unfortunately, injury troubles and the absence of key players meant our first loss in recent memory came at the hands of a well-organised Fitzwilliam-Sidney side.

The Michaelmas Cuppers fixture saw Queens' take on PEST (Peterhouse-Emma-Selwyn-Trinity Hall) where the Green Wall put up an outstanding defensive performance and secured a 12-14 point win.

The Lent Term provided more impressive rugby, as, in the League, we held out with limited numbers against St John's for a 31-31 draw, and outfought St Catharine's-Homerton with a 27-24 win. Familiar faces returned for the **Queens' Old Boys match**, at which both sides displayed expansive first-half rugby, until inevitably the afternoon heat and halftime port caused the game to become increasingly scrappy. Despite this, it was decided that we'd play an additional ten minutes after regulation time had finished, in which the current students managed to claw back two tries, so the game ended in a draw. After the match we enjoyed watching the Six Nations in QBar and a team curry.

The final two Cuppers fixtures were against Girton in Lent, and Jesus in the Easter Term. The Queens' boys again showed impressive defensive resilience. In both cases however, fatigue set in in the later stages and the opponents were able to run away with the games in the final ten minutes.

On the social side, the Club held multiple events each term, and often came together to watch the Six Nations during Lent Term. The year culminated in the AGM and rugby dinner after exams, where the captaincy was handed from **James Onley-Gregson** to **Alec Doherty**. James Onley-Gregson won a Blue in the Rugby League Varsity match.

*Captain:* **James Onley-Gregson**

*President:* **Matt Warren**

*Fellow Patron:* **Mr Rowan Kitt**

*Hon Life Patrons:* **Mike Gibson MBE (1963); John Spencer (1967); Jamie Roberts (2015); Geoff Frankcom (1961); Jacko Page (1967); Mike Biggar MBE (1968); James Horwill (2019); Flip van der Merwe (2019)**

*Hon Patrons:* **Phil Mulligan (1989), Bianca Sainty (1994)**

*Committee members:* **James Onley-Gregson, Matthew Warren, Alec Doherty, Oliver Mills**

## SQUASH

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The 2022 to 2023 season was one of rebirth for the illustrious Queens' Squash Club (QSC). Following the difficulties of indoor sport during COVID-19, the Club had been struggling. Nonetheless, following the combined efforts of 2021-22 Captain **Vivek Palaniappan** and the new Captain **Ellie White**, two teams were entered in the College Leagues, and the weekly club night re-established. The Club gained skill at the top, with two University Blues players, **Ellie White** and **Ella Jennings**, regularly playing for the first team in league matches, as well as stalwarts of the club, **Nick Popiel** and **Charlie Anderton**, bringing up the rear.

QSC had great success in the College Leagues, with our first team beating Christ's 1s to the title in Division 1, and the second team narrowly missing out on promotion from the Fourth Division. We also won our Group Stage of Cuppers at the end of the Lent Term, qualifying for the quarter-finals which have been rearranged for Michaelmas Term 2023. It was also great to get the Club Night going again, this year scheduled for a Wednesday. Last but not least, the Club has obtained some very dashing QSC match shirts, which we are looking forward to seeing in action next season.

The Club is in the process of a fundraising drive and hope to use the money raised for a professional coach to run our Wednesday Club nights, benefiting players of all levels. We also hope to run the first QSC Annual Dinner, in celebration of topping the College Squash Leagues.

*Captain:* **Ellie White**

## TABLE TENNIS

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The Club has not been active this year.

## TENNIS

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The College Tennis Club was very successful competitively this year, serving up win after win in the College League. As a Club we only have a consistent membership of four players, our first team: **Ellis Baker, Matthew O'Donovan, Rei Chin** and **Daryl Lee Yixiang**; with an honourable mention to **Toby Clarke** who came to play some very important matches.

As a College, therefore, we often feel that we are punching above our weight, but still seem to come through and win matches. Some notable moments include an intense 7-6 loss in a close tiebreak against Trinity Hall, after which every player agreed it was the best doubles game they had ever played and a positively mad training session for Cuppers that took place in quite heavy snow (our fingers haven't forgiven us yet!).

In the Easter Term we competed in Cuppers, the annual inter-college Tennis Tournament. All of our rounds were scheduled to be against teams from much higher divisions, with much larger tennis teams who train more often. Despite this, we dominated our first round against Clare, surprising their players with how strong we were. In the second round we were not so lucky unfortunately, partly due to lack of numbers, but Pembroke were a good team and possibly too much for us even had we been at full strength. Nevertheless, the Team managed to give Pembroke a good showing.

*Captain:* **Ellis Baker**

*Squad:* **Ellis Baker, Matthew O'Donovan, Rei Chin, Daryl Lee Yixiang, Toby Clarke, Eros Nicolaou, Emily Waters**

## ULTIMATE FRISBEE (PENGUINS)

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The Club has not had a good year and is struggling to find anyone willing to run the Club next year.

*Captain:* **Yasmine Kanagalingam**

*Secretary:* **Calum Stevenson**

## VOLLEYBALL

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It was a great year for Queens' Volleyball. The society was revived and held regular trainings. It's hard to find inexpensive, indoor places to train, so we mostly played on Queens' Green with the outdoor net. We played in the College Cuppers tournament as a joint team with Christ's, beating Darwin and Pembroke, and reached the top eight. This is a great result in our first year back. There were also some joint training sessions with Christ's and Wolfson Colleges.

*Captain:* **Hamdah Qalib**

*Committee:* **Defne Abali**

## WATER POLO & SWIMMING

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The Clubs have yet to reform after Covid.



## QUEENS' COLLEGE BLUES

Andres Arcia Lopez: Handball  
Mia Biggs: Dancesport\*  
Anna Clay: Powerlifting\*  
Sean Cusack: Football\*  
Chris Denham: Shooting  
Lucy Dodd: Netball\*  
Anna Fitzpatrick: Shooting  
Toby Flood: Rugby\*  
Rob Glew: Sailing\*  
Frankie Harley: Hockey\*  
Susie Hicks Beach: Cricket  
Tom Hinton: Dancesport  
Polly Hipkiss: Rugby\*  
Owain Houghton: Hockey\*  
Ella Jennings: Squash  
Elizabeth Neri: Basketball\*  
James Onley-Gregson: Cricket\*, Rugby League\*  
Scott Partington: Ice Hockey\*  
Mark Paschalis: Rugby League  
Jay Paul: Football\*  
Emilie Pauwels: Lacrosse, Swimming  
Jonathan Pinnell: Golf\*  
Moritz Przybilla: Football\*  
Flynn Ryan: Swimming\*  
June Song: Basketball\*, Dancesport  
Matthew Symons: Rugby\*  
Brett Taylor: Rowing\*  
Vee Ubenyi: Athletics  
Douglas Van Niekerk: Water Polo  
Megan Wilson: Lacrosse\*  
Ellie White: Squash\*, Real Tennis  
Tom Woolley: Swimming\*

\*Asterisk denotes a Full Blue

## THE STUDENT RECORD

### DISTINCTIONS & AWARDS 2023

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An industrial dispute between The University & College Union (UCU) and English universities in 2023 included a marking and assessment boycott. The results of some of the Cambridge Triposes were therefore delayed and the College was unable to complete the usual award of prizes until all the results were finalised. As soon as the exam results become fully available the customary list of Distinctions and Awards will be added to the online version of *The Record* 2023 edition. A full list will be included in the printed version of the 2024 edition of *The Record*.

#### **PhDs awarded 2022-23:**

Artur Arikainen (Pathology); Vivek Badiani (Chemistry); Bethany Bareham (Surgery); Robin Bates (History); Marilou Boddé (Genetics); Jan Bohr (Pure Mathematics); Aaron Briggs (Engineering); David Brossault (Chemical Engineering); Alexander Campbell (Physiology, Development and Neuroscience); Emma Campbell (History); Aracely Castillo Venzor (Physiology, Development and Neuroscience); Pedro Cunha (Physiology, Development and Neuroscience); Kieran Gilday (Engineering); Estela González-Gualda (Oncology); Ryan Greenhalgh (Physiology, Development and Neuroscience); Kirsty Griffiths (Medical Science at the MRC Cognition Brain Services Unit); Guo Panyuan (Psychology); Anna Hilšer (Pharmacology); Eric Jou (Biological Science at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology); Onno Kampman (Psychology); Sara Kazmi (English); Maria Khwaja (Education); Shatanati Kuermanaili (Development Studies); Daniel Kunz (Physics); Li Aihong (Sociology); Laura Lintott (Land Economy); Sinayat Mahzabeen (Pharmacology); Jonathon Markanday (Materials Science); Joseph Mawdsley (Engineering); William McInerney (Education); Mariia Molodyk (Slavonic Studies); William Moody (Pathology); Ashley Priddey (Surgery); Masoomah Rahimi Ghazikalayeh (Medical Science at the MRC Cognition Brain Services Unit); Edward Reeve (Music); Paul Saary (Biological Science at the Euro Bioinformatics Institute); Michael Siena (Psychology); Lennart Spindler (Clinical Neurosciences); Emily Staricoff (Clinical Biochemistry); Daniel Stubbs (Engineering); Francis Syvret (Earth Sciences); Alexander Tertzakian (History); Francesca van Tartwijk (Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology); Maryam Vaziri (Economics); Igor Yakunin (Biological Science at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology); Yuan Le (Chemistry); Zhu Hongjia (Chemistry).

## COLLEGE AWARDS & YEAR PRIZES 2022-23

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### **Year Prizes**

#### **Joshua King Prize:**

Matthew Covus; James Morley

*Third or final year undergraduate year prize for academic distinction. King was Vice-Chancellor 1831-1834 & Lucasian Professor of Mathematics 1839-1849.*

#### **Hughes Prize:**

Jasper Ostle; Faisan Nawaz

*For outstanding distinction by students in their second year. Founded in 1777 by the Revd David Hughes who was Vice-President of the College and Senior Fellow.*

#### **Venn Prize:**

Helena Sobanska; Gigi Pezier; Isabelle Brown

*For outstanding distinction by first year students. Founded by John Archibald Venn (1905); President 1932-1958.*

#### **Ruth Hendry Prize:**

Not awarded

*For outstanding distinction by fourth year undergraduate.*

### **Named Subject Prizes**

#### **Harold Bailey Prize (AMES):**

Not awarded

*Established in honour of Sir Harold Bailey, Professor of Sanskrit, Fellow 1936-96.*

#### **Robert Barnes Prize (Chemical Engineering):**

Not awarded

*Generously established in 2018 by Dr Robert Barnes (1989), for postgraduates.*

#### **James & Jean Bennett Prize (Engineering):**

Alberto Ferro

*Established in 2016 in memory of Arthur James Bennett (1940), the Prize is intended to inspire the next generation of technology pioneers.*

#### **Braithwaite Prize (Mathematics):**

Anirudh Khaitan

*Founded in 1981 in memory of George Braithwaite (1923).*

#### **Brendan Prize (History):**

Rui de Sa Nogueira

*Founded by the Revd Dr Brendan Bradshaw, Fellow of Queens' 1977-2017.*

#### **Max Bull Prize (Anatomy):**

Isabelle Brown

**Max Bull Prize (Veterinary Medicine):**

Sanaa Cockar

*Founded in 1986 in memory of Dr Max Bull (1933, Fellow & Senior Tutor).***Colin Butler Prize (Natural Sciences):**

Daisy Cooper

*Established in 2018 in memory of Dr Colin Butler (1934), a leading entomologist. Donated by Ian Mackley (1977).***Brian Callingham Prize (Pre-Clinical Medicine & Veterinary Medicine):**

Eleanor White

*Established in 2019 in honour of Dr Brian Callingham, Life Fellow.***Chalmers Prize (Physics):**

Imogen Camp

*Established in 1967 in memory of Professor John Chalmers (1923).***Clayton Prize (Theology):**

Faizan Nawaz

*Established in 1960 in memory of Norman Clayton (1900).***Colton Prize (Mathematics):**

Zixuan Zhou

*Established in 1984 by the Trustees of the William Herbert Colton Foundation. William Colton (1919) read Mathematics.***Construction Engineering Masters Prize:**

Alan Whaley

*Renamed from Laing O'Rourke.***A. B. Cook Prize (Modern Languages, English or History):**

Theo Furniss

*Founded in 1982 in memory of Professor A B Cook (Fellow & Vice-President, Professor of Classical Archaeology).***Paul W. Davies Prize (Chemistry):**

Leo Wilkinson

*Established in 1998 in memory of Paul Davies (1973), who died in 1994.***James Diggle Prize (Classics):**

Vitoria Vegni

*Established in 2019 to honour Professor James Diggle and his 50+ years of service to the College as Praelector and Director of Studies in Classics.***Engineering Alumni Prize:**

Thomas Yam

*Given for excellence in any part of the Engineering or Manufacturing Engineering Tripos. The Prize was founded anonymously in 2002 by an Engineering alumnus.*

**J. Leslie Firth Prize (Classics):**

Not awarded

*For excellence. Established by the daughters of J. Leslie Firth (1942) in 2017 in his memory.*

**Gamble-Scott Prize (HSPS):**

Helena Sobanska

*Established in 2017 to recognise academic excellence in a first year student. Named after Professor Jackie Scott (Fellow) who retired in 2017, and her colleague, Professor Andrew Gamble (1965, former Fellow & Emeritus Fellow).*

**Grant Prize (Biochemistry):**

Callum Houghton-Flory

*For academic distinction in Biological Natural Sciences given by Mrs Dragana Grant (1993) and Mr David Grant.*

**Susan Hamilton Thomas Prize (Economics):**

Maria Papapetrou

*Awarded to a Queens' MPhil student who, having obtained a distinction in the examinations for the MPhil in Economics, attains the highest aggregate mark from among all Queens' candidates for that examination.*

**Chris Hills Memorial Prize (Engineering):**

Vivian Wang

*Founded by the parents of Chris Hills (1999) in his memory.*

**R. A. Ingram Prize (Economics):**

Drishti Angra

*Established in 2018 for first year undergraduates, in the name of the Revd R. A. Ingram, the first Economist to be a Fellow at Queens' (1785).*

**Lucas-Smith Memorial Prize (Law):**

Cameron Glynn

*Founded by his parents in 1949 in memory of Roger Lucas-Smith (1942) who died in 1948.*

**Mathias Prize (History):**

Matthew Mayes

*Generously established in 2017 from the legacy of Professor Peter Mathias (Queens' Fellow, 1955-68).*

**Melsome Prize (Medicine):**

Marcus Au

*For a student who is about to graduate. The Prize was established by W. S. Melsome (1883), who died in 1944.*

**M. J. Milgate Prize (Economics):**

Amey Madkaikar

*For second year undergraduate students. The Prize was established in 2018 in honour of Dr Murray Milgate, Life Fellow of Queens'.*

**Henry Mosseri Prize (Physiology,  
Biochemistry or Applied Biology):**

Josh Todd

*Founded by R. V. Mosseri (1932) in memory of his brother Henry Mosseri.*

**Northam Memorial Prize (Economics):**

Peter Zeng

*Given to an Economics student who is about to graduate. Established in memory of Sir Reginald Northam (1919) who died in 1968.*

**Openshaw Prize (Mathematics):**

Andrés Arcia López

*Founded in memory of Tom Openshaw (1970), who lost his life in a climbing accident during his last undergraduate year.*

**Lawrence Peel Prize (Engineering):**

Max Krefting

*The Prize also takes account of the best all-round contribution to College life. Founded in 1985 in memory of Lawrence Peel (1981) who died in an accident shortly after graduating.*

**C. W. Phillips Prize (History):**

Jack Peacock

*Established in 1988 in memory of Christopher Phillips (1933).*

**Prigmore Prize (Engineering):**

Christian Hockey

*Founded in 1984 in memory of Basil Prigmore (1938).*

**Redress Solutions Prize (Law/LLM):**

Tamara Boston; Priya Jari

*Established by Marius Nasta (1990) & Michael Zuckerman of Redress Solutions.*

**Alison Roper Prize (Natural Sciences):**

Guy Flint; Aryaman Sokham

*Established in memory of Alison Roper (1982) who died in 2013.*

**William Stanley Morgan Prize (History):**

Keir Bradwell

**The Taylor Prize for MML & History:**

Katherine Tubbs

*Endowed through the generosity of Mr Nigel Taylor to reward performance in the MML and History Tripos.*

**Kenneth Waghorne Prize (MML):**

Not awarded

*For distinction in MML. A gift from the estate of Kenneth Waghorne (1939) in 2017.*

**David Ward Prize (Natural Sciences - Physical):**

Yue Wu

*For academic excellence in Physics. Established in 2017 to mark Professor David Ward's (Fellow) retirement.*

***Wheatley Prize (Chemistry):***

Yue Wu

*For a first year undergraduate. Established in 1998 in memory of Peter Wheatley (Fellow 1967-97, Junior and Senior Bursar).*

***T. Penny White Prize (Classics):***

Alfred Deahl

*Established in 1842 by Thomas Penny White (Senior Wrangler in 1802 and Fellow).*

**President's Subject Prizes**

Anglo Saxon, Norse & Celtic:	<i>Not awarded</i>
Architecture:	Margaux Cooper
Asian & Middle Eastern Studies:	Emily Giles
Biology:	Daisy Cooper
Chemical Engineering:	Brigitta Winata
Computer Science:	Albert Kwok; Patrick Reader
Computer Science (fourth year):	Mikel Bober
Education:	Rachel Chen
Engineering:	Jason Tan
English:	Josie Edwards
Geography:	Ciara Barley
History of Art:	<i>Not awarded</i>
History & Politics:	<i>Not awarded</i>
Human, Social & Political Sciences:	Jasper Ostle; Phoebe Brown
Land Economy:	<i>Not Awarded</i>
Linguistics:	James Morley
Management Studies:	<i>Not awarded</i>
Manufacturing Engineering:	Matthew Covus
Mathematics:	Zak Smith
Music:	George Smith
Natural Sciences:	Imogen Camp
Philosophy:	<i>Not awarded</i>
Psychological & Behavioural Sciences:	Lara Greening

## **Special Prizes**

### **Beament Prize:**

Georgia Burr

*For outstanding musical performance by a junior member of College. Named after Prof Sir James Beament (1940 & Life Fellow).*

### **Chase Prize:**

Gigi Pezier

*For Greek Testament.*

### **Bibby Prize:**

Matthew Mayes

*Awarded to an undergraduate or undergraduates who have made an outstanding contribution to either the welfare of the College Library, or to the general communal life of the College. Established in memory of Cyril Bibby (1932).*

### **Farr Poetry Prize:**

Not awarded

*Established in 1981 in memory of Henry Frederick Farr (1951).*

### **Hadfield Poetry Prize:**

Not awarded

*Established by his mother in 1997 in memory of Sam Hadfield (1992) who died in 1996.*

### **Hickox Prize:**

Benjamin Markovic; Georgia Edwards

*Awarded to a Queens' member who displays outstanding contribution to music, through leadership or performance, in memory of Richard Hickox CBE (1967).*

### **Ryle Reading Prize:**

Not awarded

*For reading in the College Chapel. The Prize was founded by Herbert Edward Ryle (President 1896 and 1901) in memory of his son, Roger, who died in the President's Lodge at the age of seven.*

### **Tyro Music Prize:**

Alex Jones

*Endowed by the late Professor Peter Watson (1950, Fellow Commoner) for the winner of an instrumental competition held in the Lent Term.*

### **Silvia Breu Teaching Prize:**

Not awarded

*In memory of Dr Silvia Breu, teaching associate in Computer Sciences, to acknowledge and celebrate excellence in undergraduate teaching for Computer Science at Queens'.*



## THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### THE JCR

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Following two sets of online hustings after a COVID-19 outbreak in Queens', and some very hotly contested elections, our new fabulous suite of JCR Committee members got to work planning for the year ahead. Within a few weeks of starting, the world was taken aback by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Queens' JCR worked alongside the committees of JCRs across Cambridge to collect humanitarian supplies to be shipped to Ukraine, with tens of boxes leaving in a lorry from Selwyn at the end of March.

