

Calendar

Selwyn College Cambridge, 2024–2025



Part one

The Register

THE MASTER, FELLOWS AND BYE-FELLOWS

* denotes Directors of Studies

THE VISITOR

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury

THE MASTER (ELECTED 2013)

Roger **Mosey**, MA (Oxon, Cantab), Hon. DLitt (Lincoln), DUniv (Bradford),
Hon. Fellow, Wadham College Oxford, *Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

THE VICE-MASTER (ELECTED 2016)

1994 Janet Anne **O'Sullivan**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Private Law**

GOVERNING BODY FELLOWS

1984 James Henry **Keeler**, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Chemistry; Head of the Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry; Eric Walters Fellow in Chemistry**

1987 Michael Joseph **Sewell**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Senior Tutor*

1988 David Lawrence **Smith**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *College Associate Professor and Jim Dickinson Fellow in History; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of History**

1995 Robert Stewart **Cant**, BSc (St Andrews), PhD (Cranfield), MA (Cantab), *Professor of Computational Engineering*

1998 [and 1992-5] Nicholas James **Butterfield**, BSc (Alberta), PhD (Harvard), MA (Cantab), *Professor of Evolutionary Palaeobiology**

2000 Jack Oliver **Button**, MA (Cantab), *College Lecturer in Pure Mathematics; Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics**

Philip James **Connell**, BA (Liverpool), PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Literature and History**

Charlotte **Woodford**, MA, MSt, DPhil (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), *College Associate Professor in German; Senior Research Associate, Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics**

Daniel Aaron **Beauregard**, BA, MSc (Auckland), PhD (Cantab), *College Associate Professor in Chemistry**

Nikolaos **Nikiforakis**, PhD (Cranfield), MA (Cantab), *Professor of Computational Multiphysics**

2001 Rupert John Ernest **Thompson**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *University Orator; University Associate Professor in Classics (Philology and Linguistics)**

[and 1992-7] Patrick Jacques Nicole **Baert**, DPhil (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Social Theory**

2003 [and 1995-8] Sarah **Meer**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Nineteenth-Century Literature*

Daping **Chu**, BSc, MSc (Nanjing), PhD (Warwick), MA (Cantab), *Nanjing Professor of Technology and Innovation**

2006 Stewart Onan **Sage**, MA, PhD, ScD (Cantab), ALCM, *Professor of Cell Physiology**

James **Moultrie**, BEng (Loughborough), MA (De Montfort), MBA (Loughborough), PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Engineering Design; Sir David Harrison Fellow in Engineering**

2010 Sarah Elizabeth Arwen **MacDonald**, MA (Cantab), FRCO, ARSCM, *Director of Music; University Organist*

2011 Christopher Daniel **Briggs**, BA (Oxon), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *University Associate Professor in Medieval British Economic and Social History; Michael Graves Fellow in History*

Stuart Michael **Eves**, BSc (Nottingham), MA, VetMB (Cantab), PgDip (Southampton), MRCVS, *Veterinary Surgeon**

Diarmuid Rodney **O'Donnell**, MBBS (St Thomas'), MA (Cantab), PhD (Imperial College London), MRCP, FRCPC, FFCM, *Consultant Paediatric Intensivist, Addenbrooke's Hospital; Associate Specialty Director in Ethics and Law, School of Clinical Medicine**

2014 Chander Kathir **Velu**, BSc (Southampton), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Innovation and Economics**

Michael Grant **Nicholson**, BA (Aberystwyth), *Director of Development and Alumni Relations*

Marta **Halina**, BS, BA (Minnesota), PhD (California San Diego), *University Associate Professor in the Philosophy of Cognitive Science**

Bryan **Cameron**, BA (Indiana), MA, PhD (Pennsylvania), MA (Cantab), *University Associate Professor in Modern Spanish Literature and Culture**

Filipe **Carreira da Silva**, BA (ISCTE Lisbon), MPhil, Habilitation (Lisbon), PhD (Cantab), *College Lecturer in Sociology; Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Sociology*

Lauren Beth **Wilcox**, BA (Macalester College, St Paul, Minnesota), MSc (London School of Economics); PhD (Minnesota), *Director, Centre for Gender Studies; University Associate Professor in Gender Studies*

Alan David **Howard**, MA, MPhil (Cantab), PhD (King's College London), *College Associate Professor in Music; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Music**

2016 Dacia **Viejo Rose**, BA (Tufts), MA (Bath, City), PhD (Cantab), *Director, Cambridge Heritage Research Centre; University Associate Professor in Heritage and the Politics of the Past**

Oleg Ivanovich **Kitov**, BSc, MSc (Warwick), MPhil (Oxon), MA (Cantab), *Assistant Teaching Professor, Faculty of Economics; College Associate Professor and Robert Martin Fellow in Economics**

2017 Elena **Filimonova**, MA, PhD (Moscow State), MA (Cantab), *Associate Teaching Professor in Russian**

Katharine Jill **Ellis**, BA, DPhil (Oxon), FBA, ARCM, Hon. Fellow, University College Oxford, *1684 Professor of Music*

Jessica Pearsall **Gardner**, BA, MA, PhD (Leeds), MA (Cantab), *University Librarian; Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

Victoria **Young**, MA (Cantab, London), PhD (Leeds), *Kawashima Associate Professor in Japanese Literature and Culture**

- Charlotte **Summers**, BSc, BM (Southampton), PhD (Cantab), FRCP, FFICM, *Director, Heart and Lung Research Institute, Royal Papworth Hospital; Professor of Intensive Care Medicine**
- Shaun Thomas **Larcom**, BCom (Melbourne), MPhil (Cantab), PhD (University College London), *Professor of Law, Economics and Institutions**
- 2018 Kirsty Elizabeth **McDougall**, BA, BSc (Melbourne), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *University Associate Professor of Phonetics**
- Sarah Fraser **Butlin**, KC, MA (Cantab), *David K P Li Fellow in Law; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Law*
- Deepak **Venkateshvaran**, MSc (Sri Sathya Sai Institute), MTech (Indian Institute of Technology), PhD (Cantab), *Royal Society University Research Fellow, Department of Physics; College Lecturer in Physics**
- MyunGun **Kim**, BA (Korea), MRes, MA, PhD (Cantab), *College Lecturer in Economics*
- 2019 Robert **Lee**, BA (Columbia), MA (Heidelberg), PhD (California Berkeley), *University Assistant Professor in American History*
- Thomas David **Smith**, BA, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Keasbey Research Fellow in American Studies; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of History**
- Charlotte **Reinbold**, BA, PhD (Cantab), MA (University College London), *College Lecturer in English**
- Jörg **Haustein**, MA (Leipzig, Cantab), Dr theol., Habilitation (Heidelberg), *Professor of Global Christianity**
- Ronita **Bardhan**, BArch (Shibpur), MCP (Kharagpur), PhD (Tokyo), MA (Cantab), *University Associate Professor in Sustainability in the Built Environment**
- Leonardo **Felli**, Laurea (Trieste), PhD (MIT), *Professor of Economics*
- 2020 Lynn Vanessa **Dicks**, MA (Oxon), MProf (Middlesex), PhD (Cantab) PGCERT (East Anglia), FHEA, *Professor of Ecology*
- Grant Duncan **Stewart**, BSc, MBChB, PhD (Edinburgh), MA (Cantab), FRCSEd, *Dean; Professor of Surgical Oncology**
- [and 2003-11] Robert Charles **Tasker**, MA, MD (Cantab), MBBS (London), AM (Harvard), MD (Massachusetts), DCH, FRCPC, FRCP, FHEA, *College Lecturer in Medical Sciences*
- 2021 Joseph Robert **Bitney**, BA (Oregon), MA, PhD (Chicago), *University Assistant Professor in English**
- Carol Ann **Armitage**, BEng (Liverpool), PhD (UMIST), *Fellow in Engineering**
- 2022 Anita **Balakrishnan**, BMedSci, BMBS (Nottingham), PhD (Harvard Medical School/Liverpool), FRCS Ed, FRCS Eng, CCT, *Consultant Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgeon, Addenbrooke's Hospital; Associate Lecturer, School of Clinical Medicine; College Lecturer in Medical Sciences**
- James **Helm**, MA (Cantab), *University Director of Communications and External Affairs*
- The Reverend Arabella Mary **Milbank Robinson**, BA, MSt (Oxon), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Dean of Chapel and Chaplain*

- Zeina Al **Azmeh**, BA (Queens University of Charlotte, North Carolina), MA (Conservatoire Nationale de Beirut; Staffordshire), PhD (Cantab); *Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology*
- Caroline Rachel **Soderman**, BA, MSc, PhD (Cantab), *Henslow Research Fellow*
- Ernesto Vargas **Weil**, LLB, MPP (Chile), LLM (New York), PhD (University College London), *Spencer-Fairest Teaching Fellow in Law*
- Leonardo **Impett**, MEng (Cantab) MA PhD (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), MIET, *University Assistant Professor in Digital Humanities*
- Jennifer **Phillips**, MA (Cantab), FCA, *Bursar*
- 2023 Weilong **Zhang**, BS/BA, MA (Renmin University of China), MPhil, PhD (Pennsylvania), *University Associate Professor in Economics*
- Eloy de **Lera Acedo**, MSc, PhD (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), *University Associate Professor in Radio Cosmology**
- Thomas **Hopkins**, MA, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Assistant Dean; College Lecturer in Politics; Senior Teaching Associate, Department of Politics and International Studies; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of History**
- 2024 Alexander Christian **Jenkins**, MA, MSci (Cantab), PhD (King's College London), *Gavin Boyle Fellow in Cosmology*
- Iman **Tavakkolnia**, BEng (Tehran), MSc (Sharif University, Iran), PhD (Edinburgh), PGCert (Strathclyde), *University Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering*
- Claudia **Domenici**, BA (Pisa), MALS (Lancaster), *University Associate Professor in Italian**
- 2025 Andrew **Jackson**, BEng, PhD (York), PGCertBusAdmin, MBA (Open), *University Director of Research Services*

