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## St Hilda's College Report and Chronicle 2008 – 2009

The Report and Chronicle is this year published a month earlier than in former years so that members of the ASM will receive their copies nearer the end of the relevant academic year. One consequence of the change is that information which becomes available only in October will appear in the next edition of the Report and Chronicle; this information will include some examination results.

The editors were very pleased to be sent so many contributions to this edition's section of articles and hope that their suggested title of 'Careers in conservation and the natural world' will also tempt Senior Members to write about their experiences. (Please send articles - of not more than four hundred words – to the Development and Alumnae Office by the end of July.)

As always, we are totally dependent on Eileen Roberts who has done all the desk-top production and has made so many other valuable contributions. We are most grateful to her.

We also thank Ellen Goodwin for again doing such a splendid job of proof-reading and thus saving us from many embarrassing errors.

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## College Reports

### The Principal's Report

In this academic year, a new era began for St Hilda's. On Monday 6 October 2008, we welcomed the first mixed cohort of students, both undergraduate and graduate, following the changes in the Charter and Statutes.

The first year intake was 127 undergraduates, 70 women and 57 men, with the gender balance varying by subject. Many Humanities subjects still have a majority of women; men are the majority in some sciences, including Physics and Engineering, as in the University as a whole. However in Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Medicine the genders are evenly balanced, as more women choose to study these subjects, and in Biochemistry women are in the majority. For the 2009-10 entry, the gender balance of offers is even closer, with 49% women and 51% men, and the pattern within subjects is similar to this year's. In comparing the two years, it is important to remember that the overall number of offers to women for 2008-9 was boosted by 7% of the total being offers deferred from the previous, all women, admissions round. We are pleased that the pattern of the first year has been sustained into the second, as the first cohort has settled in so well.



First Year Biologists

The first year undergraduates, both women and men, clearly felt that their situation was entirely normal. I am sure this is partly because the genders were so balanced. In conversation, some first year men commented that the only strange element was the absence of men in the years above them, but that they enjoyed the feeling of being 'the first' to participate in or start up activities. As a year, they are already making distinctive contributions to College, both academically and in other ways. Their results in the University First Public Examination were good, with a higher proportion of distinctions than in the previous two years. They have participated enthusiastically in existing forms of College music, and started new ones. The choir has a bass section and a larger group of tenors, and the orchestra has benefited from men playing the viola, cello, double bass and horn. During ArtsFest Week, the JCR organised a concert on the lawn which spawned an impromptu jazz band, led by a first year music student. The band gave a virtuoso performance at the end of term concert – without practice as they had just finished exams – and want to play regularly next year. A first year PPE student won the ArtsFest Photography competition, against a larger entry than in the previous year. Having started the year with one men's eight on the river, the interest in rowing has led the Boat Club to purchase a second boat, and the inaugural men's first eight won Blades in the Torpids Regatta. Many men played in the joint football team with Exeter College, and the first men's rugby team has started training. This year's JCR President and her Committee are to be congratulated on the time and effort they have put in to welcoming and integrating the first mixed year.

## Strategy

We have made progress in building the strength of the Fellowship this year, following the strategic planning exercise in 2007-8. For the 2009-10 academic year, we have made appointments to the University Lectureship and Tutorial Fellowship in Economics, in succession to Dr Mary Gregory, and to a Beale Fellowship in Zoology. An offer has also been made to the successful candidate in the competition for the University Lecturer in Biomedical Sciences, and Tutor in Pre-Clinical Medicine. We are particularly grateful to Dr Susanna Blackshaw for agreeing to defer her planned retirement to give College time to put this appointment in place, and to help her successor into post.

Our strategic planning work this year was focused on provision for postgraduates, following our success in attracting a larger number of graduates in a wider range of subjects. The MCR numbers rose to 145 in total, 26% of the total student body. Postgraduates are becoming an increasingly important part of the student body and demand for places at Oxford remains high, both for taught courses and research degrees. The University, as a whole, saw a 21% increase in postgraduate applications for this coming academic year. At the same time, we need to ensure that we provide the best possible experience for graduates. The College therefore decided to set target numbers at the level of this year's admissions for the next three years, to ensure that we can sustain the new, higher level of recruitment and that we have the capacity to provide a good service to graduates. Our second objective is to increase the proportion of the intake

registered for research degrees. Oxford is a research intensive University, and College needs to make its proper contribution to the next generation of researchers; they and College will also benefit from an MCR with greater continuity of membership. It is encouraging to be able to report that we have met our target for 2009-10. College also applied successfully to the College Contribution Fund to increase the resources available for graduate scholarships, and we have developed a new award scheme which we will put in place this coming academic year for graduates joining in 2010-11.

## Resources and Facilities

The events of the autumn of 2008, and the crisis in the financial markets brought uncertainty to the University and the College. It has been a challenging environment in which to budget, and a great deal of time has been spent in developing financial plans and reviewing costs. I would like to thank the Bursar and his team for the hard work and effort they have put into this task. It is clear that the next few years will continue to be difficult ones financially. The endowment of the College has lost value as markets have fallen, and this will reduce the endowment income available to us. Our income also depends on attracting a steady stream of conference and function business to the College, and we have been concerned about our ability to maintain the current levels. In the event, although we have had a few cancellations and some groups bringing smaller numbers, we have maintained the income for 2008-9. We owe this to the dedicated efforts of the Domestic Bursar in continuing to market our facilities and find new business throughout the academic

year. The next few years will continue to be testing. Finally, we are all aware that the full effects of government debt, incurred in bailing out the UK banks and stabilising financial markets, still have to feed through into public expenditure. There is a widespread expectation of significant cuts in public funding after the 2010 general election, and it is unlikely that Higher Education will be exempt. We can therefore expect pressure on our income from tuition fees, and a continuing need to scrutinise costs and redouble fundraising efforts.

On a more cheerful note, we have continued to upgrade our buildings and their furnishings. The Canada Room was successfully refurbished in a new style just in time for the start of the academic year, and has been in regular use for dinners and functions throughout the year. We were fortunate to receive a significant legacy from the estate of Marion Taylor, who was Steward from 1961-82 and oversaw all new buildings and alterations during that period. Naturally, she specified that the funds should be put towards the maintenance and upkeep of the buildings. This has enabled the Buildings Manager to put together a three year maintenance plan which includes a number of major improvement projects which would not have been possible otherwise.

## Fellows

As usual, it has been a busy year for the Fellowship, and I can only highlight some of their many achievements. The Vice Principal, Professor Amanda Cooper-Sarkar is actively involved in the major international collaboration at CERN to build the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the world's largest particle accelerator. She gave a fascinating

presentation on her recent research to the SCR in the first of a new series of domus research seminars in College, and to ASM members at the London Tea in March.

Professor Julia Yeomans, Tutor in Physics, and colleagues made a successful bid to exhibit at the Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition. Their exhibit 'Nature's Raincoats' explains how plants and insects use especially designed surfaces to keep dry, keep afloat and keep breathing. As a non scientist, I was impressed that the exhibits were intelligible and fun for the general viewer, as well as professionally interesting to scientists.

Dr Margaret Kean, Helen Gardner Fellow in English, has been actively pursuing her research into the history of Hell which she



discussed with ASM members at the London Tea in March 2008, and took part in a discussion with Philip Pullman about his trilogy *His Dark Materials* and its adaptation for stage and screen. She was also invited to address the Corporation of the City of London in December 2008 on Milton and London, to mark the 400th anniversary of Milton's birth.



We are very pleased that Dr Hannah Smith, Tutor in Early Modern History, has been awarded a Philip Leverhulme Prize. These prizes are given to academics who make 'a substantial and recognised contribution to their field of study' and Dr Smith will now have two years funded research leave to work on her next project, *The Army in England 1660-1714*.

Dr Julia Schnabel, Tutor in Engineering and a biomedical engineer, is part of a research team which bid successfully to open one of four new cancer imaging centres in the UK. The Oxford Cancer Imaging Centre will develop image-based methods for use in cancer diagnosis and therapy. Professor Ruth Muschel, a Senior Research Fellow, is also a member of the OCIC team.

Dr Kathryn Beebe joined us as VH Galbraith Fellow in Medieval History. This is a Junior Research Fellowship which also carries teaching responsibilities, and in addition to her research, Kathryn is an active and valued member of the History tutorial team.

Finally, Dr Sarah Watkinson, Tutor in Biology, has received a University Teaching Award. These awards recognise excellence in college and university teaching, and we are particularly pleased that Dr Watkinson's long and dedicated teaching record has been properly acknowledged by the University in her retirement year. She leaves us at the end of September after a distinguished career at Oxford, which includes the building of a large and successful Biological Sciences school at St Hilda's. She has brought her wisdom and integrity to many College offices from the



Sarah Watkinson

Vice Principalship to the Garden Committee during her twenty-seven years as a Governing Body member, and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues.

Let me conclude by saying how much the College values the active engagement and support of all kinds which it receives from its Senior Members. The ASM Chair and Committee in the UK, and the Co-Chairs and Board of the American Friends give us a great deal of their time for meetings and events, much of it in the evenings and at weekends. We also receive positive responses from many individual ASM members to our constant requests to speak and give career advice to students, to help to programme ASM network events, to attend parties and reunions and to encourage others to join in and stay in touch. We thank them all for everything they do for the College.

Sheila Forbes

## Fellows, Lecturers and Member of the SCR

### Honorary Fellows

Vera Baird QC MP, Solicitor General, was a key note speaker at the Women's History Network 18th Annual Conference, held at St Hilda's in September 2009. She talked about various recent legal changes and their potential impact on women's lives.

In March this year, Dame Fiona Caldicott became the Chairman of the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust.



Marriage of Dame Gwyneth Jones and Adrian Muller

Dame Gwyneth Jones was married to Adrian Mueller, a conductor, on 31 May 2008.

The title of Emeritus Professor has been conferred on Dr Nicola LeFanu by the University of York.

Miss Elizabeth Llewellyn Smith contributed an article on Sir Richard Powell to the *New Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

### Emeritus and Supernumerary Fellows

In November 2008, Dr Barbara Levick gave the opening address at the Rome conference celebrating the two thousandth anniversary of Vespasian's birth and, in 2009, she published the introductory chapter in the *Guide to the Bimillennium of Vespasian* exhibition in the Colosseum and the Capitol. With others she edited *The Customs Law of Asia*, OUP 2008, and also published 'Literary Portraits of Roman Emperors' in Urano, S (ed), *Portraiture*, proceedings of a conference in Rikkyo University, Tokyo (translated into Japanese) and 'Julius Caesar and the Emperors' in Griffin, MT (ed), *Companion to Julius Caesar*, Blackwell 2009.

Dr Margaret Rees has been appointed Visiting Professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. In the past year, she co-edited two books for the Royal Society of Medicine Press: *Management of the Menopause*, 5th edition, and *Obesity and Pregnancy*; the latter was highly commended in the 2009 BMA book awards. In 2008, she became Editor in Chief of *Maturitas*, an Elsevier journal concerned with midlife health and beyond.

Professor Jane Taylor is now an Emeritus of Durham University. In her retirement, she has been tiptoeing into the French sixteenth century, with papers published on Arthurian romance in the Renaissance, and on the incorporation of medieval lyrics into

Renaissance miscellanies. She gave plenary papers at the international congress of the International Arthurian Society and at a conference in Toulouse on René d'Anjou; she has also given papers in Amsterdam, and at the International Medieval Congress at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Dr Elinor Payne, with others, published 'Rhythmic and prosodic contrast in Venetan and Sicilian Italian' in *Phonetics and Phonology, Vigário, Marina, Frota and Freitas* (eds), John Benjamins, 2009. She also co-edited volume 12 of *Oxford Working Papers in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics*. She gave several conference presentations including one at 'Phonetics and Phonology in Iberia' in Las Palmas and another at 'Comunicazione Parlata' in Naples. The British Academy has awarded her (as co-investigator) a Small Research Grant for a cross-linguistic study of international development in young infants and children.

Professor Ann Buchanan's study on Grandparents (ESRC) has produced five publications in peer-reviewed journals and she has also written an accessible report of this work. In October 2008 she visited Shanghai to lecture and to advise on a study of children in Chinese schools. She visited Cyprus twice to validate prospective university courses. In Oxford, she has been appointed to the University of Oxford Research Committee. Earlier in the year she was elected an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences.

### Members of the Governing Body

Professor Amanda Cooper-Sarkar, the Vice-Principal, was invited speaker at the XVII International Conference on Deep Inelastic Scattering, in Madrid, April 2009, and at the

Low-x Physics Workshop, Ischia, Italy, September 2009. She has co-authored twelve publications with the ZEUS experiment and made a scholarly visit to Ootacamund in South India for the Winter School on AstroParticle Physics in 2008.

Dr Angelica Goodden published an article 'Kauffman's Interrupted Conversations: the Earl, the Viscount and the Family Pictures' in the *British Art Journal*, 2009. She was also invited to be a keynote speaker at a conference on Mme de Staël in May 2009 at St Louis University.

Dr Sally Mapstone gave plenary papers on the Chepman and Myllar prints at conferences in Edinburgh, Leicester and Oviedo; she also spoke on this subject at the University's alumni weekend in Edinburgh in June 2009. She has published 'Robert Henryson' in *The Cambridge Companion of Medieval English Literature*, Cambridge, 2009. She has been elected to the Council of the University of Oxford.

This year, Dr Anita Avramides contributed 'Other Minds' to the *Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Mind*, McLaughlin and Beckermann (eds), 2009. In the Spring, she gave a talk 'How to think about the Mind: Thomas Nagel and *The View from Nowhere*' in a series hosted by the Oxford Forum for European Philosophy. In April, she gave an invited paper 'Perception of Other Minds' at the University of Barcelona. She was awarded a term's AHRC Research Leave for her project 'Knowledge and Other Minds'.

With others Dr Lorna Smith has published a paper 'Probing the urea dependence of residual structure in denatured human  $\alpha$ -lactalbumin'. Included in the list of visits she has made to

collaborating laboratories are those to the European Bioinformatics Institute, the Institute of Food Research and the University of Parma.

Dr Helen Swift has been developing the British Academy-funded research group 'Voices in Medieval French Narrative' and has contributed articles to collected essay volumes on performance in medieval culture, on ghosts in French literature, and on obscurity in Renaissance France. Conference presentations include meetings in Exeter, Leeds, Oxford, York, Toulouse and Montreal. She has participated in several outreach events and access programmes.

Ms Lucia Nixon is a co-director of the Sphakia Survey, an archaeological project in Crete, now nearing final publication. With Simon Price, Oliver Rackham and Machiel Kiel, she is co-author of 'Sphakia in Ottoman Census Records: A Vakif and its Agriculture Production' in Antonis Anastasopoulos (ed), *The Eastern Mediterranean under Ottoman Rule: Crete, 1645-1840. Halcyon Days in Crete VI. A Symposium held in Rethymno, 13-15 January 2006*. Rethymno: Crete University Press.

Professor Anne Edwards, with others, published a book *Improving inter-professional collaborations: multi-agency working for children's wellbeing*, London: Routledge 2009 (which was short-listed for the Annual Book Prize of NASEN, formerly National Association for Special Educational Needs). With others, she edited *Activity Theory in Practice: promoting learning across boundaries and agencies*, London: Routledge 2009 (to which, with Kinti, I, she contributed a chapter 'Working relationally at organisational boundaries: negotiating

expertise and identity'). She also contributed three other chapters to books and published two refereed articles. Conference papers were given in Amsterdam, Turku and San Diego. She was seconded as Research Advisor to the Department for Schools and Families' Children's Workforce Development Council.

Dr Hannah Smith gave papers at the University of Reading and at New College, Oxford. She published 'Last of all the heavenly birth': Queen Anne and sacral queenship' in *Parliamentary History*, 2009, and co-published 'Hephaestion and Alexander': Lord Hervey, Frederick, Prince of Wales, and the royal favourite in England in the 1730s' in the *English Historical Review* 2009. She also co-organised two conferences, the first on 'Civilians and war in Europe, c1640-1815', at the University of Liverpool, and the second on 'Women and religion in Britain, c1660-1760', held at St Hilda's in June 2009. In October 2008, she was awarded a Philip Leverhulme Prize by the Leverhulme Trust.

In November 2008, Dr Georgina Paul presented a chapter of the forthcoming study of gender in post-1945 German



Honorary Fellow, Vera Baird QC MP, with History Fellows, Janet Howarth, Hannah Smith and Katy Beebe, at the Women's History Network Conference.



literature to the German Studies Research Seminar at the University of Warwick under the title 'Masculinity in trouble: narratives of the self in Max Frisch's *Mein Name sei Gantenbein* (1964)'. In 2008 she was a member of the jury for the annual competition of the German Academic Exchange Service.

Dr Julia Schnabel was one of the organisers and a major participant in a conference 'Bioengineering 2009' in Oxford in September. She was also an invited lecturer at the International School for Computer Researchers: Medical and Molecular Imaging, and Bioinformatics, in Lipari, Italy, in July 2009. Amongst her publications are: (with others), 'An evaluation of four automatic methods of segmenting the subcortical structures in the brain', *Neurology* in press; (with others), 'Objective Assessment of Deformable Image Registration in Radiotherapy – a Multi-Institution Study', *Medical Physics* 35.

Dr Katja Ziegler gave lectures at conferences in Oxford, Seville, the University of Nottingham and at the Royal United Services Institute, London. She was also invited to a joint workshop of Chatham House and the Atlantic Council of the US on 'Transatlantic Dialogues on International Law: Preparing for the next US Administration' in the wake of the inauguration of the new US President. She was an invited professor at the Universities of Bielefeld (in July 2008) and Lyon II: La Lumière (in April 2009). Her publications included 'Strengthening the Rule of Law, but Fragmenting International Law: the Kadi Decision of the ECJ from the Perspective of Human Rights' in *Human Rights Law Review*.



The wedding of Katja Ziegler and Garry Tan in August 2009

### Research Fellows

Dr Vanessa Cheel, Daphne Jackson Research Fellow, has worked, in the Material Science Department, on a novel silver-rich alloy which has commercial applications in the field of lead-free solders. She is also evaluating a cheap, portable nanoparticle measuring device, one application of which is in the study of pre-eclampsia in pregnant women.

Miss Mavis Maclean's publications included *Family Law Advocacy; how barristers help victims of family failure*, with Eekelaar, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2009. She was an invited speaker at the Prato Conference on Family Law in Italy (organised by Monash University), lectured on 'Mediation in Family Cases' at an

international conference at Meiji University in Tokyo, was part of an organising team on Family Law at the 11SL, Orati in Spain and participated in the Harvard/Stanford Faculty Forum in Law.

During the year, Dr Alis Oancea was author of four articles (which appeared in refereed journals) and of *Education for All*, Routledge, 2009. She was keynote speaker at two conferences and presented papers at three others. She has been elected to the Executive Council of the British Educational Research Association and became a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Dr Oancea has chaired the Research Staff Forum of the Department of Education. The University has awarded her a second DPhil and the Diploma for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

### Lecturers

Dr Catherine Brown had three papers accepted for publication: 'The Unconscious Good Life in *Anna Karenina* and *Women in Love*', *Comparative Literature*; 'Daniel Deronda as Tragi-Comedy', *Essays in Criticism*; 'Why does Daniel Deronda's Mother live in Russia?', *The George Eliot/George Henry Lewes Journal*.

With others, Dr Catherine Crane published: 'Cognitive reactivity and suicidal behaviour: investigating a differential activation theory of suicidality' in *Cognitive Therapy and Research*, 32; 'Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy and self-discrepancy in recovered depressed patients with a history of suicidality' in *Cognitive Therapy and Research*, 32; 'Over-general autobiographical memory and age of onset of childhood sexual abuse in patients with recurrent suicidal behaviour'

in *British Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 48; *Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy for depression and suicidality*, in Didonna eds *Clinical Handbook of Mindfulness*, Springer.

*The Spanish Ballad in the Golden Age* edited by Dr Nigel Griffin was published by Woodbridge, Tamesis, in 2008. He was author of articles: 'Francisco de Quevedo Los borrachos' in *The Spanish Ballad in the Golden Age*, 2008; 'Enigmas, riddles and emblems in early Jesuit colleges' in *Mosaics of meaning: Studies in Portuguese emblematics*, Gomes (ed), Glasgow Emblem Studies 13, University of Glasgow. He was a speaker at conferences in Cork and in Kansas City.

Dr Yvonne Griffiths, with RC Griffiths, published 'Ancestral inference from microsatellite data by sequential importance sampling in subdivided populations' in *Simulations, Genetics and Human Prehistory*, Matsumura, Forster and Renfrew (eds), McDonald Institute Monographs, Cambridge.

Dr Roger Teichmann gave a paper and participated in a symposium at the Central European University in Budapest and gave another invited paper, 'Is Pleasure a Good?' at a conference 'Elizabeth Anscombe and Contemporary Philosophy' at the Sorbonne in Paris. His setting for choir, soloist, organ and string quartet of Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo* received its premiere in June at the Holy Trinity Church, Headington, and was performed again the following month at All Saints' Church, Headington.

### Member of the Senior Common Room

Professor Jeanette Beer delivered a paper 'Translating Julius Caesar: Fidelity and Ingenuity in *Li Fet des Romains*' at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's conference 'Translating the Middle Ages'. She organized and chaired sessions on 'Medieval Translation Theory and Practice' at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University; Olivia Robinson presented a paper at the first of these sessions.

*Margaret E Rayner*



### Junior Common Room

The year has been busy but fun for the JCR. Freshers' week was a great success and, in Michaelmas, by-elections gave first year students the chance to be on the JCR committee. Dom Hall (Ethics Officer) organised a Fairtrade Cheese and Wine evening and we celebrated Chinese New Year with noodles, dumplings and other traditional Chinese food, with Hall JCR festooned with traditional red lanterns and decorations, organised by Ece Aygar (Overseas Officer).

The arts have been strong as ever, with highly successful runs of *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Twelfth Night*. Arts Fest Week was enjoyed by all, with jazz and Pimm's on

the lawn, an art and photography competition (won by Jesse Harber as judged by Katerina Reed-Tsocha, Tutor in Fine Art, and the Principal), dancing in the JCR and more. It all culminated in the 'Temptation in Paradise'-themed Arts Fest Ball, which included an outdoor cinema, toffee apples and a snake charmer! It was a magical and enjoyable evening.

In the sports, the women's hockey team won the University league and the women's netball team won a place in the league for another season. Men's sport has started up without hesitation, with men playing in the joint St Hilda's/Exeter College football teams, and we aim to have a full Hilda's team soon. The Boat Club found success in the Torpids Regatta, with the men's first VIII getting blades, the women's second VIII rowing over on the last day, and the women's first VIII solidifying their position in the women's first division. As well as this, Sonny Wong and Fritz von Guionneau have played matches for the Blues Hockey and Water Polo teams respectively; Phil Robinson (captain of the men's VIII) was chosen as College sportsperson of the year; Morven Allen won



The Rachel McLean Prize winner, Nicola Clark, flanked by Dr Sally Mapstone and Katharine Terrell.

University sports person of the year, and the women's rounders team and men's rugby team (captained by Tessa Furnivall and Ben Shaw respectively) jointly won College sport team of the year.

*Kathleen Terrell, JCR President 2008-9*

### Middle Common Room

It has been a successful year for the MCR both socially and academically and also from a sporting point of view. The first year when men were included in the MCR proved to be a very interesting and exciting one. The composition of the MCR was characterised by its diversity in terms of both nationalities and fields of study. The students formed a close group, with MCR members often meeting up outside College for a coffee or a pint.

Michaelmas term was traditionally full with people turning up in great numbers for events such as the pub crawl, in which a number of other colleges participated; a black tie cocktail party in Freshers' week; games of croquet in the gardens; and American elections night in the MCR. Every term there have been roughly three exchange dinners with other colleges, and these have been important occasions for integration of St Hilda's students in Oxford's wider graduate community.

Hilary and Trinity have seen successful guest dinners, where guests were allowed for the parties. A high point of the summer was May Morning when MCR members stood on South lawn and toasted the day before dawn, before eating a breakfast picnic while listening to the choir on Magdalen tower across the river. Trinity



term had started with the annual Graduate Supervisors' Dinner to which MCR members invited their departmental tutors. The student seminar series made a start in Trinity Term with Laura Pereira presenting a paper on 'Food Security in Latin America'.