The JCR began its revamp of its social media with a collection of "Meet your QJCR Committee" posts and continued to be active throughout the year. By the end of Lent Term, **Emily Giles**, as our new Access Officer, had successfully recruited a team of enthusiastic Queens' students to go out on the annual Access Roadshow across Kent, Havering and Bradford over the Easter Vacation. Interviews had also taken place for the new QEnts Sub-committee, headed by **Anya Gardner-Mohammed**, working hard to provide entertainments for the people of Queens' across the course of the year. Also during the Lent Term, **Aimee Preston** worked with the Library staff to secure new accessible resources for students with disabilities.

A new innovation from this year's Steward, **Susie Hicks Beach**, was the creation of the @buttermeupqueen Instagram account. Featuring reviews of food from the Buttery and QCafé, the account has been a hit with students – showcasing the food that Queens' has to offer. By the end of the year, we even managed to get Mohamed El-Erian featured on the account!

One of the key issues that Committee Members grew aware of was the cost-of-living crisis, coupled with the fact that, for the first time in two years, rent prices for college accommodation would be increased. Several members of the Committee worked hard with senior college officials to communicate their concerns and express their ideas for ways to mitigate the cost of living. Many of these ideas were taken forward by the College, and dialogue continues to be productive.

The beginning of the Easter Term saw enthusiastic Committee Members working tirelessly alongside revision to provide opportunities for events. **Saoirse McGuinness** worked with Environmental Officers across Cambridge to deliver the first of two 'Green Weeks'. Several events were hosted in Queens'. Anya's QEnts Committee also made plans for the first 'Bounce' to be held since 2019! In a triumphant return for QEnts, students danced the night away on Erasmus Lawn until the early hours. The JCR Committee were on hand to man the bouncy castles, in an event that many saw as a personal highlight of May Week. Easter Term also saw the return of the Room Ballot, with **Conall Moss** making sure that the JCR rooms database was up to scratch, and that more people uploaded their reviews and pictures!

The end of the Easter Term saw the return of the Big QJCR Survey. This was **Georgia Edwards'** second consecutive year manning the survey; this year assisted by the JCR President, **Anna Fitzpatrick, Abby Hallett** and **Emily Giles** who helped refine our questions and promote the survey to the student body. We maintained a response of over 50%. New sections were added to the survey pertaining to the experiences of first generation at university and low-income students, particularly around the financial support available. Hard work over the Summer Vacation resulted in the production of our 2022 report, which was presented to the Tutorial Committee and the Governing Body during the Michaelmas Term.

Our second summer project was the organisation of Freshers' Week. **Flynn Ryan** and **Katharina Eder** worked tirelessly across time-zones alongside the JCR President and Georgia to plan 10 action-packed days. The JCR Committee all moved back to Cambridge early to help set up the week, planting scratch posters and term planners into all 150 freshers' rooms. The Committee facilitated consent and anti-racism workshops alongside some very generous volunteers, who provided tours of Queens' and Cambridge, tie-dyed T-shirts in Lyon Court and organised free crêpes! Anna co-ordinated a fabulous Freshers' Fair and organised a "Battle of the Staircases" Sports Day. Jazz and cocktails made a return to QBar, actually featuring both jazz *and* cocktails, as did several events run for students for our PoC, LGBT+ and international communities. We were really pleased with the response to our Freshers' Week programme this year and look forward to next year's events!

At the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, **Emma Chaplin** worked closely with the Senior Treasurer of the College Union to finalise the society allocation for the upcoming year. Jed, Emma and Anna, as members of the Council of the College Union, helped several new societies come into existence over the course of the year – many of which will hopefully be featured in this very *Record*.

During the Michaelmas Term, Abby organised the first *University Challenge* trials in Queens' for several years – getting the paperwork across the line to ITV! We're crossing our fingers that our team gets selected! Other events throughout the year included several welfare events organised by **James Hone** and **Melissa Anoble**, meet-ups for PoC students arranged by **Hamdah Qalib**, inter-college events for international students run by **Guanting Di**, and QBar socials for the Feminist Society hosted by **Jessica Udeh**. **Mia Griso Dryer** helped organise LGBT+ film screenings, clothes swaps and Pride events for the Queens' LGBT+ community over the course of the year. The term also saw the return of bops organised by QEnts, alongside several weekly "Fitzpat Friday" events that included live music from many talented Queens' musicians.

Following on from responses to the Big QJCR Survey, the JCR President ended the term with a call for responses to proposed changes to the JCR Constitutional Appendix. Building on a positive response, we were pleased to introduce the role of Class Act Officer to the

JCR committee for the first time. This brought Queens' JCR in line with several colleges across Cambridge, working together to recognise the unique experiences of students from state-comprehensive, low-income and first-generation backgrounds. The consultation also supported reinstating the Vice-President and Secretary roles as two separate positions.

It would also be remiss not to mention the endless ongoing work conducted by Members of the JCR Committee over the course of the year in representing student interests in meetings with College officials. Members of the Committee applied themselves sensitively and productively to the challenge, remaining invaluable parts of the several committee structures existing within Queens'. The weekly JCR Committee meetings similarly featured productive and meaningful conversations about how to improve the Queens' community about which we are all so deeply passionate.

This year's committee ended with elections and handovers, including the organisation of the first JCR Handover Dinner to happen since before the COVID-19 pandemic. It was an amazing chance both to reward the hard work of the Committee of 2022-23, and to welcome the Committee of 2023-24.

*JCR Committee 2022-23:*

*President:* **Jed Quinn**

*Vice-President & Secretary:* **Georgia Edwards**

*Treasurer:* **Emma Chaplin**

*QEnts President:* **Anya Gardner-Mohammed**

*Access Officer:* **Emily Giles**

*Accommodation & Facilities Officer:* **Conall Moss**

*Academic Officer:* **Abby Hallett**

*Computer Officer:* **Tom Hinton**

*Disabilities Officer:* **Aimee Preston**

*Environmental Officer:* **Saorise McGuinness**

*External Accommodation Officer:* **Charlotte Rye**

*First Year Representatives:* **Flynn Ryan & Katharina Eder**

*Internationals' Officer:* **Guanting Di**

*LGBT+ Officer:* **Mia Griso Dryer**

*PoC Officer:* **Hamdah Qalib**

*Sports & Societies Officer:* **Anna Fitzpatrick**

*Steward:* **Susie Hicks Beach**

*Welfare Officers:* **James Hone & Melissa Anoble**

*Women & NB Officer:* **Jessica Udeh**

## THE MCR

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Reflecting upon the progress made as a Committee in the past year brings great joy. The Committee have championed inclusivity, with initiatives to cater to diverse dietary needs at MCR events and the introduction of better safety measures for off-site gatherings. The Entertainments Officers delivered fabulous events for the MCR community, hosting wine & cheese evenings, lively bops, and soon the much-anticipated summertime garden party – many wonderful traditions to be carried on into the future.

The commitment and dedication of the Formal Hall Stewards and the Academic Officer further enriched college life, successfully orchestrating a series of feasts, formal halls, guest nights, swaps, and insightful academic talks. These events have not only fostered a warm and engaging community atmosphere, but also contributed to the holistic development of the MCR's members.

Efforts to create a more vibrant and inclusive environment led to many useful additions to the Woodville Room. Today, it stands as a welcoming and accessible hub, adorned with board games, a television, and dedicated areas for work and meetings. It represents a testament to the graduate community's creativity and resourcefulness, and a symbol of its commitment to providing spaces that accommodate everyone's needs.

Lastly, the Committee's commitment to sustainability and the environment came to the forefront with the transformation of the area around QBar. Now a flower-filled, vegetable-producing oasis, it serves as a tranquil corner for relaxation and a productive space for those with green fingers. This transformation stands as a clear example of how environmental stewardship can be made a part of our everyday College life.

On the academic front, substantial strides have been made. The creation of a comprehensive document that consolidates resources on academic subjects made important information more easily accessible to Queens' students. Further recognizing the aspirations of the MPhil cohort, the MCR eagerly anticipates the launch of its new PhD mentorship programme.

In a continuous pursuit of enhanced inclusivity, the role of a Class Act/First Generation Officer was introduced. This important role focuses on the unique challenges and needs of first-generation university students, promoting equality of opportunity and fostering a supportive and understanding community.

The appointment of a Careers Officer signals a new chapter in the Committee's efforts to cultivate entrepreneurial skills among MCR members. The new officer will be pivotal in organising entrepreneurial events, promoting the fantastic resources of Queens', and reinforcing ties with Queens' Entrepreneurship Society.

The Committee's journey over the past year solidified the MCR's commitment to fostering an engaging, inclusive, and vibrant community.

*MCR Committee 2022-2023:*

*President:* **Marina Lirintzi**

*Vice-President:* **Jerry Chen**

*Treasurer:* **Ryan Thomas Gibb**

*Academic Officer:* **Emily James**

*Health and Wellbeing Officers:* **Pranathi Prasad, Anne-Pia Marty**

*Communications Officers:* **JiaYi (Jessy) Zhu, Konstantin Hemker**

*Accommodation Officers:* **Di Zhao, Thomas Baxter**

*Women and NB Representative:* **Tarrion Baird**

*International Representative:* **Maheera Abdul Ghani**

*LGBTQ+ Representative:* **Lei Song**

*BAME Officer:* **Ava Zhai**

*Woodville Stewards:* **Mohamad El Daouk, Khaled Eissa**

*Formal Stewards:* **Ruby Woodward, Juliette Davis, Alice Handy**

*Entertainments Officers:* **Vic Xiao, Ada Puric, Nicole Alimena, Brandon Staats, Melissa Dewar**

*Sports & Socs Officer:* **Nick Popiel**

*Environment & Bikes Officer:* **Charlie Wedd**

*Part-Time Students Representative:* **Lorenz J. C. Wackerle**

*First Year Representative:* **Taylor Golden**

## SCR/MCR & ALUMNI TALKS

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The MCR/SCR Talks have been a great success this year. These talks allow MCR and SCR members to present their research to a non-specialised audience and provide the chance for attendees to engage with the fascinating and varied research being performed across the College. There have been 11 sessions throughout the academic year, each with two MCR speakers and one SCR speaker. A vast range of topic areas was covered, from cancer research, artificial intelligence and multidisciplinary research in Antarctica to the architecture of financial institutions, the study of the universe and how to implement reforms in global education systems. There was also a 'Fireside Chat' with **Dr Mohamed El-Erian** which provided a unique opportunity for MCR students and SCR fellows to ask questions and engage with the Queens' College President. For the first time, all of these talks were streamed live on Zoom so that those unable to attend in person were still able to listen and participate.

Talks were also organised with the Queens' alumni **Dr Vanessa Marcie** and **Dax Grant** who talked about the power of humour in business and the power of the entrepreneurial mindset, respectively. Both talks provided a great opportunity for college members to learn from, ask questions and network with outstanding Queens' alumni in a relaxed environment.

Overall, this year Queens' MCR has provided its members with a rich academic environment, with opportunities for all members to share and engage in the fascinating research taking place across the College.

*MCR Academic Officer:* **Emily James**

*SCR speaker recruitment:* **Tamsin Spelman**

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP SOCIETY

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Cambridge University's academic community has witnessed a transformative surge in entrepreneurial spirit with the emergence of the Queens' Entrepreneurship Society (QES). This dynamic society has become the driving force behind encouraging students, researchers and Fellows to unleash their innovative potential and transform their ideas into successful businesses. What makes QES unique among other entrepreneurship schemes in Cambridge is its commitment to fostering multidisciplinary collaboration. Embracing individuals from diverse fields, QES understands that the most revolutionary ideas often stem from the fusion of different disciplines. Through a comprehensive training programme, connections to potential investors, and networking events, QES hopes to equip its members with the practical tools and support needed to turn their visions into reality.

The society's core model, '*Develop, Incubate, Accelerate*' lies at the heart of its approach. This three-stage journey navigates individuals and ventures through the entrepreneurial process. Starting with development, participants receive training to refine their business ideas and devise robust strategies. Next, the incubation phase provides a nurturing environment for these ideas to flourish and grow. Finally, in the acceleration phase, the most promising ventures gain access to funding opportunities and critical business connections.

At the forefront of QES's initiatives is a prestigious competition: the Queens' Entrepreneurship Society prize competition, generously funded by **Qun Yang (2019)**, Founder of Biorbyt, and **Dr Richard Hargreaves (1964)**, a Cambridge 'Angel' and entrepreneur. The competition offered aspiring entrepreneurs a chance to win £5,000 to propel their ideas toward realisation. The prize competition was formally launched at a memorable event in the President's Lodge on 23rd January 2023. This year, the winners of the competition are teams: *Hear No Evil* (Jack Peck, **Gracie Zhou**) and *Lykos Robotics* (**Dylan Moss**, Harry Durham).

Over the year the Society continued to create an environment that fosters creativity, risk-taking and innovation. QES hosted a series of entrepreneurship events throughout the year. From thought-provoking fireside chats to educational talks by industry experts like **Dr Ewan Kirk (1983)** and **Simon Goldman**, these gatherings nurture an atmosphere of learning, inspiration and collaboration. They serve as melting pots for ideas to flourish and connections to form, laying the foundation for a thriving entrepreneurial community.

Events included: 'First steps in entrepreneurship, including what entrepreneurship is, and how to get started' with **Ramsey Faragher**, Tamzin Lent, Stewart McTavish and Steve Brierley; 'Nesting a Startup from Ideation to Launch' led by Menachem Tabanpour; 'Setting out ideas and creating business plans to support investment potential' with **Simon Goldman**; 'Start-up company management, advisors and mentors' with **Mike Baliman**, **Qun Yang** and **Leah Holroyd**; 'Start-up management', led by **Mike Baliman**, **Qun Yang** and **Ramsey Faragher**; 'Fireside Chat with **Dr Ewan Kirk**'

*Founding fellows:* **Professor Clare Bryant**, **Dr Mark Williamson**, **Dr Ramsey Faragher**, **Dr Jasmin Jahić**, **Dr Challenger Mishra**

*Honorary Patrons:* Anna El-Erian and **Siraj Khaliq (1997)**.

## QUEENS' & CLARE OVERSEAS EDUCATION FUND (QCOEF)

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Unfortunately, this year QCOEF was unable to host any events, owing to handover issues from past committees. We hope that QCOEF will be able to continue their fundraising work in the next academic year.

*Chairman:* **Hannah Chen**

*Committee:* **Lucy Jarrett**, **Anisha Mehta**, **Meg Byrom**, **Julie Thornton**

## CLASSICS SOCIETY

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The academic year began with casual drinks organised by **Dr David Butterfield**, our Director of Studies. No Queens' Classics event is complete until Dr Butterfield has imposed a game of proverbial musical chairs, making sure that everyone moves seats and mingles sufficiently with everyone else. This was therefore a nice opportunity for us to catch up after the Long Vac and to get to know the new members of Queens' Classics. The Michaelmas Term was brought to a close with wine and nibbles, hosted by **Kirsty Stark** in E staircase. It was particularly enjoyable to hear everyone's deeply entertaining reflections on their high and low points of term, and about the extra-curricular activities the freshers had thrown themselves into, including football and musical theatre.