EMERITUS FELLOWS

- 2000 Richard John **Bowring**, MA, PhD, LittD (Cantab), *Former Master; Emeritus Professor of Japanese Studies*
- 1970 John Rason **Spencer**, CBE, Hon. KC, MA, LLB, LLD (Cantab), Hon. DDroit (Poitiers), *Emeritus Professor of Law*
- 1975 Kenneth Johnston **Coutts**, MA (Cantab), *Emeritus Assistant Director of Research, Faculty of Economics*
- Robert Douglas **Harding**, MA, MMath, PhD (Cantab), *Former Director, Interactive Technologies in Assessment and Learning, Cambridge Assessment*
- The Reverend John Stephen **Morrill**, MA, DPhil (Oxon); PhD (Cantab); Hon. DLitt (East Anglia, Durham); DUniv (Surrey); FBA; Hon. MAcFin; Hon. MRIA; Hon. FTCD; Hon. Fellow, Trinity College Oxford, *Emeritus Professor of British and Irish History*
- John Michael **Young**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former University Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology*
- 1976 Andrew Vernon **Jones**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former University Senior Lecturer in Music*
- Jeremy Keith Morris **Sanders**, CBE, BSc (London), ScD (Cantab), FRS, *Emeritus Professor of Chemistry*

- 1977 Jean Kathleen **Chothia**, BA (Dunelm), PhD (Cantab), *Emeritus Professor of Drama and Theatre*
 Michael John **Tilby**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former College Lecturer in French*
- 1978 Thomas Robert **Hesketh**, BSc, PhD (London), MA (Cantab), *Former University Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry*
- 1979 John David **Ray**, MA (Cantab), FBA, FSA, *Emeritus Sir Herbert Thompson Professor of Egyptology*
- 1982 David William **Holton**, MA, DPhil (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), Hon. PhD (Thessaloniki), *Emeritus Professor of Modern Greek*
- 1986 James Michael Raistrick **Matheson**, MA (Cantab), *Former IT Lead for the School of Technology*
 Robert Henry **Whitaker**, MA, MD, MChir (Cantab), FRCS, *Former Supervisor and Demonstrator in Anatomy*
- 1989 David John **Chivers**, MA, PhD, ScD (Cantab), FLS, FZS, *Emeritus Professor of Primate Biology and Conservation*
- 1990 Sir Colin John **Humphreys**, CBE, BSc (London), MA (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), Hon. DSc (Leicester), FREng, FRS, *Emeritus Professor of Materials Science; Professor of Materials Science, Queen Mary University of London*
- 1991 David Frank **Ford**, Hon. OBE, BA (Dublin), MA, PhD (Cantab), STM (Yale), Hon. DD (Birmingham, Aberdeen, Dublin), Hon. DDiv (Bolton), Hon. DLitt (Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, India), *Emeritus Regius Professor of Divinity*
- 1994 Andrew Norman **Chester**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Emeritus Reader in New Testament Studies*
 William John **Clegg**, BSc (Manchester), DPhil (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), *Emeritus Professor of Materials Science & Metallurgy*
 Peter Kendrew **Fox**, BA (London), MA (Sheffield, Cantab, Dublin), AKC, Hon. FTCD, *Emeritus University Librarian*
- 1999 Michael John **Taussig**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former Head, Technical Research Group, The Babraham Institute, Cambridge*
- 2002 Nicholas James Anthony **Downer**, MA (Cantab), *Former Bursar*
 Haruko Uryu **Laurie**, MLitt (Cantab), *Former Senior Language Teaching Officer in Japanese*
- 2004 John Stephen **Dennis**, MA, MEng, PhD (Cantab), MBA (City), MChemE, *Emeritus Professor of Chemical Reaction Engineering*
- 2023 [and 2008-22] The Reverend Canon Hugh David **Shilson-Thomas**, MA (Oxon, London, Cantab), *Former Dean of Chapel and Chaplain*

HONORARY FELLOWS

- 1992 Sir David Kwok Po **Li**, OBE, MA (Cantab), Hon. LLD (Cantab, Warwick, Hong Kong), Hon. DSc (Imperial College London), Hon. DLitt (Macquarie), Hon. DSocSc (Chinese University of Hong Kong), *Executive Chairman, Bank of East Asia*

- 1994 Gordon **Johnson**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Former President, Wolfson College Cambridge*
- 1997 John Francis **Chown**, MA (Cantab), *International tax adviser*
 Sir Peter Michael **Williams**, CBE, MA, PhD (Cantab), Hon. DSc (Leicester, Nottingham Trent, Loughborough, Brunel, Wales, Sheffield, Salford, Staffordshire, City, Hull, Bedfordshire), FRS, FREng, FIC, FCGI, Hon. FICHEM, Hon. FIET, Hon. FCMI, Hon. FIMechE, *Former Chairman, Daiwa Anglo Japanese Foundation and Oxford Instruments plc*
- 1998 The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Baron **Harries** of Pentregarth (Richard Douglas Harries), MA (Cantab), Hon. DD (London; Graduate Theological Foundation, Mishawaka, Indiana), DUniv (Oxford Brookes, Open), Hon. DCL (Huddersfield), FKC, FRSL, FLSW, Hon FMedSci, HonFIBiol, *Former Bishop of Oxford*
- 2000 Ian **Clark**, MA (Glasgow, Cantab), PhD (Australian National University), FBA, FLSW, *Emeritus Professor of International Politics, Aberystwyth University*
 Sir John Stephen **Wall**, GCMG, LVO, BA (Cantab), *Former British Ambassador*
- 2002 Christopher David **Dobson**, MA, PhD (Cantab), CPhys, MInstP, *Chairman, Trikon Technologies Ltd*
- 2005 April Mary Scott **McMahon**, MA, PhD, Dr hc (Edinburgh), MA (Cantab), FBA, FRSE, FLSW, *Vice-President for Teaching, Learning and Students, University of Manchester*
 The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Baron **Sentamu** of Lindisfarne (Northumberland) and Masooli (Uganda) (John Tucker Mugabi Sentamu), PC, LLB (Makerere), MA, PhD (Cantab), DUniv (Open, York, Cumbria), Hon. DPhil (Gloucestershire), Hon. DLitt (West Indies, Sheffield), Hon. DCL (Northumbria), Hon. DD (Birmingham; Hull; Cantab; Nottingham; London; Aberdeen; Wycliffe College, Toronto; Sewanee University, Tennessee; Huron University College, London, Ontario; Durham; Liverpool Hope), Hon. LLD (Leicester, Teeside, Leeds), Hon. Dr (Birmingham City), Hon. DTheol (Chester), FRSA, *Former Archbishop of York*
- 2007 Ruth **Simmons** MA, PhD (Harvard), *Former President, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island*
- 2009 Vivian **Nutton**, MA, PhD (Cantab), FBA, Hon. FRCP, ML, *Emeritus Professor of the History of Medicine, University College London*
- 2011 Robert Dennis **Harris**, CBE, BA (Cantab), Hon. DLitt (Nottingham), *Author*
 James Hugh Calum **Laurie**, CBE, *Actor, director and author*
 General Sir Peter Anthony **Wall**, GCB, CBE, MA (Cantab), Hon. FREng, Hon. FICE, *Former Chief of the General Staff*
- 2012 Sir Adrian Frederick Melhuish **Smith**, MA (Cantab), MSc, PhD (London), Hon. DSc (City, Loughborough, Plymouth, Imperial, Ohio State), Hon. DLit (Queen Mary London), PRS, *President of the Royal Society*

- 2014 Robert Winston Humphrey **Cripps**, AM, *Former Director of Philanthropy, The Cripps Foundation*
- 2015 Thomas Anthony **Hollander**, MA (Cantab), *Actor*
- 2016 Sophie **Wilson**, CBE, MA, Hon. DSc (Cantab), FRS, FEng, DistFBCS, Hon. FIET, Hon. FIED, *Designer, ARM and BBC Microcomputer*
- 2017 The Right Honourable Baroness **Willis** of Summertown (Katherine Jane Willis), CBE, BSc (Southampton), MA (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), FGS, *Principal of St Edmund Hall Oxford; Professor of Biodiversity, University of Oxford*
- 2018 William Wynnewood **Park**, BA (Yale), JD (Columbia), MA (Cantab), *Professor of Law, Boston University*
Peter Raymond **Grant**, BA (Cantab), PhD (British Columbia), FDhc (Uppsala), Hon. DSc (McGill; San Francisco, Quito; Ohio Wesleyan; Toronto; Princeton), Dr sc hc (Zurich), FRS, FRSC, Foreign Member, Linnean Society of London, *Emeritus Professor of Biology, Princeton University*
- 2019 Nigel **Newton**, CBE, MA (Cantab), Hon. DLitt (Sussex), *Founder and Chief Executive, Bloomsbury Publishing Plc*
Zia Jaydev **Mody**, BA (Cantab), LLM (Harvard), *Co-Founder and Managing Partner, AZB & Partners*
- 2020 The Right Honourable Baron **Deben** of Winston (John Selwyn Gummer), PC, MA (Cantab), Hon. DSc (East Anglia), *Former Chairman, Committee on Climate Change*
- 2021 David **Dabydeen**, BA (Cantab), PhD (University College London), FRSL, *Director, Ameena Gafoor Institute for the Study of Indentureship and its Legacies*
The Right Honourable Lord Justice **Lewis** (Sir Clive Buckland Lewis), BA (Cantab), LLM (Dalhousie), *Lord Justice of Appeal*
- 2023 Clive Stuart **Anderson**, MA (Cantab), *Writer and broadcaster*
Richard Gordon McBride **Budgett**, OBE, MA (Cantab), MB BS (Middlesex Hospital), Dip. Sports Medicine (London Hospital); DCH, DRCOG, MRCP, FISM, FFSEM, Hon. FRCP, *Medical and Scientific Director, International Olympic Committee*
Katherine Theresa Stewart **Mathieson**, BA (Cantab), MSc (Imperial College London), Postgrad. Dip. Information Sciences (City), Postgrad. Dip. Voluntary Sector (Cass Business School), *Director, Royal Institution*
- 2024 Tobias **Billström**, MPhil (Cantab, Lund), *Former Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs*