The enthusiasm for MCR rowing continues; members joined the inaugural St Hilda's men's First Eight, which was awarded Blades in the Torpids. The MCR takes great pride in this achievement and will add their blade to those hanging in the Common Room. Enthusiasm continued till the Summer Eights where Hilda's members made costumed appearances in support of their boats and it is hoped the tradition continues next year.

Members of the St Hilda's MCR have also participated in cuppers' events of other sports like cross country running and swimming, and the fielding of male sports was a first in College's history. Punting has been as popular as ever in Trinity, with graduate students often getting together on the Cherwell for some punting and Pimm's.

*Eelke Kraak, MCR President 2009-10*



## The Bursary

The College's fears associated with the first intake of male students were unfounded. There have also been a number of other changes.

The new Buildings Manager has restructured the building and maintenance department, with a review of all support contracts and staffing requirements. This review came just in time to take on board the changes created by several retirements of long-serving staff. At the same time, refurbishment of the inside of College buildings has continued and many green measures have been introduced so that we can save energy and costs.

The Catering team has a new Catering Manager, and I can now justifiably boast that we have some of the best food in Oxford. This has certainly been endorsed by the students, as their food consumption in College has trebled.

The use of the College facilities, when not in use for academic purposes, has increased ten-fold so that conferences, functions, weddings and events are now regularly held in St Hilda's public rooms. This has been made possible not only by the activities of the conference and events team, but also by the redecoration of the Canada Room and other public spaces. It is planned that the rest of the public rooms in Hall Building will be redecorated by the end of 2010, when all function facilities will be open to alumnae and the public.

Unfortunately, our proposal for a new Graduate Centre on the Iffley Road was turned down at appeal. However, disappointments sometimes turn out for

the best, and we are now in detailed discussions about taking forward the proposal for a graduate centre on a different site closer to College.

September saw a major upheaval in the finances of the College; we were fortunate however that our investment managers were able to limit the losses we incurred in the markets. Nevertheless, the reduction of investment income will mean that the next few years will be financially very difficult for College. Despite present uncertainties, measures taken in the recent past have enabled the College to bring its finances just about back to break-even.

As in previous years we have been very fortunate in being left a series of legacies up to the value of £1.3M. Also, we have been given a series of substantial life-time gifts which have enabled the College to continue to build its endowments for the future. Any gifts or legacies over £5K automatically go into the endowment so do not appear in the Financial Report below.

Finally I would like to thank all those who work at St Hilda's and have continued to take on the challenges in these difficult times; the College is fortunate in having so many loyal staff.

*Richard Berry, Bursar*

## The Financial Report

The financial results are presented this year in a new format. This appears to take up more space but the words describe where the money is coming from and going to. This year's results have not yet been audited.

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	£K	£K	£K	£K	£K
<b>INCOME</b>					
Academic fees and tuition income	2,234	2,122	2,082	2,066	1,982
Research grants and contracts	48	48	21	15	42
Other operating income	2,596	2,326	2,149	1,957	2,016
Endowment return and interest receivable	1,098	1,146	1,018	687	613
<b>Total income</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>5,642</b>	<b>5,270</b>	<b>4,725</b>	<b>4,653</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Staff costs	3,705	3,452	3,185	3,061	2,923
Depreciation	367	377	307	288	280
Other operating expenses	1,890	2,032	2,044	1,848	1,733
Interest payable	12	26	3	1	1
College contribution	5	13	13	0	6
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>5,979</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>5,552</b>	<b>5,198</b>	<b>4,943</b>
Deficit for the year on continuing operations	(3)	(258)	(282)	(473)	(290)
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	0	4	0	5	21
<b>Deficit for the year after taxation</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(254)</b>	<b>(282)</b>	<b>(468)</b>	<b>(269)</b>

*Richard Berry, Bursar*

## The Academic Office

This has been an exciting year – the first year of mixing for students, with men as undergraduate and postgraduate students. The basic message is, so far, so good!

The College's new Academic Strategy means it is now able to make informed bids for College association with University posts. Working strategically, we have successfully bid for six posts across all four divisions (Humanities; Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences; Medical Science; and Social Sciences). Most of these appointments are still in progress, but we have definitely appointed a new Tutorial Fellow in Economics to succeed Dr Mary Gregory: Dr Debopam Bhattacharya, who took up his post on 1 September 2009. Changes in University processes have kept members of the Academic Office on their toes – ongoing reforms to Graduate Admissions (to make these processes faster and better) and the online display of undergraduate results through the Oracle Student System, rather than the traditional notice boards outside the Examination Schools. The latter change means that the Norrington Table can be compiled using all students' results.

Keen readers of the *Ammonite* will recall that the Senior Tutor conducted a review of College outreach this year, resulting in new priorities. The top priority is to encourage more applicants to make St Hilda's their first choice.

The St Hilda's Education Network (HENS) Workshop, held in College on 28 March, gave me a delightful opportunity to meet more Senior Members who are school-



HENS Conference

teachers. New connections made through responses to the *Ammonite* article and the HENS workshop have already been fruitful. Rebecca Petty (English, 1982) brought some of her year 12 (aka Lower Sixth) pupils to St Hilda's on 28 June, while year 9 pupils from the school where Elizabeth Robinson is Deputy Head visited on 3 July. Alice Hudson (English, 1982 – obviously a very good year!) has given us much useful advice. In addition, Catherine Cava (Physics, 1999) and Rhian Chilcott (Theology, 1998) brought pupils to the College-University Open Days in early July, and Linda Eales (Maths, 1973) brought her son.

The College's second priority for outreach is still to improve access to Oxford for under-represented groups. To this end, we will continue to work with year 9s through the Dudley Aimhigher group. We also have a new link with the Oxford Learning Partnership (OLP) providing online and face-to-face programmes for gifted youngsters from 6 to 19, with some free places for children from families who cannot afford the fees.

*Lucia Nixon, Senior Tutor*

## The Library

Library acquisitions for 2008-9 were as follows: 1,384 books, 13 periodical volumes and 764 periodical parts.

Noteworthy gifts included books from Charis Chan (Dunn, 1974-8) on Chinese literature and history, with some classics texts in Chinese. Friends of former student, Brenda Towers (Winks, Modern Languages 1954-7), donated £625 for books to be purchased in her memory; the books will carry a commemorative bookplate. Judith Coulson (1965-9) gave a useful collection of classic mathematics textbooks. We also received a donation of interesting history books from the estate of Dr Christopher Eames, an *alumnus* of Merton College. These books had been offered to Merton in the first instance, by his daughter, Gillian Eames, who had then kindly extended the offer to other Oxford colleges.

Further donations of books were gratefully received from: the Principal, Mrs Janet Howarth, Dr Sarah Watkinson, Dr Sally Mapstone, Dr Rebecca Armstrong, Dr Helen Swift, Dr Katja Ziegler, Dr Hannah Smith, Dr Margaret Gelling (1942-5, Hon Fellow, 1993-2009), Dr Barbara Levick, Dr Doreen Innes, Dr Jenny Wormald, Dr Ann Dowker, Mr James Goudkamp, Professor Jean Beer, Mrs Elizabeth Boardman, Mrs E Roberts; Rosemary Fost (Pride, 1942-5 and 1946-7), Dr Ann Parker (Dickinson, 1947-50), Rosemary Dellar (Soutter, 1955-9), Jean Pailing (Addicott, 1957-60), Mary Brockington (Fairweather, 1961-5); Alanna Barber (2005-9), Elisabeth Chaghafi (2005-9), Amelia Hanna (2005-9), Dina Khater (2005-9), Nirmala Paudel (2005-9), Alexandra Tomescu (2005-9), Gouljan

Arslan (2006-9), Helena Drury (2006-9), Samantha Gisborne (2006-9), Amanda Julius (2006-9), Julia Steinberg (2006-), Ciara Walker (2006-9), Sophie Walker (2006-9), Laura Weston (2006-9), Joy Wong (2006-9), Amina Egal (2007-9), Veronica Espinoza (2007-8), Felix Chow (2008-), Holger Grefrath (2008-9), Alexandra Nachescu (2008-); Prof J Binney, Ms K Butcher, The Flemish-Netherlands Association, Dr J T Hughes, Dr M Moynagh, Dr P Stewart, the Swedenborg Society and Dr J Wynne.

The library has also been given generous donations by the Tolkien Trust to purchase texts in support of taught courses for graduates and to provide a set of matching chairs and desk lamps for the Law Library.

This welcome gift will enable us to give better library provision to graduate students. College has always considered that the Library was primarily a resource for undergraduates, and that the more specialised needs of graduate students were more appropriately catered for by the major research libraries of the University. However in recent years, with the proliferation of taught Masters' degrees, it has become apparent that some graduate students now have similar needs to those of undergraduates and are often in competition for books on a prescribed reading list.

At the end of August, we were sad to lose Tim Kirtley, who has been Assistant Librarian for almost nine years, when he left us to take up his new appointment as Librarian at Wadham College. Many Senior Members benefited from his kind and patient help. During construction of the

Library Extension he provided progress bulletins and photographs for the website. His 3D computer images of the architect's plans greatly helped in the fundraising effort. His successor is Aimée Collis, a graduate in Art History from Downing College, Cambridge.

Our current Trainee, Karen Butcher, will be staying on for another two years while she completes a library qualification, by distance learning, with Aberystwyth University.

*Maria Croghan, Librarian*

## The Development and Alumnae Office

The Development and Alumnae Office began the year with its new team which, while maintaining the strengths of the alumnae relations programme, has developed some new events, networks and services which engage a wider group of Senior Members with the College and bring them into contact with each other. We have established the basis for new appeals to support College's academic posts, scholarships and bursaries.

The team was joined by Christopher Shakespeare on a part-time basis in December as Development Officer (Communications). This addition has made it possible for us to realise a long-held ambition to review and redesign the existing alumnae publications and fundraising material. The *Ammonite* newsletter has a fresh template and the recent covers, showing new views of College, have been well received by Senior

Members. Moving into e-communications with a new e-newsletter facility has enabled the Development Office to reduce the amount of time and money spent on mailings while keeping Senior Members informed about events and news on a regular basis.

Highlights of the past year include an extensive programme of US visits – details of which are covered in the report by the Co-Chairs of the American Friends of St Hilda's Board. Thirty Senior Members and guests joined the Principal, Emeritus Fellow, Dr Jenny Wormald, Senior English Fellow, Dr Sally Mapstone and myself for a most enjoyable dinner in Edinburgh. The Law Network held a number of events; a dinner in London (October 2008), and another in Oxford (June 2009) with the College's (student) Law Society. Their Summer Drinks Party, also in June 2009, on the roof terrace of Sarasins (the College's investment advisers) gave members of the Network – including a number of recent graduates – a chance to get together while enjoying superb views over St Paul's. The Music Network held its first event – a drinks reception and special tour of the Bodleian's exhibition, *Hallelujah! The British Choral Tradition*, followed by supper in College. The ASM Chairman's report covers other alumnae and network activities.

With new graduates facing one of the most difficult employment markets for many years, students have found it particularly encouraging to have the opportunity to attend Careers Discussions with Senior Members to hear about a wide range of careers and follow up with questions. The Development Office is

always very pleased to hear from those who are interested in getting involved in the Careers Networks and contributing as panel members to careers events in College.

The introduction of a special lunch for parents of Freshers in February drew more than one hundred guests (parents, siblings and other relatives and friends); this was followed by a tour of the College with members of the JCR. Several guests marked the occasion by sponsoring books for the Library, so helping to increase the texts available for undergraduates.

Senior Members often express interest in invitations to talks and seminars in College which keep them in contact with new developments in their subject. This year a number of history graduates were pleased to have the chance to attend a History Society Seminar by Emeritus Fellow, Dr Jenny Wormald, followed by a Dinner in College; it is hoped that further opportunities of this kind will be offered in other subjects in future.

Three new reunions were introduced this year, 10th, 20th & 30th, attracting a great deal of support. The 20th and 30th groups met during a another new venture, a

Garden Party, held in July. Despite the competing attractions of Wimbledon and Henley, many managed to return to College to renew friendships and to meet up with former tutors and lecturers. (The Garden Party was promoted as a family day aimed at younger alumnae and families; we hope to repeat this annually.)

The 10th Reunion, along with the 40th, 50th and 60th reunion groups met at the Gaudy weekend in September. This year's Gaudy celebrations were linked to the theme of the University Alumni Weekend and its celebration of the 50th anniversary of the women's colleges gaining full status as colleges within the University. More than one hundred and fifty Senior Members attended events over the weekend.

Other events included the popular annual Mystery and Crime Weekend which was held in August, with Eileen Roberts coordinating and once more bringing a very distinguished group of authors to St Hilda's. This year the Barbara Pym Society also featured a panel of Senior Members who, along with Emeritus Fellow, Dr Margaret Rayner, gave a fascinating account of St Hilda's and the College's experience of student rebellion across the years.

For the development programme, there has also been some very positive news. Despite an extremely difficult economic climate, Senior Members have maintained their strong support for this year's Annual Fund, with contributions totalling £168,872 received during the year. The American Friends of St Hilda's Fund received a total of US\$119,860 with some very generous gifts enabling the Board to establish a new American Friends of St Hilda's Scholarship



30th Anniversary Reunion



Fund. The College is particularly grateful to all who have given their support. With great uncertainty in the financial markets for much of this time, the gifts have made a real difference to our ability to create and maintain the best possible opportunities for students to flourish at St Hilda's. Gifts made during the past year and in the next two years will also boost our entitlement for the Government's matched funding scheme. Similarly gifts towards the College's newly established scholarships and bursaries scheme will elicit further matching funding from the University's College Contributions Fund.

Thanks are also due to the 644 Senior Members who participated in the 2009 Telethon in June and early July. More than 54% pledged their support during conversations with current students, and over a three year period these gifts will boost the Annual Fund by a total of just over £94,000. The high level of participation, and the enthusiasm with which many spoke to our callers about their interest and support for St Hilda's, is very encouraging.

We also gratefully acknowledge the legacies which were received from the estates of Senior Members over the past year: Josephine M Bostock (Hall, History, 1941), Betty Kukowka (English, 1965), Margaret Pedley (English, 1930). Mrs Lucie Bairstow (in honour of her daughter Rosalind Bairstow who read English at St Hilda's) also generously gave a legacy. Miss Marion Taylor (St Hilda's College Steward 1961-82; Fellow, 1968-82 and Supernumerary Fellow) gave a substantial legacy with instructions that it was to be used for buildings maintenance. She belonged to the St Hilda's Society, whose members have told the College that they have made provision for it in their Wills and are invited back to St Hilda's each June to a special dinner with the Principal.

The Development and Alumnae team is very grateful for the support received from a committed group of volunteers who contribute their time and energy so generously and cheerfully to so many areas. We would particularly like to acknowledge those who have worked as volunteers on the core committees within College, performing that difficult role of critical friend. On the Development Advisory Committee, we are pleased to have Senior Members, Barbara Emerson, Louisa Service and Evie Bentley (Chairman of the ASM). Margaret Cotton has stepped down from this Committee after a number of years assisting the College with its fundraising and we would like to thank her for all her support. Caroline Burton provides valued assistance to the College Investments Committee.

*Bronwyn Travers, Development Director*

## Principal's Discretionary Funds 2008-9

### Mary and Tony Moore Fund

The Mary and Tony Moore Fund has again provided invaluable assistance to students with unexpected financial hardship. Three students were able to call on the fund, to a total of £1,800 in grants and loans. A grant was made to assist an international graduate student to return her child home to her parents for the summer vacation so that she could finish her DPhil work. The loans were made to help those students who found themselves temporarily in financial need. In total, two loans and one grant were awarded.

INCOME		£
Balance b/f 1.8.08		83,310.95
Investment income		3,295.19
Donations received		6,059.27
		<b>92,665.41</b>
EXPENDITURE		£
Grants and loans		1,800.00
Balance c/f 31.7.09		90,865.41
		<b>92,665.41</b>

### AFStH Principal's Discretionary Fund

During the year 2008-9 no awards from the American Friends Hardship Fund have been made and we had no students applying. This fund has been invaluable in the past in assisting American students when they have been faced with unforeseen financial difficulties, and it is always wonderful to be able to aid them with the generous donations from our American Friends.

INCOME		£
Balance b/f 1.8.08		59,630.14
Investment income		2,001.00
		<b>61,631.14</b>
EXPENDITURE		£
Grants		—
Balance c/f 31.7.09		61,631.14
		<b>61,631.14</b>

### Rosina Harris Hardship Fund

During its third year, the Rosina Harris Discretionary Fund has not been called into action. It is due to the generosity of the donation that this fund will, in the future, be able to support students in need, and both the College and the students are most grateful.

*Sheila Forbes*

INCOME		£
Balance b/f 1.8.08		88,570.88
Investment income		2,509.88
		<b>91,080.76</b>
EXPENDITURE		£
Grants		—
Balance c/f 31.7.09		91,080.76
		<b>91,080.76</b>



## ASM Reports

### Chairman's Report to the Annual General Meeting in the Jacqueline du Pré Music Building

It is really good to see so many Senior Members here, several of whom have travelled a considerable distance to attend the Gaudy weekend. I particularly welcome the Principal, former Principals and members of the SCR.



Evie Bentley and Baroness Garden at the Exhibition

There is a splendid display of portraits in the foyer outside this hall of some of our Senior Members. They are a really interesting and inspiring group of St Hilda's women. This display has been prepared by Bronwyn Travers, Rebecca Hayes and Christopher Shakespeare from the Development and Alumnae Office.

I am sorry to tell you that twenty-four alumnae have died since the last AGM. These include Margaret Gelling (1942) who was a tremendous supporter of College and one of the most regular attendees at Gaudies.

### The Development and Alumnae Office

The Development Director, Bronwyn Travers, has overall charge of development and alumnae matters; Monica Popa is the Alumnae Relations Manager; Rebecca Hayes, a Senior Member, is Development

Officer assisted by Audrone Jurkenaite-Epih. Christopher Shakespeare is the Development Officer with responsibility for communications and publications. (*At the meeting, the ASM Chairman introduced the staff to the AGM.*)

### The ASM Committee

Once again I remind you that this committee meets five times a year to plan and help with events for Senior Members, such as this weekend's Gaudy. Each committee member also takes on an individual role – such as liaising with the JCR, MCR and the Networks, representing the ASM on the Development and Advisory Committee, and so on. We really value our links with the undergraduate and graduate students, and have been so pleased to see them continue to contribute their own news to Senior Members – we do like to know what they are up to!

This year I have continued as ASM chairman; Penny O'Callaghan has been the Vice-Chairman; Sarah Kling has remained, thankfully, as our Treasurer and works hard at advising and explaining matters financial to the committee; Nicola Ayton has been the ASM Secretary; and Mary Turton has been Editor. However, each committee member has an allotted span on the committee, and this year we have now to say a huge thank you, as well as goodbye, to Nicola whose well deserved career promotion means she is leaving the committee.

### Networks

Our subject and professional networks continue to flourish and we have held a careers surgery for Law and also a general careers afternoon for undergraduates and recent graduates when several professions

were represented. The Education network ran another very successful day conference with speakers including Dr Jane Mellanby who talked about her research into predicting academic success. The networks are an immensely valuable way of keeping in touch, making and maintaining friendly, useful and supportive contacts. We are always in need of more alumnae willing to give some time to help organise networks and their meetings so, if any Senior Member is interested, please do contact Monica Popa by email, phone or even send a letter. The areas of interest of the networks are: Business; Government; Not for Profit; Law; Medical; Science and Engineering; Education; Biological and Environmental Sciences; Music.

### The American Friends of St Hilda's

Alumnae across the Atlantic are always active and supportive and, in the past year, as well as successfully fund-raising, they have enjoyed many College-related activities including meetings with the Principal, Sheila Forbes, Dr Susan Jones, Val McDermid, Dr Mary Gregory and Dr Lyndall Gordon.

### Events

ASM events in the past year included the London Drinks Party last November at the Canal Museum, which was rather a departure from our previous venues. Costs are a challenging factor for such events but, by using the excellent Home Entertaining canapés and wines from a major supermarket chain, the evening was both very affordable and, judging from the buzz, highly enjoyable. The short talk from the curator on the museum's Victorian ice pit was fun, too.

The London Tea Party was its usual happy occasion, and it was very good to have to

concentrate for the most exciting talk from the Vice-Principal, Professor Amanda Cooper-Sarkar, on the work of the CERN particle physics laboratory. Interest was so great that the question time after the talk extended into the whole of tea-time. I am so glad to report that the standard of the tea was back to its former glory.

The first Alumnae Spring Ball took place in College in April and was such fun and such a success that there will be the second one on April 17th 2010. We had a sparkling reception, a lovely dinner and a wonderful disco – the development and alumnae staff had intended to leave once things were up and running but I can tell you they were setting the style on the dancefloor till midnight struck.



The Musicians at the Summer Garden Party

A summer garden party was celebrated in style on July 4th this year in the College gardens; it was a real family event with a super tea, a cushion concert for the children and even ice creams. Whilst it was particularly aimed at younger alumnae and alumnae with young children, it was far from an exclusive family event, as always, any and all of our Members, with or without their friends, partners or families were welcomed. The next garden party is planned for 10 July 2010.

I want to make a special mention about

the truly great support from the many people in College who provide us with accommodation, food and drink, and who never seem too busy to put themselves out for us and to welcome us. We thank them all, porters, maintenance, domestic and catering staff, scouts, in fact, all of them.

### Gaudy Activities

Tea today is at 4.15 in the dining hall and the discussion with the Principal is in here at 5.30. There will be a short chapel service at 6.30, and the champagne reception is in the SCR and hall of South at 7.15pm. The Gaudy Dinner is at 7.45 in the dining hall, and the after-dinner speaker is Dame Elizabeth Neville, one of our very distinguished alumnae.

Tomorrow's seminar, *Prima Inter Pares*, has three speakers, who will talk about their own experiences in order to illustrate how St Hilda's women have played, are playing, and will continue to play, a significant role in the World. The speakers will be Baroness Gillian Shephard, Janet Gaymer, CBE, QC, and Dr Anita Avramides.

### ASM Studentship

The Studentship for 2009-10 has been awarded to Prudence Baker (Frank, Modern Languages, 1957-60).

### Thanks

We are having a splendid Gaudy weekend, once again with such amazing weather! And as well as our particular thanks to the Development and Alumnae staff and to College staff, I would like to record our welcome by the staff in the Lodge who continue our College tradition of calmly coping with all people and things.

### Any other business

It is always tricky to mention funding and

money. I know I have done this before, but I do again encourage Senior Members to contribute as and when and what they can: a one-off donation, perhaps; a contribution to the Annual Fund; a regular donation or a legacy. In this way, we can support the continuation and development of this college which we love. There are all sorts of ways to support College; for example, by sponsoring an improvement, large or small, such as refurbishing a room or giving a chair in the Library for £100 (with a personal plaque on it).

*Evie Bentley*

### The 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Association of Senior Members

The 84th Annual General Meeting was held at St Hilda's College in the Jacqueline du Pré Music Building on Saturday 26th September at 3.45pm. Evie Bentley was in the Chair.

Those recorded as being present were:  
**1940:** Jocelyn Morris, Mary Turton (Cleverley) **1941:** Hilary Christie (Allen) **1942:** Kathleen Hall **1943:** Margaret Howell **1949:** Brenda Moon, Ann Phillips **1950:** Jenny Joseph, Cynthia Watson **1952:** Diana Burkhardt (Farmer), Anna Horowitz (Landau), Monica Morris (Short), Sheila Pankhurst (Worsley), Louisa Service (Hemming), Anne Weeks (Robinson), Betty Wicks (Brotherhood), Amelia Woolmore (Mulligan) **1954:** Margaret Gleave (Ayres), Pamela Gordon (Bantick), Margaret Kirwan (Amlot), Janet Morgan (McAllister), Daphne Palmer, Ros Partridge (Bishop) **1955:** Ann Cochrane (Bower), Gillian Murray (Bach) **1959:** Virginia Crowe (Willis), Sandra Margolies (Colbeck) **1963:** Margaret Ellis (Vaughan) **1965:** Jacky Beaumont, Evie

Bentley, Alison Blackburn (Nield) **1967:** Antonia Bennett, Jean Harker (Buchanan), Penny O'Callaghan (Spriggs) **1968:** Julia Liebeskind (Porter) **1969:** Sarah Kling (Kemsley) **1973:** Gillian Lockwood (Harris) **1988:** Anna Stockwell **1989:** Bernadette Hoffmann **1991:** Angela Buckley **2002:** Toni Jackson

The Principal, Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith, Judith English, Maria Croghan, Georgina Paul, Barbara Levick, Margaret Rayner, Verity Brown, Eileen Roberts, Bronwyn Travers, Monica Popa, Rebecca Hayes.