To rekindle some academic inspiration amidst the Week Five Lent Term blues, we visited the 'Islanders' exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum. This fascinating exhibition gave an insight into life on Cyprus, Crete, and Sardinia across several millennia, and contained artefacts dating from as far back as 5000 BC.

At the start of the Easter Term, the Society hosted the annual black tie Classics Dinner. Despite this being the second year in a row that the dinner was held on the same day as Caesarean Sunday, everyone managed to make it there in one piece, except for one member of the party, who slept through the first course. We were very fortunate to be joined at this dinner by the previous year's graduate cohort, as well as by Dr Butterfield, **Professor James Diggle** (of lexicon fame), **Dr Michael Loy (2012)**, and Orlando Gibbs (honorary Queens' Classicist). The dinner wasn't short of organised fun, with Latin word games, a game of matching extracts of personal statements to the Queens' classicist who wrote them, and a head-to-head quiz between our two international MPhil students, including hand-made German and Danish flags to represent their respective homelands. Hardier members of the group endured until 4.00 a.m. At this dinner, the presidency of Queens' Classics was formally handed over to **Abby Hallett**.

In early May, we enjoyed a talk from Dr Michael Loy about the innovative field survey methods he used during his archaeological work on Samos with the British School at Athens. It was pleasing to see that this event was attended by non-classicist members of College and by classicists from other colleges.

*President:* **Kirsty Stark**

## COMPUTER SCIENCE SOCIETY

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The Queens' Computer Science Society is primarily in charge of running two events each year for the computer science members of Queens'. First, the annual Queens' Computer Science Subject Dinner, and secondly, a more relaxed punting trip to Grantchester with BBQ picnic.

With planning starting in the Michaelmas Term, the annual dinner was held on 14th May, and, with 76 guests in attendance, was a huge success. It was organised by students **Lochlann Baker, Andy Zhou, Conall Moss** and **Dan Wendon-Blixrud**, and ran throughout the evening, spread across the Old Kitchens, Cripps Hall, and Old Hall. Students, Directors of Studies, alumni and Supervisors were all invited, as well as this year's guest speaker Don Syme who gave an inspiring speech at the wine and cheese reception.

And as a celebration for the students finishing exams, we also upheld tradition by hiring punts and travelling down the river to the Grantchester Meadows for a barbecue lunch.



**Dylan Moss** helped to organise the trip. A lovely and quiet end to what is otherwise a very busy year!

*President:* **Dan Wendon-Blixrud**

## ECONOMICS SOCIETY

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The Queens' Economics Society was founded to foster a sense of community for Queens' economists and expose students to ideas outside the curriculum. Over the past year we have organised all our events with these goals in mind, and as we move forward we remain focused on leaving the groundwork for the society to keep improving.

Our inaugural talk was delivered by Dr Ha-Joon Chang at the President's Lodge, at which he discussed the problems of economics as well as his new book, *Edible Economics*, which views economics through the lens of food items. The next talk was a beginner-friendly introduction to spectrum auctions by **Geoffrey Myers**, who expertly captured the room's attention by auctioning two bags of Tony's Chocolonely. There were also talks by **Lord Eatwell** (President, 1997-2020), who discussed the rising field of economic geography, and Frances Coppola, an expert on cryptocurrencies who gave us a fresh perspective on the recent failure of Silicon Valley Bank. The Lent Term was wrapped up by a highly anticipated joint talk between **Lucia Reisch** and Cass Sunstein, two world-renowned behavioural economists who discussed the relevance of their field to policymaking.

We are extremely grateful to the economics community at Queens', which has eagerly embraced the new society and supported us to achieve various successes. This includes **Dr Mohamed El-Erian**, who kindly lent us his Lodge for hosting drinks and talks; **Florrie Barton**, who organized the first economics dinner since COVID struck; **Dr Charles Brendon**, who organized two of the talks and lent us support throughout; **Dr Simon Goldman**, who organized Frances Coppola's talk; and Bosa (the El-Erians' dog), who captivated the economics community by crashing into Frances Coppola's talk. It is impossible to mention every student and Fellow who lent us support in one way or another, but their active participation and engagement has been essential to our success.

*President:* **Mario Ventura**

*Vice-Presidents:* **Emma Chaplin & Alec Doherty**

## EDUCATION SOCIETY

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The Queens' College Education Society was very active in its second year. We hosted a public lecture by Professor Arathi Sriprakash, the co-author of *Learning Whiteness: Education and the Settler Colonial State* (Pluto Press) before a packed Fitzpatrick Hall. We hosted termly formal dinners in the OSCR for undergraduate and postgraduate students where they discussed their scholarship and academic trajectories. For the third term, we celebrated the successful endowment of the Queens' Education Subject Fund named after a former Director of Studies, **Joan Whitehead**, which will ensure that all students can participate in society events without any financial obstacles. It will also provide support for students' studies.

*President:* **Dr Tyler Denmead**

## QED (ENGINEERING)

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This year, the Queens' Engineering Department traditions were continued, starting off with the annual Mahal curry night. At this event first years were welcomed to the Society to meet their fellow Engineering students at Queens' before beginning their first term at Cambridge. For the other years it was a great opportunity to catch up after the Long Vacation. As always, we spent a large amount of time trying to fit our large society into the top floor of Curry King, but eventually managed and enjoyed some wonderful food.

Later in the Michaelmas Term, **Dr Andrew Gee** kindly hosted presentations on the QUELF fund. This introduced first year engineers to a fund that supports engineering-related activities and provided inspiration for how students can make use of this fund. To conclude the term, a scavenger hunt for the first years (coined 'Nativigee') took place. This was an additional bonding experience for the first years who received their traditional QED boiler suits and were tasked with various fun challenges building on their first term.

In Lent Term, the annual QED formal dinner in Old Hall took place – one of our most anticipated events. The evening saw many speeches and toasts and some engineering-related challenges that determined our new committee. The final challenge decided our President for the next academic year, **Benedetta Radice Fossati**. In true Queens' fashion we headed to QBar to conclude the evening.

Devastatingly, the annual cardboard boat race did not take place this year. The QED members were in dismay as they were not able to show off their skills to the rest of Cambridge. Hopefully, the event returns next year and QED can uphold their long-held reputation of constructing and sailing impressive boats on the Cam.

*President:* **Lottie Butler**  
*Vice-President:* **Emma Munday**  
*Social Secretary:* **Aditya Krishna**  
*Treasurer:* **Christos Ioannides**

## ERASMUS SOCIETY (HISTORIANS)

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The Erasmus Society is the Queens' College History Society, to which undergraduate and postgraduate students studying History, History & Politics, and History & Modern Languages automatically belong. The society meets once a fortnight for workshops and speaker events, and holds socials throughout the year to introduce freshers to other Queens' History students and encourage community within and between years.

This year, we were joined by historians from within and outside the University, who spoke on a diverse set of historical subjects. It was a pleasure to host Dr Andrew Lownie and Dr Emily Snyder in the Michaelmas Term, and Dr Francis Young, Dr Eleanor Janega, and Dr Michael Joseph in the Lent Term. This year, we were able to open these talks to the whole College, with the Munro Room often full of students of all disciplines. Members of the recently established Cambridge University Women's History Society joined us for Dr Janega's talk on medieval gender and sexuality.

In the Easter Term current students were joined by Queens' alumni from across the last fifty years at the annual History Dinner in Old Hall. As always, the dinner was the perfect occasion to allow undergrads, postgrads, fellows, and – this year – alumni to get to know one another better, and we look forward to continuing this tradition by inviting History alumni back to Queens' for dinner next year.

Since the Erasmus Society's revival last year, after a dormant period during the pandemic, it has increasingly established itself both within the College and within the Queens' History community. It has been a pleasure to be joined by undergrads and postgrads from across Queens' and outside it, and a privilege to host both academics and alumni.

*President:* **Jack Peacock**  
*Vice-President:* **Anna Jowett**  
*Treasurer:* **Rui De Sa Nogueira**  
*Social Secretary:* **Natalie Matthews**  
*Speakers Officer:* **Michael Watts**  
*Publicity Officer:* **Georgia Burr**  
*Fellow Patron:* **Dr Gareth Atkins**

## QUEENS' BENCH (LAW SOCIETY)

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This year the QBLS Committee, with **Robyn Wickers** and **Mia Biggs** as co-Presidents, hosted numerous events, injecting life and passion into the legal community at Queens'. The year started with dinners hosted by the renowned firms Slaughter & May and Sullivan & Cromwell. Being hosted in Cambridge, these dinners provided an excellent opportunity to learn more about the firms, the solicitor training process, and what it means to be a commercial solicitor. It was great to see a strong turnout of eager non-law undergraduate students at these dinners who are thinking about a career in law.

The Mooting Officers of QBLS also had a busy year. In conjunction with visits from City Law Firms, they organised a panel discussion involving several barristers and solicitors talking about the different legal career pathways and what the day-to-day of the job is really like. With no shortage of attendance from various colleges, the panel of varying areas of expertise were able to share about their areas of law and their journey into that career (not all of them having studied law). Shortly thereafter, the Officers hosted an Advocacy Workshop led by 39 Essex Chambers' **Kate Grange KC (1994)**. During this workshop there were oral and written advocacy tips alongside an introduction into Kate Grange KC's work on the Grenfell Inquiry.

Lastly, the outgoing Committee organised the annual QBLS Dinner. The Committee hosted a spectacular and emotional event as we celebrated the retirement of **Professor Richard Fentiman KC**. With many heartfelt goodbyes and stories about the past, the QBLS community of young and old came together to celebrate the life and career of someone who has inspired us all.

*Co-Presidents:* **Robyn Wickers, Mia Biggs**

*Vice-Presidents:* **Tamara Boston, Rebecca Webb**

*Treasurer:* **Jed Quinn**

*Social Secretaries:* **Kaylin Plant, Isla Stone**

*Moots Officers:* **Isabella Taylor, Claudia Chan, Kohana Ah Teck, Eros Nicolaou**

*Speakers Officer:* **Camilla Esnou**

## MATHS SOCIETY

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Queens' Maths Society hosted a variety of events this year including eight talks and three social events. The first QMS talk of the year consisted of a series of short talks from current students about their summer research projects and internships. This was followed the next day by a social event eating a Mahal meal together. Later in October Professor R Samworth spoke on Stein's paradox. This was followed by **Professor Julia Gog** speaking to the title, 'What I did in the pandemic'. The last talk of the Michaelmas Term featured Professor A C

Hanson on 'Generalised hardness of approximation – On new phenomena in computations and the mathematics of “why things don't work”'.

In the Lent Term **Wilfred Salmon** spoke about his experiences from being a maths undergraduate at Queens' through to doing a Master's and PhD, and a bit about the research he's currently undergoing. Then, at the end of January, members of the QMS Committee organised the annual Maths Dinner. There were three more talks later in the term: Prof Rafal Mantiuk on 'The beauty of high dynamic range imaging', Prof Paul Glendinning on 'Chaos and how to get there' and Dr Sergii Strelchuk on 'Mysteries and paradoxes of quantum information'.

*President:* **Sara Fakouri**

*Vice-President:* **Ziwei Su**

*Junior Treasurer:* **Shreyas Pandit**

*Secretary:* **Alfie Jones**

*First-year Representative:* **Saanya Verma**

*Fellow Patron:* **Professor Julia Gog**

## MEDICAL & VETERINARY SOCIETY

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This has been an excellent year for Queens' Medical and Veterinary Society. We started with a well-attended Mahal at Curry King. The social secretary split us into small teams in order to complete several tasks beforehand, one involved getting a picture with the Caius porters (the college with the greatest number of medics), and acquiring a skeleton... The “Paul Bam-bros” were unofficially awarded the team with the best name.

In the Lent Term, we enjoyed our annual paintballing trip for the first time since Covid, and inclement weather did nothing to prevent **Dr Lawrence Tiley** from once again showing us all up in the trenches; friendly fire from our clinical social secretary received appropriate punishment before repatriation. Later in the Term, we decided it important that our members receive appropriate training to become consultants-of-the-future, and to that end we enjoyed a golfing trip to the Cambridge Tivoli. Star putter **Adith Thomas** brought it home for a stunning victory, proving that he has a viable career in dermatology.

The final event in our calendar was a stunning annual dinner. Mr Stephen Large gave a brilliant pre-dinner talk about his career in Cardiothoracic surgery, and about continuing work to improve the outcomes in heart donation after cardiac death. MedSoc's purchasing power had taken quite a hit this year, and guests were restricted to one glass of prosecco at the reception: we each took a small sip and then passed it around. **Dr Jonathan Holmes** was missed at this year's dinner, as he is usually the lead for our initiation dance. It took all

of Drs **Maguire, Bambrough, Dunning-Davies, Price** and **Callingham** to fill his shoes with a brilliant performance nonetheless.

*President:* **Isha Harris**

*Clinical Vice-President:* **Michael Aarons**

*Welfare Officers:* **Saakithyan Sritharani** and **Janavi Shanmuganathan**

*Treasurer:* **Ayoola Ishola**

*Preclinical Social Secretary:* **Charlotte Froud**

*Webmaster:* **Faraan Cheema**

*Veterinary Representative:* **Lucy Kirkwood**

*Part 1 Representative:* **Elizabeth Politt**

## MILNER SOCIETY (NATURAL SCIENTISTS)

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This has been an exciting year for the Milner Society (Milsoc), the student-run Natural Sciences Society of Queens'. We started the year with our annual Mahal, welcoming the first years to Natsci with a curry night. Also in the Michaelmas Term, we held an internship event in conjunction with the Stokes Society (Pembroke College), which gave an opportunity for students who had undertaken summer internships to offer advice to those who were wishing to apply for one. Throughout the year we ran weekly study sessions involving all year groups to encourage collaboration between years, with the occasional (science-themed) film night interspersed.

In the Lent Term the Society held its 6th annual Estimation Evening, kindly run by **Dr Jamie Blundell**. This was a competition at which groups of participants had to solve order-of-magnitude or Fermi problems such as 'How many bees does it take to make a jar of honey?' Later in the Term, the Annual Dinner was held. It involved a drinks reception and formal hall in Old Hall and was a lovely opportunity to get Natscis from all years and subjects together to celebrate achievements. First year **Dara McAnulty**, having just received a British Empire Medal for services to the environment, gave an inspiring speech about the importance of nature and our role as budding scientists to protect it.

*Co-Presidents:* **Crispin Turner & Daisy Cooper**

*Committee:* **Divya Gupta, Hamdah Qalib, Yuexuan Zhang, Manav Divecha, Guy Flint**

## MMLL SOCIETY (MODERN & MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS)

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This year was the inaugural year for Queens' MMLL Society, and so it was also an experimental one. The Vice-President and President deliberated about what they wanted the

Society to be and what they wanted to achieve; was the Society to follow the example of other subject-based societies in organising various talks with resident and external scholars, or create something new? It was decided that, as this was our first year, it was paramount to focus on building relationships among the MMLL community in Queens', with a special focus on the incoming first-year students and returning fourth years.

Thus there was a focus on various social events throughout this year but with the possibility of expanding the Society to become something more academic in the future. This was particularly important for the integration of Linguistics and AMES (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies) students, who often do not share classes or supervisions with the College's MML students. The first social event in the Bowett Room in October focussed on getting to know each other and sharing the aims for the Society. It was a success, setting the stage for future social events. Since then, Queens' have hosted a formal hall swap with Selwyn Linguists and have been hosted by St John's MML Society at one of their formal halls earlier in the Lent Term.

We are currently in the process of planning a social in QBar for the various language societies with which we have fostered connections: Clare, Selwyn, and St John's. In preparation for next year, we are holding elections for a new committee (including current first and third year MMLL students), with expanded roles to help the Committee to develop: a President, a Social Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Publicity Officer. This year's officers are excited to return for the fourth year to see how the society has progressed!

*President:* **Georgia Greig**

*Vice-President:* **Susie Hicks Beach**

## POLITICS SOCIETY

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This was the first Academic Year of Queens' Politics Society's operation, and we could not have asked for a more successful start. Founded in 2022, our mission is to bring Cambridge students in conversation with those at the heights and frontiers of the political world through speaker events and Q&A sessions held in Queens'. The Society started strongly in the Michaelmas term with our first event hosting Queens' alumnus and former British Ambassador to Russia, **Sir Tony Brenton**. He gave a talk titled 'The Russia-Ukraine War; why, whence, and whither?' and was then quizzed on his explanations of – and predictions for – the war, as well as his personal experience of interacting with Vladimir Putin himself.

This was followed by a fiery discussion with the business and economics editor of GB News, Liam Halligan. In the aftermath of Liz Truss' infamous Mini-Budget, students (and a fire alarm!) grilled Liam on the Government's economic policy and debated whether fault for

the immediate economic downturn lay with the markets or the Government. The Term was ended with an informative talk by international conflict resolution consultant Yeshim Harris, at which we learnt intricate details on how gendered conflict reduction strategies were deployed by the UN in conflict flashpoints.

The Lent Term began with a visit from First Civil Service Commissioner, Baroness Gisela Stuart, who drew on her experience as a leader of the 'Vote Leave' campaign which helped to persuade the British population to leave the European Union in 2016. Gisela discussed the virtues of political participation, the origins of democratic backsliding across the globe, and why today's youth should be furious at the older generations for the political mistakes they've left them to inherit.

Our final event was our most attended, as a packed Fitzpatrick Hall played host to Lord Neil Kinnock, former leader of the Labour Party. Students debated with Neil on a whole variety of topics such as Brexit, the Northern Ireland peace process, the current trajectory of the Labour Party, and much more. This event was in collaboration with the Cambridge University Labour Club, who were positively ecstatic to meet someone who they admired so deeply.