BYE-FELLOWS

- Edmund **Birch**, BA, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *College Teaching Officer in French; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics*
- Jonathan **Bonsor-Matthews**, BA, MEng (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Engineering*
- Uradyn Erden **Bulag**, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Professor of Social Anthropology*

- Richard **Chapling**, BA, MMath (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Mathematics*
- Alexander **Cullen**, BSc (Western Australia), PhD (Melbourne), *University Associate Professor in Geography*
- Jonathan **Duquette**, PhD (Montreal), *Bye-Fellow in South Asian Religions and Philosophies*
- Paul **Elliott**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Zoology*
- Sheila **Flanagan**, MSc (York), PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Psychological and Behavioural Sciences; Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Psychology**
- Silvia **González Jové**, BA (Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona), MA, PGCE (Open), *Bye-Fellow in Spanish*
- William **Hornett**, BA (York), MA, PhD (Sheffield), *Bye-Fellow in Philosophy*
- Ellamae **Lepper**, BA, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in French**
- Rosie **Lester**, MA, MSc (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Materials Science*
- Kai **Liu**, BS (Hong Kong), MA, PhD (Johns Hopkins), *University Associate Professor in Economics*
- Samuel **McDermott**, MA (Cantab), MSc (Warwick), PhD (Sheffield), *Bye-Fellow in Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology**
- Julia **Riggs**, BA, VetMB (Cantab), Dipl. ECVS, MRCVS, *Bye-Fellow in Veterinary Medicine**
- Chris **Russell**, BA (York), *Chief Operating Officer, University Information Services*
- Noel **Rutter**, BA, PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Materials Science**
- Miriam **Schwarz**, BA, MA (Freie Universität Berlin), *Bye-Fellow in German**
- Matthew David **Smith**, MA, MSc (Cantab), PGCE, *Teaching Bye-Fellow in Mathematics for Natural Sciences*
- Richard Robert **Watts**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Computer Science**
- Stephen **Watts**, BA (Cantab), MA (Sussex), *Bye-Fellow in Education**
- Gareth **Wilkes**, MMath, DPhil (Oxon), *Henry Beker Bye-Fellow in Mathematics**
- Peter **Wilkinson**, MA, MEng, PhD (Cantab), *Teaching Bye-Fellow in Engineering*

VISITING BYE-FELLOWS

- Erin **Johnson**, BSc (Carleton University, Ottawa), PhD (Queen's University, Kingston, Canada), *Professor of Chemistry, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada*
- Jun Yeup **Kim**, BA (Tamkang University, Taiwan), MA (Korea), MPhil (Cantab), PhD (University College London), *Director and Chair of China Research Centre, Institute of Global Affairs, Kyung Hee University, South Korea*

COLLEGE TEACHING ASSOCIATES

- Akash **Alexander**, BVetMed (London), AFHEA, DipECVS, MRCVS, *Veterinary Medicine**
- Kate **Bassil**, MEng (Cantab), *Engineering*
- John **Cumner**, BA, MSci, PhD (Cantab), *Physics*
- Neil **D'Souza-Mathew**, MEng (Cantab), *Engineering*
- Stefan **Nixon**, BA (Dublin), MPhil (Cantab), *Mathematics*
- Helena Claire **Phillips-Robins**, BA, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Italian*
- Ruohan **Qin**, BSc (Nottingham), MSc (London School of Economics), MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Economics*

TREVELYAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Carlos **Camacho**, MSc (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), PhD (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

Nicolò Giovanni **Ceffa**, MSc, PhD (Milan-Bicocca)

Sophie **Richter**, BM BCh, MA (Oxon), PhD (Cantab), MRCEM, FHEA

Charles Robert Hastings **Walker**, MPhys (Southampton), PhD (Manchester)

Yue **Xie**, BEng (Hubei, China), MSc (Beihang, China), PhD (Adelaide)

HONORARY ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

The Reverend Jonathan **Collis**, MA (Cantab)

FRENCH LECTRICICE

Jade **Ouvrard**, Master (École Normale Supérieure, Lyon)

GERMAN LEKTORIN

Cornelia Barbara Elisabeth Irene **Will**, BA (Cologne), MA, MLitt (Glasgow)

RUSSIAN VISITING SCHOLAR

Anastasiia **Lositskaia**, BA, MA (Moscow State)

FELLOW BENEFACTORS

John **Bamford**, MBE, MA (Cantab)

Thomas Hugh **Bartlam**, MA (Cantab)

Christina **Dawson**, Honorary Fellow (St Catharine's College Cambridge)

Peter **Dawson**, MA (Cantab)

Robert James **Dickinson**, MA (Cantab), MBA (Manchester)

Robin Edmund **Jeffs**, MA (Cantab), MBA (Santa Clara)

Robert **Martin**, MA (Cantab)

Gareth David **Quarry**, MA (Cantab), MBA (Henley School of Management)

Katya **Speciale**, MChem (Oxon)

Jill Yvonne **Whitehouse**, MA (Cantab)

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

Catering Manager

Conference & Events Manager

Development Director

Finance Manager

Harvey Librarian

Head of Buildings & Maintenance

Head Gardener

Head Housekeeper

Head Porter

HR Manager

Sally Bird

Simon Gascoyne

Mike Nicholson

Sally Clayson

Sonya Adams

Jamie Secker

Alex Turner

Attila Guba

Helen Stephens

Liz Hewitt

IT Manager

Master's and Bursar's Assistant

Nurse and Welfare Officer

Operations Manager

Tutorial Office Manager

Dave Johnstone

Vicki Crook

Lucy Turnell

Matt Rowe

Gina Vivian-Neal



Undergraduate matriculation 2024

NEW MEMBERS IN RESIDENCE

UNDERGRADUATES

Abrams, Joshua Gabriel, *Vandyke Upper School, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire*
 Agarwal, Krish Rajendra, *Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, London*
 Ahmad, Samir, *Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, London*
 Anokye, Michelle Konadu, *Newstead Wood School, Orpington, Kent*
 Bagot, Eleanor Rose, *Dr Challoner's High School for Girls, Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire*
 Bahtchevanski-Brosnan, Ivan Todorov, *King Edward VI Camp Hill School, Birmingham*
 Bassi, Raima, *The Blue Coat School, Liverpool*
 Bavikatte, Advait, *Caldy Grange Grammar School, West Kirby, Merseyside*
 Bhatla, Riya, *London Academy of Excellence, Stratford, London*
 Bhattacharya, Arya, *King's College London Mathematics School*
 Bishop, Jerram Thomas, *St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form, Harrogate, North Yorkshire*
 Boden, Eilis Grace, *King Edward VI School, Warwick*
 Bray, Anna, *Keswick School, Cumbria*
 Bright, Isaac, *Dane Court Grammar School, Broadstairs, Kent*
 Brown, Cerys Summer, *King Edward VI Camp Hill School, Birmingham*
 Busuego, John Constantine, *Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form Free School, Norwich**
 Cammegh, Alice, *Notre Dame Catholic VI Form College, Leeds*
 Cammish, Harry Lavelle, *Scarborough College, North Yorkshire*
 Carter, Amali, *Caterham School, Surrey*
 Chan, Yi Wei Nathanael, *Raffles Junior College, Singapore*
 Chapman, Magnus Walter Humby, *Boroughmuir High School, Edinburgh*
 Chen, Chufei, *The Affiliated International School of Shenzhen, China*
 Chen, Rutong, *Shenghua Zizhu Academy, Shanghai, China*
 Chen, Sunnie, *King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls, Birmingham*
 Chowdhury, Ahnaf Akif, *The Latymer School, London*
 Chowdhury, Jumaima Hoque, *Barking and Dagenham College, London*
 Chown, Luke Nathan, *Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham*
 Chung, Elsa Shau-Ming, *The Latymer School, London*
 Clancy, Fionn William Harry, *Aylesbury Grammar School, Buckinghamshire*
 Clarke, Lucas, *Mossbourne Community Academy/Acland Burghley School, London*
 Comey, Beatrix Eleanor, *Chelmsford County High School, Essex*
 Darie, Elisabeta, *Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster, Essex*
 Deegan, Finnon Alan, *Wimbledon College, London*
 Deehan, Frankie, *Solihull School, West Midlands*
 Dickinson, Ben, *Williamwood High School, Glasgow*
 Dunnett, Luke William, *The Skinners' School, Tunbridge Wells, Kent*
 Emmett, Sophia Elizabeth, *Oxford High School GDST*
 Evans, Lana Brooke, *Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School, Rossendale, Lancashire*
 Everett, Elizabeth Anne, *Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh, Hampshire*
 Fan, Sophie Hiu Ying, *Watford Grammar School for Girls, Hertfordshire*
 Foster, Leah, *London Academy of Excellence, Tottenham*