1. *Apologies.* Cynthia Iliffe, Eleanor Rawling.
2. *Minutes of Previous Meeting.* These were received.
3. *Principal's Report.* This is printed at the beginning of the Report and Chronicle.
4. *Chairman's Report.* A summary is given above.
5. *Treasurer's Report:* Although the value of ASM funds have decreased in value because of falling markets, they are ample for ASM activities. The accounts for the year are published later in the Report and Chronicle.
6. *Editor's Report:* This year, the Report & Chronicle will reach Senior Members about a month earlier than usual, so readers should receive it before its news is old. All the usual reports will be there but certain details (not available until the next academic year) will wait until the following edition. It will also look rather different from last year's edition and we hope that you will like it. Senior Members have sent in a particularly interesting collection of articles around the idea of beliefs and churches. The

Editors are suggesting 'Conservation and the Natural World' as the topic for next year's articles.

7. *Elections:* The Chairman reported that, as no nominations had been received other than those published in the Trinity Term Oxford Ammonite, Antonia Bennett and Anna Stockwell are elected to the Committee for a four-year term. In addition the Committee has elected Angela Buckley as Secretary and Gillian Lockwood has been co-opted as an ordinary Member.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed at 4.15pm.

The next AGM will be on 25th September 2010.

### Discussion with the Principal

The Principal, with the Vice-Principal and Senior Tutor, formed a panel for this session. She said that the 2008-9 academic year had been busy and interesting but not easy. Arising from a comment from Alison Blackburn, she predicted that the financial results (although provisional) would show that the College had broken about even. The Bursar had made considerable savings, particularly in the areas of catering and building maintenance. Income had also been improved by increasing the number of graduate students from sixty in the previous year to ninety-four in this. Income from conferences and events had also risen.

Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith sought information on capital endowment. The Principal reported a drop in endowment value from £30M to £23M in the worst of the economic crisis but that the value had now crept back to £26M. The knock-on

effect was a reduction in income which each year included 3.5% of endowment.

Louisa Service enquired whether College had become less attractive to Muslim parents now that there were men students.

The Senior Tutor said this was not the case. The Principal spoke of financial problems for some Muslim students who were unwilling to take out student loans. Some help had been provided from College's discretionary funds.

Discussion moved to the funding for graduate students. It was particularly difficult for students in the Humanities to get grants; the University and colleges were seeking ways to raise money to help these students.

The Principal agreed to take further the suggestion from Barbara Levick that there should be a permanent record of the legacy (for maintenance) received from Marion Taylor.

The Senior Tutor described the efforts made by College to recruit, as undergraduates, not only more candidates but the most able candidates. These activities include summer schools and open days. There is considerable collaboration between the University and colleges in these recruiting events. St Hilda's top priority is to increase the number of candidates who choose College as their first choice.

In reply to a question about mature (or even very mature) candidates, it was pointed out that Kellogg and Harris Manchester Colleges pay particular attention to the needs of such students but the mainstream colleges, on the whole, concentrate on the admission of younger candidates.

Some Senior Members expressed

disappointment with this year's Gaudy programme which they felt, had suffered because of the association with the University's Alumni weekend. The Principal explained that this year was extraordinary because the theme for the University's programme was women's achievements and full acceptance by the University of the women's colleges; a number of St Hilda's Senior Members were principal speakers. This would not be the case next year. Georgina Paul said the form of the Gaudy programme was already an item on the agenda of the ASM Committee.

*Margaret E Rayner*

### Prima Inter Pares

The three speakers at the Gaudy Seminar were: Baroness Gillian Shephard (Watts, 1958-61); Janet Gaymer, QC (Craddock 1966-70); Dr Anita Avramides.



Baroness Shephard, Dr Avramides and Mrs Gaymer

Baroness Shephard spoke first. The seminar's theme was women as pathfinders and leaders and she chose this as an opportunity to think about her own life. Like many other women she had not set out with a clear career plan. At that time, knowledge of what was available depended on a woman's background, both socially and geographically. However, determination, an open mind, a willingness to seize

opportunities and confidence can make up for the lack of a firm career plan.

She entered politics in her 40s after teaching, education-related jobs in local government, being a senior schools inspector and marriage which gave her two stepsons. Her experience as a county councillor and, in particular, her frustration with national Government controls on local government, led her to stand for Parliament (where she believed power lay). It was in the selection process that, for the first time, she met gender prejudice. Nevertheless, she was elected and was Conservative Member for South West Norfolk from 1987 to 2005.

While in the House of Commons, she achieved a number of firsts for women: first woman Minister of the Treasury, first woman deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, first minister for policies for women, first woman Secretary of State for Education and Employment. She is now in the House of Lords.

Baroness Shephard stressed the importance of negotiation, influence, mood music, alliance building and problem solving (rather than ideological standoffs) as ways of getting things done. She also believed that Oxford gives its students the confidence and, amongst much else, the aspiration to succeed as pathfinders and leaders.

Janet Gaymer, QC, who was the next Seminar speaker, achieved some of her firsts for women while still an undergraduate; she was the first woman honorary member of the Elder Law Society and was the first woman to dine in Hall at University College.

As a woman she had considerable difficulty finding a place as an articled clerk

in a law firm. Having found a place, she was not surprised to discover male prejudice against women: the wearing of trousers by a woman was a disciplinary offence; coloured nail varnish was forbidden; some law firms did not employ married couples; these were just a few examples. She became the expert in employment law in her firm. Soon after becoming a partner, she announced that she was pregnant. The firm had no clear maternity arrangements so, as the Head of Employment, she designed her own. Mrs Gaymer spoke of the problems of having a child while holding a senior appointment, particularly when that appointment required a great deal of travelling.

In due course, her law firm needed to select a new Senior Partner, a position never before held by a woman in a top City law firm. She was initially reluctant to put forward her name. However, having been persuaded/bullied by some of her fellow partners to enter the election, she agreed to stand and was selected. Mrs Gaymer suggested that the City has changed since her early days there. Forty per cent of professional people are now women. But there is another change: fewer women are seeking the senior positions, preferring to adopt a life-style different from that aimed at a few years ago.

She spoke of her role as the Commissioner for Public Appointments. She felt it important for women that they should become aware of the possibility of taking on a public appointment, its rewards but also its drawbacks. There are still aspects of such an appointment which make it more difficult for women than for men to be appointed but, once in office, they do well.



Dr Anita Avramides, Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, who was the third speaker, was the first University Proctor elected by St Hilda's. At the time of her election she was eight months pregnant and when she took up office in 1994, she had put in place arrangements for the care of her baby daughter.

There are two Proctors who share an office in the University Offices and, for the first time, in that year both Proctors were women. They discovered that previous Proctors (two men or a man and a woman) had adjacent desks but they quickly rearranged the room so that the desks faced each other.

The office of a Proctor is heavy and time-consuming. For that year, the Proctors give up all tutorial and College duties. The responsibilities are: to act as representatives of the jobbing academics on the Central University committees; to serve on every major committee of the University and to receive papers of any University committee; to oversee the conduct of University examinations; to enforce University discipline and handle complaints against the University; to take part in ceremonial events; to serve as Delegates for Oxford University Press.

The long working day from 9am until 5 or 6pm, sometimes early meetings at 7.30am, with dinners and events on three to five nights a week, all put a great strain on family life. The support of a first-class nanny and, in emergency, help from secretaries in the University Offices, made the job possible for her. Flexibility was essential.

Subsequent discussion began with a question about the problems of combining

a professional career with children and family; this led on to questions about child-care. Discussion then moved to ways in which young women (also young men), boys and girls, could be inspired, and given the confidence, to aim at challenging professional careers or at lives in the artistic and creative world. Lastly the discussion returned to a point made by Mrs Gaymer: a demanding professional life did not appeal (or later failed to appeal) to many women and men who wanted more time for their families and other interests. Women and men are starting to choose a life-style different from that of the previous generation.

Baroness Shephard and Baroness Garden took note of the need to improve arrangements for funding apprenticeships.

*Margaret E Rayner*

### **Report of the American Friends of St Hilda's**

During this past year, we have continued to focus on providing opportunities for Senior Members in the United States to gather and to strengthen their links with College, even though it is on the other side of the Atlantic. We are very grateful for the support from College, and especially from Bronwyn Travers and her Development & Alumnae Office staff. We have also been so fortunate that Dr Susan Jones, the American Friends Fellow, has been here in New York City completing her research, as well as giving a talk to us on Literary Modernism and Dance, hosted by Sarah Teale; she has provided such a strong connection for us with College.

We have been very busy in the past year. In

addition to Sue's talk, there have been four other events in New York City for Senior Members, and each has been well attended. One event featured Val McDermid, the award-winning crime writer and Senior Member of the College, who was here to promote her new book. Several Senior Members gathered to hear her at a reading at a local bookshop and afterwards joined her for dinner.

For another event, Dr Mary Gregory joined a group of us for dinner. For a number, it was a chance to catch up with their former tutor in a very congenial setting, for others, it was an opportunity to hear from an eminent economist her views on the Credit Crunch and the comparative responses of the UK and US governments. She also met with some of her former students in Boston and joined a number of Washington DC Senior Members for an informal dinner there.

On another occasion, Dr Lyndall Gordon, who is living and working in the Washington DC area this year, travelled to New York City to give a talk about her work on Emily Dickinson, at the beautiful home of Linn Cary Mehta. The attendees included a number of Lyndall's former students, for whom the meeting had a special significance. We are also grateful to Susan Quainton who, in addition to being the mainstay of AFStH activities in DC, helped to make Dr Lyndall Gordon welcome during her time in Washington.

Also, the College hosted two events around the Principal's US visit; one in New York City when she joined us for drinks and canapés at the University's North American Office and the other in Boston, a reception at the Harvard Club. Finally Ginger Haskell kindly



*Susan Quainton and Ginger Haskell*

held an open house at her home in Washington DC for the Principal and DC Members.

We continue to work with the ASM Chair, Evie Bentley, to develop greater ties between the American Friends and the ASM. Evie always keeps us apprised of the ASM's events and plans. We look forward to new joint efforts in the future.

This year, we introduced the American Friends Scholarship Fund as an option for donations from US Senior Members. This Fund will aid American graduate students in the Humanities; it will defray some of the cost of their continuing work at College. The Fund will be supplemented by money made available by the University. We are pleased to report that the Fund has raised sufficient money for the College to make the first award for the coming academic year. As always, the College's American Alumnae and friends are invited to make a gift to the College's Annual Fund. This year we received a considerable number of gifts, and we are pleased to report that both the amount contributed and the number of Members participating increased over the previous year.

*Sarah Teale, Julie Fenster, Co-Chairs, AFStH*



## The ASM Studentship

Senior Members are invited to apply for the Studentship which will be awarded to facilitate independent study during the 2010-2011 academic year. The aim of the Studentship is 'to enable the holder to return to an interrupted academic career or to re-orientate by change of subject'. The Studentship carries an honorarium of up to £1,200, which is not renewable and is unlikely to be adequate for a full-time research project.

The holder may use the facilities of the SCR and, according to the holder's requirements, the Governing Body will grant up to a week's residence in each vacation. Details would be a matter for discussion at the time of election. In order to consider your application the Committee would find it helpful to receive the following information:

- a detailed programme of work for a self-contained academic project or a specific plan of activities to be undertaken. There should be a clearly defined end within the year.
- what you envisage as the outcome of the work and how you intend to develop the work after the end of the Studentship.
- what difference the honorarium would make to your ability to complete the project.
- how you will use the College and University facilities.

The committee would also appreciate a current CV. The successful candidate will be required to submit a report of up to 400 words at the completion of the Studentship for publication in the *Report & Chronicle*.

Applications will be considered during Hilary Term 2010 and the Committee may invite shortlisted candidates to come for an interview. Applications for the Studentship should be sent to: The Alumnae Relations Manager, St Hilda's College, Oxford, OX4 1DY by 2 March 2010.

## ASM Financial Report 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2009

ASM FUND	2007–2008		2008–2009	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Investment Income	2,447		2,565	
Events	1,758		3,961	
Capitation Fees	3,717		3,998	
Total Income		7,922		10,524
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Events	(1,900)		(3,934)	
Report & Chronicle	(4,125)		(3,860)	
Grant awarded	(300)		0	
Total Expenditure		(6,325)		(7,794)
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>1,597</b>		<b>2,730</b>
<b>ASM FUND at 1 August</b>		<b>90,789</b>		<b>85,797</b>
Change in value of fund		(6,589)		(11,287)
<b>ASM FUND at 31 July</b>		<b>85,797</b>		<b>77,240</b>
<b>ASM STUDENTSHIP FUND</b>				
Balance at 1 August		62,201		60,796
Investment income		1,731		1,814
Grant awarded		(1,200)		0
Change in Fund value		(1,936)		(1,304)
<b>Balance at 31 July</b>		<b>60,796</b>		<b>61,306</b>

Sarah Kling, ASM Treasurer

## News of Senior Members

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**Tolkien, Mrs Baillie Jean (Klass):** ed, *J R R Tolkien Letters from Father Christmas*, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; Revised edition, 2004.

**1966**

**Hedworth, Susan Margaret (Smith):** *White Poppies* (play for teenagers about the First World War), Heinemann Educational, 2009, as Sue Saunders.

**1968**

**Shapland, Professor Joanna Mary:** ed, *Justice, Community and Civil Society: A Contested Terrain*, Cullompton: Willan Publishing, 2008.

**1969**

**Leroy, Margaret Rose (Nye):** *The Drowning Girl*, Mira, 2009, published in USA as *Yes, My Darling Daughter*, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009, in Spain as *La Memoria del Agua*, Random House Mondadori, 2008.

**1970**

**Curtis, Pauline Elizabeth Margaret (Ward),** *Quiet Quadrangles and Ivory Towers, The Courts of the Morning*, 2007

**Feldman, Jennifer Ann (Goldman):** *Into the Deep Street: Seven Modern French Poets (1938-2008)*, co-translated with S Romer, Anvil Press, 2009.

**1971**

**Hutber, Dr Georgina Nicki:** with others: *Creating Effective Conference Abstracts and Posters in Biomedicine*, Radcliffe Publishing, Oxford, 2009.

**1972**

**Harrison, Anne Margaret (Blyth):** *Recovering The Lord's Song: Getting Sung Scripture Back into Worship*, Grove Worship Series 198, Grove Books, Cambridge, 2009.

**Wright, Dr Teresa Lyn:** ed. *Zakim and Boyer's Hepatology: A Textbook of Liver Disease*, 5th edition, Saunders; over the years, co-authored 130 original peer-reviewed articles and wrote more than 100 reviews, book chapters, editorials and treatment guidelines. The majority of these publications have been in the natural history and treatment of viral hepatitis, liver transplantation and hepatocellular carcinoma.

**1975**

**Shires, Professor Linda Marguerite:** 'Browning's Grafts', *Studies in English Literature 1500-1900*, 48.4, Special Issue on Hybridity, Autumn 2008; Field Review: 'Victorian Poetry at the Present Time', *Victorian Literature and Culture*, 36.1, 2008.

**1976**

**Francis, Professor Leslie (Pickering):** with **Battin, MP, Jacobson, JA, Smith, CB:** *The Patient as Victim and Vector: Ethics and Infectious Disease*, Oxford University Press, 2008.

**1977**

**Gottlieb, Professor Paula Louise:** *The Virtue of Aristotle's Ethics*, Cambridge University Press, May 2009.

**1980**

**Iszatt White, Dr Marian (Iszatt):** *Tough at the Top: A Study of Leadership in the Learning and Skills Sector*, VDM Verlag Dr Müller, 2009.

**1984**

**Tyson-Ward, Susan Caroline:** *Nod off in Portuguese*, CD, The Publishing Cupboard, 2009.

**Rowlands, Dr Alison:** "'Superstition", Magic and Clerical Polemic in Seventeenth-Century Germany' in Smith, AS and Knight, KA: *The Religion of Fools? Superstition Past and Present*, Past and Present Supplement 3, Oxford University Press, 2008; 7 entries ('Age of Accused Witches', 'Johann Georg Goedelmann', 'Theodor Thumm', 'Warfare', 'Imperial Free Cities', 'Nördlingen', 'Würzburg') for the *Encyclopedia of Witchcraft: The Western Tradition*, ABC-CLIO, 2006.

1986

**Glover, Miranda Katharine (Fellows):** Masterpiece, Bantam Press, 2005; Soulmates, Bantam Press, 2007; *Meanwhile Street*, September 2009.

**Pates, Professor Rebecca Alexandra:** with **Schmidt, D**, *Die Verwaltung der Prostitution: Eine vergleichende Studie am Beispiel deutscher, polnischer und tschechischer Kommunen*, Bielefeldt Transcript, 2009; ed, with Donat, E, Froböse, U, 'Nie wieder Sex': *Geschlechterforschung am Ende des Geschlechts*, Wiesbaden: VS-Verlag, 2009.

1988

**Taylor, Dr Kathleen Eleanor:** *Cruelty: human evil and the human brain*, Oxford University Press, 2009.

1991

**Gillings, Annabel Rebecca Elizabeth:** *Brunel (Life & Time)*, Haus Publishing, 2006.

1997

**Burke, Dr Alison Siobhan:** Gender and Justice: *An Examination of Policy and Practice regarding Judicial Waiver*, VDM Publishing, 2009.

1999

**Hayes, Rebecca Jane :** "A lewd book what doth me no wrong to read for information sake": The fear of women in Early Modern pornography', in Jordan, J, ed.: *Desperate Housewives: Politics, Propriety and Pornography, Three Centuries of Women in England*, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, July 2009.

**Dark, Dr Patricia Alison:** 'EH Shepard', in Perriam, G (ed), *Proceedings of the Dorothy L Sayers Society 33rd Annual Convention*, DLSS, 2009.

2000

**Becker, Susanne Carolin Alexandra:** with Frech-Becker, C: *Fünfzig Jahre passé, Knigge ade, Schule oh je! Vom Verlust von Gewöhnung und Disziplin*, Schneider Verlag Hohengehren, 2005.

2001

**Oancea, Dr Alis Elena:** with others: *Education for All: The Future of Education and Training for 14- 19 year-olds*, Routledge, 2009.

2004

**Lynch, Dr Claire Louise:** Irish *Autobiography: Stories of Self in the Narrative of a Nation*, Peter Lang, 2009.

### Other Recent News

1941

**Lewis, Dorothy Margaret (Slater),** publishes her poems and thoughts on the blog: [www.margaretlewis.wordpress.com](http://www.margaretlewis.wordpress.com).

1946

**Judge, Phyllis Enid (Hastings),** retired after teaching singing at Rhodes University for 10 years.

1948

**Porter, Jennifer Mary Priaulx (Forman),** achieved a BSc with the Open University in 2009.

1949

**Jowsey, Professor Jenifer Olive Muriel,** found a treatment that will reverse bone loss in osteoporosis causing marked increase in bone density, sustained over eleven years with no further fractures.

1952

**Service, Louisa Anne (Hemming),** was elected President of the Commonwealth Countries League in Autumn 2008. This is an umbrella organisation for women's organisations throughout the 53 countries of the Commonwealth. Its charitable wing sponsors girls of ability through secondary school where, without assistance, they would have been unable to continue.

1953

**Jack, Professor Sybil Milliner (Thorpe),** was appointed 'Friend of the Celts' by the Celtic Council of Australia.

**Kohn, Gloria Caroline (Stolar),** is writing an autobiography. She is also an official photographer of her reform community.

1961

**Hewlett, Carol Rosalind,** retired at the end of September 2008, having worked at LSE for just over 42 years.

**Okely, Professor Judith Melita,** is Deputy Director of the International Gender Studies Centre, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford; she is also Joint Convenor for the MA course: Anthropological Methods at the University of Bristol.

1962

**Bansemer, Barbara Mary (Clements),** with husband Pete, bought 40 hectares of former grazing land about 50km east of Adelaide, which they are aiming to revegetate using local tree and shrub species at 2 hectares a year, using seedlings they are propagating at home, in order to restore habitat for birds.

**Sibson, Carol Ann (Smyth),** is studying for MPhil/PhD in the History Department, Queen Mary, London, researching

vernacular verse pastoralia for the English laity c. 1220-1350.

**Summers, Dr Anne Rosalind,** is currently carrying out research on relations between Christian and Jewish women in England, 1840-1940, with support from the British Academy and Birkbeck College.

1963

**Langley, Judith Ann (Cripps),** retired from her post of City Archivist, Aberdeen, in September 2007, taught Palaeography to Aberdeen University MLitt students 1998-2008, and is now teaching an all-age group in the University Department of Lifelong Learning.

**Palmer-Jones, Susan Jennifer (Walton),** is publisher of quarterly magazines *The Green Handbook for South West Scotland* (since 1994) and *Cumbria's Green Handbook* (since 1996); [www.greenhandbook.co.uk](http://www.greenhandbook.co.uk).

1964

**Arnold, Gaynor Margaret (Parsons),** was longlisted for Orange Prize 2009 (for *Girl in a Blue Dress*).

**Newman, Joan (Atkinson),** retired from being a Practical Examiner at the Association of British Dispensing Opticians in January 2009. She is still working part-time as an Optical Practice Visitor.

1965

**Blackburn, Alison Margaret (Nield),** is Chair of the Board of Governors of Harper Adams University College, Director of LANTRA (Sector Skills Council for environmental and land-based industries), Director of NIAB (National Institute of Agricultural Botany), and Director of the Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust.

**1966**

**Conn, Eileen**, was appointed an MBE in the New Year Honours 2008, for services to the community.

**Wilkinson, Dr Susan (De La Mare)**, was winner of the Colin Humphreys Education Award for 2008 from the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining.

**1967**

**Hall, Christine Mary (Calder)**, retired in December 2008 after 30 years with Cornwall County Council where she held the post of Head of Statistics and Data Management with Children's Services.

**Ibbotson, Mary (Starkey)**, became a member of the Independent Monitoring Board of HM Prison Service, the Verne.

**1968**

**Legge-Bourke, Victoria Lindsay**, is Consultant at the Royal Academy of Arts; she also runs 'Tories Tips' – custom made social skills training sessions.

**Lloyd, Helen Rosalind Frances**, spoke at the Diabetes UK annual conference in March 2009, to launch Phase Two of the Diabetes Stories website (<http://www.diabetes-stories.com>). For Phase One, she recorded 50 interviews with people diagnosed with diabetes between 1927 and 1997. In March 2009 she added 50 interviews with people who cared for those with diabetes. She continues to run her own oral history consultancy.

**Swainston, Olivia Gail**, has achieved the Good Schools Guide award for the best A level results in History at any English school in 2005, 2007 and 2008.

**Tidey, Florence Julia (Lang)**, is temporarily resident in California, USA, while her husband is working there for 3 years.

**1970**

**Goyder, Mary Julia**, is employed by a community benefit society [Partnership of East London Cooperatives (PELC)] that provides unscheduled primary care to North East London and West Essex.

**Hart, Jayasri (Majumdar)**, took early retirement from teaching in 2002 to pursue documentary filmmaking full-time; see <http://home.earthlink.net/~hartfilms>.

**Mills, Professor Anne Jane**, was awarded a CBE in 2007; she is Head of Department of Public Health and Policy, and Professor of Health Economics and Policy at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

**Riddell, Barbara Elizabeth (Kelly)**, was awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours List in 2008.

**1971**

**Harbottle, Christine Margaret (Simkins)**, is a trustee of Langley House Trust, a charity helping people to live crime-free lives.