Overall, hundreds of students attended the events of Queens' Politics Society, with word of our existence spreading even to The Cambridge Union where someone cited us in a speech discussing the high quality of political student events in the University. The success of this year was a team effort and the President of the Society could not have asked for a more competent, personable, and tenacious committee; they deserve the utmost praise.

*Founder and President:* **Jasper Ostle**

*Vice-President:* **Josh Moore**

*Publicity Officer:* **Emma Duffy**

*Speakers Officer:* **Michael Watts**

## ARTS FESTIVAL/ART SOCIETY

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Queens' Arts Festival had a successful year in 2023. We are the largest arts festival in the University, alongside others like the John Hughes Arts Festival. A combined effort with Queens' other art society, 'Queens' Presents', we put on a series of events throughout the year, culminating in our end of year BRICOLAGE-themed exhibition. BRICOLAGE: 'you are what you eat/make' welcomed artworks of all mediums using the unconventional, the mundane, the ordinary and reflected on social-political identities. The exhibition hosted 20+ artists and featured a glowing review in *Varsity*! It was an amazing opportunity for students to exhibit their work and engage with curating.



We hosted an arts market, a festival of exhibition making, open responses and talks from industry professionals from places including the Barbican. We partnered with societies such as the Fitzwilliam Museum Society. Queens' Arts is a unique opportunity to engage with art at University.

We're excited to announce that the Arts Festival and Art Society are now combined to provide regular events throughout the year and multiple exhibitions. Our student Committee is planning an active programme of life drawing, workshops and exhibitions for the coming year.

*Curator QAF 2021-2023, President of Queens' Arts 2023/24:* **Senah Tuma**

## ASIA-PACIFIC SOCIETY

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QCAPS was only able to execute one society activity because of a lack of organisers in the past year. We collaborated with the MCR to organize a Lunar New Year themed formal hall at the beginning of Lent Term. The event took the opportunity of a traditional festival to celebrate the heritage and culture of East Asian communities and was a great success.

*President:* **Fang Zhai**

## BATS

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The Bats got off to a roaring start in Michaelmas 2022 with the performance of a play by Queens' own **Nathaniel Gunn**, *Black is the Colour of My Soul*. This challenging and provocative, even confrontational play, inspired by the writing of Sarah Kane, explores the structures and experience of power – and its abuses – in mental institutions, with clear allegorical nods to many of the institutions and authority structures that 'incarcerate' people in contemporary society (including our own!). The challenging performances sold out across the penultimate weekend of November and included a visit from Queens' alumna, **Joanna Scanlan (1980)**, who treated the cast to a rousing and inspirational address.

After the unfortunate late-stage cancellation of an external, Bats-sponsored show in the Lent Term, a new committee was formed in Easter, led by first-year English student and Cambridge theatrical whirlwind **Emma Dawes**. The committee's first project, a May Week production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in Cloister Court, was ably directed by **Aidan Collins**, produced by the fabulous **Ellie Moss**, and featured Queens' students **Frey Delap** (Puck), **David Quinn** (Egeus and Philostrate), **Eleanor Medcalf** (Helena), and **Holly Webster**

(Snug). The production was notable not only for some fine performances and unruly hair, but for the provision of cold drinks and ice cream at the intermission, which went a long way to soothing the roasting heat o' the sun.

Gigantic plans are already in motion for next Michaelmas Term, including a mainstage production of Sarah Kane's *Cleansed*; two student-written plays (*Foresite*, a musical piece; and *It's OK you're doing great*); a collaborative staging (with QEnts) of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*; and a 'Freshers' Showcase'. Bats will also celebrate Black History Month in October by hosting the inaugural Black Creatives Festival – 3 days of workshops, events and performances centring around the black creative community! The term will offer a packed schedule of serious, experimental, immersive, and musical theatre, giving ample scope for the development and promotion of our considerable Queens' talent, and once again putting the Fitzpatrick Hall back on the Cambridge theatrical map. The new committee has also commissioned first-year ASNC student **Noah Chamberlain** to build a new website for the Bats, which will draw on new designs and old archives to give the whole Queens' community – including our alumni – access to information about current Bats activities and productions, the society's history and achievements, and its forthcoming projects. If you happen to have any old Bats memorabilia or anecdotes, do get in touch with the Bats President **Emma Dawes** or with the Senior Treasurer, **Dr Andrew Zurcher**, to share them.

*President:* **Emma Dawes**

*Senior Treasurer:* **Andrew Zurcher**

## CHAPEL CHOIR

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This year started with the welcome return of Nicholas Morris as our Director of Music. Nick is particularly familiar with Queens', having been organ scholar here 2011-14. Our regular schedule of services in the Michaelmas Term began with the Matriculation Service, at which new Queens' members **Erica Lees-Smith**, **Joshua Todd**, **Millie Clark**, as well as volunteers Aidan Cole and Lucy Ganss were welcomed. The Term finished with our second annual Alumni Carol Service, held at the stunning Chelsea Old Church – the new digs of our former Chaplain **Rev Max Bayliss**. The wonderful **Anna Jones** replaces him. She is well acquainted with the Chapel Choir, having sung in it herself some years ago.

A quiet Lent Term was made less quiet by Covid forcing the postponement of a visiting choir day trip to Peterborough (now rescheduled for October next academic year). It wasn't all doom and gloom though, as we were joined by former organ scholar **Alexander Knight** and his church choir from London in a joint service featuring 50 singers! It was a riotous sing, and great fun to make music with others.

The Easter Term began with the Benefactors Service, featuring Parry's *I was Glad*. The year will draw to a close with our first international tour since 2019. The Choir headed off for a few days in the middle of July to Amsterdam, singing a concert and a service at the Basilica – something we were looking forward to hugely. To start off the tour, we also visited Nick Morris's other church, St George's, Hanover Square, to give a lunchtime recital. It's been a good year for the Choir, and we are excited by what we can achieve with Nick and Anna at the helm.

*Director of Music:* **Nicholas Morris**  
*Aliki Vatikioti Senior Organ Scholar:* **Benjamin Markovic**  
*George C. Philips Junior Organ Scholar:* **Jack McCabe**  
*Estelle Choral Scholar:* **Katja Ruda**  
*Cleevely Choral Scholar:* **Georgia Burr**  
*Aliki Vatikioti Choral Scholar:* **Fleur Gardner-Wray**

## CHRISTIAN UNION

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This academic year, Queens' CU has been led wonderfully by **Beth Mitchell** and **Riyaan Yesudian** through the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, and then by **Sophie Cox** and **John Glass** for the Easter Term. Each week we have spent time with each other in fellowship and prayer for friends, family and people in college. The meetings have been in the new Faith Room in Cripps.

Over the course of the year, we have been encouraged by looking at Jesus' characteristics as provider, comforter and guide, by going through St John's Gospel, Chapter 9, in the Michaelmas Term and then exploring the joy that we can have in faith through Paul's letter to the Philippians. Riyaan and Beth led these discussions wonderfully by asking thought-provoking questions that allowed each of us to increase our understanding of the scriptures and our relationship with God.

In the Easter Term, we looked at a selection of Psalms, discussing each Psalm from the perspective of the psalmist in the relevant context, and then applying what we had learnt about God to our own lives. Each Bible Study had a focus at the end about how we can spread the Gospel throughout our College, which we try to do as part of the Intercollegiate Christian Union's mission to evangelise. To this end, in Lent, the Queens' CU ran a text-a-toastie event, at which people from the college community submitted questions online about faith, Christianity, or life, and were met with a toastie and an answer from a Christian perspective, delivered by one or two of the members of Queens' CU. This event was a good experience for all of us in answering challenging questions, as well as increasing awareness of the CU within college.

Particular social highlights from the year include a Christmas quiz in the Michaelmas Term (a month early, of course) which included a short talk from Ben, our College Guest (who supports our CU) about the Gospel, a great reminder for the CU members and, we hope, an impactful talk for the non-Christians who came along as well.

At the end of Easter Term, a group of us went to Ely to celebrate the end of our exams and visited the Cathedral, where we stumbled upon an art exhibition called 'Threads through Creation', depicting the events of Genesis 1-3 through large, abstract silk panels. This was a brilliant end to a lovely year together.

*College Reps:* **Sophie Cox** and **John Glass**

## FEMINIST SOCIETY

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FemSoc this year has shifted in mentality and is more open. We have been encouraging people of all genders to attend and act as 'allies' by participating in activities such as debates over brunch, coffee mornings, movie nights, bar swaps with other FemSocs and much more. The traditional Queens' Women's Dinner in Michaelmas Term, open to female and non-binary members of College, unfortunately had to be postponed because of Covid and attempts to rebook in the Lent Term were unsuccessful as Old Hall was booked out. The highlight of this year was our successful bar swap with Pembroke FemSoc. Many new friendships were formed and future swaps with this society have been proposed. Queens' students have voted and decided that as a Society we will be fundraising for Cambridge Rape Society next term, a very deserving cause.

*President:* **Eve Maylor**

*Vice-President:* **Rosie Freeman**

*Treasurer/Secretary:* **Bissie Shupo**

*Events Officer:* **Izzy Pearl**

*Publicity:* **Eva Weinstein**

## GRADUATE CHOIR

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The Graduate Choir welcomed a lot of new faces in October as well as its regulars. As always, members came from across the world and had all sorts of musical backgrounds and interests, reflected in our Christmas programme. Working with the Chaplain, the Choir took a more regular role as part of the Chapel's calendar this year, singing services for Remembrance Sunday, Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day, including a new arrangement of Orlando Gibbons' hymn 'Drop, drop slow tears' by **Jonny Tsang**.

The highlight of the year was the semi-staged performance of Henry Purcell's *The Fairy Queen*, a musical landscape of magic, love and summer, musically directed by Cleo Loi in the Lent Term. The production saw the Chapel packed and raised over £300 for Jimmy's Night Shelter. A number of singers made their debuts as soloists, while some instrumentalists made their debuts on recorder and timpani.

Since the Easter term, the Choir has been directed by Vic Olphin, who has introduced a repertoire of madrigals and folksongs.

*Director:* **Dr Jonny Tsang** (2011)

*Deputy Director:* Vic Olphin

*Repetiteur:* Cleo Loi

## ISLAMIC SOCIETY

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Queens' Islamic Society was originally set up by a few students in search of a shared community. This year the Society grew to become more organised as we set up a mailing list and applied for a society budget with the College Union. While the Michaelmas Term was quieter, in the Lent Term we gathered over brunch in College. This year the month of fasting, Ramadan, was in the Easter break with fewer students in residence, and therefore we couldn't celebrate it together. The College President, **Mohamed El-Erian**, hosted an Eid celebration at the President's Lodge to celebrate the end of the month of fasting at the beginning of Easter Term. An alumnus, who wished to remain anonymous, has made a donation for the Queens' Islamic Society which the Alumni & Development Office has kindly used as an endowment for the Society to sustain it in the future. We concluded this academic year with an end of year celebration. The society has a new committee for next academic year with an even split of representatives from the MCR and JCR.

*President:* **Irum Maqbool**

*Vice-President:* **Rufaidah Husein**

*Secretary:* **Muhamad Rizwan Khan**

*Junior Treasurer:* **Khadija Hafeji**

## JEWISH SOCIETY

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We ended the year with the celebration of Pentecost (Shavuot) with an afternoon tea to which the President had kindly invited us. We had the traditional cheesecake to celebrate the festival. We continued our regular meetings at the University Jewish Society's weekly dinners and arranged in-college meet-ups too. We hosted Saturday morning services termly,

with around 20 attendees in the Faith Centre each time. These were followed by Kiddush.

*Presidents:* **Jischai Wyler, Jonah Weiniger**

*Vice-President:* **Izzy Pearl**

## JUST DANCE SOCIETY

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This year, we have been meeting once every other week to have fun and dance, with regular members returning again for more Just Dancing. Multiple sessions were well attended over Michaelmas and Lent Terms, with the song 'Rasputin' proving to be a club favourite.

*Co-Presidents:* **Hannah Chen, Florrie Barton**

## QENTS

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This year's QEnts Committee began with the big event of *Bounce*; the post-exam Queens' tradition of gathering the college onto Erasmus Lawn for a BBQ, music, and, most importantly, bouncy castles. It was an undeniable success following the lockdown restrictions and will be continued this year due to the demand. The inflatable rodeo bull was a popular feature and the silent disco managed to pull everyone together in the marquee to enjoy the later hours of the event. The buttery and catering staff put together a very enjoyable spread for the BBQ and the bar staff served drinks – with QEnts providing a free drink with the £30 tickets.

In the new academic year, the team shone in the Michaelmas Term organising three bops. The themes were: 'All that glitters and glows'; 'Death of the bop'; and 'Bad Santa'. The last two bops saw a shift in location from the body of the Fitzpat Hall to the staging area and Richard De Cordova agreed to allow drinks to be taken into the bop in plastic cups. The committee pulled together for decoration for the various themes and student DJs **Toby Nee** and **Isaac Morley** volunteered to provide the music.

The committee also branched out into activities which did not involve alcohol with a College 'Battle of the Bands' in the Fitzpat and several Bar activities and quizzes in Qbar. Overall, the committee had to wrestle with bouncing back from Covid measures as well as reinstating College traditions and it is undeniable that the team managed to do so impressively.

*President:* **Anya Gardner-Mohammed**

*Vice-President:* **Ollie Mills**

*Tech Team:* **Wesley Barrett** and **Simon Sherriff**

*Treasurer:* **Victoria Romaniv**

*Secretary:* **Phoebe Brown**

*Small Events:* **Lizzie Clark** and **Emily Counter**

*Creative:* **Margaux Cooper**

*Bar Rep:* **Louisa Herbert**

## ST MARGARET SOCIETY

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St Margaret's Music Society of Queens' College has had a very busy, but exciting year! The Michaelmas Term culminated in two amazing concerts. Our Michaelmas orchestral concert in West Road championed two under-appreciated female composers, Emilie Mayer and Lili Boulanger, and included a phenomenal performance of Strauss' *Horn Concerto No.1* by second-year historian **Georgia Burr**. The MagSoc Chorus also put on a concert to a packed chapel, featuring music by Bruckner, Vaughan Williams and Sting! MagSoc established a new 'informal' orchestra within college, under the leadership of **Matthew Mayes**, aiming to offer Queens' students an opportunity to continue playing orchestral music at a more accessible level.

The MagSoc Chorus then joined the orchestra for our Lent Term West Road Concert. The orchestra played the rarely played *Fourth Symphony* of Florence Price and an *Overture* by Ethel Smyth. The second half included Faure's *Requiem* and Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, superbly sung by the MagSoc Chorus under **Matthew Mayes'** direction. Another Lent Term highlight was the annual Tyro Prize competition, which was judged by **Alice Drury**, our Senior Treasurer **Professor Julia Gog** and Queens' Research Fellow **Dr Hamish Symington**. We were incredibly impressed by the talent of everyone who performed, but it was first-year Natural Sciences student **Alex Jones** who really stood out to us with his amazing electric bass guitar performance.

Across both terms, we've had enjoyable weekly recitals organised by **Katja Ruda**, including performances from the Graduate Choir and the Queens' Quartet. MagSoc also put on several non-classical events this year, organised by our Performance Manager **Gabriel Margolis**. Gabriel MC'd our Open Mic night in QBar in Michaelmas which was a collaboration with the University wide Green Week initiative. At the end of Lent Term, MagSoc hosted the Joseph Septet on the Fitzpatrick Stage for an enjoyable evening of contemporary jazz, and at the start of Easter Term, we welcome current CUJO players and CUJO alumni for a jazz concert in the Fitzpatrick.

*President:* **Alice Drury**

*Vice-President:* **Georgia Edwards**

*Senior Treasurer:* **Prof Julia Gog**

*Junior Treasurer:* **Matthew Mayes**

*Recitals Manager:* **Katja Ruda**

*Publicity Officer:* **Georgia Burr**

*Committee Members:* **Benjamin Markovic, Sam Steinberg, George Smith, Gabriel Margolis, Jack McCabe, Nathaniel Gunn, Justin Chen, Millie Clark, Erica Lees-Smith**

## MCR WINE SOCIETY

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The club had three trips this year — one to Piedmont, where we did a short tasting of a few young Barolo vintages. We then went over to Beaujolais in October, where we had time to taste the nouveaux in season. Finally, the club dipped down to a modest selection of tastings in Berlin, where we tasted new Reislings and a Gewürztraminer by a natural producer which the club secretary described as 'agricultural'.