Fox, Jaya Lily, *Mossbourne Community Academy, London*
 Gandhi, Meher, *Beaconsfield High School, Buckinghamshire*
 Gao, Shengyuan, *Shanghai World Foreign Language Academy, China*
 Gillespie, William, *Sutton Grammar School, Surrey*
 Gower, Jack, *The Highfield School, Letchworth, Hertfordshire*
 Goyal, Kavel, *St John's College, Cardiff*
 Grady, Lucy, *Notre Dame High School, Sheffield*
 Grummitt, Joshua, *The Boston Grammar School, Lincolnshire*
 Hall, Eve, *Gillingham School, Dorset*
 Hapuarachchi, Sasan Senmuthu, *King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys, Birmingham*
 Harrison, James Alexander John, *Chesham Grammar School, Buckinghamshire*
 Henderson, Dominic, *Sutton Grammar School, Surrey*
 Hu, Sijia, *Headington School, Oxford*
 Hussain, Nazim, *Walton High, Milton Keynes*
 Innes, Theo Oliver, *The Grange School, Northwich, Cheshire*
 Ireland, Leon Nicholas, *Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire*
 Islam, Rahim-Ul, *Fitzalan High School, Cardiff*
 Jenkins, Evie Grace, *Torquay Grammar School for Girls, Devon*
 Jenkins, Sanne, *Hurstpierpoint College, Sussex*
 Jiang, Peiqi, *Ruthin School, Denbighshire*
 Johnson, Annika Maria, *Academic Magnet High School, North Charleston, South Carolina, USA*
 Joshi, Anushree Niteen, *The Grammar School at Leeds*
 Kaji-Hausa, Oluwasemilore, *Caludon Castle School, Coventry*
 Kersey, Charlotte Rachel, *Canford School, Wimborne, Dorset*
 Kusuma, Chloe Alexandra, *Raffles Junior College, Singapore*
 Laddle, Alexander William, *Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire*
 Lama, Sebastian Braham, *Manchester Grammar School*
 Lehota, Filip Samuel, *City of Portsmouth College*
 Li, Renny, *Abingdon School, Oxfordshire*
 Litchfield, Harry David, *Abingdon School, Oxfordshire*
 Lui, Sum Yuet, *Diocesan Girls' School, Hong Kong*
 Luo, Yuqi, *Shenzhen College of International Education, Shenzhen, China*
 Macfarlane, Jessica Louise, *Westminster School, London*
 Matthews, Elodie, *Durham Johnston Comprehensive School, Durham*
 McGregor, Philippa Rachael, *AKS Lytham, Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire*
 Meng, Xuchen, *The Perse School, Cambridge*
 Mintowt-Czyz, Lila, *Sir John Lawes School, Harpenden, Hertfordshire*
 Molloy, Declan James, *Colyton Grammar School, Devon*
 Morgan, Tabitha Olivia Mary, *Queen Anne's School, Reading, Berkshire*
 Nicol, Ella, *Nonsuch High School for Girls, Sutton, Surrey*
 Nikoghosyan, Laura, *East Norfolk Sixth Form College*
 O'Donovan, Rebecca, *Ulverston Victoria High School, Cumbria*
 Oh, Chin Aik, *Hwa Chong Institution, Singapore*
 Olechowski, Julian Maria, *The British School, Warsaw, Poland*
 Oliver, Emily Jayne, *Greenhead College, Huddersfield*
 Pandhal, Arrandeep Singh, *Ark John Keats Academy, London*

Paterson, Louisa Alice, *St Swithun's School, Winchester*
 Paveley, Leo Carlos, *Copleston High School Ipswich, Suffolk*
 Pine, Samuel Jaames, *St Margaret Ward Catholic College, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire*
 Price, Lucy, *Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form, Essex*
 Purcell, Eleanor Rose, *Colchester Royal Grammar School, Essex*
 Pye, Samuel Lewis, *Newcastle-under-Lyme College, Staffordshire*
 Quist, Michel, *Harrow School, London*
 Rae, Rebecca Naomi, *St Clement Danes School, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire*
 Rahman, Mahja, *Brampton Manor Academy, London*
 Reed, Jadon, *Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology*
 Rich, Maxwell, *Wilson's School, Sutton, Surrey*
 Roychowdhury, Shreya, *Dame Alice Owen's School, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire*
 Schawsmidht, Imani Lucinda Shirmet, *Sheffield High School for Girls*
 Scott, Asha Eve, *The Garibaldi School, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire*
 Singh, Manav, *The Judd School, Tonbridge, Kent*
 Smith, Faron, *Jesmond Park Academy, Newcastle upon Tyne*
 So, Hoi Ting, *Diocesan Girls' School, Hong Kong*
 Stevens, Carter, *City of London School*
 Sugak, Patrick, *Horsforth School, Leeds*
 Tai, Zi Heng Wyatt, *St Paul's Co-Educational College, Hong Kong*
 Talreja, Monisha, *Enniskillen Royal Grammar School, County Fermanagh*
 Thompson, Max Alexander, *The King's Priory School, Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear*
 Tiwary, Aditya, *Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, London*
 Valuckas, Rokas, *Vilnius Lyceum, Vilnius, Lithuania*
 Waddington, Jacob, *Thomas Rotherham College, Rotherham, South Yorkshire*
 Wang, Sze Ting, *Shenzhen College of International Education, Shenzhen, China*
 Wang, Xianchen, *Guangdong Country Garden School, Foshan City, China*
 Waring, Robert, *Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge*
 Welberry Smith, Sophie Joy, *Allerton High Business & Enterprise Specialist School, Leeds*
 Xu, Duan, *Beijing New Talent Academy, Beijing, China*
 Xu, Manyi, *Nanjing New Channel School, Nanjing, China*

*We record with sadness the death of John Constantine (Jaycee) Busuego in May 2025.

POSTGRADUATES

Addison, Kirstie Poy, *University of Exeter*: Creative Writing
 Adelegan, Oreoluwa Taiwo, *University of Birmingham*: Development Studies
 Al Saidi, Sam, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine
 Albrighton, Frederick Arthur, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Veterinary Medicine
 Ali-Patel, Aamir Sazid, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine
 Atiomo, William Olutomiwa Osegie, *University of Birmingham*: Writing for Performance
 Bakhtigaliyeva, Katerina Samatovna, *University College London*: Scientific Computing
 Barrell, Alice Macdonald, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine
 Bauer, Sebastian Hermann, *Technical University Munich, Germany*: Radiology

Baylis, Zachary Andrew Christopher, *Imperial College London*: Industrial Systems, Manufacture and Management
 Belanger, Roman, *Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium*: Economics
 Bowyer, Alastair John, *University of St Andrews*: Philosophy
 Branjord, Kari Ann, *University of Minnesota, USA*: History
 Browne, Anna Nicole, *University of Dublin Trinity College, Ireland*: Development Studies
 Buescher, Fabia, *Universität Zürich, Switzerland*: English
 Burgess Rollo, Jacob Alexander, *Durham University*: Creative Writing
 Butterfill Pace, Rachel, *Girton College Cambridge*: Creative Writing
 Castellino, Marcela, *Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina*: Conservation Leadership
 Chai, Xiangyi, *University of Waterloo, Canada*: Engineering
 Chalim, Eko Octavianus, *Universitas Katolik Parahyangan, Indonesia*: Conservation Leadership
 Charlesworth, Edith Elizabeth, *Selwyn College*: History of Art and Architecture
 Cheek, Martha Grace, *University of Manchester*: Politics and International Studies
 Chen, Danye, *Imperial College London*: Pharmacology
 Chen, Yun-Hsin, *National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan*: MBA
 Chu, Adelia Sicheng, *Newnham College Cambridge*: Physics
 Cornford, Henry George Frederick, *Selwyn College*: Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
 Crump, Chandler Bliss, *New York University, USA*: Creative Writing
 Csakany, Bence, *Selwyn College*: Chemistry
 Dash, Adarsh Kumar, *IISER Berhampur (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research), India*: Physics
 Dexter, Aaron John, *University of Lincoln*: Pharmacology
 Downton, Jessica Kalina, *University College Oxford*: Archaeological Research
 Dziekan, Zofia Urszula, *Uniwersytet Warszawski, Poland*: Physics (Interdisciplinary Nanoscience and Nanotechnology)
 Elliott, Chloe, *Durham University*: History of Art and Architecture
 Eng, Matthew, *San José State University, USA*: Applied Criminology and Police Management
 Esparza, Alberto: Applied Criminology and Police Management
 Eves, Stuart, *University of Nottingham*: Medical Education
 Flower, Luke Callum, *University of Bristol*: Medicine
 Gibson, Ana Georgi, *Durham University*: American History
 Gibson, Brodie Walter, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Veterinary Medicine
 Grennell, Bret Dean: Applied Criminology and Police Management
 Gupta, Shwetabh, *Imperial College London*: Physics
 Hains, Peter, *Nottingham Trent University*: Writing for Performance
 Harris, Courtney, *Cedarville University, Ohio, USA*: History
 Hayes, Ryan, *Selwyn College*: Education
 Henderson, Scott Robert, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine
 Hill, Maria-Ella-May, *Lancaster University*: Creative Writing
 Hipkin, Matthew Scott Love, *Homerton College Cambridge*: Early Modern History
 Imprachim, Nergis, *Koç University, Turkey*: Chemistry
 Islam, Riana, *St Catharine's College Cambridge*: Economic Research
 Ispahani, Mirza Iraj Iraj, *School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London*: Sustainability Leadership