**1972**

**Grenfell, Dr Anasuya**, is Associate Editor of *Postgraduate Medical Journal*.

**Harrison, Anne Margaret (Blyth)**, is editor of *Sunday by Sunday*.

**Hutchins, Judith Mary (Fisher)**, teaches French and German at Churchill Secondary School and Sixth Form Centre in North Somerset.

**Wright, Dr Teresa Lyn**, was named one of the women scientists of the year in 2008 by the American Gastroenterology Association.

**1973**

**Capel, Susan Caroline**, teaches Legal English to law students/lawyers whose first language is not English; she is Director of Oxford Legal English Courses.

**John, The Revd Alison Joy (Chew)**, was ordained on 19 July 2009 as a Baptist Minister, with special responsibility for reaching out to older people.

**Wallsgrave, Ruth Elizabeth**, was appointed Product Manager for Maintenance and Asset Management at United Group Rail in June 2008. She was co-founder of Transition Sydney in April 2008.

**1974**

**Alsbury, Alison Katharine (Morris)**, is working at national level as a senior interim manager - having held recent Board level appointments at the NSPCC, the Royal Town Planning Institute and now Luton Primary Care Trust.

**Sitman, Dr Rosalie Sara (Bransztein Tichcovsky)**, was appointed Head of the Division of Foreign Languages, Tel Aviv University; she was given the Rector's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2009.

**1976**

**Jackson, Eleanor (Richardson)**, is Associate Tutor at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham.

**1978**

**Ballantyne, Jenny (McDonald)**, at the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), led the development and

roll-out of the national social and emotional learning programme (SEAL) for schools 2004-8. She is now policy head on targeted child protection issues at DCSF.

**Hoffmann, Jennifer Mary**, is Director of Riskfrontier Consultants Ltd.

**Walker, Frances Elizabeth (Ward)**, qualified as a Medical Herbalist in 2008.

**1979**

**Carpenter, Tethys Lucy**, works mainly in France as an architectural historian/restorer.

**Harrison, Alison (Leach)**, is Chair, European Federation Pharmaceutical Industries Association (EFPIA) Regulatory Affairs Group.

**Ruscoe, Margaret Ann**, joined the Civil Service in December 2008.

**1980**

**Wolff, Augusta Mary (Lonsdale)**, was awarded MSc (Middlesex University) in Transactional Analysis Psychotherapy; she is in private practice in Winchester.

**1981**

**O'Neil, Dr Maryvelma (Smith)**, is currently writing an authorised biography of HRR Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand.

**1982**

**Freeman Fahid, Deborah Mary (Freeman)**, was appointed Assistant Curator, Al Sabah Collection, Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah, Kuwait, in October 2007.

**Pirie, Dr Fernanda**, was at London University, in socio-legal studies, from 2007. She was appointed Director of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies in October 2008.



**1983**

**Clair, Kathleen Susan**, was Financial Literacy Advocate of the Year 2008; she is a Math teacher, Interboro School District, Prospect Park, PA, USA.

**Onslow, Lucinda Caroline (Campbell-Fraser)**, is trustee of the Rank Foundation and of Equibuddy.

**Riachi, Rhonda Rima**, works as Continuing Professional Development Facilitator at Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Mental Health Trust; and is also a part-time consultant for e-learning projects in higher education.

**1984**

**Goodrich, The Revd Nancy Elisabeth (Clarke)**, completed a Diploma in Applied Theology at the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham and was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Blackburn on 27 June 2009, to serve as Curate at St Thomas' Church, St Annes-on-Sea.

**Millard, Deborah Helen (Anderson)**, is Chief Financial Officer/Company Secretary at JWH Group Pty Ltd in Perth, Western Australia.

**1985**

**James, Catherine Jane Tanya (Liddell)**, sold her toy business four years ago, trained to become a teacher and now teaches physics at a local comprehensive school.

**1986**

**Bose, Dr Brinda**, has been appointed Associate Professor, Department of English, Delhi University, Delhi.

**Bowden, Dr Caroline Mary Kynaston**, was Schoolmistress Fellow at St Hilda's. Since September 2008 she has managed the AHRC funded project 'Who were the

Nuns?' at Queen Mary, studying the membership of the English convents in exile 1600-1800.

**Chatterji, Dr Aditi**, presented a paper entitled 'Ethnicity, Migration and the Urban Landscape of Kolkata' at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Las Vegas, USA, in March 2009.

**Riches, Joanne**, was appointed Principal of The Ladies' College, Guernsey, September 2008.

**1988**

**Hague, Sharon Ellen**, was promoted to Director of GQ Assessment at Edexcel in October 2008.

**1989**

**Pickles, Dr Joanna Maria Theresa**, in 2007-8 worked as a Clinical Fellow in Lung Transplantation in Sydney; in 2008-9 she was a locum Consultant in Respiratory and Transplant Medicine at Papworth Hospital and has now moved to a General Respiratory Locum Consultant post at Northwick Park Hospital, London, covering maternity leave.

**1990**

**Fernley, Julia Carlyne**, completed an MSc in Engineering Geology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1996 and became a Chartered Geologist in 2002.

**1991**

**Gillings, Annabel Rebecca Elizabeth**, was nominated for 'Best Director, Factual' BAFTA, and she won 'Earth Science Award', Wildscreen - both for the BBC2 programme 'Earth: The Power of the Planet' and for 'Atmosphere'.

**Hewlett, Irene Marianna (Grimberg)**, started her own business, Orange World Scientific Languages, in January 2008, translating medical and life-sciences related documents from Dutch into English.

**Lunt, Dr Rona Alicia**, was made a partner at Wellington Health Centre, St John's Wood, London, in April 2005.

**1992**

**Smith-Kawasaki, Elizabeth Maryanne (Smith)**, is Senior Policy Advisor, Regulatory Policy Development, Dept of Health, Ottawa, Canada.

**1993**

**Kerr, Clare Elizabeth (Phethean)**, is currently working in the finance department of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

**1994**

**Feehan, Dr Jane**, is Natural Resources Specialist at the European Investment Bank, Luxembourg, specialising on the Bank's investments in the forestry, agriculture and fisheries sectors.

**Mooljee Damani, Nicole (Bittner)**, has been Partner/Managing Director of LEK Consulting since 1 January 2007.

**1996**

**De Vore, Daun Aline**, with about twenty other delegates, had the honor of meeting India's Ministers (Law and Justice External Affairs, the Chief Justice of their Supreme Court, head of the SEC and Stock Exchange) on a delegation to India of the American Bar Association. The Indian Chamber of Commerce has asked her to head a new division in the US. She has received the Governor of California's award for service to the community from Arnold Schwarzenegger.

**Lukacik, Dr Petra**, is Visiting Fellow at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, USA.

**Simon, Zoe Marion**, was shortlisted for OffWestEnd.com's 2009 'Adopt a Playwright Award' and was nominated for 2008 Pearson Playwrighting Award.

**1997**

**Djoneva de Consarnau, Borislava Kroumova (Djoneva)**, joined *The Swedish Bulletin*, the English lifestyle magazine of Stockholm, in 2006, becoming contributing editor in 2007; she was awarded an MA in Nobility Law, Genealogy and Heraldic (with Distinction) UNED, Madrid, June 2008.

**Lansdown, Dr Gwenllian Haf**, took up a post as Plaid Cymru Chief Executive in October 2007; was awarded a PhD in 2008 and was re-elected to Cardiff County Council in 2008.

**1998**

**Johnson, Dr Jennifer Lesley**, was awarded a PhD in Women's Studies, York University (Canada) in 2009. She was appointed Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, Thorneloe College at Laurentian University (Canada).

**Kloc-Everson, Dr Kamila (Kloc)**, is now working full time in the Directorate General for Competition in the European Commission.

**Siaw-Boateng, Sena (Akuffo)**, in September 2008, joined the Ghana High Commission in London as Minister-Counsellor/Head of Chancery.

**1999**

**Adams, Elizabeth Clare (Adams)**, returned from Norway to take up the post in London of Energy Correspondent for Dow Jones Newswires and The Wall Street Journal.

**Martin, Rosaleen Mary**, has been selected to work as a junior economist for one year with the United Nations Development Programme in Cambodia. This is through the UN Volunteers programme and is funded by Irish Aid. The organisation within UNDP is Insights for Action, and its objective is to monitor and evaluate Cambodia's efforts to achieve its Millennium Development Goals.

## 2000

**Becker, Susanne Carolin Alexandra**, is a teacher (Studienrätin); she is studying for a Master's degree in Cultural Management (long-distance studies) in Hamburg.

Scarr, Dr Cerys Ellen (Pugh), took up a ST1 anaesthetic training post in Bristol.

## 2001

**Woolliscroft, Alison Louise**, is Head of Sixth Form Religious Studies, Moorlands Sixth Form Centre, Cheadle, Staffordshire.

## 2002

**Filochowski, Kate**, is Sport, Culture and Volunteering Officer for Podium: the Further and Higher Education Unit for the 2012 Games.

## 2003

**Ferran, Andrea Jennifer Susan**, graduated with MFA in Theatre Directing from Columbia University, New York.

**Landeg, Elinor Margaret Alys**, is going to UCL in September 2009 to study for an MSc in Speech and Language Therapy.

**Marsland, Rebecca Louise Katherine**, obtained a Distinction in the MSt in English Literature (650-1550) at Linacre College, Oxford. In October 2009 she returns to St. Hilda's to begin a DPhil in Medieval Scottish Literature.

## 2005

**Connor, Corrina Juliet**, is currently working at the Purcell School for Young Musicians in Hertfordshire.

## 2006

**Gheorghita, Monica Dorina (Nechita)**, is adviser on legal issues to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

**Kelleher, Aoife Elizabeth**, is directing a two-part documentary series for RTÉ, Ireland's national broadcaster.

**Maraq, Zeina (Mohammed Ishaq)**, is reading for a Higher Diploma in ICT and Education, practising with teachers from different Jordanian schools as they integrate ICT into their lesson plans and classrooms.

## 2007

**Hoster, Zoe**, completed her degree in civil engineering at Princeton University in June 2009.

**Ivanova, Andreyana Asenova**, was appointed Project Support Officer of the Equalities Team of Greater London Authority in September 2008. She has written a dissertation 'Equalities Policies: A Case Study of Politics and Policies in London' for the Hansard/LSE Research Programme in British Politics.

## Births

### 1972

**Grenfell, Anasuya**, two adopted daughters, now aged 7 and 8 years

### 1983

**Bradley, Lisa Loretta**, a son, Vincent Edmund, born 22 September 2003, and a daughter, Amy Vivian, born 20 August 2004

### 1984

**Derbyshire, Jane Mary Eleanor (Roberts)**, sons, Ralph, born 8 June 2004, and Henry, born 22 November 2008, brothers for Emily, Frederick and Isaac

**Steel, Alison Judith (Redgrave)**, two sons, Nicholas Ben, born 21 August 2004, and Thomas Peter, born 4 September 2006

### 1988

**Edwards, Elisabeth Rhiannon**, a daughter, Stella Hazel Mary Duffy, born November 2006

**Grey, Sara Johanna (Filby)**, 2 children: Jonathan, born 1998, Alex, born 2001

**Hurst, Ruth Eileen (Gifkins)**, a third son, Peter Samuel, born 4 January 2008

**Kilbane, Diane Jean (Battisby)**, a son, Jack Kevan, born 19 January 2009

### 1989

**Norman, Anna Charlotte (Martin)**, a daughter, Innes Olivia, born 8 July 2008

### 1990

**Behncke, Dietlinde Bettina Maria (Stephan)**, a daughter, Maria Theresa, born 11 March 2007

**Fernley, Julia Carolyne**, a son, Iestyn Dewi Hughes, born 30 August 2006, and a daughter, Morwenna Imogen Hughes, born 14 May 2008

**Langdon, Lucy Clare (Carmichael)**, two daughters, Esme Isadora, born 3 June 2005, and Celeste Raomi, born 26 May 2008

**Lee, Julia Marie (Smart)**, twins, Rachel Eleanor and Daniel Joseph, born 23 Jul 2008

**Maddock, Sian Angharad (Monahan)**, daughters, Elizabeth Carys, born 1 November 2007, and Georgia Mae, born 13 April 2009

### 1991

**Day, Jane Nicola (Sigaloff)**, a daughter, Alice Edith, born 13 July 2008

**Hill, Sarah Vanessa (Spear)**, a son, Thomas Henry Philip, born 12 September 2008

**Sweeney, Anna Marie (Johnson)**, a son, Edward Robert, born 21 May 2009, a brother for Thomas and Alice

### 1992

**Daly, Claire (White)**, a second daughter, Angeline Helen, born 11 February 2009

**Hubbard, Emma Elizabeth (Donnelly)**, a son, Thomas James, born 26 October 2008

**Smith-Kawasaki, Elizabeth Maryanne (Smith)**, a daughter, Claire Sumi Marie, born 10 September 2008

**Turner, Rebecca Mary**, a son, Oscar Samuel, born 16 September 2008, a brother for Dominic Luke

### 1993

**Kerr, Clare Elizabeth (Phethean)**, three children, Emily, born 15 January 2004, William, born 6 March 2006, and Timothy, born 23 August 2008

**Smith, Kerry Jayne**, a daughter, Valentina Diana Pascual, born 26 August 2008

**1994**

**Maitland, Carla Elizabeth Mary (Bagshaw)**, a daughter, Flora, born 6 October 2007

**Pahdi, Abigail Jane (Jones)**, a son, Giles David Singh Pahdi, born 22 April 2008

**Reece, Alexandra Louise (Crowe)**, a daughter, Katy Sarah, born 28 January 2009, a sister for Theodore and Tobias

**Taylor, Eleanor Jane Holly (Munford)**, a daughter, Amelia, born 12 February 2009, a sister for Joshua, born 20 January 2005

**1995**

**Adamson, Rachel Lucy Thomasin (Healey)**, a son, Matthew Robert Michael, born 9 August 2008, a brother for Persephone

**Kim, Jacqueline Jing-Yin (Zhang)**, a daughter, Zoe Linghui, born 28 August 2007

**Nichols, Paula Margaret Elizabeth (Wallwork)**, a daughter, Rose Elizabeth, born 14 May 2008

**Targett, Louise Elizabeth (Buckley)**, a son, William, born April 2008

**Warner, Henna-Sisko (Sewell)**, two sons, Adam George, born 29 August 2003, and Oliver James, born 6 September 2005

**1996**

**Carlisle, Victoria Alexandra (White)**, a son, Jack Thomas Harford, born 6 June 2007

**Glynn-Riley, Victoria Clare (Tilleard)**, a daughter, Florence Grayse, born 8 February 2009

**Park, Naomi Elizabeth (Whitbread)**, a first-born son, Joshua Wilberforce Elijah Park, born 3 May 2008

**Sim, Carol Mei-Mei (Lim)**, a son, Ian Yi' En, born 2009

**Teo Mosimann, Elaine Yee Leng (Teo)**, a son, Conrad Mark Archie Mosimann, born 17 February 2009, a brother for Blake Philipp Anton Mosimann, born 6 August 2006

**1997**

**Djoneva de Consarnau, Borislava Kroumova (Djoneva)**, a daughter, Patricia-Josefina, born 19 March 2003, and a son, Alexander-Beltran, born 5 December 2008

**Fagborun Bennett, Morayo Abosede (Fagborun)**, a daughter, Macy Jewel Shola Fagborun Bennett, born 6 April 2009

**1998**

**Chillcott, Rhian Sian (Ware)**, a daughter, Mari Grace, born 25 November 2007

**Vowles, Katie Jude (Long)**, a son, Stanley, born in August 2008

**1999**

**Seamons, Gretchen (Gehring)**, a son, August Christian Gehring Seamons, born 2 October 2008

**2006**

**Porr, Anja (Gaesche)**, a son, Sebastian, born 24 September 2008

## Marriages

**1961**

**Hewlett, Carol Rosalind** to Lucien Foldes on 23 July 2007

**1963**

**Cripps, Judith Ann** to Crawford James Langley, 6 January 2007

**1972**

**Grenfell, Dr Anasuya** to Philip McDonagh, 1994

**1982**

**Freeman, Deborah Mary** to Dr Farid Fahid, December 2004

**1990**

**Appleton, Claire Yvonne** to Edward Philip William Moisson, 11 October 2008

**Fernley, Julia Carolyne** to David Hughes, 14 August 1999

**1991**

**Robinson, Emily Harriet** to Jan Christian Keller, 20 June 2009

**1992**

**Donnelly, Emma Elizabeth** to Nicholas Hubbard, 3 June 2006

**Simmonds, Claerwen Elan Deanna** to Robert Patterson, 29 May 2009

**1993**

**Phethean, Clare Elizabeth** to Luke Kerr, 1998

**Smith, Kerry Jayne** to Vicente Pascual Murillo, 15 December 2007

**1994**

**Bagshaw, Carla Elizabeth Mary** to Dominic Maitland, 4 August 2001

**Chatterjee, Anindita Odeeti** to Roger Doig, 23 May 2009

**Dell, Rachel Clare** to Patrick Empey, 10 May 2008

**Feehan, Dr Jane** to Ronan Girard, 4 August 2007

**1995**

**Buckley, Louise Elizabeth** to Mark Targett, June 2007

**Clarkson, Verity Esther Camille** to Dominic Bradnum, 13 September 2008

**Vincens, Elise Marissa** to Morgan Duke, 16 August 2008

**Zhang, Jacqueline Jing-Yin** to Dr Dennis Kim, 19 November 2006

**1996**

**Lim, Carol Mei-Mei** to Robert Chee-Wei Sim, November 2008

**White, Victoria Alexandra** to Dr Todd Dana Carlisle, 2003

**1997**

**Djoneva, Borislava Kroumova** to Jose L Consarnau Guardiola, in 2002

**Lansdown, Dr Gwenllian Haf** to Teodros Seyoum, 2007

**1998**

**Brentnall, Theresa Clare** to Richard Brendan Kalaher, 2 May 2009

**Choi, Sooya**, 30 June 2006

**Kloc, Dr Kamila** to Marek William Evison

**Long, Katie Jude** to Edward Vowles, August 2002

**Macleod, Hannah** to Mohamed Said, 29 November 2008



**2000**

**Ireland, Phillippa Tracey Foskett** to Julian Barker-Dunby, 19 April 2008

**Kanda, Kazue** to Mr Hamada, 2006

**Le, Diep Kieu Trang** to Sonny Vu, 21 September 2008

**Pugh, Dr Cerys Ellen** to Daniel Scarr, December 2008

**2001**

**James, Nicola Louise** to Annant Shah, 16 August 2008

**Sheppard, Ruth Laura** to Edward Batchelar, 28 June 2008

**2002**

**Hull, Lauren Ellen** to Adam Davis, 2007

**Penny, Teri Louise** to Richard Viney, 25 April 2009

**2003**

**Landeg, Elinor Margaret Alys** to Luke Sibieta, 25 July 2009

**2006**

**Gaesche, Anja** to Michael Porr, 29 September 2007

**Deaths****1928**

**Smedley, Mary Elisabeth** (Mrs Gordon), 30 March 2009

**1931**

**Fitt, Elizabeth Lindsay** (Mrs Harley), 8 June 2009

**1932**

**Hicks, (Minnie) Eileen** (Mrs Todd), 6 April 2009

**Shawcross, Edith Paddon** (Mrs Hall), 12 May 2009

**1936**

**Massel, Queenie** (Mrs Humphries), 20 June 2009

**1939**

**Wickham Legg, Olive Hester** (Mrs Stewart Jones), 10 May 2009

**1940**

**Guest, Joan Elizabeth** (Mrs Blyth), 31 December 2008

**1942**

**Midgley, Margaret Joy** (Dr Gelling), 24 April 2009

**Thornton, Joan** (Mrs Doughty), 13 May 2002

**Wakefield-Richmond, Margaret Vivien**, 20 January 2009

**1944**

**Bailey, Mary Frances** (Mrs Dearden), 29 January 2009

**1946**

**Collicott, Jacqueline Marguerite**, 14 August 2008

**1947**

**Pigeon, Pamela Mary** (Mrs Wale), 26 May 2009

**White, Mary Winifred** (Mrs Wright), 2009

**1948**

**Gelson, Annette May** (Mrs Farrer), 9 June 2009

**1950**

**Watkinson, Doreen Sheila** (Mrs Forsyth), 22 June 2009

**1951**

**Dowling, Margery Lilian** (Mrs Noise), 4 August 2009

**1954**

**Campbell-Staples, Ruth** (Mrs Jenkins), 5 March 2009

**1956**

**Worsley, Anne Victoria**, 28 February 2009

**1958**

**Hemmingson, Janice Ellen** (Mrs Lowe), 23 October 2008

**1959**

**Woodhouse, Anne** (Dr Irving), 2 July 2009

**1963**

**Jones, Helen Ingrid** (Mrs Dawson), 10 June 2009

**1965**

**Kukowka (Mrs), Betty Jean**, 3 February 2009

**Harvey Wood, Alison Eva**, 12 September 2009

**1968**

**O'Neill, (Dr) Patricia Alice**, 22 May 2009

**1972**

**Anderson, Virginia Gail** (Mrs Moddle), 11 January 2008

**1975**

**MacDonald, Mairi**, Schoolmistress Fellow, 23 October 2008

**1991**

**Spielman, (Dr) Melissa Lynn**, March 2009

**Deaths of Husbands**

**Blanks, Howard John**, 13 March 1998, husband of Judith Ann (Hughes, 1954)

**Boyle, David Anthony**, 8 January 2009, husband of Sheila Merriel (Blanchard, 1953)

**Brain, Chris**, 1 August 2008, husband of Victoria Jane (Wale, 1979)

**Castori, Alberto**, 2008, husband of Charline Almeida (Clawson, 1954)

**Judge, Brian Richard**, March 2003, husband of Phyllis Enid (Hastings, 1946)

**Marsden, JC**, August 2008, husband of Jessany Margaret Hazel (Macdonald, 1959)

## Obituaries

### Barbara Dainton

Dr Dainton joined St Hilda's as a Supernumerary Fellow and Lecturer in Zoology in 1975. As a schoolgirl from Howell's School, Denbigh she had won an open scholarship in Natural Science to St Hugh's but chose to take up a similar award at Newnham in Cambridge. While a student in Cambridge she met Fred Dainton (then a physical chemist at Oxford) and they were married while she was working on a PhD. Her particular research interest was the activity of slugs (considered legitimate war work as slugs were eating the vital potato crop).

For a while she taught for Newnham but bringing up her children and supporting her husband's distinguished career put on hold her own academic career for several years. She found time to be a part-time teacher and then a research assistant in Leeds; in Nottingham she was a member of the hospital management committee and was a magistrate. But it was only when her husband came back to Oxford to a Chair that she resumed university teaching and research; her findings demonstrated that activity in slugs and snails coincided with the time at which an evening fall in temperature is perceived in the daytime resting place (and not with the onset of darkness).

Lady Dainton received an Honorary ScD

from the University of Sheffield and an Honorary Fellowship from the British Association for the Advancement of Science. After her husband's death she completed his unfinished book and worked determinedly to put in place the Dainton Scholarships at Sheffield University, to quote her son, 'not just because she knew this meant so much to her husband, but because she herself believed fundamentally in the importance of educational investment in young, talented people'.

She was a wise and sympathetic tutor. At College, her generous gift to the concert programme in the Jacqueline du Pré Building helped to attract performers with an international reputation, to the benefit not only of the music community at St Hilda's but to the wider circle of JdP Friends in Oxford and beyond. Her daughter, Mary, is a Senior Member of the College; I am most grateful to her, her brother John and her sister Roz for help in writing this obituary,

*Margaret E Rayner*

### Margaret Gelling (Midgley, English, 1942-5)

At St Hilda's, Margaret Midgley was usually known as Midge. We came from the same school (Chislehurst and Sidcup County Grammar School for Girls) the first pupils to go to Oxford. She was the first in her family to receive a university education – not surprising in the 1940s when women's education was rarely encouraged.



It was a delight to be in St Hilda's; the beautiful surroundings, the river, learning to punt (only before breakfast for beginners), a brief essay to the Parks for hockey where we were intimidated by University players. During her English studies, Midge realised that the Anglo-Saxon and Early English part of the course was exceptionally valuable and, with the encouragement of her tutor, Dorothy Whitelock, she began to look at place names.