*President:* **Harry Sanderson**





The 2022 cohort of Alexander Crummell Scholars



The College Open Day in July 2023



Dr Mohamed El-Erian giving a reading at the 2022 Alumni Carol Service



Professor Richard Fentiman giving the Queens' Distinguished Lecture in Law 2022



Ice creams being served on the Round to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III



Queens' May Ball returned in 2023 after a hiatus due to Covid-19



W1 won blades in May Bumps 2023, having last done so in 1992

# THE ALUMNI RECORD

## DEATHS

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

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| Michael G. Spicer, MBE (1941)                  | Roger E. Thornton (1954)   |
| R.V. Cross, BEM (1945)                         | Ian R. McNeil (1955)   |
| J. Michael Collinson (1948)                    | Dr J. Anthony (Tony) M. Philipson,<br>FRCS(Ed) (1955)              |
| Brian C. Brazier, MICE (1949)                  | Dr Brian J. Stoodley, MChir, FRCS (1955)                           |
| Brian L. Callaway (1949)                       | J. David Temple, VetMB, MRCVS (1955)                               |
| Dr Michael J.W. Bloxham, PhD (1950)            | Dr David R. Tilley, PhD (1955)                                     |
| Roland E. Bream, TD (1950)                     | Mark Woolveridge (1955)  |
| William H. Broughton (1950)                    | Robert A. Broughton, OBE (1956)                                    |
| Dr Norman E. Holden, MB, BCh (1950)            | J. Clive P. Dalton (1956)  |
| Dr Norman D. Kilpatrick, MRCOG (1950)          | John G. Denby (1956)   |
| George D. Lock (1950)                          | Roger Gwynne-Jones (1956)  |
| Anthony F.G. Mattock (1950)                    | Mark C. Hanna (1956) in 2020                                       |
| Colin C. Wilton-Davies (1950)                  | John C. Sutcliffe-Braithwaite (1956)                               |
| John R. Madell (1951)                          | David A. Turner (1956)   |
| Paul J. Simmons (1951)                         | Brian (Ben) E. Bennett (1957)                                      |
| Colin H. Taft (1951)                           | Professor Norman A. Chigier, PhD, ScD (1957)                       |
| Richard H. Umbers (1951)                       | John M. Leonard (1957)   |
| F. John Woodley (1951)                         | James B. Moir-Shepherd, MB, BChir, FRCS,<br>MRCOG (1957)           |
| Cedric Lee (1952)                              | The Revd Brian D. Treharne (1957)                                  |
| Humphrey L. Tranter (1952)                     | A.J. Arlidge, KC (1958)  |
| Dr Peter L. Boardman, MD (1953)                | Brian W Derbyshire (1958)  |
| His Honour Thomas A.C. Coningsby,<br>QC (1953) | Nigel J. Hamilton (1958) in 2021                                   |
| Michael C. Cronin (1953) in 2021               | David A Warmington (1958)  |
| Professor Peter Dickinson, FRSA (1953)         | Sir John M.M. Banham, DL (1959)                                    |
| The Revd John B. Geyer (1953) in 2020          | Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Walmsley, KCB,<br>FREng, FRSA, FIET (1959) |
| Dr Philip M. Phibbs, PhD (1953)                | Dr Alan S. Coulson, MD, PhD, FACS,<br>FACCWS (1960)                |
| David J. Wood (1953)                           | The Revd Peter M. Hartley, FICE (1960)                             |
| David J. Claxton, LVO, MBE (1954)              | Professor Michael R.V. Hodd (1960)                                 |
| John D. Cumming (1954)                         |  |
| C. Anthony Y. Shephard (1954)                  |  |

Andrew S. Turner (1961)  
 C. Nigel Blackburn (1962)  
 P. Andrew Edmunds (1962)  
 Anthony (Tony) J. Maxwell, DipEd (1962)  
 Jonathan A. Noakes (1962)  
 J. David Perkins (1962)  
 David N Barnard (1963)  
 Professor H. Garth Dales, PhD (1963)  
 D. Keith M. James, OBE (1963)  
 Professor Brian S. Pullan, PhD, FRHistS,  
 FBA (1963)  
 Peter R.M. Steele, PhD, MB, BChir (1963)  
 Yu Sun-Nien (1963)  
 Robert E. Griffiths (1964)  
 Peter Roberts (1965)  
 Michael P. Cranwell, VetMB, MRCVS (1966)  
 Michael A. Elliott, MBA (1966)

Dr James Newton (1966)  
 Jeremy E.V. May (né Mayevski) (1967)  
 John A Seddon (1968)  
 M.L. Lambirth (1971)  
 David A. S. Lees (1973)  
 Michael A.F. Raw (1974)  
 Paul M. Le Rossignol (1974) in 2021  
 D. Nicholas Symons (1976)  
 Professor Thomas R. Marsh, PhD (1979)  
 Dr Philip Le M Sinclair, PhD (1980)  
 Stephanie G. Pollard (née Farr) (1988)  
 Mary L. Wilson (née Howard), MMath (1988)  
 Dr Fiona E. Dehghani (née Salisbury), MPhil,  
 PhD (2004)  
 Dr William J. Merry, MMath, PhD (2004)  
 Richard A. Knebel (né Leyland), MAST (2012)  
 R. Nick Koster, MSt (2017)

## OBITUARIES

**R.V. Cross**, BEM (1945) aged 95. Roy Cross was born in Bow, London, the youngest of five siblings. He won a place at Barking Abbey Grammar School where he was a keen member of the dramatic society and was a bantam weight boxing champion. He served as an ARP messenger and was once blown off his bicycle when a V2 rocket exploded nearby. His school days engendered in him a lifelong passion for English literature, for history and for reading. He studied English for Part I and then History Part II at Queens' and played football for the University Second XI. He was rather daunted by his fellow undergraduates, most of whom had served in the War. After graduation, he undertook National Service in the Education Corps, drafted to the University of Leeds Extra-Mural Department at the Catterick Garrison. He met his future wife Pam at church – they both went on to serve as Sunday School teachers – and they were married in 1955. They had four children, **Roy A.B. Cross** (who followed him to Queens' in 1974), Joanna, Jeremy and Timothy and, in due course, six grandchildren. Roy worked for Pam's parents' dry-cleaning firm at first before becoming a Lecturer at the University of Leeds. He went on to teach at the Convent of the Assumption in Richmond and then for over 20 years lectured at Kirby College of Further Education,



Middlesbrough, where he became a Head of Department, despite an hour's commute from the family home in Richmond. In 1966 he and his wife purchased a sweet shop which became something of a community hub. He served from 1963 until 1999 as an independent on both Richmond Town Council and the Richmondshire (he was instrumental in reviving the historic name for the area) District Council. He was Mayor of Richmond three times and Chair of the District Council three times. He represented Yorkshire as a Member of the European Committee of the Regions, based in Brussels, and of the Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities in Strasbourg. He also served on a variety of school and charity governing bodies, particularly working for local hospitals and the local branch of the British Heart Foundation. He helped found Richmond Round Table and was the founding licensee of the Georgian Theatre. For over twenty years he ran a local annual art exhibition for charity. He and his wife were both granted the Freedom of Richmond in 2012 and he was awarded the British Empire Medal. They enjoyed travel and Roy remained a voracious reader as well as writing columns for the *North Yorkshire News*. He was an ardent cricket fan and also wrote a crime novel.



**J.M. Collinson** (1948) aged 93. Michael Collinson was born in Bradford, the only child of James Collinson and his wife Amy, who were then living in Halifax. Three years later the family moved to Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, where Michael's father had been appointed to the headship of a new junior technical school. Michael attended Newcastle High School and from there gained a scholarship to Queens', where he read History. After graduating he took a Diploma in Archive Administration at Liverpool University. His first post was in the Ipswich and East Suffolk Record Office, where he worked for over five years before moving to the Archives Department of Leeds City Libraries, first as assistant, then as Archivist. During his time

there he was particularly active in securing deposits of records, earning the gratitude of many researchers, and also met his wife Catherine, a fellow archivist. They married in 1971.

In 1982 Michael took early retirement. He devoted his life thereafter to local history, researching in local record offices and the National Archives. This resulted in a substantial history of Headingley, the Leeds suburb where he lived after his marriage, and a number of published articles, mostly in local publications. Michael was also active in local history societies: at different times he served on the council of the Thoresby Society of Leeds, edited a journal for the Medieval Section of what was then the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and was joint editor, with Catherine, of the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*. Besides his historical interests, Michael enjoyed walking, gardening, visiting art galleries and listening to opera. Holidays abroad were another source of pleasure, and he chose to spend his eightieth birthday in Paris. His ninetieth was celebrated nearer home, in Whitby.

**P.J. Simmons** (1951) aged 89. Paul Simmons was born in 1932, the only child of an Irish family in Liverpool. He was sent off to a boarding school at the age of six, and his secondary education at Ratcliffe College too continued away from home. However, he spent every summer blissfully with cousins in Wexford, ending up feeling more Irish than English. Before coming up to Queens', he undertook National Service in the Army. Much of his two years were spent in Berlin, well before the wall was erected, so he could freely move around all its four sectors. The highlight of this time was participating in guarding Rudolf Hess in Spandau Jail. Otherwise, he enjoyed listening to the wide range of music, particularly jazz, available then in bombed-out Berlin. He read History at Queens'. Like many others, he admired **Henry Hart**, the Chaplain and Dean. Paul asked Henry if a group of Roman Catholic Queensmen could occasionally use the College Chapel for little informal services. Henry was delighted to open the Chapel to them, but on one condition, "Please, no incense. I'm allergic to it". After graduation he started a career in accountancy. However, he soon chose instead to train to become a history teacher. He met Margaret, who was teaching at a Catholic school in North London. They married and Paul spent almost 30 years teaching at Impington Village College just north of Cambridge; his pupils rated him highly. He benefitted from a year's exchange with a Catholic school in Connecticut. Paul and Margaret were active members of St Laurence's Roman Catholic Church on Milton Road in Cambridge. After retirement he worked at Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge, providing for the homeless. He also enjoyed the local University of the Third Age. Margaret died in 2017; he found that very difficult, but eventually recovered his equilibrium. He leaves behind two daughters and one son.

**F.J. Woodley** (1951) aged 92. The youngest of three children, John Woodley was born into a working-class family in Portsmouth in 1930. Portsmouth, as Britain's biggest naval base, suffered frequent bombing raids during the Second World War and in later years John often recalled his experiences of the Blitz. He won a scholarship to Portsmouth Grammar School and excelled both academically and at sport, serving as Head Boy in his final year and captaining the cricket and football teams. He spent his two years National Service as a Lieutenant with the Royal Artillery in Jordan. At Queens' he studied Law and Economics, though admitted to spending more time on the sports field than in the lecture hall. He was awarded Blues in both football and cricket, captained the University football team, and played for Pegasus, the combined Oxford and Cambridge team. He played twice at Wembley. On one occasion, when he was due to open the batting in a cricket match for Queens', he was persuaded to consume several beers in a pub beforehand. Usually a slow, methodical batsman, this time he vigorously attacked the bowling, quickly amassing a large score and crowned his performance with a huge six which landed in a nearby orchard. The groundsman said it was the biggest six he had seen in his many years at Cambridge. After graduation he went to Tanganyika (part of today's Tanzania) to work for the Foreign and Commonwealth Service. He served for 11 years, finishing as the District Commissioner for Masailand. He loved his years in East Africa and was especially proud of being awarded the

title of 'Tribal Elder' by the Masai. During this time, he met and married his wife, Patricia Atkinson. They were married for 52 years until Patricia died in 2010. They are survived by four children – Caroline, Anthony, Penny and Julia. Returning to England in 1965 they settled in Bromley. John retrained as a social worker and worked initially as a Child Care Officer. He finished his career in 1985 as Director of Social Services for Cambridgeshire. He took early retirement and enjoyed life in Cambridge. Later they moved to East Sussex to be nearer their family. After Patricia died, John continued spending time in his beloved garden, visiting National Trust properties, listening to music and welcoming his ever-growing family, including eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Locally he was something of a celebrity and was known to many as "the man with the hat".



**His Honour T.A.C. Coningsby, QC (1953)** aged 89. Thomas Coningsby was educated at Epsom College before coming to Queens' in 1953 to read Law. After College he obtained a pupillage at 3 Dr Johnson's Buildings in the Temple, in a set of chambers which specialised in Family Law and trained as a barrister principally in that field. Based at the family home in Caterham he was much involved in his local church and met his wife Elaine after inviting her to join a local Christian group for young people. They were married in 1958 and had five children, Andrew, Sara, Libby, Kathy and James. Settling in Chipstead, the family attended Emmanuel Church, South Croydon. An active member of the Lawyers' Christian

Fellowship, he was elected a Member of the House of Laity of the General Synod of the Church of England in 1970. He was to remain a member of Synod for 39 years. In 1977 he was appointed Diocesan Chancellor of York and in 1989 he also took on the duties of Vicar-General of the Province of York. He remained in office for 30 years, serving four successive Archbishops of York as their judge and principal legal adviser, and serving on the Fees Advisory Commission and the Legal Advisory Commission. He was further appointed Diocesan Chancellor of Peterborough in 1989. Tom became a Queen's Counsel in 1986 and chaired the Family Law Bar Association. He was later elected to the General Council of the Bar. He was appointed as a Circuit Judge in 1992, hearing both family and criminal cases, mostly in Bromley and Croydon. He had a reputation of tempering justice with mercy and was always fair and courteous. He retired as a judge in 2006. He played tennis until late in life and was also a keen golfer. He had a particular interest in the decorative and fine arts and was himself an accomplished watercolourist. He became a carer for his wife until she had to move into residential care and she predeceased him.

**M.C. Cronin** (1953) aged 91. Michael Collins Cronin was the younger son of Major-General Felix Cronin of the Irish Army and Kitty Kiernan, who had been the fiancée of Michael Collins, the Irish Republican politician assassinated during the Irish Civil War. Mrs Cronin remained



somewhat obsessed by the memory of her late fiancé, naming Michael after him, insisting on installing a large portrait of him in the hall of the family home and even arranging to be buried near him. She died while her son was still at school. Michael attended Newbridge College, County Kildare, where he excelled academically and also in sports, notably rugby, tennis and running. He continued to play rugby at University College, Dublin, where he completed a BSc degree in Agriculture and edited the University magazine, *The National Student*. He came to Queens' with a scholarship from the British Colonial Service to study for a Diploma in Agriculture and greatly enjoyed his year at the College. He also attended Imperial College, Trinidad,

to study tropical agriculture. He worked for two years for the Colonial Service as an agricultural adviser in Sokoto Province, Northern Nigeria. He eventually returned to Ireland and became Managing Director of Potash and Continental Ltd. In retirement he lived in an apartment in central Dublin, often rising early to meet friends for breakfast. He had a fund of stories and anecdotes, laced with a fine line in self-deprecation. He is survived by his wife Noelle, his children April, Tim, Emma and Juliet, a number of grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

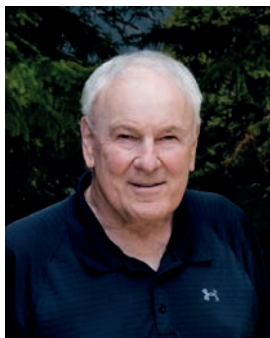
**Professor P. Dickinson**, DMus, FRSA (1953) aged 88. Peter Dickinson was born in Lytham St Anne's. His parents were Muriel and Frank, a pioneering contact lenses practitioner. He attended the Leys School in Cambridge and was elected to the Organ Scholarship at Queens' in 1953. He read Music. Deciding against a career in cathedral music, he left, after graduation, for the United States. He spent three years in New York, initially as a student at the Juilliard School, then as a critic for the *Musical Courier* and a Lecturer at Farleigh Dickinson University, and immersed himself in contemporary American music. He met Charles Ives who was incorporating everything from barn dance music and revival hymns to popular music into his classical compositions as well as experimental composers such as John Cage and Edgard Varèse. Returning to the U.K. he introduced the new sounds from America to a British audience, lecturing at the College of St Mark and St John in Chelsea and embarking on a career as a composer and performer. It was during his time in Chelsea that he met and married Bridget Tomkinson, herself a music student at the Royal College of Music. He became an authority on both American and British composers of the period, writing a number of books, including *The Music of Lennox Berkeley* (1988), *Marigold: The Music of Billy Mayerl* (1999), *Copland: Studies and Interviews* (2002), *Cage Talk: Dialogues with and about John Cage* (2006), *Lord Berners: Composer, Writer and Painter* (2008) and *Samuel Barber Remembered* (2010) as well as many articles, chapters and reviews. He staged conferences and concerts, drawing on his personal connections with composers such as Aaron Copland, John Cage, Philip Glass and Steve Reich. He was also a devotee of the French composer Eric Satie and did much to popularise his music. He moved from Chelsea to Birmingham University in 1966 as a



Lecturer in Music, where he established courses in improvisation and experimental music. In 1974 he became Professor of Music at Keele University. There he introduced pop and jazz music to the curriculum and is widely considered a pioneer in the teaching of popular music in degree courses. At Keele he established the Centre for American Music. In 1984 he moved to Goldsmith's College, London University, as Chairman of Music and in 1996 became a Fellow and Head of Music at the Institute of United States Studies, teaching there until 2004. He was a supportive and inspirational teacher, disarmingly modest. Meanwhile he continued to compose in many genres. He particularly enjoyed combining different musical styles into one composition. *The Judas Tree: A Musical Drama of Judas Iscariot* (1965) was performed in 1967 at Washington National Cathedral and was a great critical success. There were concertos for organ (1971) written for the Three Choirs Festival, piano (1984) commissioned by the Cheltenham Festival, and violin commissioned and broadcast by the BBC in 1987. His *Blue Rose Variations for Organ* was performed at the BBC Proms in 2009, and his *Mass of the Apocalypse* featured at the Aldeburgh Festival in 2015. He wrote *Merseyside Echoes*, commissioned in 1986 by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, as a tribute to the Beatles. His music was inspired by pop, by ragtime, by modern experimental music, by many different genres. He set poems of E.E. Cummings and Stevie Smith to music for his sister, the Mezzosoprano Meriel Dickinson, playing the piano in performances with her. He composed for full orchestra, for a variety of single instruments, especially keyboard, and for historical instruments, as well as choral works and music for single voice, in all over 100 works. As well as composing, he played the piano professionally for many years. He was a frequent broadcaster, especially on BBC Radio 3, and the interviews he conducted for radio documentaries served as the basis for some of his books. With his friend, the musicologist Bernarr Rainbow, he established the Rainbow Dickinson Educational Trust to support orchestras, choirs, festivals and local music-making groups. He was a founder member of the Association of Professional Composers and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1981. He was awarded an Honorary DMus by the University of Keele. Peter and Bridget had two sons, Jasper and Francis. All three survive him, as does his sister. The family eventually settled in Aldeburgh in Suffolk.