Jessop, Emily Kate, *Durham University*: Cancer Biology
 Jessup, Beau Rose, *London School of Economics & Political Science*: Writing for Performance
 Jiang, Yuxin, *Zhejiang University, China*: Digital Humanities
 Jyothi Isaac Susan, Andrew, *Mahatma Gandhi University, India*: Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion
 Kabaeva, Benazir, *American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan*: Conservation Leadership
 Kailwoo, Anish, *Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, India*: MBA
 Kanagarajah, Kaavya, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine
 Kicek, Oliwia Daria, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Veterinary Medicine
 Kingston, Olivia Mair, *University of York*: Writing for Performance
 Kopcke, Kirini Helga, *Christ Church Oxford*: Creative Writing
 Kornai, Daniel, *University College London*: Engineering
 Kronewiter, Kai Markus, *Technical University Munich, Germany*: Biotechnology
 Kvarsnes, Levi Andre, *Universitetet i Oslo, Norway*: Modern European History
 Lapera Sancho, Martina, *Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain*: Machine Learning and Machine Intelligence
 Layne, Elinor Marchant, *University of St Andrews*: Heritage Studies
 Lee, Ka Ching Shelly, *Goldsmiths, University of London*: Sociology
 Limón Arvizu, Paola Fernanda, *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico*: European, Latin American and Comparative Literatures and Cultures
 Liu, Longxi, *Sichuan University, China*: Economic Research
 Liu, Wanbo, *Zhongshan (Sun Yatsen) University, China*: Planning, Growth and Regeneration
 Lowe, Elliot Alfred, *University College London*: Quantitative Climate and Environmental Science
 Lunn, Felix Edmund, *Selwyn College*: European, Latin American, and Comparative Literatures and Cultures
 Ma, Xiao, *University of Minnesota, USA*: Film and Screen Studies
 Machado da Silva Balula, Carlos, *Universidade do Porto, Portugal*: History
 Martell, John, *University of Edinburgh*: English Studies
 Martin-Lacroix, Clara, *Sciences PO, Institut d'études politiques de Paris, France*: Creative Writing
 McDougall, George Martin Timothy, *University of York*: Genomic Medicine
 McKillop, Séamus Duncan, *Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia*: Sociology
 Meinecke, Lea, *University of Glasgow*: Master of Law
 Melfa, Victor Joseph, *Babson College, Massachusetts, USA*: History
 Mikaitis, Marijonas, *Vilniaus universitetas, Lithuania*: Politics and International Studies
 Millard Watkins, Benjamin, *University of Bristol*: Energy Technologies
 Miller, Hebe Sophia, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine
 Mulholland, Niamh, *Harvard University, USA*: Physics (Nanoscience and Nanotechnology)
 Nestor, Kevin Patrick, *University of Colorado at Boulder, USA*: Applied Criminology and Police Management
 Ng, Natalie, *Imperial College London*: Biological Science at the Department of Pathology
 Ninham, Katharine, *Durham University*: Physics (Nanoscience and Nanotechnology)

O'Driscoll, Aidan Finbarr, *California Polytechnic State University, USA*: Applied Criminology and Police Management
 Ortiz, Dustin Brandon, *University of Central Florida, USA*: Applied Criminology and Police Management
 Pandit, Rujuta, *Dartmouth College, USA*: Engineering for Sustainable Development
 Pankhania, Pooja, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine
 Parish, Stefanie Rei, *Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, USA*: American History
 Patil, Prachi, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Medicine
 Pei, Fangzhou, *Communication University of China*: Sociology
 Perez, Oscar Alberto, *Selwyn College*: Physics
 Pflugbeil, Clemens Maria, *Universität Wien, Austria*: History
 Phillips, Charlotte Helena, *Durham University*: Chemistry
 Rachel, Carolina Ingrid, *Zeppelin Universität, Friedrichshafen, Germany*: Technology Policy
 Rasmussen, Jonas Nygaard, *University of Edinburgh*: Economic Research
 Redmayne, Maisy Olivia, *Selwyn College*: Clinical Veterinary Medicine
 Sadik, Yousuf, *University of Manchester*: Social Innovation
 Salmon, Philippa Rose, *University of York*: English Studies
 Schute, James Ernst, *University of York*: Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
 Stanbury, Sidney Alfred, *University College London*: Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics
 Su, Charles, *University of Melbourne, Australia*: History
 Tagliaferri, Natasha, *University of Pennsylvania, USA*: Real Estate Finance
 Tregear, Guy James Robertson, *University of Exeter*: Politics and International Studies
 Tudor, Samuel Miles Athelstan, *Durham University*: Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion
 Tyler, Grace Bethany, *University of Bristol*: Creative Writing
 Ustynovych-Repa, Michael Anthony, *University College London*: Modern British History
 Van Annan, Amanda, *Berlin School of Creative Leadership, Germany*: Writing for Performance
 Van Zandt, Peter James: Applied Criminology and Police Management
 Viejo González, Jesús, *Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey Estado de México*: History
 Whitten, Daniel, *King's College London*: Criminology
 Xu, Zichen, *King's College London*: History
 Yang, Kexin, *Universiteit van Amsterdam, Netherlands*: Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
 Yang, Peilin, *University of Manchester*: Sociology
 Yin, Yushu, *Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China*: Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
 Yogendran, Sangeetha, *National University of Singapore*: Social Innovation
 Zhang, Dantong, *City University of Hong Kong*: Digital Humanities
 Zhou, Yue, *Communication University of China*: Digital Humanities
 Zislin, Luca, *University of California, Berkeley, USA*: Politics and International Studies

SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

In 2024 the following students were either elected to the title of Scholar (T), elected to a Scholarship (S) or re-elected to a Scholarship (R):

Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic	N E Vienne Bannan (R)
Architecture	A Basu (S)
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	B C Corry (S)
	Z Ridawi (S)
Chemical Engineering	L N R Wilkinson (T)
Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology	H K Kantarek (S)
	S Maitreejit (S)
Classics	E C Lester (S)
Computer Sciences	L Choteborsky (R)
	D Hazra (R)
	A Zhu (S)
Economics	B A Bailey (S)
	J J Baxendale (S)
	H D J Emery (S)
	I Hong (S)
	P Mehrotra (S)
	C L I Ng (S)
	S Rogers (S)
	J Xu (S)
	O T Yerifor (S)
Education	J A Boardman (S)
Engineering	J Chen (R)
	D Huang (S)
	R R Lalwani (S)
	T Y N Sia (S)
	C P Walsh (S)
	C D Wordsworth (S)
	Q Ye (R)
English	S-G Akande (S)
	E M Davis (S)
	J J Kerridge (T)
	F M Ridley (T)
	A Yeung (S)
Geography	J M Broughton (S)
	J F Riggs (T)
	K W S Roberts (S)
	J J Saville (T)
History	R P Boote (S)
	I F Hillsdon (S)
	M H Islam (T)

History of Art
History and Modern Languages
Human, Social and Political Sciences

Land Economy

Law

Manufacturing Engineering

Mathematics

Medical Sciences

Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics

Music

Natural Sciences

E E Charlesworth (T)
J J Betts (R)
N M Banas (S)
L T Chandler (S)
R Elshazali (T)
S F Fenton (S)
M H K Hole (R)
N Iyer (S)
A Y Y Leung (S)
I V Shah (T)
A Chockkalingam (R)
A I Katz (S)
A I Moogan (T)
A A L Rutherford (T)
F-D Crâznic (R)
E M Knowles (S)
D J Dale (S)
Z Jiang (S)
K Song (R)
C A Telfer (R)
I Lee (S)
S Gupta (R)
T A Lomax (S)
D M W O'Shea (S)
M Rajeeva (S)
M Vella (S)
R Azouri (S)
W F Fleury (S)
M H Grey (S)
E Kitchen (T)
T L Masters (R)
J D Thompson (S)
I E Tyler (S)
A Yuen (S)
M N Budack (S)
J-Y L P Tsai (S)
A L Armiger (S)
A E Barrington (S)
J Chan (S)
A T Colesmith (R)
O Dai (R)
L C B Debaig (S)
O D Kicek (T)
J A Long (T)
D P O'Keefe (S)
P B Parker (S)

Philosophy	J Qiao (R) T X Stangroome (R) D P W Thomas (T) C D Williams (R) Y Zhao (S) A J R Christie-Miller (S) E Manton (S) E B Warr (S) E E Mayhew (S) A Smyth (S)	Baxter (Natural Sciences) Tony Bland (Music) Borradaile (Natural Sciences) Braybrook (Natural Sciences) Carr	T J Kehoe A C Field C D Williams A L Armiger A M Barrell L Choteborsky S L I N g H D J Emery I F Hillsdon L T Chandler R Elshazali M H K Hole I V Shah B T J Harper M K Rudge H T Batchelor T L Masters S Maitreejit L N R Wilkinson S Gupta A Smyth E E Charlesworth T J Kehoe E Kitchen C P Walsh E B Warr A L Armiger J Gu S P Hollis E A Mumford C D Wordsworth
Tripes Prizes			
Archaeology	I A Bunting	Cross (Economics)	
Architecture	A Aliev	Fairest (Law)	
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	J A Ayers	Frost (Mathematics/Computer Science)	
Classics	B M Brewer	Gilbert (Modern Languages)	
Computer Sciences	T D Chandler	Hargreaves (Chemical Engineering)	
Economics	H T Batchelor		
Education	B T J Harper	Hargreaves (Medicine)	
Engineering	J Li	Hargreaves (Veterinary Medicine)	
English	A P Saravanan	John and Myra Harris	
Law	K A Harrison		
Manufacturing Engineering	M K Rudge		
Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics	J M M Saunders	Harrison (Engineering)	
	F Baroni	Haworth-Gray (Theology)	
	M L Brown	Jagpal	
	T A Daniels		
	A K Lane	Christopher Johnson	
	F E Lunn		
	J W A Moyse	Matsumoto-Bowring	
Music	A C Field	(Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)	
Natural Sciences	A S Ali-Patel	Melbourne	
	A M Barrell	Powrie Scholarship (Engineering)	
	P A Collins	Ratcliffe	
	B Csakany		
	R C Incley	Sanders (English)	
	T J Kehoe		
	W K A Lam	Scruby	
	H S Miller		
Named Prizes			
Abraham (Modern Languages)	M H Grey		
Adams (Engineering)	F E Lunn	Searle (Mathematics)	
Ball/1987 Fund (Engineering)	F Baroni	W Selwyn	
	A P Saravanan		

Siddans (Natural Sciences)
Sing (Classics)
Steers
Tallow Chandlers

Bill Turnbull (Clinical Medicine)
Whitehead (History)

College Prizes

Economics
English
Engineering

Medical Sciences

Postgraduate Prizes

Clinical Medicine
Clinical Veterinary Medicine

Named Prizes (Non-Tripos)

Appleton (Chapel Reading)
Appleton (Three-Minute Competition)

Edith Ray (Vocal Award)
Roe (Musical Performance)
Williamson (Musical Performance)