It was said in her obituary in the *Economist* that she 'worked for the English Place-Names Society, formally and informally from 1946. From 1986 to 1988 she was its president. She never held an academic post but lectured widely, wrote a

dozen books and produced three of the county surveys of place names. She was devoted to the proposition that names drawn from the landscape were not trivial or accidental'. She could speak and write lucidly, giving enjoyment to many readers and audiences. Conferences and study days were always well supported because of her simple and welcoming attitude.

Her marriage to Peter Gelling, a distinguished archaeologist, widened her interests. They shared many digs: Cyprus, Peru and the Isle of Man and she taught some of his students in Birmingham with much care and concern. They valued her kind encouragement. She and her husband had no children of their own but adopted her nephew.

Despite her modest appearance, she was a woman of strong determination. She was fair-minded, plain speaking, honest, humorous and receptive. Margaret had a gift for friendship and has been a loyal friend to many St Hilda's folk. I have always been amazed and impressed by the number of people with whom she kept in contact – and not just by cards and letters, but giving active help during an illness or disability. She rarely missed a Gaudy or a London Tea, and she persuaded me to visit College many times so I might know of the amazing development in the buildings.

Midge had a justified pride in what she achieved in her academic work, but rarely spoke of her degrees and honours. She was elected an Honorary Fellow of St Hilda's in 1993. We shall all miss her lively sense of humour, her interest in people and above all her passionate concern for our College.

*Margaret Mabbs (History, 1942-5)*



### **Margaret (Peggy) Varley**

Dr Margaret Elizabeth Varley was born Peggy Brown in 1918 in Mussoorie, a hill station in the foothills of the Indian Himalayas (where her father was in the

Indian Civil Service), and educated from an early age in Britain. From Malvern Girls' College, she went in 1937 to Girton College, Cambridge to study Natural Sciences (Zoology) under Dr Sidnie M Manton FRS who became a lifelong friend and fellow enthusiast for breeding cats. Several junior teaching jobs in Cambridge, interspersed with war service as a land girl, enabled her to complete a PhD on the growth of brown trout. This seminal research established her expertise in fish, especially economically important freshwater species. The 1946 publications from it are still cited today. In 1950-1, she joined her friend and collaborator Dr Rosemary Lowe-McConnell studying freshwater fish in East Africa, especially those of Lake Victoria and trout stocked in highland streams of Kenya and Uganda. They later studied fish in the Brazilian Amazon.

Her marriage in 1955 to the entomologist and ecologist Professor George C Varley prompted the move to Oxford and quickly produced two children and the two-volume treatise *The Physiology of Fishes*. She was a Departmental Demonstrator in the Department of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy from 1959 to 1964 and, in 1962, became a lecturer at St Hilda's, becoming a Supernumerary Fellow in 1963. Her research into husbandry of Tilapia as a food fish

continued during the 1960s. A member of the Freshwater Biological Association, Institute of Fisheries Management and Fisheries Societies of the British Isles, Peggy served as consultant to the Salmon and Trout Association and to similar bodies in Ireland. She also wrote several books about native freshwater fish, including *The Trout* with Winifred Frost and, in collaboration with Sidnie Manton, a widely used dissection manual.

By 1969 her children were more independent and she took a demanding full-time job as a founder member of The Open University. During the following fifteen years, Peggy made a huge contribution to the design of the Biology curriculum and produced many of the early courses. The job involved presenting television programmes at Alexandra Palace in London and frequent travel to Milton Keynes, where she trained many new recruits in the art of writing Open University courses.

In retirement, she played a major role in the administration of the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), reviewed applications for the volunteering charity Earthwatch and enjoyed her home and grandchildren. She travelled widely, often with Lowe-McConnell, to Lake Malawi in 1991, to Brazil for the 1995 International Limnological Congress and to India. Her husband died in 1983. She died at her home for the past fifty-four years, leaving a son and a daughter, two grandsons, two grand-daughters and two great grand-daughters.

*Caroline Pond (Zoology, 1965-8 & 1971-5)*



### **Anne Woodhouse (Science of Metals, 1959-61 & 1963)**

Anne Woodhouse came up to St Hilda's, with us, in 1959; although we did not know it, life was about to change dramatically for

women in the next decade. College rules no longer required the removal of the bed to the corridor if a male was visiting, but our goings out and comings in were carefully monitored and recorded. Anne unwittingly was to play a significant part in those changes. We remember endless cups of instant coffee, made with condensed milk from a tube, in front of the popping gas fire in the basement of the Iffley Road hostel, and being rather impressed with Anne's passion for Wagner which took her to Bayreuth on her own while we were still at the stage of holidaying with parents.

Sometime during her second year Anne met Roger Mawby from Magdalen and he became a Sunday supper visitor in Hall. Unfortunately for those times at Oxford, she became pregnant and in those unenlightened times she was sent down for getting married! As Roger was completing his PhD they continued to live in Oxford, with their son Stephen and eventually St Hilda's declared that as Anne had dealt so responsibly with her 'difficulties', she could return and finish her degree. It was not easy in those days to combine this with being a mother but Anne was always very resolute. Although she had come up to read Chemistry, she had switched to reading

Metallurgy, where one of her lecturers was Harry Irving – she was terrified of him. She completed her degree successfully and then she and Roger went to York, where Roger had a lectureship and they had a daughter, Sarah. Some time after this Anne went to Leeds to do her PhD and was supervised by Harry Irving, then Head of Department there. Anne's marriage had ended, and some time after Harry was widowed, they were married.

Anne and Harry went out to South Africa where Harry became the first Professor of Analytical Science at Cape Town University: Harry died in 1993; Anne remained in Cape Town from where, in spite of increasing ill health, she visited London in 2007 to hear the Ring Cycle at Covent Garden. She died in Cape Town on 2 July 2009.

*Jane Whiter (Wakinshaw, PPE, 1959-62),  
Irene Krantz (Salem, Chemistry, 1959-63),  
Hazel Marsden (Macdonald, PPE, 1959-62)*



## Articles

### Missionaries

Early editions of the Chronicle contain letters from Old Students (as they were known) about their travels and careers. Amongst these is one from Emily Stuart (1893-4 and 1895-6), a missionary in India. She was one of the



E.G. Stuart

original seven students at St Hilda's. She came with the intention of becoming a medical missionary and she spent her time in Oxford passing the necessary preliminary science examinations for her to then go on and qualify as a doctor at the London Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine for Women. She first went to India in 1903 to join hospitals near Amritsar but, in 1907, she took charge of the Church of England Zenana Mission Hospital at Quetta, a mountainous frontier post between Afghanistan and (what was then) India (and is now Pakistan). Her patients came from a vast area, many travelling in the caravans that passed through Quetta. Few came in the bitterly cold winters. In September 1914, when she wrote her letter, there were forty in-patients and sometimes as many as a hundred and eighty out-patients. Dr Stuart was responsible for everything: operations, care of patients, training of nurses, collection of fees, up-keep of the buildings. The lack of any common language and some of her patients' beliefs added considerable difficulty to her application of her medical knowledge. In 1935, just before her retirement, she was awarded, in the Birthday Honours List, the

Kaisar-I-Hind Medal of the First Class for public services in India.

Dr Stuart wrote enthusiastically of her travels and the people she met. Gertrude Wright (1898-1901) wrote in 1908 with far less enthusiasm about her life as a teacher at St Monica's Mission at Ahmednagar, east of Bombay. She felt isolated, inadequately trained, undervalued by parts of the Indian population and so overwhelmed by everyday mundane tasks that she had no time for evangelical work outside the Christian community. It is not a surprise to discover that she later left the mission to become a History lecturer at the University of Calcutta.

An outsider's view of the work of missions was sent in 1908 to the *Chronicle* by Violet Barton-Smith (1899-1902) after she had visited medical missionaries in Lucknow; she wrote that she 'was deeply impressed with their work, for although India decidedly needs educational work, her need for medical aid is incalculably greater, and the lives of those women could not fail to lead their patients to enquire what manner of religion guided their labours'

Margaret E Rayner  
Elizabeth Boardman (Archivist)



Memorial tablet to an Old Student

### Working Overseas

I have been very fortunate in my career. From 1955 to 1957, I held a scholarship in Australia to study soil erosion. After a year back in Oxford publishing my results and taking further courses in soils and geology, I became a teacher (and Head of Geography) at the Wirral County Grammar School for Girls, remaining there for nine profitable and enjoyable years.

In 1967, I moved to South Africa and spent the next ten years at the University of Witwatersrand; I started my life there by driving myself in my own car from Cape Town to Johannesburg. During my time there, I gained my PhD on Transvaal limestone landforms - a first!

I believe that the culmination of my career came in 1977 when I was invited to apply for the post of Head of Geography Department at the University of Fort Hare in the eastern Cape; it was the oldest black English-speaking university south of the Sahara. I remember a searching interview with a huge panel of Science Heads of Department and senior administration. The interviewers were cautious (to say the least) of liberal views and all politics. I was extremely surprised to receive a letter of appointment.

My time at the University of Fort Hare was fantastic despite a very heavy load of teaching and administration. The very first thing I found I needed to do was persuade my students (all working in a second language) that pictures, diagrams and maps were NOT decoration but sources of information. There were considerable differences between urban educated students and those from rural Ciskei; the

former were assured but the latter were shy (or belligerent), handicapped by rigid syllabi and the limited experience of rural teachers. I later visited many rural schools when I took on the educational teacher training of my graduates. I was the only woman on Senate for five years!

In the run-up to the unbanning of ANC, black staff (whether domestic, gardening or academic) became part of the Democratic Front, an organisation supported by ANC. Strikes and boycotts became endemic around the slogan 'No education before Liberalisation'. Even during those difficult times, I continued to publish my academic research; it was a means to survive!

In 1991, I left the University of Fort Hare and moved, on a part-time basis, to lecture and to continue geomorphology research at the University of Cape Town until 1998, the year before I finally returned to live in UK. In 1997 I was awarded the South Africa Geography Society gold medal for services to Geomorphology.

Margaret Marker (Geography, 1951-4)

## Beliefs, Churches & churches

### Beliefs and Churches – my vocation

Each call is individual. The sense of vocation, the belief that God is inviting us to serve and follow Him is unique to each one. We shall find a variety of experiences recorded in these articles.

My call to the priesthood needs to be explained. My family were not church goers but I was baptised. Then I was prepared for confirmation mainly because our neighbour's daughter was in this group and we were friends. Confirmation was the key to my call. I then received the bread and wine of communion which gave me a deep awareness of the presence of Jesus. I felt from that time the assurance that the priestly ministry was right for me - even at a time when the Church of England was firmly against women's ordination.

St Hilda's played a part in my journey. Our Principal, Miss Mann, was the Treasurer of the non-denominational Society for the Ministry of Women. She encouraged me to join this society so I began to learn from their campaigning, reading books and pamphlets and attending meetings. I met some wonderful people like Christian Howard, Mollie Batten, Lady Stansgate and Elsie Chamberlain.

After Oxford, my teaching career began. I determined to care for the pupils in a pastoral way not only to give them a love of history. I can still remember my first 'bereavement visit' to a youngster in my form whose father had been killed in a grim accident in the fog in Kent caused by a drunken driver.

Church work had also begun. I was a keen Sunday School teacher from 1952, then

later there followed licensing as a Lay Reader, as soon as that role was open to women (sadly not until 1971). Kind encouragement from a tutor led me to apply for ordination as deaconess so I attended a selection conference and was chosen to go ahead to the Southwark ordination course - a training shared by men preparing for priesthood - so a useful course for me. One of the clergy on the selection panel told me that it was his belief that a personal encounter with Jesus is a powerful test of vocation. I did receive such an encounter some time before this.

I was ordained as a deaconess in 1982 and began parish work. In 1987 I became a deacon when the Anglican laws had changed. Finally, after the Synod vote in 1992, in 1994 I was ordained priest, the first year it was possible for women - I was nearly seventy!

I was blessed in my parish throughout, with vicars who let me work beside them and people who were accepting and welcoming and seemed unconcerned that the church did not support a full ministry for women. I have had a joyful and fulfilling life - visiting, taking funerals, preaching, giving home communion and leading services. I am still active in priestly ministry at eighty-five and enjoy meeting people in different situations.

*Margaret J Mabbs (History, 1942-6)*

## Many Streams flow into the Sea

### Even so, many Faiths lead to the same God

I was born of Christian parents in Yorkshire, England. When young, I walked to church over the fields on Sundays; and looked at the beautiful stained-glass windows, listened to the singing of the choir, felt near to God. My great ambition was to study in Oxford. I was given a scholarship to study English Literature at St Hilda's. After Schools I was awarded a further scholarship to continue my studies to a BLitt.

One day, at Carfax, I saw a poor woman with her children, all wearing torn clothes and all under-nourished. I went into the nearby church, knelt down, and wept, and wept... I thought, I must sacrifice my own joy and satisfaction of studying in Oxford and go out to help those in need. The Oxford Careers Advice Bureau advised me to get Primary School Teacher's Training for experience and guidance so I went to the London Institute of Education for a BED.

In a canteen near the Senate Hall Library, I met a Pakistani law-student, Shakur, who told me about the Partition of India and its aftermath. He said 'There's a lot of scope for welfare work in Pakistan'. One day, looking round a book shop, we saw an English translation of the Holy Quran. Shakur, a Muslim, purchased it for me. Gradually, I realized I was reading in the Holy Quran the same precepts I had read in the Holy Bible. I felt assured that Christian and Muslim Prophets were essentially leaders in the same line of faith leading to One and the Same God. I became a Muslim. Shakur and I were married in London in 1956. My husband got a Fellowship to study for a LLM at Yale Law School. After our first baby, a girl, was born in 1957, we

came to Pakistan. We have lived in a joint family with Shakur's brother, his wife, their five children and our ten children, for fifty-two years. Our children have been my life. All of them have good education, careers and characters. Thanks be to Allah (God).

Over the years I have visited patients in a Tuberculosis Hospital and have opened a school for the children of the lower-paid staff there. My husband, Shakur, became a Judge of the Supreme Court.

In 1992, we went to Mecca to Hajj. I felt inadequate because I had not been born a Muslim but my nervousness evaporated when I spread my prayer mat facing Kaaba, and felt the nearness of Allah (God) and became confident that He would guide me. My husband and I walked hand in hand around Kaaba.

Early upbringing by my parents, devoted to me, their only child; the warm hearted welcome and strong guiding hand given to me by my husband and his family; the inspiring, mind and heart opening education given by my teachers at Oxford and London, have so shaped my life that I am content and thankful to my Creator. May He bless all mankind.

*Mariam Salam (Smith, English, 1950-3)*

### Far from retired

After more than six years in Oxford, I returned to my native Northumberland in 1959. There followed over twenty-seven rewarding years as Head of Biology at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Hexham (later Queen Elizabeth High School). In 1986 I accepted the offer of early retirement, and almost immediately became our first Parish Administrator, continuing in this post until 1998, serving under two rectors, and through one interregnum.

Although in 1986 I was asked to consider Reader training, I declined, but seven years later began some 'distance' theological study. God's call became more insistent and suddenly one day I knew what I must do. In 1993 I began to train as a Reader, and enjoyed the challenge and academic demands of Newcastle Diocese's three-year course.

I was admitted as Parochial Reader in 1995, and licensed Diocesan Reader in 1996. I was already leading worship, involved in pastoral work and leading prayer and study groups, and my 'work load' grew and changed, especially after 2000 when we became a plurality - two independent parishes with one priest, and two Readers. We serve rural communities in lovely countryside where the North and South Tyne rivers meet. One parish has four settlements (the church isolated from all), the other has three churches near its three small villages in the South Tyne valley.

Apart from leading worship and preaching, each Reader develops his/her own ministry. Mine follows on from my teaching career in that I have prepared

candidates for confirmation, led study, reading and prayer groups, but much of my ministry is to the elderly and housebound. I am privileged to take Holy Communion to them in their homes. I am licensed to take funerals, and am grateful to so many who have shared with me their time of bereavement.

Readers are bridge builders. The fact that I have lived here now for fifty years no doubt helps - but I am always surprised by the warm welcome a knock on the door and 'I'm from the church' receives. 'Miss Smith', the teacher, has been replaced by 'Sheila' and even 'the little body\* from the church'. I have acquired a new family.

*Sheila Smith (Zoology 1952-8)*

*\* 'Body' in Northumberland is an almost affectionate word for 'person'.*

### Full Circle

Who would have thought, fifty years ago, as I spent my precious undergraduate years ringing the bells of Oxford, that church bells would still, even now, figure largely in my life?

On arrival at St Hilda's I immediately joined the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers (OUS). Never had I imagined that this would be such fun! With no fewer than thirteen rings of bells within half a mile of Carfax, the OUS provided unrivalled opportunities for keen ringers to extend their expertise.

Not only were there practices each week in a variety of towers and several venues for Sunday ringing, but there were also the 'special' occasions for which ringers were actually paid ... usually two shillings a rope; May Morning, or the Restoration of the Monarchy, the Queen's Accession or, best of all, Christ Church Gaudy after which beer was supplied. Then there were the Saturday afternoon cycle trips to surrounding villages: these occasionally provided the bonus of a dainty vicarage tea but more usually it was an hour or two in the village pub.

Inevitably, there comes the time to leave Oxford and support a local band. Usually, a congregation is most delighted that the church bells are rung for services and weekly practice: but there are many members of the public, often vociferous, who certainly do not appreciate the sound of bells. There have been many interesting tales of hot temper, even vandalism. However, we find that in these disputes, public opinion is usually on the side of the bells, and most incumbents are supportive.

Change ringing, the mathematical side of ringing, is principally a sign of Englishness and Church. On arrival, a merry touch of Stedman or Grandsire is a welcoming sound; the mood is different on Remembrance Sunday when the poignant effect of half-muffled bells prepares us for the solemnity of the service. But note this - it may be that, in your church, the ringers shuffle out before the service starts. Such is the shortage of ringers, they are probably going off to do duty at another church.

Against this trend, in my local tower we have managed to attract an enthusiastic team of teenagers - not on the whole churchgoers - and the whole process is starting again. Never did I imagine that, fifty years after Oxford, I would still be ringing and, what is more, busily occupied in teaching the new generation.

*Jean Pailing (Addicott, Mathematics, 1957-60)*



### Traditional Judaism – a view from the Gallery

I came up in 1958 to read Classical Hebrew and Arabic – I don't think anyone had done this before at St Hilda's and Miss Major took a chance on me, setting me special Hebrew entrance papers. I went out of College for my tutorials and Mrs Gerard Davis was my moral tutor.

On the Sabbath I walked to the synagogue in Richmond Road, off Walton Street, now a modern building but then a converted chapel. The word synagogue comes from the Greek and means assembly, a place where people meet, hold services, study and eat together. During term services were run mainly by students. Kosher meals were available at lunchtime through the week and on Friday nights. It was there that I met Joe Lehrer (Balliol 1955) whom I was to marry in 1964.

We then went to live in Stanford, California, where Joe did an MBA. Once again we belonged to a student community with do-it-yourself services; Joe even ran High Holyday services at Vandenberg Air Force Base (home of the ICBMs), rejoicing in the temporary rank of major and the title of Rabbi.

Back home in England, with young children, we joined a large synagogue with its own rabbi and cantor. Recently the wheel has come full circle, and we are once more members of a small community, again with do-it-yourself services held in a church hall.

Where was I in all this? In Orthodox Judaism women do not take an active part in synagogue services, but in the 1970s some women (myself included) wanted to



be able to do so, and formed all-women prayer groups. I joined one of these, but found the experience strange, like acting in a play, and I couldn't keep it up.

Orthodox Judaism has two distinct bases, the synagogue, which is the male domain, and the home, where it is women who have the role of creating the framework for observance of the Sabbath and festivals, such as keeping the dietary laws and bringing up children in the tradition. Nowadays the lines between the roles of men and women have become blurred; men are more involved in home life and women in education and synagogue affairs. Basically, though, Judaism is a patriarchal religion. Women have to fight very hard for any change, but I decided early that the campaigning life was not for me. Instead, I have combined my work of researching medieval Hebrew manuscripts, teaching and, more recently, organising a Jewish book festival, with running a home and bringing up my children. In synagogue I sit on the women's side, separate but equal, happy to let the men get on with it!

*Marilyn Lehrer (Webber, Oriental Studies, 1958-61)*

### Ways inscrutable, rewards profound

Oxford was an Aladdin's cave; its best gifts to me the vast horizons of the Lit Hum and countless opportunities for singing – also, crucially, for vigorous enquiry into Christianity. Music therapy beckoned afterwards, but had hardly reached Britain then, so I joined Blackwell's publishing firm and beavered happily in theology and humanities. Though pulled towards more people-centred work, I could not have dreamt where that awaited me.

The answer? A Monmouthshire hillside near Tintern, home since 1923 to an Anglican religious community. With a large chapel and library but no endowments, virtually self-supporting, we tended vegetables, fruit, cows, hens and bees, also printing presses and a guest house: a life in faith, constantly challenging, supremely liberating. Nevertheless, fourteen years later I was back in Oxford, now a Catholic, training for counselling and spiritual direction. Eventual 'retirement' brought surprises too. Settled in Monmouth to help my erstwhile community, I was soon catapulted into starting another venture, as unlikely for me as religious life had once seemed to be.

Among the tons of fallen stonework kept at Tintern Abbey a single instance of figure-carving survives – casualty of the Dissolution, damaged beyond repair, but unmistakably the one statue allowed in early Cistercian churches, the Virgin and

Child. This little-known fact was told me by a friend who accompanied me one day in 2005 to meet the sculptor Philip Chatfield, then carving a Virgin and Child for Monmouth's ancient priory church. Naturally we enquired if he knew the Abbey's secret?

His response, 'No - but perhaps I could carve a copy' electrified me! This surely had to happen. We formed the (ecumenical) Friends of Our Lady of Tintern, obtained the sanction of Cadw, the custodians of the site, and started fundraising. The Abbey is now graced by a fine re-creation of the 13th-century original, intensively researched and



carved by hand from local stone. An annual ecumenical service of monastic Vespers had been instituted in Tintern Abbey in 2000, and the statue was dedicated at the 2007 service, before some eight hundred people.

The Friends' activity continues, working for reconciliation between separated Christians, in human society at large and with ill-used Planet Earth. The immediate goal is to establish a centre for hospitality, prayer and study beside the Abbey, a spiritual and developmental resource for the local community as well as the ceaseless flow of visitors from across the globe who make their way to Tintern.

How did I come to tread this extraordinarily privileged path? One thing is certain. It was St Hilda's, with my Anglican Confirmation, that it all began!

*Susan Williams (Lit Hum, 1958-63)*

## Religion and PPE

When I made a previous contribution to the Chronicle, I pointed out that most members of the College might only remember someone in a black habit. Some may also have wondered what a religious sister was doing reading PPE. The sixties were of course a time of great change worldwide including the Roman Catholic Church which was finally dragged into the modern world by Pope John XXIII.

For most of my time at St Hilda's, the Second Vatican Council was in session in Rome. For most non-Catholics this may have been of little importance; but Mrs Austin, my philosophy tutor, seemed to be keenly interested, seeing cracks appear in the Vatican, self-appointed guardian of absolute certainties. This led to some lively discussions, especially in moral philosophy tutorials.

Vatican II affected significant changes too in religious orders. My congregation, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, had been engaged almost exclusively in formal education of girls and women. The Council challenged us to renew the original inspiration of our Foundress, Cornelia Connelly. The name of our Society itself reminds us of the Christian faith in the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, a human being. So as members of this Society we feel called to respect and support the dignity of every human person as well as of the whole of creation.

This respect extends to each member of the Society with all her gifts and talents. While we understand our work still as broadly educational, it is now extremely varied, and we are involved in a range of

educational, pastoral, social and spiritual ministries.

So why would a nun read PPE, in particular politics and economics? Shouldn't religion keep out of both? It seems to be one of the best-kept secrets that the Roman Catholic Church has a long tradition of social teaching. Beginning with Pope Leo XIII's 'Rerum Novarum' there have been a number of papal encyclicals dealing with Social Justice, analysing and reflecting on the challenges of the day – peace, capitalism, social justice, international trade and ecology. As I am writing, Pope Benedict XVI is about to publish his own reflection on the present global crisis. What could be more political – with a small 'p'?