**J.D. Cumming** (1954) aged 89. John Cumming was educated at Ghyll Royd School, Ilkley, and Harrow School. He completed his National Service before coming up to Queens' to read Economics in 1954 and was at the College at the same time as his younger brother, **Richard A Cumming** (1955). John was a successful oarsman, winning an oar, and both brothers were keen golfers. After completing his studies, John had a long career in Hull, firstly with Sissons Paints and later with Comet. He took early retirement in the late 1980s following the acquisition of Comet by Woolworth Holdings and was subsequently Chairman of Trustees of Dove House Hospice, Hull. He met Jill (née McCombe) at a mutual friend's wedding and they were married in 1962. They settled in North Ferriby, East Yorkshire. She survives him with their three children, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He remained a keen

golfer and cyclist and retained a deep affection for the sea and sailing. He had an extensive range of interests in the East Riding of Yorkshire and will be immensely missed by both his family and his wide circle of friends.



**C.A.Y. Shephard** (1954) aged 87. Tony Shephard was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, the son of Professor Cecil Shephard, CBE, and his wife Phyllis. He attended Oundle School and came up to Queens' to read Mechanical Sciences (Engineering) in 1954. He started rowing at Oundle and was a keen member of the Boat Club at College. He was a member of the celebrated Queens' crew who won the Ladies Plate at Henley Royal Regatta in 1955. His decorated oar accompanied him all over the world and was a much-prized trophy. He was a member of the Leander Club and continued to be involved in rowing for many years after leaving College. He co-founded a rowing club at Calgary in Canada and coached many young people who

wanted to learn to row competitively. Members of the Calgary Club went on to represent Canada at the Olympic Games. He often repeated the maxim, "Nothing teaches you to be a team player like rowing in an eight". On graduating in 1957 he began his career as a petroleum engineer with Mobil Oil Canada. The industry was in its infancy in Canada and he was involved almost from the outset of oil extraction in Alberta. He invented the new process of 'Miscible Flooding' for oil extraction and took out a patent in 1974. His career eventually took him to the United States, back to Great Britain and on to the States again. He retired from Columbia Gas in 1996 and settled in Dublin, Ohio. There he enjoyed golf and travel and the company of his nine grandchildren. His home was always full of fun and contentment. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sara, and his four daughters, Susan, Caryn, Gillian and Carolyn, as well as by his sister Mary Anne. His many creative skills and easy-going ways will be missed by many.



**J.A.M. Philipson**, MB, BChir, FRCS (1955) aged 85. Tony Philipson was born in Darlington, the only child of John and Marjorie Philipson. He was a pupil at Malvern College before coming to Queens' to study Natural Sciences for medicine in 1955. He graduated after Part I in 1958 and went on to Westminster Hospital in London for the clinical part of his training. Whilst at Cambridge he met his future wife, Ruth, who was training to be a nurse at Addenbrooke's Hospital; they married in 1963. He had many happy memories of toasting crumpets in his rooms, spending evenings in The Mill, summer balls and rowing his girlfriend to Grantchester. After qualifying in 1961 he worked in several hospitals in the

South and East of England and began to specialise in orthopaedics. Through a friendship with a fellow doctor, he often undertook locums at King's Lynn Hospital and when he had completed his training, he took up a permanent position as Consultant in Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery and Consultant in charge of the Accident and Emergency Department there. He inherited from his father an engineering brain which he used to great effect when dealing with complex fractures or limb deformities. He also worked extensively with the local branch of REMAP, a charity which provides custom-made equipment to people living with disability. He was much respected and loved by both the hospital staff and the local community and will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, dedication, skill, sense of humour and supportiveness. A stroke forced his early retirement in 1996. He recovered well and was able to enjoy many touring holidays in the U.K. and Europe in his motor home. He also collected classic cars and was the proud owner of three Bristols, a Jensen, two Daimlers and a Lotus. He spent a lot of time renovating the family home and was expert at DIY. He was a great animal lover and owned over the years a goat, a donkey, occasional cats, chickens, guinea fowl, peacocks, geese, ducks, a pair of rheas and a constant line of golden retrievers. Towards the end of his life he returned to beekeeping, a hobby he had shared with his father as a boy. He is survived by his two daughters, Jacqueline and Anna. Ruth died in 2006 and three years later he married a fellow doctor, Helen, who also survives him.



**J.C. Sutcliffe-Braithwaite** (1955) aged 86. John Sutcliffe-Braithwaite attended the Perse School for Boys in Cambridge before coming up to Queens'. On graduation he joined ICIL's management entry and became a Chartered Engineer with the British Computer Society. There then followed two years with Booz Allen Hamilton International (a Consulting Firm) based in the Middle East before he embarked on a career as an independent consultant in the computer industry in various countries. He started in the industry's nascent days as an expert in low level code, and he went on to manage many projects in the UK and abroad. He led the British Computer Society specialist interest group on disability for many years.

He was Honorary Secretary of the British Computer Society's Berkshire Branch 1985-88. In later life he researched complexity science with the Open University and was Research Director for Metaloger Technologies in Reading. He leaves his wife, Karen, four children and six grandchildren as well as his twin sister, Nancy, who married **John W.P. Hubbard** (Queens' 1955). His father, **George Braithwaite**, was also at Queens', matriculating in 1923.

**J.D. Temple**, VetMB, MRCVS (1955) aged 86. David Temple was born in Hertford in England, but his father worked in India and he spent his first years there before returning to England with his mother to live in Eastbourne after Indian independence. He won a scholarship to

Eastbourne College where he rose to become a School Prefect, Head of House, a member of the Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Captain of Athletics. He came up to Queens' in 1955, one of the first to study Veterinary Medicine at the College. He had become interested in animals at an early age, keeping pigeons and having an extensive butterfly collection. At Queens' David continued to play rugby and regularly attended the Medical Society. He met his wife Nancy, who was training at a PE College in Eastbourne, and they married in 1959. They were together for 63 years and had four children. After graduating David took a position in New Zealand providing veterinary care for dairy herds. He served on the New Zealand Veterinary Council from 1965 till 1970. That year he returned to England and settled in Witheridge in North Devon where David set up a rural practice specialising in farm animals. He later developed an interest in equine stud work, including the care of thoroughbred racehorses.

David and Nancy retired to Sidmouth in South Devon, renewing their love of being by the sea. He became President of a croquet club. Other interests included painting, touring in Europe with a caravan and supporting Exeter Rugby Club. David was known for his generosity, tenacity and impish sense of humour. His daughter, **Sarah Temple**, followed him to Queens' in 1981 and studied medicine.



**J.C.P. Dalton** (1956) aged 86. Clive Dalton was brought up in Hove on the south coast and was educated at Tonbridge School. From 1954 until 1956 he completed National Service in the Royal Signals at Catterick, meeting his future wife, Shirley whilst there. He read Mechanical Sciences (Engineering) at Queens'. He joined the University Automobile Club, which sparked an interest in vintage motor cars. In his final year, he purchased a 1932 2-litre Lagonda from the former headmistress of the Perse School. After a short period in Northampton, Clive returned to Cambridge for the rest of his life, living in Little Eversden. In 1971, he started a company in his front room that eventually became Cambridge Insitu

Ltd. Their first venture was to manufacture a new, unusual electronic thermometer for measuring the core temperature of people. Although the idea was sound, the device did not work in the way the inventor had imagined, but Clive worked out how to correct the problem. A friend then persuaded Clive to take up a contract for manufacturing strain gauged load cells using designs coming out of Cambridge University. In order to calibrate these devices, he was permitted to use the facilities of the Engineering Department. This brought Clive into contact with John Hughes and Peter Wroth, who were doing interesting work in the soil mechanics field. They had developed a novel tool for the *in situ* measurement of soil strength, stiffness and lateral geostatic stress. Clive acquired the rights to manufacture these devices, known as "Cambridge Self-boring Pressuremeters", now widely employed in the design of foundations for large buildings that are cheaper yet safer. They have been used

for the British Library, the new Forth Crossing, the Second Severn Bridge, Crossrail, Changi Airport, HS2, and on all the nuclear power projects and offshore windfarms in the UK. Clive was an enthusiastic and generous teacher and many people have had the benefit of his considerable engineering knowledge. He was widely sought out as someone prepared to undertake one-off tasks for various PhD students and research projects and his firm sponsored several PhDs. Clive's real talent was allowing others to find theirs. He made the space for people to discover what they were capable of, and encouraged them to achieve their potential. He was a very generous man. He had an enormous range of other interests. He was musical and a competent pianist. He was for many years active in local government and was a committed governor to three local schools. His beloved Lagonda needed a complete overhaul and was off the road until 1988. If parts were unavailable, Clive simply made them himself. The car was then much used by Clive and Shirley to attend various meets and rallies around the UK and in Europe. His greatest pleasure, however, was simply a good meal with friends and family, with interesting and amusing conversation long into the evening. He is survived by Shirley, his wife of over 60 years, their sons John and David, four grandsons and two great-grandsons.

**D.A. Turner** (1956) aged 85. David Turner was born in Cambridge in 1938, the son of Professor **James W.C. Turner** (Queens' 1906), a distinguished writer on Roman and criminal law, Fellow and Bursar of Trinity Hall and sometime Senior Proctor of the University, and Beatrice Stooke, a nurse and physiotherapist. Raised in the family home at Girton, David enjoyed the run of the University Farm and the surrounding countryside, which fostered his lifelong love of nature and animals. In 1940, along with his mother and five siblings, he was evacuated to Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, before returning home in 1942. He then attended St Colet's School in Tennyson Road and St Faith's, before winning a scholarship to Tonbridge School in Kent. He studied Law at Queens'. He was the goalkeeper for the college first hockey eleven and a member of the Cuppers-winning team of 1959-60 and also played football. He made lifelong friends at College. In 1959 in his third long vacation, he journeyed under the auspices of The Canada Club to work in British Columbia, opening up a lifelong interest in travel. In 1960, after an LLB he went to South Africa where he worked for Webber Wentzel Hofmeyer & Turnbull in Johannesburg, before taking up a place as the Assistant De Droit Anglais at the Institut de Droit Comparé at the University of Paris. This was followed by time in Turin at the Istituto di Studi Europei, and additional comparative law experiences in Madrid, which included two trips to Iran in the days of the Shah, and Helsinki, where he crossed over the border to Leningrad, at the time a rare opportunity to see inside Soviet Russia. Returning to Cambridge, David undertook his solicitor exams, having been offered a role with Coward Chance in London. Soon another opportunity emerged for studies abroad via the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst and he set off for a comparative law placement in Cologne, later transferring to the Justice Ministry in Düsseldorf. He then joined the law firm Herbert Smith in London, and in 1969 International Nickel, a job that eventually took him back to

Paris, before returning to London with further roles as in-house legal counsel at Mobil and BP, where he worked until 2000. Throughout his life, David enjoyed spending time with his family, renovating furniture, DIY, cooking, gardening, and growing fruit and vegetables. In retirement, he also restarted his childhood hobby as a budgerigar fancier, going on to win numerous awards for his birds and serving as president of the South Midlands Budgerigar Society. David is survived by his wife Anne, and his three sons, Jethro, Matt and Zac.



**B.E. Bennett** (1957) aged 85. Brian ('Ben') Bennett was born in St Thomas Hospital Lambeth, the first child of Ernest and Nellie Bennett. He inherited his father's thirst for knowledge, in due course winning a scholarship to St Dunstan's College in Catford, South London. He was a bright, hard-working boy who excelled particularly in the Arts and Languages. He was awarded an exhibition to read History at Queens'. Before he came up to Cambridge, Ben completed his National Service as a second lieutenant in the Royal Signals based in Catterick, Yorkshire. After two years of History, he switched to Law for his third year. His love of history continued throughout his life; he had a wealth of knowledge and always enjoyed lecturing his

children when given the chance. He loved Cambridge, the social life, the sport (rowing and rugby) and the debating and intellectual stimulation. Like many of his contemporaries, he would frequent the tea dances, and at one he met his future wife, Dawn. They married in 1962 and started their newly married life in London in a very small flat, later moving into a house in Sidcup. They first had a son, Nicholas, then three daughters: Suzanne, Nancy and Sally. In due course, eight grandchildren were born. A move to Petts Wood was then followed by the realisation of Ben's dream of a house in the country and the 'Good Life'. 'Rosemullion' in Sandhurst, Kent, was a beautiful family home. Here he loved to be in his garden, growing his vegetables and fruit and caring for many different animals, including chickens and geese. Ben's working career included several years with Locafrance, a finance leasing business. His work there involved a lot of time in France. In 1974 he joined what was then a relatively young company, Sea Containers. He continued to work at the company until his retirement in 2001. He loved his job and his expertise in commerce, common sense, and ability to get on with colleagues allowed him to rise to a senior leadership role in what became one of the largest container leasing companies in the world. His work involved much travel, and he visited many countries, not all of them safe. The family remember his calls from Iran during the Revolution, with gunshots in the background. He finished his career as Vice-President Marketing of GESeaco. In retirement he kept busy as a Trustee of a large pension fund. Ben lived a full and rich life; despite a few early scares, he remained in good health throughout his life. He said himself that he had been lucky to have had a fulfilling and happy life surrounded by his devoted family. His hobbies included golf, bridge and travel.

**Professor N.A. Chigier**, PhD, ScD (1957) aged 89. Norman Chigier was born in Frankfort, South Africa into a staunch Jewish family. He studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Witwatersrand, graduating in 1952. He then held several appointments at various institutions in Rugby, Holland and California. In 1957 he came to Queens' to study for a PhD with **Dr Henry Cohen**. As a student he was involved with Bats. He took his doctorate in 1961 and in 1977 was awarded an ScD. His first academic appointment came in 1966 at the University of Sheffield, where he rose to a Readership. At that time, he studied the combustion of gaseous fuels and liquid fuel sprays. He took sabbatical leave to join a research team at NASA Ames to study trailing aircraft vortices and wake flows, which are common in combustors. He produced some stunning visualisations of trailing vortices from the wake of a single engine aircraft. In 1981 he went to the William J Brown chair in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, where he was Director of the Spray Systems Technology Center until his retirement. After his retirement, Norman remained active in the scientific community, attending several conferences. He was involved with the Automotive Engine Research Institute in Shanghai at Jiao Tong University, and he was a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Napoli and at the Technion in Israel. He was a prolific writer and published three books and over 300 scientific articles on combustion and sprays. However, he is probably best known in the combustion community for founding in 1974 the successful review journal *Progress in Energy and Combustion Science*, which he edited until 2015. He was well-known for his ability to persuade people to "do a job for him" – he could do this in fluent Dutch, French, Hebrew or English – and this was a key element in ensuring the success of the journal.

**The Revd B.D. Treharne** (1957) aged 85. Brian Treharne was born in Cardiff and educated at Cardiff High School. Before university he undertook National Service with the R.A.F. at GCHQ translating Russian. He read Classics at Queens', then stayed in Cambridge to train as a Minister in the Presbyterian Church of England at Westminster College, the Presbyterian theological college in Cambridge. The Presbyterian Church merged with the Congregationalists to form the United Reformed Church in 1972. He first served, from 1963, as a Tutor at Westminster College, then from 1965 until 1970 he was Minister of St Margaret's Presbyterian Church of England, South Shields. This was followed by seven years as Minister of St Martin's Presbyterian Church, Saltdean, Brighton. In 1977 he became Minister of Christ Church, Leatherhead, serving there for 25 years until retirement in 2002. From 1999 he combined this post with that of Minister of the United Reformed Church in Bookham. Beyond the local church work he helped to nurture ordinands and as a chaplain to students. He had responsibilities at the Southern Synod and with Wimbledon District Council and was a Member of the URC's Assessment Board for a number of years. He was also Chaplain to one of the last Moderators of the Presbyterian Church of England General Assembly before the merger. Ecumenically minded, he helped in retirement with the ministry of the Methodist churches in and around Cranleigh. Standing six foot five inches tall, he had great presence, but he was an unassuming man, and his ministry was characterised by lightly worn

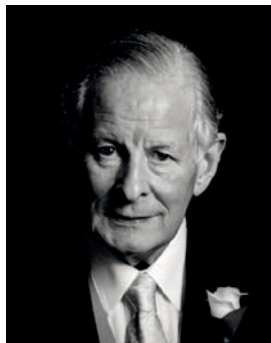
scholarship, a careful and unfussy leadership of worship, thoughtful and wise pastoral care, a passion to make Jesus known and a great capacity for friendship. Brian married his wife Sheena in 1963 and they had two daughters and four grandchildren. Sheena died in 2012, but, encouraged by his daughters, Jo and Heather, he continued to try to live life to the full, following sport and current affairs, singing and going on holiday.