MUSIC AWARDS

Assistant Organists

S G Godfrey
S M Hart

Choral Exhibitions

New elections
M W H Chapman
E S-M Chung
F Deehan
C A Ho
J L Macfarlane

P A Collins
T D Chandler
I A Bunting
C Williams
O Zogi Shala
D C J Oh
M H Islam

A J Stuart
C James Batten
B Domb
B Tudor
A L Synowiec

D C J Oh
R M Bell
K E Lee

L Emmanuel
E E Charlesworth
M P J Doyle
J L Kandiah
J Simon
K J Mann
A V A Garziglia
A C Field

Re-elected
A C Bolster
M N Budack
J Chan
A E Mumford
G W Nicholson
L M O'Hanlon
J-Y L P Tsai

John Sweet Postgraduate Choral Scholar
R Hayes
V M Salenius
C E M Stewart

Instrumental award
L A Paterson

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

The following awards were made in the academic years 2022-23 and 2023-24:

Archaeology	Anglia Television Part IIb Prize	I A Bunting
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies:	Cambridge Toshiba Incentive Scholarship	M Sasakawa
	Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation Scholarship	M Sasakawa
	Japan and the World Graduate Scholarship	M Sasakawa
	Michael Loewe Prize	B C Corry
	Middle Eastern Studies Part Ia Tripos Prize	Z Ridawi
Business Studies	MBA ROMBA Fellowship for the LGBTQIA+ Community	Y Kim
Chemistry	Emeleus Prize	T J Kehoe
	Johnson Matthey Prize	T J Kehoe
	Norrish Prize	B Csakany
	Postgraduate Travel Grant	S Yorke
Classics	Corbett and Countess Martinengo Travel Awards	E Chandler
	Members' Greek Reading Prize	K Jennings
	Members' Greek Translation Prize	E Lester
	Henry Arthur Thomas Travel Exhibition	E Lester
	Wace Medal	N Egan
		T D Chandler
Computer Science and Technology	Highly Commended Prize for Part III Project	H Batchelor
Criminology	Sir Richard Mayne Award	D Whitten
Engineering	Lego Project Prize	D Logan
		S Mathialagan
		O V Muthu
		L Pivovarsky
	MET Ila Major Project Prize	D J Dale
	Part IIb Div D Project Presentation Prize	A M Burakowski
Geography	William Vaughan Lewis Dissertation Prize	J F Riggs
	University Fieldwork Fund Award	E Goniea
History	Members' History Grant	V Sands
	Sara Norton Grant	J Harris
		S Lanevi

History of Art	Part IIb Dissertation Prize	E Charlesworth
Law	Rebecca Flower Squire Fund Scholarship	F Craznic J Saunders
Materials Science	Armourers and Brasiers European Placement Prize	P Sokolinski
	Department Demonstrator Prize	R B A Lester
Modern and Medieval Languages: Cambridge Ukrainian	Studies Prize	W Fleury
	D H Green Prize	A Lane
	Kurt Hahn Prize	F Lunn
	PhD Research Fund	W Ni X Wang
Music	William Barclay Squire Essay Prize	S T Bell
Zoology	John Stanley Gardiner Studentship	D Halali
Winifred Georgina Holgate-Pollard Memorial Prize		A I Moogan I V Shah
Mary Euphrasia Mosley Travel Award		P Dash W Gaitho
Worts Travelling Scholars Grant		R. Cantwell

DEGREES CONFERRED

The College congratulates the following members who have been awarded Cambridge degrees between August 2024 and July 2025.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

C J Anderson
S Brechenmacher
T D Carrigan Donfrancesco
M Chukanova
E I A-R de Montpellier de Vedrin
R Demattè
M Dogar
A C Faessler
L Gerlach
D H James
J C Kelsall
E M Lowe
S MacMillan
A Margeloiu
S Ming
P N Muiru
K M Patel
O K Petocz

G A Rayson
J S I Tan
M B Tounkara
R G Turnbull
M Varga
E K S Wabuke
J C Wiles
S Wisgrill
Y Wu
X Zhan
A X Zhou

Master of Arts (MA)

C J Abel
K Agkastiniotis
K R Allick
E M Allison
E A Argun
M C Armstrong-Sobolewski

A Arora
E M Bagg
G Barber
T E Barker-Weinberger
Z E J Belcher
R E Bell
R M Bell
J L H Bishop
H H Blades
C M Bohan
S E Boughton
A K Brady
T S Brook
J R Brookes
T A Brown
K L Bushell
R V N Cardoza
C H Chai
C S H Chan
G J Chim
J Cozens
M S Doherty
M Doyle
T H Edwards
L E G Ettinghausen
E Filimonova
B Fonarkov
N I Forbes
J L A Frost
J E T R Fung
L Gál
M R Glover
S K Gordon
K Gu
M M Hackett
J Haustein
A L Hilgert
S G Holmes
S L Hurd-Thomas
C D Inman
S Jia
S J W S Johnston
E D Jones
S C Kingsley
O I Kitov
Y Y N Lam

E M Lannaud
V Lazar
K E Lee
C S C Leedham
J Li
H Y Lui
H M A Messervy-Whiting
L G F Metais
H A Michel
M A Mills
A M N Monaghan
A P Mullen
M Murashko
H R Mutton
W C Ng
L E Oakes
Z L C R X Oh
T A Osborn
M-H Oteju
R R Patel
T A Paterson
G Phillips
M R Poynting
D J Roe
S A Sama
H Santos Aleman
C J Scholes
O T Schonle
S Shah
F E Sharkey
P Sheppard
L She-Yin
C M Stansfield
M J Stephens-Jones
H Su
M K Swarbrooke
G M Taylor
J S Taylor
G Y Uong
C A S Ware
G R Watts
A F Webb
H F Webb
M G West
N R Wheeler
E J Wilson

M Y Wong
O L Wright
M C Zhang
W Zhang
Y Zhang
X Zhou
Y Zhou

Master of Law (LLM)

L Meinecke

Master of Research (MRes)

N Mulholland
K Ninham

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

O T Adelegan
J Baxter
S T Bell
R Berlanger
L M Bhuyan
A J Bowyer
L Chang
M G Cheek
C M Cheshire
M M Chow
J R Corcoran
H G F Cornford
M D Curtis
D Dorey Rodriguez
L E Emanuel
L-G M E A Ferrante
M J Geser-Stark
E Goniea
E Honnor
A M Knight
H Li
T A Li
P F Limón Arvizu
J Martell
M Mikaitis
J Mitty
C C Panopio
S R Parish
R-A Russell-Jones
Y K Sahlegiorgis

P R Salmon
B Stamenov
I Taghaddosinejad
X Tan
G J R Tregear
J C Wiles
Z Wu
K Yang
X Zhang
C Zhao

Master of Architecture (MArch)

M E Gurdal

**Master of Mathematics and
Bachelor of Arts (BA & MMath)**

R Conway
C A Telfer
T D Wen

**Master of Engineering and Bachelor of
Arts (BA & MEng)**

L Chotěborský
B Domb
T P Hire
A Karim
R X W Lin
L I Raimondi Soriano
A S Vernekar
H Wu

**Master of Business Administration
(MBA)**

Y Kim
S Memela

**Master of Natural Sciences and
Bachelor of Arts (BA & MSci)**

A L Armiger
A R Berry
A Choudhury
A T Colesmith
C E M Dickson
R A Driver
M J Fall
J Gu

S Hutton
A V Karthikeyan
L Mason
L G M Rooney
P Sokolinski
C D Williams

Master of Studies (MSt)

N Al Khouri
A P Bramwell
M C Bree
E L Buist
J P Butcher
R J S Cantwell
J H Cao
E R Collier
T S Dahlby
H F Demir
J Derilo
T M Desai
A V Driver
M Gallagher
P Gillies
D P Gundtoft
Z Guo
J Habib
K N Haynes
H W Henderson
H Klaus
L Lee
M L Lombardi
I J Maeland
S McGrath
S Minhas
H M G Mumford-Yeo
J H N Ngo
B Y F Peralta
V C Sands
R G Shingles
R C Skelly
K A Smart
J E Smith
J S Sparkes
E A Spivey
S Stein
A C Swift

R Tarry-Khan
T L Wallace
N L Walter
B Wilson
A R Wright
R Young

Bachelor of Medicine (MB)

A Arora
R E Bell
L E G Ettinghausen
L E Oakes

Bachelor of Surgery (BChir)

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**Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine
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A M G Bleunven
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K L Rugg-Gunn
H F Scott

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

S Agrawal
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K Aldous-Wilson
L G Alford
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E M Aspin
V V Badgeri
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A Basu
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**Bachelor of Theology for Ministry
(BTh)**

A V A Garziglia

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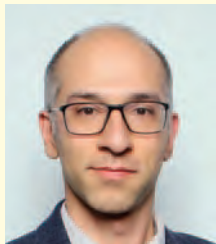
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NEW FELLOWS



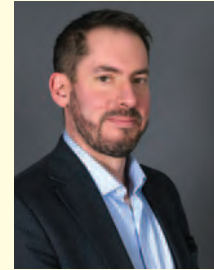
Claudia Domenici joined Selwyn in October 2024. She completed her undergraduate studies in Modern Languages at the University of Pisa and her postgraduate studies (MA in Language Studies, specialising in translation theory) at the University of Lancaster. She oversees the language programme for the Tripos in Italian, teaches and examines at all levels of the Tripos, contributes to the Faculty's postgraduate language-teaching training programme and has been actively involved with the Italian section and Faculty outreach and access

programme since her appointment. Claudia's areas of interest and expertise are in language-teaching methodology (with special attention to the ab-initio level), the creation of language teaching material, the interaction of language and culture in language teaching with a focus on the development of a transnational perspective, translation studies, the integration of multimedia in language and culture teaching, the language development and assessment of the year abroad. Her current scholarship projects are looking at the use of the interview as a language-learning tool that integrates essential aspects of language and cultures and develops all four language skills (speaking, listening, writing and reading) and the use of self-reflection as a development tool in the language learner's experience.