The training in rigorous analytical thinking involved in the study of PPE has proved an invaluable tool in discussion and action over the years. Together with all the members of my community I am still engaged in facing the concerns that confront all people today: poverty and social and economic justice, community, war and peace, climate change and the care of our planet, human trafficking, and last not least, the dignity and status of women – inside as well as outside the Church.

*Maria Dinnendahl (PPE, 1963-6)*

## Reading ... and other things

English and theology have always been good bed-fellows, and when I retired as a teacher I started to train as a Reader in the Church of England. The office of Reader, as it now stands, goes back to the mid-nineteenth century; it was open to men only of course at that stage and it wasn't until the First World War that women were allowed to offer themselves for the ministry.

Readers, or Licensed Lay Ministers as they are called in the Oxford Diocese, are lay people, trained and licensed to serve, sometimes as chaplains in hospitals or prisons, but usually in the parish in which they worship. Their work can vary considerably – depending on the needs of the parish, their own gifts, and the attitude of their incumbent. So what do I do? A variety of things. In the parish I preach (with reluctance), read Evening Prayer (with pleasure), visit the sick and take home communions, take my turn with Sunday School, take funerals, prepare rotas and guide members of the congregation in their ministries, sit on the local ecumenical council and, with an excellent team, edit the parish magazine. But what I most enjoy is being part of the ministry team – working together, throwing around ideas and sharing visions – and frustrations, watching things grow, spotting vocations, helping to 'keep the show on the road' in an interregnum.

Outside the parish I help with the odd retreat and give some spiritual direction. But I also help a little on the Diocesan training programme for Readers and for Local Ordained Ministers. I tutor, mentor, mark completed work, and, best of all, teach



occasionally on Diocesan rolling programme. The give and take of ideas, the excitement of new discoveries (both for students and me) are part of the joy of teaching adults; and, close to that, comes the pleasure of preparing the courses – of reading and re-reading, of learning a whole range of new skills about putting across ideas.

One of the bonuses of working in a voluntary way and of being officially retired is, of course, that I am free to make my own timetable and that we can spend months at a time – as we are now – in our home in France: time away from the daily pressures to read, to prepare for teaching or leading a quiet day, and, thanks to the internet, to keep in touch, to write reports or to send – at the very last minute – a few words for the *Report and Chronicle*!

*Margaret Ellis (Vaughan, English, 1963-6)*

### Parallel Jobs

Some would say I have two jobs, being a mathematician and a vicar's wife. Fortunately, I regard my life as not being a dichotomy, but rather as an integrated whole, with different parts contributing to that.

My choice of career, secondary-school teaching, was influenced by its people-centredness and also the fact that my then boyfriend, Colin, was thinking seriously about ordination, and as a vicar's wife I might need to be flexible. That proved to be the case and wherever we have gone I have been in demand as a maths teacher. Being 'flexible' career-wise was part of my response to God in being open to where/what he might want for my life.

During my early years of teaching in Cambridge I was asked to become an O level examiner, and what started as a means of supplementing our income when we had children has developed into a second career – I am now a chief examiner. Since retiring from full-time teaching, I have been able to spread my wings and travel internationally occasionally, doing some in-service training and consultancy work for Cambridge – I have visited several countries in Asia and Africa and have found that an enriching experience, as well as being pleased to contribute to international development.

I have always enjoyed the concepts of beauty and elegance and infinity in maths, and since I started writing papers etc I have enjoyed the creativity of that – all aspects which relate to faith. I feel too that my faith has also helped me to love my neighbour as well as loving God, so has assisted my

attitude and relationships, including those with students and colleagues. I regard my mathematical ability, and the fact that I still enjoy the subject, as God-given and am pleased that through my examining, writing of textbooks and consultancy work I am still able to use my skills.

Over the years I have found that in expressing my faith, worship is important to me, and being able to turn in my thoughts to talking to God. I am not a great 'meetings at the church' person, but enjoy welcoming people to our home for various groups and this has been an important part of my vicar's wife role and my own service to God.

So my life today will not only include keeping the photocopier going for the church magazine but also some assessing of work done by candidates in this year's GCSE exams, possibly writing a bit more of an A level paper I am setting, doing some gardening, and cooking a meal for family and friends from church this evening. Life has always been full and interesting and remains very much so!

*Jean Matthews (Hare-Brown, Maths, 1964-8)*

### The Long Journey

Oxford was for me a watershed, not just academically or socially, it was at Oxford that I found my faith.

Coming from an unchurched family, I reached St Hilda's resolved to try all available places of worship in my search for Truth. I got as far as St Aldates one particular Sunday when the sermon was a Challenge to Decision. I took the plunge.

At St Aldates I learned routines of prayer and bible study. Oxford offered manifold spiritual experiences from dawn Eucharists to evangelical conferences. Meantime my reading was introducing me to theology as I chose French rationalism and the works of Pascal. Lay Ministry was in vogue. I came down eager to be active in parish life, but in those days the Vicar still did everything!

I began teaching, married, spent two years in the Caribbean and then settled in Devon. We had two daughters and adopted two sons. When my husband felt called to ordination I was thrilled. But clergy-wife ministry was insufficient. I trained as a Reader but our parish unusually did not welcome Readers. Someone suggested ordination for me too. It was not an easy time for women candidates: marriage and children were considered great obstacles. Eventually I embarked on our local non-residential Training Scheme, arguably the happiest three years of my life! I was already intrigued by theology and study (helped by Oxford disciplines) was a blissful break from the demands of young children. Proceeding to ordination, however, was complex. Appropriate jobs for my husband and myself together were elusive. Eventually I was made Deacon in my own parish church.

Five fulfilled years of ministry, however, ended in heartbreak when fears about women priests forced my resignation. Fourteen 'Wilderness Years' followed. I taught, ministered as a locum and became involved with street people in Paignton and deprived children in Peru. It was interesting but rootless, yet God was honing my faith as I learned to rely on Him even to pay phone bills or car repairs.

Then suddenly BREAKTHROUGH! A period of sickness-cover led to an official appointment in a local church with a strong community outreach. They took to heart my work with the disadvantaged in Paignton and Peru and, when at last I was ordained to the Priesthood, there was no conflict, just reciprocal blessing.

As I reflect on a long journey, many paths converge, nearly all originating at Oxford – language skills and theology, spirituality and academic discipline – even learning to survive and prosper in a man's world. Thank God for St Hilda's!

*Paula Mayer (Tucker, Mod Langs, 1964-6 and 1967-8)*



### From an Arts to a Science degree; the journey continues

When I first received Dr Rayner's letter asking me to write about 'religious vocations', I thought 'What on earth?' ... and then the penny dropped ... 'in its widest possible sense'.

My life has been a physical and spiritual journey, with a pattern, that is sometimes only appreciated after the passage of time. The first forty years of this, focussing on who are we, where we journey, come from and where we go, began with personal experiences of death, near death, birth, cancer and life. In the second twenty years, I established a retail business which sold, at that time, probably the most Mind, Body and Spirit books in the UK. To sell them, I, of course, had to read them. During this process, not only did I question my thinking, but remembrance of past experiences tied in with much that I read. I was brought up in an expatriate Anglican household, with tolerance and exposure to every religion, followed by boarding schools with more of the same. In the sixth form, I had the dubious distinction of upsetting the theology teacher when I compared the pagan calendar to the Anglican one! Reading my retail stock, released my mind from societal conventions; I became more attuned to the spiritual dimension. One frightening evening, I was driving past Belas Knapp, a hill fort in Gloucestershire, and suddenly heard and saw murder, mayhem and fire. These and other spiritual experiences have prepared me for the next forty years. Five years ago I decided to become a Medical Herbalist (chartered since 1542 - part of the NHS 2011) with finals in September of this year. I am

beginning to appreciate how the spirit is intrinsic to the healing process or to prepare, to quote Thich Nhat Hanh, for a 'good death'. The holistic medical model accepts the importance of the psyche. Allopathic medicine treats solely on an 'evidence based' model designed to serve primarily commercial interests. Medical/biochemical science is built on the concept of the 'receptor' to explain enzymatic reactions. No one has ever seen a receptor - it is pure theory that we are being asked to 'believe' in - to explain molecular change. That concept of belief is no different from being asked to believe in the existence of the soul; all we can prove or disprove is that a persona leaves the body but not where they have gone. To paraphrase Tennyson: 'The flood may bear me far ... when I have crossed the bar'.

*Morwenna Given (Ritchie, History, 1966-9)*

### A Free Range Nun

From my early teens I wanted to be a nun, and my vocation crystallised during my time at St Hilda's. I read music and specialised in liturgical chant and so, before my finals, I decided to visit a monastery where I could hear the chant being sung. I spent a week with the nuns at Stanbrook Benedictine abbey in Worcestershire, and fell in love with the lifestyle and so, after my degree, I joined the community for four years. Another formative influence on my student life was the Catholic chaplain, Michael Hollings, a person of deep prayer and of pastoral engagement with all kinds of people, from students to the homeless whom he allowed to sleep in the library among the bookshelves.

I qualified as a teacher and trained as a counsellor and spiritual director. In the 1970s there were few jobs for women in the Catholic Church in England, and so I went to the American Midwest for a few years, where it was by then possible to work as an assistant pastor. While in Minnesota, I made life vows to my bishop and, thirty-five years later, I'm still a happily vowed woman.

I returned to England, where Michael Hollings was now parish priest in Notting Hill. He welcomed me onto his parish team, and for the next thirteen years I worked in parishes in and around London. Later, since I love accompanying people on their journey to God, I shifted my focus and started working in Retreat Centres.

Eventually, ten years ago, I established my own small House of Prayer in Butleigh, a Somerset village four miles south of Glastonbury. It consists of two converted

haylofts in a renovated farm complex. There is a chapel and a comfortable bedsit, where people can come for self-catering, individually guided retreats, or for spiritual direction. Here, all are welcome to come and sample the stillness.

I didn't entirely abandon my musical training. While an enclosed nun at Stanbrook, I began writing music for worship, and also composing song cycles: passionate settings of writing of the saints and other poetry. I sent these to another St Hilda's graduate, Nicola LeFanu to critique, and she helped me to develop my style. I had performed early music since my teens with the Dolmetsch family and now, forty years later, I edit *The Consort*, the early music journal of the Dolmetsch Foundation, which is published annually. This is my winter work; in the summers I lecture on early Christianity and take groups to visit Celtic saints' sites. I enjoy my varied life.

*Elizabeth Rees (Music, 1966-9)*

### Wherever He leads...

When I arrived in Oxford in 1966 I was already a convinced and committed Christian. I knew that Jesus, that extraordinary man, was very real and had already touched my life profoundly. It was natural that I joined the OICCU, which was then quite large in St Hilda's. Around twenty-five of us met each week to dig deeper into the Bible, teasing out how we should apply it to our daily lives. Then we'd pray together and for each other and others around us. When I graduated in PPP (Physiology and Psychology), I felt very unclear what career path to follow, and instead I joined a volunteer Christian group. Two years touring French Universities and then two more years working on board a ship, MV Logos, manned by an international team of volunteers (even the captain), proved stretching and rewarding as we related our personal faith to the world views of different cultures, faiths and ideologies. It was all a great adventure with a grand aim of pleasing God, following my Master, Jesus Christ.

I met Ken on the Logos – clearly a fellow-traveller, even if from Cambridge! He was looking into work in Bangladesh, which was then a new-born entity, and nearly as helpless as a new-born after a devastating war of independence. Since our marriage in 1973 we have spent around nine years in Bangladesh in various roles. Ken's first role in the training of marine engineers has had a lasting impact – many of his students are now in key positions running things and we are still in touch. Our times there also had an impact on our three children, all of whom have come to share our faith. Our youngest daughter plans to return there

more permanently when she finishes Theological training, which is a great joy.

Career-training finally happened when I was over forty and did a PGCE in Music (Oxford graduates have many strings to their bows!). As school teaching came to an end, I began visiting primary schools with another Christian group, helping pupils engage with the Christian faith by supporting the RE curriculum and Collective Worship. For many pupils, I am the first real live Christian they have met.

Christians never retire, though our roles may change. Currently I am starting to work with older folk, but still eagerly sharing my faith with people wherever I meet them. Someone recently described me as 'the Bible lady' – which I received as great praise, as I am passionate about getting people to read the Bible. It's a fascinating book which points to an extraordinary Person.

*Jackie Rotter (Virgo, PPP, 1966-9)*

### A Minister in the United Reformed Church

I came to ordained ministry via a roundabout route. A degree in Modern Languages followed by a CertEd does not seem an obvious starting-point! Yet it was during my time at Oxford that seeds were sown which were later to lead to my ordination.

I was brought up in Birmingham as a Congregationalist and at Oxford worshipped regularly at Mansfield College. I belonged to the 1970 Society, so-called because that was intended to be the year when the Congregationalists united with the Presbyterians to form the United Reformed Church (although this did not actually happen till 1972). Groups of us used to go round village churches taking services. There were sometimes more students than members of the congregation, but it was a good first experience of leading worship.

During the 1970s and early 1980s I taught in Comprehensive Schools, got married, had three children and gained an Open University Degree in Psychology. I became increasingly involved in church work, helping at a Day Centre and running a Toddler Group. Yet I somehow felt that I could and should do more. Candidating for ministry involved a series of hurdles or obstacles, which I managed to find my way over or through and, after four years' training, I was ordained in September 1990.

I served initially as a part-time non-stipendiary minister in Leeds, transferring to full-time stipendiary ministry in 1997. The pastorates I have served have been very different from each other. I started off in

the leafy suburbia of Roundhay, moving from there to inner-city Harehills. The change to stipendiary ministry brought a move to St Helens in Merseyside, where I spent eight interesting and busy years.

In 2005 I moved to Barnard Castle in County Durham. I am the minister of the United Reformed Church here and also of two small village chapels at Low Row and Keld in Swaledale, North Yorkshire. With such distances between the churches quite a lot of my time is spent driving, but as this is through such beautiful scenery it only becomes a problem on icy or foggy winter evenings.

I really enjoy rural ministry. There is the challenge of being alongside people week by week and also offering ministry to those who visit the Dales in search of relaxation and renewal. It amazes me that God can call someone who grew up in Birmingham to serve in such small rural communities, but as the hymn puts it 'God moves in a mysterious way...'.

*Julie Martin (Julia Adams, Mod Langs, 1967-71)*

### The Cube of The Rainbow

I have spent the last twenty-eight years explaining to myself and others the logic of my trajectory from a degree in English at St Hilda's to five years in a convent in Cowley, so this article is yet another stab at it.

Perhaps it was the location – the terrible allure of the cities of the Plain? Perhaps it was the effect of reading *The Cloud of Unknowing* and Dame Julian in the original. Maybe it was the early choice of Yeats and Eliot over the other options. *Little Gidding* burrowed into my head like a tic and has done nothing but swell up since. Then there was the tenderness of George Herbert, the passion of John Donne, the agony of Hopkins. Who could resist such a battering?

The 1960s were passionate times. We were all looking for a cause. In the English Department we didn't quite make it to the Beat Poets, so we spent our idealism on *The Faerie Queene* or Macaulay's take on Arthurian legends. I think I believed the grail was to be found in All Saints Convent, 36 Leopold Street. It was quite a shock to discover that even in a convent our days were taken up with what Virginia Woolf called 'the business of getting from breakfast to dinner'.

Emily Dickinson was my special study, mediated by a handsome American tutor at Trinity. Whoever was responsible for my subsequent devotion to her poems, some of her lines are part of the story. What can you do with lines such as these but follow the trajectory: 'We shall find the cube of the rainbow/Of that there is no doubt/But the arc of a lover's conjecture/Eludes the finding out'?

I wrote a book *The Winter is Past* (SPGK) to try and understand my compulsion to embrace a life of silence and obedience. I am an extrovert. I do not cope well with authority. My mother thought I did it just to provoke her. Maybe I did.

In the end I turned my back on the quest for the grail, came out, married an ex-abbot and had two children.

Despite all, I do not regret my five years 'inside', as they taught me much. In fact I can report from the Interior that nothing is wasted – not those five years lost to my 'career' and not one morsel of my three years at St Hilda's. The convent taught me how to survive on starvation rations and St Hilda's gave me the food that sustained me then and in all the years since.

*Helen Weston (Macdonald, English, 1969-72)*

### Medical Missionary: a professional career or a religious vocation?

'The time for medical missions is over', I was told when - at an interview for entry to the Oxford clinical school in 1974 - I said that I was going to be a medical missionary. After completing my MB BCH at Welsh National School of Medicine plus postgraduate training in General Practice, I spent twenty-five years overseas, as staff of the Leprosy Mission, and have no regrets about my chosen line of work.

Because of my Christian Faith, I enlisted with a mission, but I anticipated working purely as a medical practitioner, not as an evangelist or a Bible teacher nor in a pastoral role. When I first went to India in 1982, it was possible to go and live there without a visa or work permit, but of course I needed registration with the Indian Medical Council, which was given on the grounds that, although there were overall enough Indian doctors in India, there was a shortage in the leprosy field. Later I worked in Nepal and in Bangladesh as a leprosy specialist.

So I went as a doctor, but being missionary-minded, I did whatever was needed and ended up tackling things which would never have fallen within my responsibility as an English GP: not only teaching junior doctors and other categories of health workers but contributing to post-graduate training of dermatologists, negotiating with government officers to improve public health services, giving talks to local community leaders, participating in evaluation of a national leprosy programme, undertaking clinical research,

entertaining three Princesses on hospital tours, initiating a refuge for women in trouble, at one stage even running an 'inclusive education' boarding school... and receiving the CBE from the hand of the High Commissioner for India. Besides these tasks, in leisure time I participated in Bible study groups, helped at Sunday schools for the children of believers, prayed with and for my national colleagues, occasionally spoke in churches (usually about leprosy) and generally lived as an active member of the local Christian community where I happened to be, regardless of denomination or language.

During furloughs in England (about three months every two years) I talked to anyone who was interested about the needs of leprosy-affected people and sought support (in terms of prayer or fund raising) for the work of the Leprosy Mission.

I am grateful to God for allowing me the opportunity to be of some service to poor, disabled and marginalized people; it has been a privilege over the years to meet many leprosy-affected people whose courage and resourcefulness in face of adversity inspired me, and to work alongside many national staff whose devotion to the unpopular leprosy cause I sincerely admired.

*C Ruth Butlin (Physiology, 1971-4)*



### Dominus Illuminatio Mea

Does life at Oxford nurture religious vocations? All five of Oxford's former women's colleges have given solemnly professed nuns to Stanbrook Abbey. The historian Marion Gibbs, once a scholar at St Hilda's, entered briefly in 1936 and later became an oblate.

In my case, a History degree led to training as an archivist at the School of Medieval History, Liverpool University, then employment in Bedford at an outstanding Record Office, the oldest in the country. A year later, in surprised response to a Benedictine vocation, I entered Stanbrook.

The road to solemn profession, five and a half years later, is wholly demanding. Learning to live in the presence of God is initially lonely, requiring humility and honesty (tempered with humour), but brings joy and freedom of heart. Rising early to sing or accompany the long office of Vigils, giving of one's best during the services that punctuate the day, is never easy, yet the monastic choir is at times close to heaven.

Oxford has had a formative influence. The search for truth that made me want to study history was ultimately a search for God, the light which illumines the human mind: *Dominus illuminatio mea*. I graduated from the School of Modern History as a specialist in St Augustine and ignorant of events later than the tenth century, except in English history. It was the training of the mind that mattered, and St Hilda's had given me tutors of the highest quality, from the redoubtable Beryl Smalley, who had retired from St Hilda's to Rawlinson Road, to Peter Brown and Patrick Wormald at All

Souls, and David Carpenter at Christ Church.

Could I otherwise have undertaken scholarly work, such as the Roman mission of St Augustine of Canterbury, within the monastic enclosure? Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*, sweated over in Latin for Prelims, laid the foundations not only for a history degree but for monastic studies. Serving on the committee of the Stubbs Society brought contact with monastic historians outside the university, such as Jean Leclercq and David Knowles, and provided experience for the years as novice mistress and junior mistress, archivist, organist and choirmistress, including an exceptional opportunity to speak on monastic history to monks and nuns in Rio de Janeiro.

Only the best is good enough for God. The excellence of training at Oxford naturally opens the mind to God, and may lead on to the intellectual discipline characteristic of a Benedictine vocation.

*Margaret Truran (History, 1971-4)*

### Call and Response

I chose to read Greats because I had a strong vocation to ministry in a Congregational church, and Classics seemed the right academic foundation (though no-one would consider it so now). Following my time at St Hilda's, I took a theology degree with ministerial training at Mansfield College, and was ordained in 1979. I took my PhD at Kings College, London, during the first ten (!) years of my ministry.

My first churches were in rural East Anglia, where we built up two lively congregations and thriving work with children. I moved from there into London in 1986, where things couldn't have been more different. A tiny congregation was struggling to maintain an enormous church building in a part of London where homeless people drank and swore outside multi-million pound Georgian houses.

The building was magnificent, if dilapidated, and located by a well-connected tube station. Over time, we built up an arts project, open to the many ethnic communities of Islington, and worked with mental health survivors. Our homelessness project grew to cater for one hundred and fifty people a week, with services like housing advice and winter night shelter. Slowly, we restored the building – no longer an empty shell, but full of activity.

Alongside work in the local church, I discovered Feminist Theology, developed an interest in Christian music and hymnody, became involved in international networks and national ecumenism, and taught on the newly established training course, run by the Congregational Federation. These

interests have taken me round the world, including visits to very isolated, remote communities. I served as Moderator of the International Congregational Fellowship and of the Churches Commission on Mission, for about eight years (between them), and currently chair the International Congregational Theological Commission.

I have shared in the compilation of a number of hymn books and worship resources, and published a book of my own hymns and worship material. I have written in the fields of women's ministry, feminist liturgy, and hymnody, and currently serve on the editorial committees of *Feminist Theology Journal*, *International Congregational Journal* and *Worship Live*.

In 2003, the post of Director of Studies for the Congregational Federation became vacant – running the course on which I had been teaching for over twenty years. I had thought that I would remain in local church ministry all my life, but felt it right to apply for the job. I now thoroughly enjoy working with the students and tutors on the course, and continue to learn a great deal in the process. Writing, speaking and travelling takes up the rest of my time. I am grateful for St Hilda's which gave me an appetite for asking questions, and the confidence to keep finding out new things.

*Janet Wootton (Morris, Lit Hum, 1971-5)*

### Married to the Church?

My potted biography: I read Physics, did a PGCE, took up my first teaching post just outside Bedford, got married, had three children, did some private coaching from home, returned to teaching in a school one morning a week when the youngest was a baby, later had part-time teaching posts in Newcastle and Oxford (the number of hours increasing as the children grew). This took place alongside and very much interwoven with life in a busy parish, then a Cathedral, and finally Christ Church, Oxford (the only English Cathedral situated inside a college). Since 1978 I have been married to a curate, a vicar, a Provost, a Dean and a sub-Dean (but it was the same man!).

I came up to St Hilda's as a committed Anglican member of a pioneering Methodist-Anglican Partnership. My 'church CV' of that time might have read: St Hilda's Chapel Committee, John Wesley Society, the Oxford Churches' ecumenical network, and two holiday projects with disadvantaged children. In my PGCE year I became a member of Jesus College Chapel choir; my love of the Anglican liturgical tradition eventually led me back to my roots.

Things I learned at St Hilda's: responding quickly to deadlines, new ways of looking at the world and, above all, relating to people from different backgrounds and age groups - were good preparation for what lay ahead. I have lived through a sea change in the nature of what a clergy wife 'does'. Thirty years ago our parish had no office, so life at home included answering telephone and doorbell (anyone from a 'gentleman of the road' seeking a cuppa to a very disturbed

psychiatric case), regular stapling of magazines, stuffing of envelopes, and coaxing of the old Gestetner machine which had a propensity to tear the delicate stencils. With no Church Hall we provided hospitality for meetings and other social occasions; and as a town-centre parish we were involved in a number of civic events. By contrast, Cathedral and college life did not involve secretarial duties, but the hospitality and civic/national events were on a bigger scale.