**A.J. Arlidge**, KC (1958) aged 85. Anthony Arlidge was born in Sidcup, the only son of a teacher, Jack Arlidge, and his wife Doris, who was a charity worker. He attended Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School. Whilst still at school he became an accomplished tennis player, playing for Kent and at Junior Wimbledon. He read Law at Queens', was a member of Bats and played tennis. He developed a love of the theatre at Cambridge and was a friend of Ian McKellen. He maintained a passion for acting, appearing over the years in many productions at the Middle Temple and even in films. In collaboration with such luminaries as Mark Rylance, Richard Griffiths and Martin Shaw, he wrote and produced several staged readings. He determined, however, on a primary career as a barrister, obtained pupillage first in a family law chambers which he did not enjoy, but after six months in a set of chambers at 5 King's Bench Walk (later transferred to 18 Red Lion Court), he obtained a tenancy and was made a QC in 1981. He became one of the most pre-eminent barristers of his generation, prosecuting and defending over a career of more than fifty years. He was a formidable advocate, deploying his natural wit and theatricality. One retired criminal judge, quoted in *The Times*, said, "He had the full apparatus: fine mind, work ethic, advocacy skills and charm. He was the last opponent one wanted, professionally. A jury ate out of his hand, and he was terrifyingly effective. If he prosecuted, he was deadly: too fair, too accommodating, too tuned into the court. It made defending a nightmare." He disliked self-importance and pomposity and never forgot his modest background. As a leading silk he tended to concentrate on defending serious criminal cases (he secured the acquittals of at least two people accused of murder, Baroness de Stemple and Dr Howard Martin) and at disciplinary tribunals. He also appeared for the defence in several prominent fraud trials, notably the Blue Arrow, Marconi Defence fraud and Butte Mining cases. He defended clients before the Stock Exchange, the General Medical Council Disciplinary Tribunal and even a Football Association Panel, defending the Arsenal manager George Graham on corruption charges. He also prosecuted on occasion, appearing for Lloyds of London and for the Bank of England. Most famously he prosecuted and secured the conviction of the infamous Jeremy Bamber, who was accused of murdering his parents, sister and nephews. He appeared many times in the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords. He was for 20 years Master of Entertainments at the Middle Temple and also served as Treasurer. He sat as a recorder but was not really happy as a judge. In 1964 he married a teacher, Enid Townsend, but they separated in 1991. They had four children: Catherine, who plays violin for the CBSO and is artistic director of the National Children's Orchestra; John, a journalist on the *Sunday Times*; Vicky, a composer; and Matthew, an author and script writer. He also leaves nine grandchildren. After his marriage broke up,



for over 12 years his partner was Constance Briscoe, one of the first black female recorders. Anthony helped promote her book, *Ugly*, about the abuse she had suffered as a child. However, in 2010, he began a relationship with a young barrister, Heather Lockwood, whom he married in 2020. He co-authored several leading textbooks, notably *Arlidge and Eady on Contempt of Court* and *Arlidge and Parry on Fraud*, and in 2014 published *Magna Carta Uncovered* with Igor Judge. A nephew, **Meyrick Chapman**, followed him to Queens' in 1979.

**B.W. Derbyshire** (1958) aged 84. Brian Derbyshire was born in Manchester and attended William Hulme Grammar School, Manchester. He read English at Queens' and became a schoolmaster after graduation. Initially he taught English at Kingston Grammar School in Surrey and then at Manchester Grammar School. He directed several school plays at Manchester and whilst there also co-authored and edited a series of English textbooks for pupils at secondary school level. In 1970 he was appointed Head of English at Banbury School and then in 1974 Headmaster of Peers School Oxford. In 1982 he moved to Haywards Heath in Sussex as Head of Haywards Heath Sixth Form College, taking it over only four years after it was created from the former grammar school. He led the school through the introduction of the national curriculum and also the new powers to allow schools to control their own budgets. He was passionate about giving young people a rich education and fought to prioritise staff and courses when college funds were tight. He retired in 2000. He was a very keen singer and active member of the Brighton Festival Chorus and Brighton Consort, singing bass. He also had a life-long interest in acting and stage directing/theatre work. He became an usher at Glyndebourne. He undertook work as an Elections Observer, primarily for the Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe and the European Union. He was involved in scrutinising elections in a range of Eastern European countries, including Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Albania, Armenia, Ukraine and Georgia. He also became a primary school governor. He is survived by three children from his first marriage: Gavin, Caroline (herself an educationalist, currently CEO of Saffron Academy Trust in Essex) and David, by his second wife Moira, and by two step-daughters, Rebecca and Elizabeth.



**D.A. Warmington** (1958) aged 85. David ('Warmy') Warmington was born in Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, the only child of Clifford and Marjorie Warmington. The war years were spent in Conwy, North Wales, followed by prep school at Epworth, then, from 1951, Shrewsbury School. He completed his National Service in the REME stationed in Cornwall, then came up to Queens' College to read Engineering on a scholarship from General Electric. An active team player, he took part in many sports and societies whilst at College and became Captain of the Queens' Golf Team. During university vacations he liked to travel extensively, notably running ski lifts in Lake Louise, Canada, and motoring to far-flung corners of Europe in his

trusty Morris Minor. After graduating in 1961 he started his working life as a Graduate Trainee at GEC in Witton, later taking up the post of Special Projects Engineer for their Switchgear Division. In 1967, he moved to Edinburgh and then to Glasgow, working for the Carron Company in Falkirk as Development and Production Manager. It was here that he met Lesley. They were married in 1970. They went on to have a son, Richard, and daughter, Sally (St Catharine's, 1991), and in due course four grandchildren, Oliver, Emily, Freya and Ella. In 1974 David took up a position running the production plant for Valor Gas in Erdington, Birmingham. He was then transferred to Isfahan, Iran, where he became Production Director. The family greatly enjoyed living in Iran, with a menagerie of adopted animals. In 1979 they returned to England and David worked for Dart Spring Co. In 1985 he was appointed Operations Director of Doors and Hardware Ltd (a steel door manufacturer and installer), going on to become Chairman of the firm. He spent 30 years in the steel door industry, latterly working for Taskmaster Doors. Meanwhile he continued to pursue his love of golf. He joined Little Aston Golf Club in 1950, and like his father before him, in due course became Captain and later President (1996-98) of the Club. Gregarious and a natural host, he was never happier than socialising with friends and family, enjoying a good meal and a bottle or two of fine wine. He was a wonderful raconteur, and his warmth, humour and generosity, along with his exceptional storytelling and memory, will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure to meet him. He was above all a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather.

**Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Walmsley**, KCB, FREng, FRSA, FIET (1959) aged 81. Robert Walmsley was born in Aberdeen where his father was Professor of Anatomy and his mother a G.P. He went to Fettes College and, after a lucky break when he was offered a day at sea in a submarine whilst at a school CCF camp, he resolved to join the Royal Navy. He went to Dartmouth in 1958 but was sent to read Mechanical Sciences (Engineering) at Queens' the following year. He was a keen member of the Boat Club and in 1962 coxed the Cambridge boat in the Boat Race – Oxford were beaten by 5 lengths. On graduation he joined the aircraft carrier H.M.S. *Ark Royal*, but in 1964 began his service in submarines with a post as an engineering officer on H.M.S. *Otus*. After studying nuclear science at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, he was appointed weapons engineer officer on the nuclear-powered submarine, *H.M.S. Churchill*. Then there was a spell at a shore job with the Ministry of Defence before joining the nuclear submarine refitting facility at Chatham where, from 1976-78, he was Project Manager for the refitting of H.M.S. *Courageous*. For two years from 1981 he chaired the Naval Nuclear Safety Panel. In 1985 he was seconded by the Navy to assist the newly-appointed Chief of Defence Procurement, where his wide technical knowledge enabled him to work effectively with all three services and industry. He returned to the Navy as Director, Operational Requirements (Sea) in 1987. He was promoted to Rear-Admiral and was Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Communications, Command, Control and Information Systems) from 1990. In 1993 he took over as Director General, Submarines, and Chief Naval Engineer Officer. In 1994 he became Controller of the Navy and a Vice-Admiral. He was knighted in

1995. He retired from the Navy in 1996 and was appointed Chief of Defence Procurement. In this role he was responsible for equipment purchases for all three Armed services with a budget of some £6 billion. One of the projects which commanded his immediate attention was the acquisition by the Army of the new *Challenger* tanks. He also oversaw the initial stages of the programme to build the Joint Strike F35 Fighter airplanes with the United States. He led the transformation of the procurement organisation into the Defence Procurement Agency. He retired as Chief of Defence Procurement in 2003 and was immediately recruited to the board of British Energy. He also joined the boards of several other companies, including General Dynamics (one of the first non-Americans to be appointed). He was one of the founding directors of Cohort PLC. Unusually for an admiral, he was Colonel-in-Chief of a regiment in the Army, the 71<sup>st</sup> (City of London) Yeomanry Signals Regiment. From 2013 he chaired the programme board for the Universal Credit project for the Department of Work and Pensions. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science by Cranfield University. He was a keen golfer and member of Woking Golf Club as well as the Royal Naval Golfing Society. He was married twice, first in 1967 to Christina Melvill, and then in 2010 to Alexandra Ashbourne. With his first wife he had a son and two daughters, one of whom, Dame Emma Walmsley, is Chief Executive of GSK. He died suddenly in Cape Cod whilst visiting the United States.

**P.A. Edmunds** (1962) aged 78. Andrew Edmunds was born in Epping into a Quaker family and educated at the Friends School, Saffron Walden. His father was a heating engineer and company director who imbued Andrew with a love of the history of architecture and construction, and he always had a good eye for period features in buildings. His mother taught history. He read Biological Natural Sciences at Queens', graduating after Part I in 1965. He started making some money by selling wine to his fellow students and in due course became a great connoisseur of fine wines. At Cambridge he also began collecting and selling antique cutlery, then eighteenth century prints. He went on to become one of the country's foremost experts on the prints of the period, particularly on the satirical prints of Hogarth, Gillray and Rowlandson, and opened a shop in Lexington Street in Soho dealing in prints. He was frequently consulted as an expert by the British Museum Prints Department and gave or lent items from his own collection to the Museum, to the Fitzwilliam and to Tate Britain. In 1973 he married Bryony Paine and they set up home in a mews near Buckingham Palace before moving to a larger flat in Notting Hill which was their London base for over 40 years. On a whim in 1985 he bought out the lease of a wine bar situated next door to his print shop and opened the Andrew Edmunds Restaurant. He tended to undertake much of the maintenance, repair work and repainting of his properties himself. He had an encyclopaedic memory for wines and an exceptional 'nose', and his restaurant became something of a mecca for wine merchants and experts. The restaurant was also very popular among literary and artistic figures, journalists, actors, print and art dealers and many Soho characters, and the rather cramped premises still have an almost Dickensian, if very convivial, atmosphere. Meanwhile he co-founded the Academy Club with Auberon Waugh, whose premises were

above the restaurant. Rooms in his two eighteenth century Soho town houses were let to a variety of colourful characters and included the offices of *The Literary Review*. Andrew was a flamboyant cook, an expert flower arranger (a hobby shared with his mother), a great opera lover, a keen shot and a fine fly fisherman. He was instantly recognisable, dressed in distinctive, if a little eccentric, clothing, and became well known himself as a Soho 'character'. He also owned first an old rectory in Norfolk and then a farm on the Devon-Somerset border where he could indulge in a variety of country pursuits and also in his passion for planting trees. He is survived by Bryony and their children Xanthe, Seraphina and Milo.



**A.J. Maxwell**, PGCE (1962) aged 81. Anthony (Tony) Maxwell completed an undergraduate degree in Geography at Durham University before coming to Queens' as a postgraduate to study for an Education Certificate. He was very proud to be asked to come to Queens' by **Mike Turner** to strengthen the athletics team. He gained full Blues in both Athletics and Cross Country. After leaving Cambridge, he was asked to join a group of elite milers and was invited to run twice for England abroad. Tony went on to have a very successful career in teaching, culminating in almost 20 years as Head Teacher at Barking Abbey Comprehensive School in Barking, Essex. He carried on his love of athletics throughout his life and was a lifelong

member of Woodford Green Athletics Club. At the Club he undertook various coaching and administrative roles, including arranging a running trip to Europe in the late 1960s involving top teams from five other countries. Tony was undefeated in the mile at this competition. Throughout his working life he encouraged athletics, and all sports, in his schools. So much so that Barking Abbey became one of the country's first specialist 'sports colleges', which included funding for a wonderful sports centre for use by both the school and the local community. Later in life some members of the Queens' College team got together to run a relay along the Regents Canal from London to Birmingham – an amazing feat of stamina and organisation! They were met in Birmingham by Tony's son, Stuart, and the rest of the Birmingham University Athletics team to enjoy a bevvy or two. Right up until his last illness he arranged regular meetings with former international athletes and friends called 'Athletes Reunited'. Tony was married to Carol and had two children, Stuart and Petra, and five much-loved grandchildren. Tony and Carol enjoyed coming back to Cambridge in their retirement especially to attend some wonderful Shakespeare performances at Queens'.

**J.D. Perkins** (1962) aged 79. David Perkins was born in 1943 and educated at Bristol Grammar School. At school he captained the first rugby XV for two years and represented the school at the Rosslyn Park Sevens. He came up to Queens' in 1962 to read Modern Languages, specialising in German. He was a scrum half and captained the 1st XV as well as playing for Cambridge University LX Club. He is remembered as an enthusiastic and cheerful character

who inspired the 1st XV to great things, including their first league and Cuppers win in 1965/66. He then went on to St Peter's College, Oxford, where he trained as a teacher. He played for Oxford University Greyhounds and once for the University First XV. David returned to Bristol and in 1968 took up a teaching post at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital School. He was a boarding master for eight years, living at the school, and subsequently a House Master and Head of German, as well as coaching the First XV during a very successful period from 1976 until 1990. Even after he officially retired, he continued to be heavily involved in rugby coaching and other games activities at the school. He had an encyclopaedic memory of the boys he had taught. He also retained links with Bristol Grammar School and was a Past President of the Old Bristolians. David played at scrum half for Bristol, making his debut on New Year's Eve 1966, and was a popular and well-known character in the local rugby community. He played 40 first team games for Bristol, scoring four tries. His final first team game came during Bristol's great 1971-72 season, when the team won the *Sunday Telegraph* English and English/Welsh Merit Tables. He also played for Bristol United Rugby Club and was awarded his United cap at the end of the 1968-69 season. After his Bristol days were over, he played for a conspicuously successful Old Bristolians side and made occasional appearances for Old Elizabethans. He became Club President of the latter in 1986 and supported them to the end of his life. He qualified as an RFU coach in 1983 and was heavily involved in coaching schools' rugby and rugby at other levels for many years. He was a selector for Bristol schools Under 18s and Gloucestershire Under 16s. He was also a great runner and stalwart member of Westbury Harriers of which he became President. He ran in 14 London Marathons. David was a wonderful raconteur and was greatly valued as an after-dinner speaker, with many anecdotes of his rugby days, playing alongside **Mike Gibson (1963)** at Queens', for instance, or alongside the England & Lions player Richard Sharp at Bristol or against the great Gareth Edwards. He hosted a table at the College's famous *Night with the Queens' Lions* event in 2016. He was a Bristol Bears season ticket holder and loved attending Bristol Rugby Former Players' reunions. He leaves a brother, Roger, and many friends in the rugby community and beyond.



**D.N. Barnard** (1963) aged 78. On his mother's side David Barnard was Welsh and he was named after his maternal uncle who was a school teacher, accomplished painter and a member of the world famous Treorchy Male Voice Choir in the Rhondda Valley. His father, on the other hand, came from Tottenham and spent the War helping to develop and test radar equipment. By the time he arrived at Queens' from Farnborough Grammar School in 1963 to study Law, David already knew that he wanted to be called to the Bar, although none of his family had any connection with the profession. He was a Gray's Inn man to his fingertips being called at the Inn in 1967. Thereafter the rest of his life was devoted to the

profession and more particularly to service of the Inn where he lived for 47 years at Raymond Buildings. He was appointed a Bencher of Gray's (a member of the governing body of the Society) in 1997. His career at the Bar flourished. He acted regularly for the Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office culminating in his appointment as Standing Counsel on the Attorney General's Unified List of Prosecuting Advocates. He also opened his own Chambers in 1980, situated in Gray's Inn Square. As this enterprise prospered, the Chambers moved to its Georgian town house location at 33 Bedford Row, London, in 1994, where it continues to thrive. In 1993 he was appointed to sit as a recorder in both civil and criminal cases. David lectured for many years at the Inns of Court School of Law in Gray's Inn Place where he was Reader in Civil and Criminal Procedure. His books on the subject were a model of their kind, as were his lectures, and many students who have gone on to considerable success in the profession owe much to him. He also edited with two colleagues eight editions of the *Proceeds of Crime Review* and co-wrote a *History of Gray's Inn* in 2018. Remarkably he was involved for over 50 years in producing the in-house magazines at Gray's, writing regularly for them, particularly the 'Griffin' column that permitted him to wander where the mood and his many interests took him. It is the experience of most august institutions that it is carried forward on the back of only a select number of its members. David Barnard was one of the great foot soldiers of Gray's Inn to the considerable advantage and benefit of the Society.