Iman Tavakkolnia joined Selwyn in October 2024. He is an assistant professor with the Electrical Engineering Division in the Department of Engineering, an academic member of the University's LiFi Research and Development Centre and an academic strategic working group member of the UK Telecoms Innovation Network. His research focuses on optical wireless technologies, optical sensing and space communication systems, with a particular emphasis on advancing the fundamental understanding of energy efficiency in both current and next-generation communication technologies. His work operates at the intersection of communication theory, advanced materials, signal processing and optical communications.

He was recently awarded a General Support Technology Programme grant by the European Space Agency and the UK Space Agency. This project aims to develop an optical inter-satellite link utilising the UK supply chain, thereby enhancing sovereign UK capabilities in space communications. He is also a co-investigator on two UK telecoms hubs (TITAN and HASC) funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and on the REASON project, funded under the Future Open Networks Research Challenge by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology. These projects involve leading universities and industry partners with an aim to define the architecture, develop technologies and provide solutions for future communication networks focusing on the UK telecommunications ecosystem and supply chain. He is an editor of *IEEE Transactions on Communications* and *IEEE Communication Letters* and has been the chair of several workshops for flagship conferences in the field of communications.



Andrew Jackson is the University's Director of Research Services and joined Selwyn in the spring of 2025. He is responsible for the leadership and coordination of Cambridge's research support functions, covering the full research lifecycle, including policy development, service design and operational delivery. He works in partnership with professional service and academic leaders, and external stakeholders to ensure that research support is effective, efficient and aligned with academic and policy priorities.

Andrew joined Cambridge in 2024, bringing over two decades of experience in research management, innovation and knowledge exchange. He has held senior roles at York, Durham and Hull, where he led institutional reforms and developed strategic frameworks to improve service quality, increase research income and strengthen engagement with external partners, often through the leadership of large, multi-functional teams. Earlier in his career, he worked in industry and technical consultancy, including roles at Siemens, Canon and Nokia.

He plays an active role in national and international research policy. He has chaired the Russell Group Research Directors Forum, contributed to European policy through the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators, and serves on the Oversight Committee of the Science and Technology Facilities Council's GRIDPP (Grid for Particle Physics) project, which delivers the compute infrastructure for particle physics research, including for the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.

A chartered engineer with a PhD in Electronics, Andrew has published on research strategy, institutional change and research impact, as well as in the fields of surface physics and radar systems. He has also delivered consultancy and training on research policy, impact and commercialisation in the UK and internationally.

FELLOWS-ELECT



Benedick McDougall is a classicist working principally in Greek literature; he joins Selwyn in October 2025 as the Centenary Research Fellow. He came up to Cambridge in 2016, completing his Bachelor's degree, MPhil and PhD at Corpus Christi as a Richard Claverhouse Jebb Scholar. His research focuses on texts collected over long periods of time and the experience of temporal layering and disjunction within them. His doctoral work centred on the Greek Anthology, a Byzantine compendium collecting short poems on love, death and religious dedications which had been composed over the course

of more than a millennium. He is now embarking on a project on the poetics of anthologised prophecy in ancient Greece, while adapting his thesis into a monograph. As part of his work on ancient and medieval Greek anthologies and their subsequent scholarly reception he is also interested in comparative literary study, particularly within the ancient Chinese and Sanskrit anthological traditions.



Lily Whittler joins Selwyn as the Kavli Institute Gavin Boyle Fellow in October 2025. She completed her PhD in Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Arizona as a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow after receiving her Bachelor's degrees in Physics and Mathematics from Arizona State University. Lily is an observational astrophysicist with research interests in cosmic re-ionisation and the formation and evolution of the first galaxies within the first billion years after the Big Bang.

PROMOTIONS

We congratulate the following Fellows whose promotions, from 1 October 2025, have been announced by the University: to professor (grade 12) **Professor Shaun Larcum** (Land Economy) and **Dr Eloy De Lera Acedo** (Physics); to professor (grade 11) **Dr Ronita Bardhan** (Architecture), **Dr Christopher Briggs** (History), **Dr Marta Halina** (History and Philosophy of Science) and our Bye-Fellow **Dr Kai Liu** (Economics). In Selwyn, **Dr Lotte Reinbold** has been promoted to college associate professor, also from 1 October.

DEPARTING FELLOW

Dr Leonardo Impett resigned his Fellowship during the year to take up a five-year research grant from the Max Planck Society to work at the Biblioteca Heriziana in Rome.

NEWS OF FELLOWS

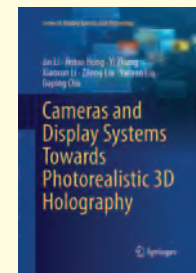
The Master has been writing for national newspapers in addition to his duties in the College. He wrote a News Review lead story for the *Sunday Times* on Gary Lineker and his relationship with the BBC, and he analysed the current state of free speech in universities for the *Telegraph*. He has also contributed to the *New Statesman* and the *Independent*, and his broadcast appearances in the past year included the *Today* programme, *ITV News* and *Sky News*. He wrote a chapter for a book about populism and the challenges for traditional media and aims to continue this work, with a broader range of subjects, in the future. Roger has also become a trustee of the Richmond Society in London, where he will be in charge of their communications. Two of the existing trustees (Barbara Allen and Stephen Speak) are Selwyn alumni.

Dr Zeina Al Azmeh has had an active year, contributing to both academic and public discourse. She contributed a chapter, 'Stop the performance! Cancel culture in the contemporary academy' to the book *Dramatic Intellectuals*, edited by Javier Pérez-Jara and Nicolás Rudas (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2025), and an article on the Syrian revolution

to *Allegra Lab*. She delivered several talks, including at the Cambridge Sociology Seminar Series on 'The struggle for meaning in post-Assadist Syria' and the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies seminar series. She also co-organised and presented at the Hannah Arendt workshop and participated in international discussions, such as a podcast with the Higher Education, States of Precarity and Conflict project funded by UK Research and Innovation. In her editorial roles, she was appointed associate editor for *Cogent Social Sciences* and continues her work on the editorial board of *Cultural Sociology* and as reviews editor for the *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*. Additionally, Zeina now serves as chair of the Board of Trustees for the Syrian Academics and Researchers' Network, overseeing multiple events funded by an Arts and Humanities Research Council grant she secured with a colleague at the University of Sussex last year.

Dr Anita Balakrishnan was an invited speaker at the American Hepatopancreatobiliary Association meeting in Miami in March 2025 and at the European-African Hepatopancreatobiliary Association in June, delivering a talk on the OMEGA multicentre study on surgery for gallbladder cancer, the largest such study in the world to date. The OMEGA study, of which Anita is the chief investigator, published a paper in the *British Journal of Surgery Open* and developed a new predictive model to identify patients who might have involved lymph nodes and need further treatment for their gallbladder cancer. Anita was appointed chair of the Scientific and Research Committee for the European-African Hepatopancreatobiliary Association in June 2025, the main European society for surgeons of the liver, bile ducts and pancreas. She was also elected a member of the Specialty Advisory Committee for General Surgery in the UK, the panel that oversees training and certification of abdominal surgeons within the UK.

Dr Chris Briggs contributed to the blog series 'Top of the Campops: 60 things you didn't know about family, marriage, work and death since the Middle Ages', launched to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure. He also appeared on the 'Gone Medieval' podcast where he discussed the reign of King Edward III, the focus of his Cambridge Part II Special Subject.



Professor Daping Chu is a co-author of *Cameras and Display Systems Towards Photorealistic 3D Holography* (Cham: Springer, 2023) which presents recent advances in three-dimensional imaging and display frameworks, encompassing three categories of 3D imaging and display technologies. Including an investigative roadmap for future progress in optical imaging and 3D display systems, this book is intended for scientists and engineers in academia and industry who are interested in next-generation imaging and display concepts for three-dimensional visual sensing systems.

Ken Coutts retired from the College's Investment Committee in May 2025 after fifty years of membership. As the only Economics Fellow at the time, he was put onto the Investment Committee in October 1975. He comments that, in the 1970s, 'Investment

advice from the stockbroker was often gossip relayed around the City, rather than analytical and backed by statistics. With more professional investment management, the College's endowment has grown enormously.'

Peter Fox lectured to the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society in Belfast on the Irish buildings constructed by Frederick Hervey, the eighteenth-century Bishop of Derry and Earl of Bristol, who was also responsible for the building of Ickworth house in Suffolk.

Dr Jessica Gardner is chairing the Programme Board which has oversight of the refurbishment of the History Faculty building on the Sidgwick Site. After almost sixty years of continuous use, the Grade II* listed building, designed by James Stirling, is showing significant signs of wear. A refurbishment is required to safeguard it for future generations and to meet the needs of the University, the Faculty of History and the Seeley Library (which is temporarily housed in the main University Library building). Jessica is also working with architects Herzog & de Meuron on long-term space planning for the University Library.

Dr Marta Halina has been awarded a Pilkington Prize by the University; these prizes are awarded to individuals who make a substantial contribution to the teaching programme of a department, faculty or the University as a whole. The awards were initiated by Sir Alastair Pilkington, who believed that the quality of teaching was crucial to the University's success.



Professor David Holton was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki at a ceremony in October 2024 (see photo). The large audience included nine of his former Cambridge PhD students, from Athens and Birmingham as well as Thessaloniki. In the course of his stay he gave two interviews for television and one for radio. A shortened version of his speech for this occasion appeared in an Athens literary magazine. He published two

books during the year: a scholarly edition of a sixteenth-century poem on the Apocryphal *Story of Susanna*, in collaboration with his former PhD student Tasoula Markomihelaki (SE 1988); and a volume (co-edited with Io Manolessou) entitled *The Greek Language after Antiquity: Advances and Challenges in Historical Linguistics* (Abingdon: Routledge/British School at Athens, 2025). In May he gave a talk about the Susanna volume at a Selwyn Fellows' evening and in July delivered a keynote lecture at a conference in Crete. By way of relaxation, he continues to sing with the Ely Choral Society, most recently in a performance of Verdi's exciting – and very loud – *Requiem*.