Like many other committed lay members of a church I have taken my part in activities which constitute the internal aspects of church life (but not flower arranging!). More outward-looking activities have included work with a Women's Refuge, a Neighbourhood Care network, a Hospital Visiting scheme and asylum-seekers.

It has all been an enormously enriching experience, meeting people from all walks of life and from all over the world, and hearing what they have to say. We have lived in some amazing places and made lifelong friends. Although my husband retired last year I suspect 'marriage to the Church' is for life!

*Edith Coulton (Gainford, Physics, 1973-7)*



### The Dean of Leicester

It was the headmistress of my northern Direct Grant Grammar School who set me on the way to St Hilda's in 1974. The school having

encouraged ten out of sixty to apply to Oxbridge, Miss MacLean, a St Hugh's historian, made the allocation. I was sent to St Hilda's, a college she deemed 'demanding'. She was scathing of the men's colleges, five of which admitted women that year 'on a trial basis'. Mac had suggested I should read Theology. Ever rebellious, I chose to read History.

So I did, revelling in the skills of textual analysis and marshalling arguments, but, being a slow reader and having a poor memory for detail, I realised that I didn't have academic potential. Amongst my friends were lawyers and Hilda's lone theologian, Helen Ketley, and I began to get interested in the subject. I also served on the JCR committee, helped at the Simon Community, Oxford's night shelter, sang in various choirs and went to St Aldate's, giving me (a village girl) my first experience of a large and lively congregation.

At the beginning of my final year one of the clergy there suggested that I should consider training as a Deaconess (then the ministry the Church of England offered to women). My parents and my headmistress were horrified. I went to a selection

conference (then based on army officer selection without the fitness test) and I was horrified too, except that the organiser of the conference was an Oxford woman graduate, witty, intelligent, and a graceful beauty. When I was recommended for training I bargained with the church and with God. I took two years and ran away to India, where I taught in a school in Bihar. In the isolation of that role, I learnt to pray, giving me tenacity to learn to live as women then lived in India.

In 1979 I returned to the UK and reengaged with the Church of England. I realised that, unless women trained alongside their future male colleagues, they would never be recognised. The Oxbridge theological colleges rejected me on the grounds of gender. St John's Nottingham was both welcoming and encouraging. I took a theology degree, became JCR President and eventually found a post in Liverpool, which had for a century prized the ministry of women as preachers and leaders. Three years later I moved to Cambridge as Chaplain (appointed by a then little known Rowan Williams) at Clare, and experienced a wealthy Oxbridge college and married an academic medic. Then to Gloucester cathedral as chaplain, Coventry as Vice Provost, and in 2000 to Leicester, at the same time becoming part of the team drafting legislation to permit women to be ordained Deacons, then Priests, and, I trust, within five years, Bishops.

*Vivienne Faull (History, 1974-7)*

### A Kaleidoscope of Blessings

Looking back, I see the values that have shaped me: appreciation of the gift of life, desire to experience, pass on and nurture life in abundance, appreciation of community, desire for solitude, the joy of giving and receiving hospitality, desire for self-knowledge, a sense of justice, a passion for truth, delight in words, culture and creation and, underlying all, faith in God. All of these I found at St Hilda's where, unusually for the 70s, it was not unfashionable to be openly Christian. This explains why I was so thoroughly happy there: I was myself.

Memories: Kathy Wilkes wearing a surgical collar but giving no sign of the pain she must often have felt, always encouraging, compassionate, challenging; walking through Christ Church meadows that first Sunday to Mass, others going to St Ebbe's; Sunday lunch; cycling in the rain over Magdalen Bridge, the tower shrouded in scaffolding; listening to Lord Peter Wimsey over hot chocolate with Julie, sometimes in the dark (during the 'winter of the discontent'); trying to read a Homeric papyrus; Amy the faithful scout reviving a cyclamen I'd left for dead; enjoying the moral support and kindness evoked by sub fusc for schools.

On leaving I decided to become a solicitor, consciously because law seemed to offer a variety of paths, involving people and language with the possibility of a career break for marriage and motherhood; unconsciously because an interest in truth and justice may have played a part though, asked what I did, I invariably answered 'It's not a vocation'. I especially enjoyed

meeting all sorts of people, drafting and advocacy. I remember the fascination of analysing the evidence in a fraud conspiracy (the unreality of the economy was plain) and unexpectedly obtaining bail for a client, well known to the police, who had broken an off-licence window with his crutch and stolen a bottle of whiskey.

In 1988, with friends on retreat at Mount St Bernards, I was insistent that we were there to listen. A year later, after a similar weekend, the penny suddenly dropped that monastic life was for me. The psalms had got into my blood and since leaving St Hilda's I had never known such happiness or sense of identity except on rare retreats or pilgrimage.

Back in December 1974, at Oulton Abbey on a school leavers' retreat, I had been deeply impressed by a conversation with a nun on the balance and humanity of the Benedictine life though without any thought of being a nun myself. So I came here (forsaking the Roses Match - a big sacrifice!) and found it was home.

Monastic life has given me the opportunity to pray (I could never find time), read scripture in Greek and Hebrew, sing Gregorian chant, play the organ, share my faith with others, and get to know young and old in our playgroup and care home, becoming even more myself.

*Sister Mary Peter (Mary Teresa Smith, Lit Hum, 1974-8)*

### From Minnesang to Ministry

Like many who come to university to read Modern Languages, I had no clear idea what I was going to do with it afterwards, and I drifted into teaching largely because it fitted neatly with my fiancé's career. The arrival of a family over the next few years broadened the scope from secondary to primary schools as a supply teacher, and thence to special needs (in fact, to anything that paid the bills) and I ended up as a full-time supply teacher in a school for adolescent miscreants who had been barred from their local schools for uncontrollable behaviour. It was a far cry from the cultured and attractive surrounds of St Hilda's: no Oxbridge entrants here, but rather the loners everyone had given up on, barely able to write a sentence, unloved, seeking self-confidence and self-value from acts of violence and hooliganism. Church for them was a place to steal from and nothing more. I took them to my local church to look around: they stole from it. Ouch.

I was in some ways homesick for what I knew and loved - German literature especially, and the chance to share it with intelligent questioning students - and yet in other ways these troubled boys awoke a new recognition within me. What I wanted, passionately, was to care for them. I wanted them to know about a loving God who wouldn't let them down. The snag was that if I did this off my own bat it would only ever be a case of their humouring me, Sue, without any authority, just another crank. I began vaguely to consider ordination, just so that the lads could see that the Church cared, not just Sue.

The actual calling came one bright

Thursday morning, just after I had woken up. There was a sudden radiance, 'like sunlight in the soul', as I tried to explain it later. I knew it was a calling of some sort, and the next few years were devoted to exploring it and training for ordination. It did not help that my teaching at the special school came to an abrupt end with the axing of the supply budget: by then I was well on the way to completing my training, and I ended up not having a ministry where I expected to find it, but being full-time in a parish, unpaid. It took several years and a series of nightmare experiences before the Church of England decided to employ me full-time.

Would I have chosen that route? No. I have always gone all out for success, for being accepted in life for what I could achieve against the odds (my arrival in Oxford was a direct result of that rebelliousness - someone said it couldn't be done, so I did it) and to have to learn for myself about failure, weakness and disaster as I did along the road to ordination, and throughout my first years in ministry, was painful. Was it worth the agony? Yes, yes and yes. Because in losing my reliance on myself, and in caring for others as best I can, I have found a hidden treasure, that pearl of great price for which it is worth sacrificing everything - even Oxford. I have come home.

*Susan Paterson (Chantler, Modern Languages, 1976-80)*



### Facebook Status : Failed Nun

I was an undergraduate Catholic in disguise. My Mother Prioress asked 'Did you ever have a lapse?' 'Yes,' I said, 'while I was at College. I came over all Betjeman and went to St Mary's. I was even on the PCC.' 'Ah, a lapse,' she sighed gustily. 'Bet it was lovely.' It was. Oxford was lovely, Hilda's was lovely. Coming from a GPDST London school, where I had been archivist, the ideals of female educationalists like Miss Beale were dear to my heart as was the Abbess, St Hilda herself; a patron of the arts (would we have *The Dream of Caedmon* otherwise?) and talented administrator of great vision (would the Synod of Whitby ever got its act together without Hilda banging heads and handing out the clipboards?). The move from the rigorous ideals of excellence in the female community of an Oxford college seemed, for me, a signpost.

Many events added up to my suspicion that I had a vocation. One was reading the English mystics in the first year; the heartstopping language of *The Cloud* author, the detail of anchorite life (Ancrene Wisse says you can have cat – so sensible) and, of course, Julian of Norwich, her wisdom and vision coupled with humour and constant 'But why?'. I apologise to sterling Dr Mapstone for my sobbing recounting of Julian's vision of creation held in an acorn (if you read the text and didn't get ink on the white three-piece suite, tutorials were fabulous).

When I had settled down at a West End theatrical agency, it seemed safe to investigate the nagging 'nun' feeling. I had a yearning for the Benedictine life: it's balance

of prayer, study and manual work centred around the richness of the Divine Office. I answered an ad for a vocation weekend at an Oxfordshire (a sign?) priory. I hated it instantly; all faded lino and *Hi-de-Hi* food, but by Monday morning I was loathe to leave. I also visited Stanbrook (the English Benedictine women's *crème de la crème*) welcomed by a witty and wise Senior Member, Margaret Truran.

To cut a future hilarious-yet-poignant autobiographical novel short, I entered the Oxfordshire monastery and stayed for a year as a postulant. The community numbered thirteen, aged 55 to 101. After I left, the community finally dispersed. Was I the last hope or the straw that broke the camel's back? Humility suggests: probably neither.

I returned to Soho life as an agent for nearly ten years. I missed Divine Office, the daily tapestry of communal prayer, spoken and sung, woven together from psalms and scripture – a daily address to God from the heart of the human condition. Surprisingly, I also missed Spam fritters.

A year ago I turned to writing. My postulancy has been material, first, for a radio play *The Lemon Squeezer* and then a show in Edinburgh.

Since I left the monastery in 2001, I have befriended Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire. Now Stanbrook Abbey itself has relocated to a site just next door. I am looking forward to visiting. After all, from there it's a short drive to Whitby. Mysterious ways...

Triona Adams (*English*, 1993-6)



### The Labyrinth Path

I preached my first sermon at St Hilda's. It was 2000, I was a Junior Year Abroad student, and I was still really in the process of discerning a call to ordained ministry. I'd gotten to know Brian Mountford, who was both the chaplain at St Hilda's and the vicar of St Mary the Virgin, where I was going to church. Our chapel services at St Hilda's were pretty small, and Brian encouraged me to try speaking at one of them. As I considered a life of ordained ministry, the one thing I decided I would never do was speak in front of people. I was happily surprised when my first, shaky attempt at preaching felt natural; not like I had become a preacher, but like this way of living my faith publicly might be possible after all.

Having grown up Roman Catholic, the priesthood wasn't even on my radar until I was in college. Oddly enough, the two years I spent living in England (at age thirteen, and then my year at St Hilda's) and worshiping in the Church of England, were the two years I felt most spiritually alive up to that point. The liturgy moved me deeply. I was very attracted to the mystery and ritual of ancient Christianity. I think these times were foundational for me as I grew in my own faith.

The year I spent at St Hilda's made me fall in love with England (a second time) and I wasn't ready to leave when it was time to fly back to the US. But I had a year of college to finish in the States. I left, planning to come back after that year and go to theological college in the UK. Instead, I met the man who I married and stayed in the US for divinity school, at Yale.

Now I'm an Episcopal priest, living and

serving in a suburb of Portland, Oregon. I'm also on the board of an international organization for young ordained women: The Young Clergy Women Project. My spouse was recently ordained as a Presbyterian pastor. I'm finding that this life I love is not quite the Vicar of Dibley, nor is it The Sound of Music! I get to be part of people's stories – the stuff they experience as they cope with death, prepare for marriage, make transitions, and search for ways to connect with God. And this is so cool and so real. Not that reading theology for a year in Oxford wasn't. I still draw from what Barbara Shellard taught me in my four Gospels tutorial, in lectionary studies with my parishioners and in sermons.

The church I serve now, St Luke the Physician Episcopal Church in Gresham, Oregon, has an outdoor Chartres labyrinth surrounded by a beautiful garden. Mountains of Douglas firs rise above it. The eleven thousand foot summit of Mt Hood rises to the east. As well as being a spiritual home to many people who aren't involved in the church at all, the labyrinth is a metaphor for the pilgrimage of life. You can watch someone walking it, from the outside, and you have no idea whether they've just started, or whether they're near the center. When you walk on it yourself, the paths take you in surprising directions – it's hard to anticipate what's coming next.

Jennifer Creswell (*Theology*, JYA, 1999-2000)

## College Records 2008-2009

Student Numbers  
Michaelmas Term 2008

## Graduates

Graduates reading for higher degrees & diplomas	142
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## Undergraduates

Fourth Year	45
Third Year	117 (including 7 absent and 13 abroad)
Second Year	120 (including 3 absent and 1 abroad)
First Year	127
Total	409

Undergraduates in residence	385
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## Visiting Students

Graduates	3
Undergraduate	1 (Junior Year Abroad student)
Total	4

## Examination Results (\* denotes a distinction)

## DPhil

Elliott, TM	Topics in Quantum Theory
Ewins, AK	Women's writing and political activism in the 1930s
Mauriello, TA	Nineteenth- century women's diet, health and nutrition
Oancea, AE	Criticisms of educational research in the 1990s
Schlackow, I	Classes of C(K) spaces with few operators
Watson, AA	Molecular structure and function of c-type lectin-like molecules in innate immunity

## MJuris

Fuehrich, TC	
Grefrath, H	
Hubner, JK	

## MPhil

Carlsson, EEM	Comparative Government
Levonmaa, AK	Economics
Osoria, C	Economics
Robinson, CPD	Social Anthropology
Sawar, MB	Comparative Social Policy
Tillo, AS	Social Anthropology
Wang, D	Evidence Based Social Intervention

## MSc

Amarjargal, B	Nature, Society & Environmental Policy
Blijde, RJ	Global Governance
Chang, EH	Neuroscience
Choi, AH-J	Criminology & Criminal Justice
Cilia, R-A	Biomedical Engineering
Closas Farriol, AE	Water Science, Policy & Management
Daly, BG	Integrative Bioscience
Davies, AS	Integrative Bioscience
Henderson, ME	Sociology
James, MV	Social Anthropology
Ku, Y	Evidence Based Social Intervention
Mercer, AW	Global Governance
Patberg, JI	Russian & E European Studies
Park, YB	Educational Studies
Peng, R	Water Science, Policy & Management
Shepard, LD	Evidence Based Social Intervention
Zahoor, A	Applied linguistics and second language acquisition

**MSt**

Ankit, R	Historical Research
Cheadle, RE	English (650-1550)
Dingley-Rodie, AE	History Of Art & Visual Culture
Ellis, AB	Greek and/or Latin Lit & Langs
Fan, WJ	Oriental Studies
Hodges, KM	English & American Studies
Hope, HJ	Music (Musicology)
Jaffer, AJ	History
Lazikani, AS*	English (650-1550)
Lee, RZ	English (1550-1780)
Neumann, AC*	Music (Performance)
O'Brien, CP	Medieval Studies (History)
Rowan, EC*	Classical Archaeology
Rowland, TC*	History
Wake, CML	History
Warshaw, MD	History
Wright, JPA*	English (650-1550)

**BCL**

Beechey, ELCole, SA*	Kodilinye, MSR	Rahman, TA
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**Postgraduate Certificate in Education**

Clapton, WD	Robson, NJ	Thistlethwaite, PW
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**Certificate in Diplomatic Studies**

Chang, H-J	Wang, Y
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**Second Public Examination (Honours)****Ancient & Modern History****Class II (Div 1)**

Sword-Daniels, G

**Archaeology & Anthropology****Class II (Div 1)**

Canos Donnay, S      Cooper, AMMC

**Biological Sciences****Class II (Div1)**

Bendix, CL      Bonner, KL      Faragher, RJ      Gunton, LM

Jenner, CL      Wilson, H

**Class II (Div2)**

McGarry, E      O'Brien, PJ

**Chemistry (MChem)****Class I**

Brandmayr, C      Foster, EM

**Class II (Div 1)**

Freestone, FM      Lowe, RM      Wand, RC

**Economics & Management****Class II (Div I)**

Becker, CJ      Walker, C

**Engineering Science (MEng)****Class I**

Paudel, N

**Class II (Div 2)**

Aubeeluck, NAP      Huang, XX

**Class III**

Khater, D      Leung, WY

**English Language & Literature****Class II (Div 1)**

Arslan, G      de-Salis, S      Drury, Hl      Harper, AF

Julius, A      Kane, LAP      Lloyd, AL      Parlour, SE

Ravi, A      Shahid, U

**English and Modern Languages****Class II (Div 1)**

(Ger) Barber, AA      (Fr) Schilz, A



**Experimental Psychology****Class II (Div 1)**

Burgess, JL	Mundill, E	Nagle, F
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**Fine Art (BFA)****Class II (Div 1)**

Kwon, M-Y
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**Geography****Class I**

Weston, L
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**Class II (Div 1)**

Aldridge, EJ	Hanna, AV	Macduff, MC	Ullathorne, N
Webb, SM			

**History****Class II (Div 1)**

Keal, J	Langdon, IMK	Lord, CL	Peel, HCF
Putz, E	Sutton, SC	Wong, JHY	

**History & English****Class I**

Kennedy, EL
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**Class II (Div 1)**

Guest, H
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**History & Politics****Class II (Div 1)**

Gisborne, SL
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**Jurisprudence****Class II (Div 1)**

Abdul Malik, N	Brunsdon, CJ	Petrie, EK	Short, D
Smith, CA	Trachmann, A-M	Yan, CY	

**Class II (Div 2)**

Abdul Cader, N
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**Literae Humaniores****Class II (Div 1)**

Barry, R	Berry, CAN	Dunn, DF	Wisnom, L
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**Class II (Div 2)**

Dickson, HJ	Noble, FM
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**Mathematics****Class I**

Fan, C	Wang, K
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**Class II (Div 1)**

He, Y
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**Class III**

Bao, H
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**Mathematics (MMaths)****Class I**

Schlackow, M
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**Class II (Div 1)**

Tam, V
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**Mathematics & Philosophy (MMaths & Philos)****Class I**

Morris, RL
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**Class II (Div 1)**

Brozzo, C
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**Mathematics & Statistics****Class II (Div 1)**

Chen, CC
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**Class III**

Yu, MS
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**Mathematics & Statistics (MMaths & Stats)****Class I**

Xifara, D-K
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**Medical Sciences****Class II (Div 1)**

Allan, M	Mockford, CL	Molena, EJ	Tochlin, A
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**Modern Languages****Class I**

(Ger, Sp) Mills, AA	(Fr, Ital) Pavlova, M
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**Class II (Div 1)**

(Fr) Brand, S	(Fr, Ger) Etchells, IN	(Ger) Fedorova, A	(Ger) Milne, NE
(Fr, Ger) Molloy, L	(Fr) Sherman, JF	(Ger, Ling) Zolkiewicz, A	

**Class II (Div 2)**

(Fr, Ger) Depauw, C	(Fr, Ger) Souter, AL
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**Molecular & Cellular Biochemistry (MBioch)****Class II (Div 1)**

Milway, EA	Parker, GL	Tomescu, AI
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**Music****Class II (Div 1)**

Anderson, IM

**Class II (Div 2)**

Tofts, A

**Oriental Studies****Class I**

Keyes, AML (Chin)

**Class II (Div I)**

Jacoby, JCX (Chin)	Ralph, KL (Egyp)	Vittet-Adamson, LA (Chin)
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**Philosophy & Modern Languages****Class II (Div 1)**

Mertens, ABM

**Philosophy, Politics & Economics****Class II (Div 1)**

Boakye-Boateng, A	Coats, EC	Khosla, A	Marouli, E
Moravkova, A	Sun, M	Walker, SE	Wong, G

**Physics****Class I**

Stylianidou, S

**Physics (MPhys)****Class I**

De Vries, C

**Class II (Div 1)**

Schlageter, A

**Psychology, Philosophy & Physiology****Class II (Div 1)**

Grisdale, E	Munro, H
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**First Public Examination****Honour Moderations****Biological Sciences****Class II**

Mehrabi, Z	Page, NJ	Rodd, GN	Rozenbaum, MJ
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Salat, M	Shaw, B	Smith, RJ	Webster, C
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Wong, S

**Class III**

Haideri, H

**Classical Archeology & Ancient History****Class I**

Wakeling, C

**Classics****Class I**

Erhun, SN

**Class II (Div 1)**

Culik, HEV	Longmore, JB	Poole, NK
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**Class II (Div2)**

Ash, HV	Edwards, A	Pickard, VC
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**Mathematics****Class I**

Ashford, MC	Xie, X
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**Class II**

de Andres, A	Xu, M	Song, Y
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**Class III**

Grundey, PJ

**Music****Class II**

Figueiredo, M	Knight, AL	Lindley, BJ
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## Moderations

**English Language & Literature**

Dunn, TW	Fletcher, AC	Franks, P	Mayne, ES*
Moon, I	Morgan, CE	Newman, KE	
O'Connor, La	Pierce, N	Reid, A	Sims, J
Stewart, KE	Tam, AC		

**Law**

Aygar, E	Duffin, HE	Greaves, E	Jalili, JJ
Sinha, S			

**Oriental Studies**

Clegg, M (Jap)	Kane, C (Chin)*	Rendell, E (Egypt)*	
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## Medicine

**First BM**

Carey, LI	Carruthers, JE	Kent, AE	New, E
Noordally, K	Stewart, B*		

## Preliminary Examinations

**Ancient & Modern History**

Wackett, K			
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**Chemistry**

Cook, JH	Fowler, T*	Hancock, RL	Lupton, M
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**Economics & Management**

Andreas, OW*	Chuo, MZ-Y	Davis, C*	
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**Engineering Science**

Anselin, J	Du, CY	Hurst, A	Hussain, S
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**English and Modern Languages**

(Ger) Parkes, K			
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**Fine Art**

Freije, KNC*	Lubowieka, K	McNamara, A	
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**Geography**

Edwards, R	Robinson, PA	von Guionneau, F	
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**History**

Ashcroft, GK	Flynn, K	Leece, TRJ	Morrison, V
Rice, J	Saunders, SC	Thouroude, VJ*	Trew, C

**History & Politics**

Bronner, L	Peck, IFM*	Swanson, SM	
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**Modern Languages**

(Fr, Gk) Attallah, A	(Fr) Etheridge, KS	(Fr, Ger) Greatley, SA	(Fr, It) Hamnabard, C
(Ger) Hedley, W	(Fr) Jackson, H	(Ger) Mead, JD	(Ger, Ling) Osherson, A
(Ger) Rakar, I	(Ger) Reder, S	(Fr, It) Salem, J	(Fr, It) Smith, JRB
(Fr) Tyler, R	(Fr, Sp) Wroblewski, H		

**Molecular & Cellular Biochemistry**

Baldwin, RM	Morgan, CH	Mumtaz, M*	
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**Philosophy & Modern Languages**

(Fr) Van Den Bergh, G			
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**Philosophy, Politics & Economics**

Bates, AE	Burdon-Jones, MC*	Harber, J*	Harrison, MR
Janse van Rensburg, W*	McPhail, SA	Sigl-Glockner, P	Sinclair, E

**Physics**

Brown, OL	Hill, FJ	Nam, Y*	Tusk, S*
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**Physics & Philosophy**

Hall, D			
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**Psychology, Philosophy & Physiology**

Atkins, LD	Batty, ES	Chekhar, LA*	Edwards, AC
Fladrich, DM	Harris, M	Vincent, K	



## University Examinations

### Classified results in Final Honour Schools in Trinity Term 2009 were:

Class I	15
Class II (Div 1)	89
Class II (Div 2)	10
Class III	4
Total	118

In classified Honour Moderations, where the second class is divided only for Classics and for Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, the results in the academic year of 2008-9 were:

Class I	4
Class II (Div 1)	3
Class II (undivided)	15
Class II (Div 2)	3
Class III	2
TOTAL	27