**D.K.M. James**, OBE (1963) aged 78. Keith James came to Queens' from Cardiff High School in 1963 to read Law. After graduation he returned to Wales and joined the Cardiff law firm, Phillips & Buck, soon becoming a partner. He became a prominent corporate and banking lawyer, overseeing the legal affairs of large private companies, listed companies, banks and finance companies. He was a leading figure in the merger of Phillips & Buck with several other practices in England to become Eversheds, latterly Eversheds Sutherland, and played a major role in the management and development of Eversheds, which still has a large base in Cardiff, into one of the largest law firms in Europe. He retired from Eversheds in 2004. He deployed

his acute strategic sense as well as his legal expertise in many business enterprises, especially Welsh ones, and was a Director of a number of companies, including Admiral Group plc, International Greetings plc, HTV Group, The Carlyle Trust Ltd, Julian Hodge Bank Ltd, Hodge Life Assurance Company Ltd, the Bank of Wales plc and AXA Insurance Co Ltd as well as a number of other firms. He served on the General Advisory Council of the BBC, on the Welsh Health Common Services Authority, on the Court and Council of the University of Wales, Cardiff, on the Committee of the UK Freedom from Hunger Campaign, on the Advisory Panel of the Cardiff Business School, on the NSPCC Justice for Children Board and as a Trustee of the National Trust (and Chair of its Welsh Committee). Latterly he was a Director of the

Moondance Cancer initiative. He was Chairman of the Welsh Centre of International Affairs and on the Welsh Executive of the U.N. Association. Frustrated by the lack of intellectual challenge from business to government in Wales in the 1980s, he was instrumental in the setting up of the Institute of Welsh Affairs, a think tank about the Principality to sharpen the policy debate and broaden the audience for ideas, in 1987. The Institute was initially funded by money from the Welsh Development Agency, but later Keith played a key role in persuading Sir Julian Hodge to back the venture and to provide finance to support the appointment of a full-time Director. He sat on the Board for twenty years and did much to make the IWA a success. In 2005 Keith was awarded the O.B.E. for services to business and the community in Wales. He read widely: literature, political tracts, nature, the environment and local history. He loved the Welsh countryside and had walked in it extensively. His many friends found him a source of much wisdom and empathy, of sound advice, encouragement and support. He is survived by his wife Linda and children Alys, Lizzie and Tom and their families.



**M.A. Elliott**, MBA (1966) aged 74. Michael Elliott was born in Britain's Ismailia base to an Army officer father and WRNS officer mother on evacuation from Palestine. Mike continued a peripatetic lifestyle by living in France, Germany, Singapore, Norway, the US and finally part time in Italy, until he was despatched to board at Rossall on the Fylde coast. After engineering placements with the Bundesbahn in Stuttgart and with Marconi, who sponsored him through Cambridge, he read Mechanical Sciences (Engineering) at Queens', specialising in the Electrical Sciences Tripos for his third year. He worked first as a Commercial Engineer for General Electric Co. in Rugby from 1969 to 1973, before going to INSEAD, the international

business school at Fontainebleau, where he gained an MBA. Mike then went into the shipping industry as Manager, Port Services, for Ocean Transport and Trading at Liverpool, before joining the Barber Blue Sea Line, an Anglo-Scandinavian joint venture based in Oslo. As traffic manager for a fleet of more than 30 ships, he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of services between North America, the Middle East and the Far East. He was soon promoted to Chief Executive of the Company based in New York and was a Vice-President of the firm. From 1986 until 1992 he was Corporate Finance and Project Manager for the Ocean Group. Major surgery forced his retirement from the shipping industry and there followed a period of reappraisal and unexpected life-altering change, including a permanent retreat from paid employment. From 1993 he was an Independent Technology Investor, involving himself in start-up companies, supporting new ventures with funding and with the skills and knowledge that he had acquired in management and engineering. A member of the Armoured Wing of the OTC at Cambridge, Mike joined the Territorial Army in 1970 as an officer in the Sherwood Rangers, retiring as a Captain in 1979 when his business career took precedence. The Rangers



is a reconnaissance squadron of the Royal Yeomanry, much reduced in strength from its days as a Regiment in the Regular Army. In 1994 he was asked to become Honorary Secretary of the Sherwood Rangers Regimental Association and devoted himself for nearly 30 years, on a purely voluntary basis, to the welfare of SRY's veterans. The Regiment had seen much heavy fighting and taken very heavy casualties in the Second World War, particularly in the campaign from the Normandy beaches to the German border, and the welfare of the survivors and their families was very much part of his remit. In 1994 there was a huge national commemoration of the D Day Landings in which the Sherwood Rangers had been in the first wave. It was the duty of the Association to support and assist the veterans who attended and, as Hon. Secretary, Mike saw it as his job to do the necessary organisation. The Association therefore increasingly took over the logistics of these subsequently annual visits. He supported and managed 'pilgrimages' by veterans and their families and the families of the fallen, initially to identify the places where actions had taken place so that veterans could visit the graves of fallen comrades, and later to erect a series of memorials across North-West Europe. Local people often appeared in force to thank the survivors of the campaigns for their liberation and Captain Elliott built up a great rapport with locals and veterans alike. A battlefield tour element had also gradually become interwoven into trips and commemorations as the post war generations of Sherwood Rangers wanted to come and be shown where the fighting took place. A brother officer has written: "The SRY Association provided plenty of assistance but at the centre of it all was Mike with his magnificent staff work." He was still in post when he died. He married first, in 1975, Linda Sims. The marriage was dissolved and in 2003 he married Tatiana Croft-Murray, who survives him. Latterly they lived in Cambridge and were often to be seen at events in College or at productions in the local theatre. Mike also enjoyed opera, music and skiing. He was honoured with a military funeral by his Regiment, their first since the Second World War, at St Bene't's, Cambridge, with uniformed pallbearers and a yeoman trumpeter in dress uniform to fill the church with a virtuoso rendering of the Last Post.



**M.L. Lambirth** (1971) aged 69. Mark Lambirth was born in Yorkshire and educated at St Albans School, coming up to Queens' to read English with outstanding exam results. He had already shown his aptitude for drama by taking the lead in, and helping to produce, his school's performance of *Peer Gynt*. At Queens', he continued his interest in drama with the Bats, directing their rendition of Middleton's *A Game at Chess*, a rare production of a rare work, appreciated by a limited academic audience. There were also visits to local schools at Christmas, 'entertaining' the children with pantomime renditions of such works as Shakespeare's *Richard III*. Mark very much enjoyed the variety of literature that the English course

covered, from Anglo-Saxon through to modern works. He had a particular interest in James



Joyce and has left his collection of books by and about Joyce to the College. He also studied some French and became sufficiently fluent to negotiate with Francophone delegates at conferences in Geneva some years later. He achieved a first class degree but decided against an academic career and became a civil servant. Mark was generally well appreciated by all his colleagues. Queens' had noted that he was "a student of great natural intelligence, strong enjoyment and commitment to modern literature". The intelligence helped several Ministers to deal with difficult situations, sometimes with advice, sometimes with speeches: as Ministerial speechwriter for Paul Channon, for instance, he earned the Minister a standing ovation from the Parliamentary Press Gallery. Later, having become Director of Rail Strategy in the then Department of Transport, he earned the greatest respect from senior colleagues for his deep understanding of the many issues involved in developing a long-term strategy for rail. He was Director of Local Government Finance and then Director of Planning and Transport in London. Finally, he served as Director of Strategy and Support at the Ministry of Transport 1995-2009 and took a major part in writing the White Paper '*Towards a Sustainable Transport System*' in 2007. His departure, on early retirement, was greatly regretted by all. In retirement, he wrote a *History of Transport*. He also enjoyed writing short stories and poetry, which he would share with friends on Facebook. He also appreciated cooking and fine wine and liked to work out at the gym. He was married to Anne and latterly they lived in Cyprus.

**Professor T.R. Marsh**, PhD (1979) aged 60. Tom Marsh was born in Old Windsor, Berkshire, and was the son of **David J W Marsh** (Queens' 1944), a systems engineer and senior manager at Ferranti, and his wife Prudence, and grandson of **William T Marsh** (Queens' 1919). Tom's younger brother **Michael A Marsh** (1983) also came to Queens'. Brought up in Sunningdale, he always had a great interest in the natural world and became interested in astronomy at an early age when his parents gave him a telescope. He was educated at St Paul's School, Barnes, before coming up to Queens' as an entrance scholar in 1979. At College he was a very keen member of the Boat Club, rowing in the first VIII as both an undergraduate and graduate student from his freshman year onwards. He read Natural Sciences, specialising in Physics, graduated with a double first, then stayed on to study for a PhD in Astrophysics. His thesis was entitled, 'Emission Lines in Cataclysmic Variable Stars'. After postdoctoral research positions at the Royal Greenwich Observatory and at NASA's Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, he was awarded a Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council Fellowship held first at Oxford and then at Southampton University. In 1993 he became a Reader at Southampton. In 2003 he was appointed Professor of Experimental Physics at the University of Warwick. He was tasked by the University with founding an astronomy and astrophysics research group and soon built it up into an organisation with an international reputation for research and graduate training. He helped set up a new degree programme for undergraduates in physics and astrophysics which began at Warwick in 2020, the year in which he handed over headship of his department. His research ranged over many subjects within astronomy from the search for planets in other star systems to phenomena

shedding light on the early universe to supernovae, but he was particularly renowned for his work on binary stars, and in particular those involved in binary systems where one of the stars was a 'white dwarf', a dead, compact object representing the end point of a star. He used every telescope and technique he could on these systems and in 2018 he won the Royal Astronomical Society's Herschel Medal for his work on observational techniques for studying these phenomena. Together with Keith Horne he developed in particular the technique of Doppler Tomography. During his career he published over 800 papers. He was very enthusiastic about astronomy, spoke often on TV and radio and was always happy to speak at local astronomy clubs. He visited observatories all over the world and was especially keen to establish links with observatories from poorer countries, delighting in the varied landscapes of the places he visited and the natural world. He was a frequent visitor to the European Southern Observatory at La Silla, in a remote, light pollution-free spot on a mountain in the Atacama Desert in Chile. An Ultracam instrument, a high-speed imaging camera, which he helped to develop and used extensively in his research on binary stars, is based there. Unable to travel to Chile during lockdown, he was excited to have another opportunity to visit the observatory in September 2022 for a short visit. He was reported missing the same day he was last seen, but it was over six weeks before the police found his body about three miles from the observatory. He met Felicity Brown at Cambridge and they married in 1987. They had two children, Henry and Tabitha. He was very much a family man, devoted to his children, his wife and their dogs. His hobbies included gardening (encompassing the growing of fruit and vegetables), camping, hill walking, swimming and snorkelling, badminton, tennis, croquet, music, theatre and baking.

**Mrs S.G. Pollard, née Farr** (1988) aged 54. Stephanie Farr read Modern Languages (French and German) at Queens'. She produced a number of plays both for Bats and Footlights, including a memorable May Week production of *Measure for Measure* in Cloister Court which involved the production team getting to grips with scaffolding. She was a very able linguist, but also enjoyed playing hockey and football for Queens'. She met her future husband Justin Pollard (Downing 1986) in Cambridge and they were married in Queens' Chapel in November 2000. After Queens' she had a career in TV as a researcher, assistant producer and producer for various independent TV companies, working on a variety of documentaries. She received a BAFTA nomination in 1999. With her husband Justin, Steph founded the production company Visual Artefact, where she worked on films and TV series including *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, *Mary Poppins Returns*, *Elizabeth: The Golden Age* and *Peaky Blinders*. She was also a keen photographer – some of her work has been published, including illustrations for her husband's book, *Alfred the Great, the man who made England*. She was always friendly, chatty, highly organised and practical, even in her last weeks, during which she exuded a real sense of grace. She was a creative crafter, a loyal friend, and an exemplary mother to Constance and Felicity (Coco and Fliss) and will be greatly missed. She died after nine years of living with incurable breast cancer.

**R.A. Knebel (formerly Leyland)**, BSc, MAsT, PhD (2012) aged 33. Richard Leyland was born in New Westminster, British Columbia, and attended Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C., for his undergraduate degree. He graduated with a BSc in Pure Mathematics in 2011, but stayed at the University for another 20 months as a Student Researcher, Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant. He came to Queens' to read for a Master of Studies degree (formerly Part III of the Mathematics Tripos) in 2012. He continued his career as a pure mathematician with a PhD at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. His thesis concerned mod  $N$  representations attached to elliptic curves with complex multiplication. Whilst a research student he also worked part-time as a Maths Tutor. He then worked for Communications Security Establishment as a cryptographer. He married Stefanie Knebel and took her surname, reminding her of his love with little love notes each morning before going to work. He could often be found playing his guitar and singing, always carrying guitar picks in his pocket. He loved going on car rides and went on many adventures with his wife, travelling around Europe, Ireland, across Canada and parts of the U.S. He passed away unexpectedly in August 2022 in Ottawa, Ontario. As well as his wife, he leaves his parents, Edna and Ramish Leyland, and his sister Nicole.



**R.N. Koster** (2017), MSt. MBA, aged 34. Nick Koster was born in 1989 in South Africa. He attended Diocesan College (Bishops) in Cape Town, where he was regarded as one of the most talented schoolboy rugby players ever seen. He was Head Boy. He played for South Africa Schools and captained the touring side to England and France in 2007. He later played professional rugby for Western Province, the Stormers and then in 2012 joined Bath Rugby Club, moving to Bristol Bears in 2013. He made 62 appearances for Bristol, leaving in 2017. In 2014 he became an ambassador for Project Zulu, a UK based charity running educational development projects in Madadeni township – he arranged for their touring choir to sing on the pitch at Bristol at half-time. He also worked extensively for the Bristol Bears Community Foundation. He studied for a B.A. in Management at Northumbria University 2012-15, then read for a part-time MBA at Bath University and finally for a Master's degree in Social Innovation at Cambridge. He was an inspirational postgraduate student at Queens' from 2017-19. Nick won his Blue in 2017 and captained the University Club in 2018. He was then co-Chair of CURUFC. He was Service Delivery Director at ProServ, a technology firm based in Great Yarmouth, at the time of his death. He had a natural, effortless charisma and made a lasting impression on all those who met him. He was a great role model for his peers. Although he didn't need to, he played valiantly for the College XV in the Cuppers Competition in 2018, scoring four tries in the Plate Final. He loved being a member of Queens' and returned often. He visited most recently in November 2022 to graduate and attend the celebratory lunch in Old Hall. He leaves a wife, Jeannie, and two young daughters Peyton and Harper. He will be sorely missed by his family and his many friends from all over the world.

## NEW ESTABLISHED FUNDS BETWEEN JULY 2022 AND JUNE 2023

### FELLOWSHIPS

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***The Richard Fentiman Fellowship in Law*** – a Fellowship endowed through the generosity of over 85 donors to commemorate the retirement of **Professor Richard Fentiman KC** in September 2023, following more than 40 years of service at Queens’.

***The Rokos-Menon Senior Research Fellowship*** – this inaugural position has been funded by Chris Rokos, a friend of the College, for the next five years. It has been named in honour of **Professor David Menon FRCP**, retiring Fellow of Queens’ and renowned neurosurgeon.

### BURSARIES

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***The Aliko Vatikioti Postgraduate Music Scholarships*** – to support a student undertaking an MPhil and a PhD in Music, awarded on the basis of academic excellence, potential and musicianship. This Scholarship was made possible through the generous donation of **Stephen Farrant (1956)** in the name of his late wife.

***The Dr Liu Chak Wan Postgraduate Scholarships*** – to fund three part-scholarships for students from Macau University of Science & Technology (MUST), generously supported by Dr Liu Chak Wan, Chancellor of MUST.

### PRIZES

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***The Richard Hickox Memorial Prize*** – to recognise a Queens’ member who displays outstanding contribution to music through leadership or performance. The prize was founded by **Henry Lesser (1965)** to ensure that the name of **Richard Hickox CBE (1967)** is preserved in perpetuity at Queens’.

***The Bradley Travel Bursary*** – donated by **Trevor Bradley (1989, Fellow Benefactor)**, to allow students to undertake travel during their time at Queens’.

### OTHER

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***The Pat Madden Sports Bursary*** – an endowed sports bursary to support a Queens’ student requiring financial assistance to pursue high-level sport, donated by **Pat Madden (1984)**, a legendary Half Blue in Basketball.

***The John Spencer Sports Bursary*** – a further sports bursary donated by **Trevor Bradley (1989)** and named for **John Spencer (1967)** who won Cuppers rugby twice with the College, was a triple Rugby Blue and University captain. John also captained England and was manager of the 2017 British & Irish Lions, RFU President and Barbarians FC President.

***The Bradley Sports Bursary*** – donated by **Trevor Bradley (1989)** to support students to pursue high level sport.

***The Zoe Sciver Sports Bursary*** – donated by **Richard Hargreaves (1964)** and named for **Zoe Sciver (2012)**, who was instrumental in encouraging the College to provide further funding and publicity for sporting activities.

***The Mary Beale Fund for Queens' Arts Society*** – to provide an annual sum that supports Queens' Arts Society. Kindly donated by **Stephen Farrant (1956)** and named for Mary Beale, a 17th-century British artist who painted Caleb Bankes (1659-1696), a member of Queens'.

***The Scanlan-Michell Fund for Bats*** – generously endowed by **Stephen Farrant (1956)** through *The Friends of Aliko Vatikioti for Music and Arts*. The Fund is named after Queens' alumni and former Bats members **Joanna Scanlan (1980)** and **Roger Michell (1974)**, both of whom won BAFTAs for acting and directing, respectively.

***The Joan Whitehead Fund in Education*** – to support the academic activities of Education undergraduate and postgraduate students at Queens'. Dr Joan Whitehead is the former Director of Studies for Education at Queens', lecturing in Psychology with a primary focus on gender issues.

***The James Russell Fund in PBS*** – to support the academic activities for Psychology and Behavioural Sciences undergraduates and postgraduates at Queens', named for **Professor James Russell (Fellow Emeritus)**, former Director of Studies in Psychology at Queens'.

***The Darlington Fund in Earth Sciences*** – named in honour of principal donor Dr Hugo Darlington who was a postgraduate student at Selwyn (1969) and then a Research Fellow at Wolfson (Cavendish). A second major donor is **Dr John Heathcote (1973)** who read Earth Sciences at Queens'.

***The Robin Walker Fund in Computer Science*** – named in honour of **Dr Robin Walker (1966)**, Life Fellow and former Director of Studies in Computer Science'. There are two donors to the Fund. One wishes to remain anonymous; the other is **Dr James Weatherall (1994)**.

The College is very grateful to all those who made gifts.