## College Awards to Graduates

Combettes, LE	Chemistry	
Fayad, GE	Economics	
Harikae, R	English	Helen Gardner Scholarship
Kraak, EP	Nature, Society & Environment	
Lin, YA	Organic Chemistry	
Lo, YY	Applied Linguistics	
Maloney, JPW	Philosophy	
McBride, M	Philosophy	
Pereira, LM	Geography	
Sarwar, MB	Comparative Social Policy	
Tak, MY	Social Policy	
Vartkessian, E	Law	

## College Awards to Undergraduates

### Scholarships and Exhibitions

#### Scholarships

Breitenbach, R	English	Nielson
Clark, N	Chemistry	Margaret FitzGibbon
Derbyshire, EC	English	Naish
Erhun, SN	Classics	Allen
Hevey, E	English	Nielson
Lim, XY	Mathematics	Nuffield
Mendes Hodes, MP	English	Naish
Parker, SI	Experimental Psychology	Nuffield
Phillips, LCH	PPE	Thornton
Sheard, S	Chemistry	Margaret FitzGibbon
Velling, TN	Law	Allen
Wale, SF	Music	Music Scholarship
Wu, Y	PPE	Thornton
Yeomans, CA	Physics	Nuffield
Zhao, QN	Economics & Management	FitzRandolph
Zhu, Y	Mathematics	Nuffield

#### Exhibitions

Barry, CAN	Classics	Allen
Blake, AAK	Medicine	Nuffield
Bland, LM	Biology	Nuffield
Chamberlain, M	History & Politics	Broster
De Vries, C	Physics	Bielby
Kane, C	Oriental Studies (Chinese)	Allen
Keyes, AML	Oriental Studies (Chinese)	Moberly
Lecomte, NE	Modern Languages (Ger, RAI)	Bourie Hamilton
Milne, EL	Law	Allen
Reynolds, RC	Geography	Moberly
Richter, S	Medicine	Nuffield
Williams, JJ	Modern Languages (Fr, Ling)	Hiddleston
Yan, CY	Law	Allen

## College Prizes to Undergraduates

Akhurst, P	Modern Languages (Fr, Ital)	Kathleen Chesney
Blake, AAK	Medicine	Nuffield
Brandmayr, C	Chemistry	Olive Ward
Breitenbach, R	English	Dorothy Whitelock for Old & Middle English
Brunsdon, CJ	Law	2009 Law Network
Chamberlain, M	History & Politics	Gertrude Easton for History
Culik, HEV	Classics	College
Erhun, SN	Classics	Evelyn Carr
Etheridge, KS	Modern Languages (Fr)	Kathleen Chesney
Foster, EM	Chemistry	Olive Ward
Gibbard, JA	Chemistry	Margaret FitzGibbon
Jacoby, JC	Oriental Studies (Chinese)	College
Lecomte, NE	Modern Languages (Ger, Russ)	Eleanor Boyle
Longmore, JB	Classics	College
Lu, M	Chemistry	Margaret FitzGibbon
Mehrabi, Z	Biology	College
Moore, AA	Medicine	Nuffield
Morris, RL	Mathematics & Philosophy	Kathleen Major
Oliveira, AS	Medicine	Nuffield
Page, NJ	Biology	College
Parkes, K	English & Modern Languages (Ger)	Kathleen Chesney
Paudel, N	Engineering	College
Rae, EJ	Chemistry	College
Rakar, I	Modern Languages (Ger)	Eleanor Boyle
Richter, S	Medicine	Nuffield
Robinson, E	Law	2008 Law Network
Rozenbaum, MJ	Biology	College
Salem, J	Modern Languages (Fr, Ital)	Kathleen Chesney
Schneider, JA	Biology	College
Stanley, KLI	Modern Languages (Fr, Ger)	Knox Memorial
von Guionneau, F	Geography	Kathleen Major
Wroblewski, H	Modern Languages (Fr, Sp)	Eleanor Boyle

## Other Awards to Undergraduates

Bignell, HERFine	Art	Liz Daplyn
Dunn, DF	Classics	Mary Burn
Parsons, R	Modern Languages (Fr, It)	Gianauzzi Savelli Travel
Thompson, CL	History	Beryl Smalley
Tuomala, E-K	Classics, Archeology & Ancient History	Mary Burn

## University Awards to Graduates

Cole, SA	Law/Winter	Williams Prize for performance in Corporate & Business Taxation in BCL
Cole, SA	Law	KPMG Prize in Corporate & Business Taxation
Davidson, EM	European Literature	Fielder Memorial Trust Grant
Robinson, OC	English	Senior Paget Toynbee Prize
Sarawgi, S	Sociology	Curzon Memorial Prize

## University Awards to Undergraduates

Canos Donnay, S	Arch/Anth	James Currey Dissertation Prize
Erhun, SN	Classics	2nd proxime for Harold Lister Sutherland Prize 2009
Hanna, AV	Geography	Quantitative Methods Research Group Dissertation Prize
Kane, LAP	English	Shelley-Mills Essay Prize 2009
Steinberg, J	Mathematics	Junior Mathematical Prize
Ullathorne, N	Geography	Urban Geography Research Group Dissertation Prize
Ullathorne, N	Geography	Proxime for the AJ Herbertson Prize
Wand, RC	Chemistry	Prize for practical work, sponsored by Exxon Mobil

## Graduates Entering College Michaelmas Term 2008

### DPhil

	Name	Degree Subject
Abbas, Yasin	MSc Computer Vision, UCL	Engineering Science
Babkerich, Peter	MPhys, St Catherine's	Condensed Matter Physics
Bird, Wendell Raleigh	JD Law, Yale	Legal History
Chaghafi, Elisabeth Leila	MA English, York	English
Churchhouse, Claire Louise	BSc Maths, McGill	Applied Statistics
De Sapio, Joseph Jeffrey	PhD History, W Ontario	History
Duan, Lian	MSc Maths, st Anne's	Mathematics
Huang, Kuan Ling	DMed, Nat Taiwan U	Clinical Medicine
Lin, Yuya Angel	MChem, Keble	Organic Chemistry
Linsley, Anne	MA Medieval St, Reading	History
Mbewe, Alice Talitha	MSc Immunology	Clinical Medicine
McBride, Mark	MPhil, UCL	Philosophy
Milatovic, Sinisa	MA Law Dip, Tufts	Law
Myers, Sarah Jane	MSc Clinical Bioch, Surrey	Clinical Pharmacology
Patel, Neep from TT09	BMBCh, Green	Radiobiology
Pereira, Laura Maureen	BSc, Witwatersrand	Geography
Rahiz, Muhammad	MSc, Singapore	Geography & the Environment
Travers, Mary Eleanor	BA Biology, St John's	Clinical Medicine
Wyers, Kelly Leanne	BA Biology	

### MJuris

Fuehrich, Thomas Christian	State exam Law, Konstanz	Law
Grefrath, Holger	State exam Law, Bonn	Law
Hubner, Julia Katharina	Law, F-Wilhelms U	Law

### MPhil

Brisimi, Vasiliki	LLB Law, Athens	Law
Chow, Felix	BA Econs, Toronto	Economics
Dorobantu, Cosmina Liana	BA Econs, Reed, Portland, Oregon	Economics
Feltham, Benjamin Morgan	BA History, Merton	Late Antiques & Byzantine Studies
Gillespie, Jane	MA Classical St, London	Greek/Roman History
Hirsch-Holland, Anna	BA PPE, Oriel	International Relations
Kan, Ching Yeung	BA Philos, Hong Kong	Politics
Neumann, Anyssa Charlotte	BA Music, Manhattan S of Music	Music
Sampson, Michael Dennis	BSc Politics, Bristol	International Relations
Warshaw, Matthew Downing	BSc History, US Naval Acad	Economics & Social History

### MSc

Amarjaral, Bayarmaa	BA IntRel, Mongolia	Nature, Society & Environment
Blijde, Robin Julian	BA PPE, Utrecht	Global Governance
Boe, Kaia Lena	BA Anthropol, Tufts	Biodiversity
Chang, Eun Hyuk	BA BiolSc, Minnesota	Neuroscience
Cho, Sung Woo	BA PolSc, Sungkyunkwan, S Korea	Forced Migration
Choi, Andrew Ho-Yan	BSc Psych, Toronto	Criminology & Criminal Justice
Cilia, Rebekah-Ann	BEng, Sheffield	Biomedical Engineering
Closas Farriol, Alvar Eduardo	BA PolSc, Barcelona	Water Science
Daly, Benjamin Gopal	BSc Ecology, Sydney	Biology
Davies, Alicia Sian	BSc Ecology, EAnglia	Biology (intergrative Bio-Science)
Dehghan Nayyeri, Honieh	Ba Engl Translation, Allameh Tabataba'i U, Iran	Applied Linguistics
Fatkhi, Syazwani	BSc Econs, Warwick	Japanese Studies
Henderson, Morag Elizabeth	BA Marketing Management, Napier U, Edinburgh; PGCE Oxf Brooks U	Sociology
James, Margaret Valerie	MBA, Warwick	Social Anthropology
Jin, Xingyan	MSc CompSc, Zhejiang	Computer Science
Kraak, Eelke Pieter	BSc Geography, Utrecht	Nature, Society & Environment
Ku, Youngeun	BSc Psych, Auckland	Social Intervention
Li, Menghui	BBus, SIFT-RMIT Int Business S, Shanghai	Comparative Social Policy
Mercer, Angus William	BA Law, Nottingham	Criminology & Criminal Justice
Patberg, Jona Ilia	BSc Business, Warwick	Russian & E European Studies
Peng, Ruiwen	BSc NatSc, Durham	Water Science
Plotnykova, Hanna Olexandrivn	MSc EnvirSc, Kiev-Mohy	Biodiversity
Saavedra, Joao Arbona	BA PPE, Essex	Forced Migration
Schneider, Eric Bradley	BA EurHist, Puget Sound, Tacoma	Economics & Social History
Shepard, Lindsay Dianne	BA Eng & US Lit, Brigham Young	Social Intervention
Strutinschi, Ermina	BA Hist, Utrecht	Russian & E European Studies
Wagstaff, Sheena Annette	BSc Psych, Bucks New U	Educational Research Methodology
Wakhley, Manju	BA Comm English, Bangalore	Biodiversity

**MSt**

Ankit, Rakesh	BA Hist/Pol, Exeter Coll	Historical Research
Cheadle, Ruth Elizabeth	BA EngLit, Westmont	English (650-1550)
Dingledy-Rodie, Amanda Ellen	BA Asian St, Occidental Coll, Los Angeles	History of Art & Visual Culture
Dolcetti, Andrea	PhD Law, Genoa	Legal Research
Ellis, Anthony Boschetti	MA Classics, Edinburgh	Greek and/or Latin
Hodges, Katherine Mary	BA English, Exeter	
Hope, Henry James	MA Musicology, Weimar	Music (Musicology)
Jaffer, Aaron John	BA History, KCL	History
Lazikani, Ayoush Sarmada	BA English, St Hilda's	English (650-1550)
Lee, Richard Zinhee	BA EngLit, U of Pennsylvania	English (1550-1780)
Molineaux, Benjamin Joseph	Med TEFL, City U, NY	General Linguistics
O'Brien, Conor Patrick	BA Hist/English, Cork	Medieval Studies
Rowan, Erica Stacey	BA ClassSt, McMaster	Classical Archaeology
Rowland, Talitha Claire	BA History, St Hilda's	History
Ryan, Jeanne Marie	BA Classics, Bryn Mawr	General Linguistics
Wake, Catherine Mary Louise	BA History, Bristol	History
Wright, James Peter Andrew	BA English, Trinity	English (650-1550)

**BCL**

Beechey, Emma Louise	B of Laws, Queensland	Law
Cole, Sean Aaron	B of Laws, Sydney	Law
Kodilinye, Maria Sarah Ray	B of Laws, W Indies	Law
Rahman, Talha Abdul	B of Laws, Hyderabad	Law

**PGCE**

Clapton, William David	BSc Geography, Loughborough	Geography
Needs, Ian	BA History, Swansea	History
Patel, Kala Chauhan	BA Business, Sheffield	Religious Education
Robson, Nicholas John	BA Theology, Durham	Religious Education
Thistlethwaite, Peter William	BA Theology, Exeter U	Religious Education

**Certificate in Diplomatic Studies**

Chang, Hye-Jeong	BA English Ed, Seoul Nat U	
Wang, Yihan	BA Chinese, Beijing	

**Undergraduates Entering College Michaelmas Term 2008**

Name	Previous Education	Subject
Andreas, Ongnardo Wirateja	Raffles Junior Coll, Singapore	Econ/Man
Anselin, Josephine	Lycee Aline Mayrisch, Luxembourg	Engineering
Ascroft, Georgina Katherine S, Hebburn	St Joseph's Comprehensive	History
Ashford, Matthew Christopher	Kesgrave H S, Ipswich	Maths/Stats
Atkins, Louise Deborah	Rugby H S for Girls	PPP
Attallah, Anna	Esher Coll	ML (Fr, Mod Gk)
Aygar, Ece	Robert Coll of Istanbul	Law
Baldwin, Rhiannon May	Charterhouse, Godalming	Biochemistry
Bates, Alexander Edwin	Perse S, Cambridge	PPE
Batty, Emma Siobhan	Beaconsfield H S	Exp Psychology
Bronner, Laura	Vienna International S	History/Politics
Brooke, Georgina	Red Maids S, Bristol	Classics
Brown, Olivia Louise	Putney H S	Physics
Burdon-Jones, Megan Clare	Dorchester Thomas Hardy S	PPE
Carey, Laura Isobel	Abbey S, Reading	Medicine
Carruthers, Jack Edward	International Coll, Madrid	Medicine
Chekhar, Louiza Amira	Abbotsfields and Swakeleys VI Form, Uxbridge	PPP
Chuo, Marianne Zung-Yan	Anderson Junior Coll, Singapore	Econ/Man
Clark, Thomas	De Lisle R C S, Loughborough	Physics
Cook, Jack Harrison	Sutton Gr S for Boys, Surrey	Chemistry
Davis, Christopher	Royal Gr S, Worcester	Econ/Man
de Andres, Alvaro	King's Coll S, Wimbledon	Mathematics
Du, Chong Yang	Abbey Tutorial Coll, Cambridge	Engineering
Duffin, Harriet Elizabeth	Bilborough Coll,	Nottingham
LawDunn, Thomas Wayne	King Edward VI Five Ways S, Birmingham	English
Edwards, Annabel Claire	St John's S, Marlborough	Exp Psychology
Edwards, Rhys	Magdalen Coll S	Geography
Etheridge, Kate Sarah	Anthony Gell S, Derbyshire	ML (Fr)
Figueiredo, Miriam	Tiffin Girls' S, Kingston upon Thames	Music
Fladrich, Dominic Mark	International S, Hamburg	PPP
Fletcher, Alice Claire	Bromley H S	English



Flynn, Katy	All Hallows Catholic S, Farnham	History
Fowler, Thomas	Poole Gr S	Chemistry
Franks, Poppy	Charterhouse, Godalming	English
Freije, Kira Naomi Claire	Michael Hall S, Sussex	Fine Art
Geurtsen, Catherine	Henry Box S, Witney	Chemistry
Greatley, Stephen Anthony	St Margaret's C of E H S,	ML (Fr, Ger)
Liverpool		
Greaves, Elizabeth	Lord Williams S, Thame	Law
Grundey, Philip John	Aquinas Coll, Stockport	Mathematics
Haideri, Hasnain	Karachi Gr S	Biology
Hall, Dominic	Kings S, Macclesfield	Physics/Phil
Hamnabard, Camilla	Newstead Wood S, Orpington	ML (Fr, It)
Hancock, Rebecca Louisa	Thomas Alleyes H S, Uttoxeter	Chemistry
Harber, Jesse	Crawford Coll, Johannesburg	PPE
Harris, Mitchell	Ibstock Place S, Roehampton	Exp Psychology
Harrison, Mark Richard	Rainham Mark Gr S, Gillingham	PPE
Hedley, William	Shrewsbury S	ML (Ger)
Hill, Freddie John	Kennet S, Newbury	Physics
Hurst, Adam	Katedralskolan, Uppsala	Engineering
Hussain, Sam	Haberdashers Askes (Boys) S,	Engineering
	Elstree	
Jackson, Harriet	King Edward VI Five Ways S,	ML (Fr)
	Birmingham	
Jalili, James Jordan	Peter Symonds Coll, Winchester	Law
Janse van Rensburg, William	Hills Road Sixth Form Coll,	PPE
	Cambridge	
Johns, Marie-France	St Peter's H S, Gloucester	Oriental Studies
Kent, Alice Emily	Carmel S, Darlington	Medicine
Knight, Alexandra Louise	Brighton Coll	Music
Leece, Thomas Robert John	King's Coll S, Wimbledon	History
Lindley, Benjamin James	Bootham S, York	Music
Lubowiecka, Kinga	Chelsea Coll of Art and Design	Fine Art
Lupton, Marc	Ringwood S, Ringwood	Chemistry
Mayne, Emily Sarah	St Paul's Catholic S,	English
	Milton Keynes	
McNamara, Aislinn	Exeter S, Exeter	Fine Art
McPhail, Samuel Alexander	Haberdashers Askes (Boys)	PPE
	S, Elstree	
Mead, James David	Becket S, Nottingham	ML (Ger)

Mehrabi, Zia	Oxford Brookes U	Biology
Moon, Imogen	St Mary's S, Calne	English
Morgan, Charlotte Elizabeth	Cary Academy, North Carolina	English
Morgan, Christopher Henry	Royal Gr S, Worcester	Biochemistry
Morrison, Victoria	Benenden S, Cranbrook, Kent	History
Mumtaz, Mehak	Beaconhouse S, Islamabad	Biochemistry
Nachescu, Alexandra	Shakespeare H S, Timisoara,	Oriental Studies
	Romania	
Nam, Yoonsoo	Gyeonggi Science H S,	Physics
	South Korea	
Nash, Calypso Mabel	St Paul's G S, Hammersmith	Classics
New, Emma	Heckmondwike Gr S, W Yorks	Medicine
Newman, Katherine Elizabeth	St Swithuns S, Winchester	English
Noordally, Karim	Hampton S, Middlesex	Medicine
O'Connor, Laura Anna	St Michael's Senior H S,	English
	Craigavon	
Osherson, Anne	Princeton U	ML (Ger, Ling)
Page, Natalie Joan	Island S, Hong Kong	Biology
Parkes, Katherine	Guildford H S	English/ML (Ger)
Peck, Imogen Frances Margaret	Ribston Hall H S, Gloucester	History/Politics
Pierce, Nicolas	Angmering S, West Sussex	English
Presser, Andrew Richard Bassett	Victoria Coll, St Helier	Classics
Rakar, Izabela	Gimnazija Beograd, Ljubljana,	ML (Ger)
	Slovenia	
Reder, Sarah	Croham Hurst S, South Croydon	ML (Ger)
Reid, Annabel	St Leonards S, Fife	English
Rendell, Emma	Richard Huish Coll, Taunton	Oriental Studies
Rice, Joseph	International S of Geneva	History
Robinson, Philip Ashley	Skinners S, Tunbridge Wells	Geography
Rodd, Gerdina Natascha	Jumeirah Coll, Dubai	Biology
Rozenbaum, Miriam Jade	Lycee d'Arsonval, Saint Maur,	Biology
	France	
Salat, Mikael	Highgate S, London	Biology
Salem, Julia	Princeton Day S, New Jersey	ML (Fr, It)
Saunders, Siobhan Candice	Barrow-in-Furness VI Form Coll	History
Shaw, Benjamin	Brighton Coll	Biology
Sigl-Glockner, Philippa	Marlborough Coll	PPE
Sims, Jonathan	Bournemouth S	English
Sinclair, Emma	Durham Johnston S, Durham	PPE
Sinha, Sahil	Judd S, Tonbridge Wells	Law
Smith, Joseph Robert Boyle	Westminster S, London	ML (Fr, Sp)

Smith, Robert James	Wilson's S, Wallington	Biology
Song, Yu	Kilmore International S, Australia	Maths/Stats
Stewart, Benjamin	Portsmouth Gr S	Medicine
Stewart, Katie Elizabeth	Queen Elizabeth Gr S, Penrith	English
Stocker, Rishi	St Paul's S, Barnes	Classics
Swanson, Sarah Marie	Birkerod Gymnasium, Birkerod, Denmark	History/Politics
Tait, Stefan	Camden S for Girls	Classics
Tam, Antonia Charlotte	Hills Road Sixth Form Coll, Cambridge	English
Thouroude, Veronique Josephine	St Mary's S, Cambridge	History
Tocknell, Rachel May	Westminster S, London	Oriental Studies
Trew, Charles	Kings S, Canterbury	History
Tusk, Samuel	South Cheshire Coll, Crewe	Physics
Tyler, Rhys	Olchfa S, Swansea	ML(Fr)
Van den Bergh, Gregory	Dartford Gr S, Kent	Philos/ML(Fr)
Vincent, Katie	Backwell S, Bristol	Exp Psychology
von Guionneau, Friedrich	Eton Coll	Geography
Wackett, Katherine	St Peter's S, York	Anc/Mod History
Wakeling, Clare	Westminster S, London	CAAH
Webster, Clemmie	Cheltenham Coll	Biology
West, Melissa	St Paul's G S, Hammersmith	Biochemistry
Wilson, Samuel Geoffrey	Glenalmond Coll, Perthshire	PPE
Wong, Sonny	Rugby S	Biology
Wroblewski, Hannah	St Nicholas' H S, Northwich	ML(Fr, Sp)
Xie, Xinying	Cambridge International Centre, Shanghai	Maths/Stats
Xu, Melanie	Dame Allan's S, Newcastle upon Tyne	Mathematics
Zacherl, Martin Johannes	King's Coll, Taunton	Classics

### Visiting Students 2008-2009

Konishi, Chitsura	BA English-AmSt, Kobe (Visiting Graduate)	British Studies
Morrow, Jessica	Vanderbilt U(Junior Year Abroad)	History
Stead, Henry Alexander	MA Professional Writing, Lond Met; Open U (Michael Comber; Visiting Graduate)	Classical Studies
Yamamoto, Izumi	B of Management, TokyoU of Sc (Visiting Graduate)	British Studies

### Dates to note

#### ASM LONDON AUTUMN DRINKS

**Friday 4 December 2009**

The annual ASM drinks reception will be held at the House of Lords

#### ASM LONDON TEA

**Saturday 13 March 2010**

To be held at the usual venue, St Alban's Centre. The speaker will be Kathryn Beebe, VH Galbraith Fellow in Medieval History. The Principal will give the latest news from College and Kathryn's talk will be followed by tea.

#### MEDIA NETWORK DAY

**Saturday 27 March 2010**

To be held at the Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival which will feature St Hilda's Senior Members.

#### NORTH AMERICAN REUNION WEEKEND, New York

**Friday 16 & Saturday 17 April 2010**

#### ASM BALL, St Hilda's College

**Saturday 17 April 2010**

#### GREEN FEAST, St Hilda's College

**Wednesday 28 April 2010**

#### ST HILDA'S SOCIETY FEAST, St Hilda's College

**Friday 2 July 2010**

The annual reunion for members of the St Hilda's Society, by invitation

#### GARDEN PARTY AND FAMILY DAY St Hilda's College

**Saturday 10 July 2010**

This includes a Pimm's reception, a family country fair with ice-cream, cake and lemonade stalls & children's activities

#### 20TH AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY REUNIONS, St Hilda's College

**Saturday 10 July 2010**

A Reunion Lunch for those who came up in 1990, and a Reunion Dinner for those who came up in 1980

#### GAUDY WEEKEND, St Hilda's College

**24-26 September 2010**

Senior Members are invited back to College to the Annual Gaudy weekend

#### 40TH & 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION DINNERS, St Hilda's College

**Friday 24 September 2010**

Reunion dinners for those who came up in 1970 and 1960

#### 10TH & 60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION LUNCHESES St Hilda's College

**Saturday 25 September 2010**

Reunion lunches for those who came up in 2000 and 1950

*Please note, more information will be publicised closer to the time of these events and some could be subject to change.*