Professor Sir Colin Humphreys has been awarded a £6.4 million five-year grant by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council for 'enabling net zero and the AI

revolution with ultra-low energy 2D materials and devices', plus an additional £2 million from over twenty UK industries. He is the project lead at Queen Mary University of London, where he is now based, and is working with partner universities Glasgow and Nottingham. He has also delivered invited keynote lectures at international conferences in Abu Dhabi, Montreal and Frankfurt, and given the Vaden Miles Memorial Lecture at Wayne State University in Detroit.



Dr Alex Jenkins has been awarded a Stephen Hawking Fellowship, a three-year grant funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council. This will support his research into cosmological phase transitions as well as an outreach project using interactive simulations to share this science with school-age children. Alex organised a successful one-day conference on gravitational waves at the Kavli Institute for Cosmology, bringing together over

forty researchers from across three Cambridge departments, with plans to develop this into a regular series of meetings as part of a 'Cambridge Gravitational-Wave Network'. He also spoke at the Quantum Simulators for Fundamental Physics workshop in Nottingham in March 2025 (see photo).

Oleg Kitov was nominated by the Faculty of Economics for the Times Higher Education Most Innovative Teacher of the Year Award. He was also nominated for the QS Reimagine Education Presence and Blended Learning Award for his project 'Learning by Doing: Introducing Retrieval Practice, Evaluative Judgment and Sustainable Feedback in the Economics Tripos'. The main goal of the project was to support students in reaching lasting learning outcomes and becoming life-long learners. As the University's Admissions Convener for Economics, he was a member of the UK-UAT Working Group, a collaboration between Cambridge and other UK universities, tasked with redesigning and deploying pre-admissions tests. With the help of the Development Director and generous support from the College's Fellow Benefactor, Robert Martin, Selwyn has established a ten-week summer research internship programme for Economics undergraduates. The inaugural class of six students began their internships in July 2025 under the supervision of the Economics Fellows. With generous support from the Cross family, the College has established the Cross Scholarship for the MPhil in Economic Research; the inaugural award was made in June 2025.

Dr Kirsty McDougall gave a keynote address entitled 'Analysis of disfluency behaviour for forensic phonetic applications' at the Fifth International Symposium on Applied Phonetics in Tartu, Estonia, in October 2024. She was an invited speaker at two further conferences: the Second International Conference on Voice Identity, in Marburg, Germany, in August 2024, speaking on 'Voice distinctiveness: an investigation of the role of speakers' position in a population with respect to f0'; and UK and Ireland Speech in

Cambridge in July 2024, speaking on 'The phonetics of perceived voice similarity: some implications for voice parades'. She also continued working on her research project on disfluency features in Aboriginal and Mainstream Australian Englishes, from which she presented a co-authored paper entitled 'Patterns of silent pausing in aboriginal and mainstream Australian Englishes spoken in Warrnambool' at the Nineteenth Australasian International Conference on Speech Science and Technology in Melbourne in December 2024.

James Matheson retired at the end of the academic year 2023-24, nearly forty years after having been elected as a Fellow in 1986. He joined the Fellowship to provide teaching in Information Engineering (Computing, Control and Communications) and rapidly became involved in College computing as well, taking over as the College's second ever Fellow Computer Officer: at the time a minor, very part-time role. This was a time of rapid change and he soon became involved in the introduction of computers into the administration. In the early days, some of the College offices distrusted email and would follow up receipt of an email with a phone call to acknowledge receipt and then reply on paper! The pace of change nevertheless quickened and James was soon having to persuade the College Council and Governing Body to create a paid College Computer Officer post. He moved on to become a tutor, having already become a Director of Studies in Engineering. The breadth of Engineering that Selwyn had built up in its Fellowship through Ken Wallace, Robin Jackson and James himself helped to raise the College's standing as somewhere to read Engineering, a position that it has maintained since.

Professor John Morrill was ordained as a Catholic priest in September 2024 at the age of seventy-eight and has been kept busy giving locum cover for sixteen parishes in the Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds deaneries and leading quiet days and – a real highlight – leading a five-day retreat for all those in the southern dioceses being ordained deacon this year (this at Douai Abbey in Berkshire). He has stopped lecturing on History but is still writing it. No sooner had his 'complete edition' of the recorded words of Cromwell appeared than a completely new version of Cromwell's most important speech, in July 1653, turned up, uncatalogued, in a Dublin library in the hand of a clerk of the Parliament. John wrote it all up for a festschrift for his predecessor at Selwyn (Blair Worden) on his eightieth birthday. The biography of Cromwell is advancing, but slowly. John rejoices to think that in October 2025, it will be fifty years since he was installed as a Fellow

Professor Janet O'Sullivan, in her role as Vice-Master, was proud to chair the recent mastership election, ably assisted by MinervaSearch, with whose expertise and support Selwyn made the wonderful choice of Suzanne Raine, unanimously elected to succeed Roger Mosey. Janet would like to record her thanks to all her fellowship colleagues for their attention to the process, their collegiality and personal kindness to her. In September 2024 she organised (with two faculty colleagues) a very successful symposium on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. This was held in Selwyn's Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium and involved senior members of the judiciary including a Supreme Court Justice, barristers, solicitors and academics; later in the year she submitted the edited collection of the conference papers for publication by Hart Bloomsbury. Finally, by way of relaxation, she very much

enjoyed chairing an excellent Q&A session (also in Selwyn's auditorium), organised by the student Politics Society, with distinguished political commentators debating Labour's first year in power.

Professor Jeremy Sanders has retired from the Council of Imperial College after nine years and from the Board of Trustees of the Royal Society of Chemistry after four years, having reached the end of his prescribed terms. He has joined the Board of Trustees of the Careers Research and Advisory Centre (CRAC) and continues as chair of Storey's Field Community Trust on the Eddington development in north-west Cambridge. He is a member of advisory boards at Poznań University in Poland and the University of Jyväskylä in Finland. He is still involved in research, alumni relations and philanthropy in the University's Chemistry Department.



Oliver Cromwell, Councillor Pasco Hussain (Mayor of St Ives), Dr Ismini Pells (President of the Cromwell Association) and David Smith

Dr David Smith lectured to a diverse range of audiences, including several branches of the Historical Association (Beckenham and Bromley, Eastbourne, Enfield, and Nuneaton) and various other groups: Cambridge Newcomers and Visiting Scholars, ACE Cultural Tours, the Cromwell Association and the Dorset branch of the Cambridge Society. He was elected a vice-president of the Cromwell Association and was invited to give the annual Cromwell Day address in September 2024, which also involved laying a wreath at the statue of Cromwell in St Ives (see photo). In March 2025 he gave a lecture to the Selwyn College History Society on 'John Milton, Andrew Marvell and Oliver Cromwell'; this was livestreamed and is available on YouTube. He has also published 'The Lord Protector and the Cavaliers, 1653-1658', in *Cromwelliana*, 3rd series, 14 (2025) and 'The King's Evil without the King: the royal touch during the Interregnum', in *Journal of Religious History*, 49 (2025).



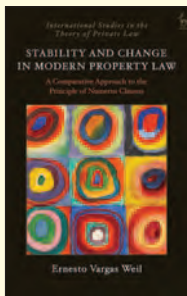
Dr Tom Smith published his first book, *Word Across the Water: American Protestant Missionaries, Pacific Worlds and the Making of Imperial Histories* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2024). A launch event was held in the Harrison Room at Selwyn in October 2024, with more than seventy people in attendance and excellent commentaries on the book provided by three colleagues in the field. The book considers US Protestant missionaries to Hawai'i and the Philippines in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, as both of those island groups were colonised by the United States. As missionaries worked in the shadow of their nation's empire, they produced religiously inflected historical narratives to make sense of the moment in which they were living. Rather than simply projecting imperial or religious authority, however, these narratives emerged as a way for missionaries to negotiate their own status between the imperial and the local across diverse island spaces.

Professor John Spencer, though now mainly occupied in gardening, music and village life, emerged from retirement to contribute lengthy submissions to the government's reviews on sentencing (David Gauke) and speeding up criminal justice (Sir Brian Leveson), revised versions of which were then published in *Archbold Review*. And in the Easter vacation he stepped in to speak in favour of assisted dying, in a debate held at the end of the Law Faculty's annual Sixth Form Conference. His side won; but he attributes the success to the current balance of opinion in society rather than his forensic skills.



Professor Grant Stewart has had stints as interim head of the Department of Surgery and interim director of the Cambridge Cancer Centre; beyond that, two topics have kept him busy over the past twelve months. First, his team's work on population-level screening for serious abdominal conditions (namely cancers and aortic aneurysms) has moved onto a pilot randomised controlled-trial stage, with recruitment due to start in the autumn. Second, much frustrated by uncoordinated activity around developing new treatments for patients with aggressive localised kidney cancer, he has led the charge in pulling together international kidney cancer experts and pushed them to commit to working together to run novel, impactful clinical trials in the field. This group, now called the International Neoadjuvant Kidney Cancer Consortium, is intended to develop practice-changing trials for this aggressive cancer. The photograph shows him speaking on these topics at the 2025 International Kidney Cancer Symposium Europe in Amsterdam.

Dr Ernesto Vargas Weil has published his first book, *Stability and Change in Modern Property Law: A Comparative Approach to the Principle of Numerus Clausus* (London: Hart, 2025). The book examines the English and German versions of the *numerus clausus* principle, which holds that there is a closed list of permitted property rights. It challenges recent views that this principle renders property law inflexible and unable to accommodate social and economic changes, arguing that the restrictions the principle imposes on the creation of new property types actually does accommodate social changes through a process of 'functional transformation' of the existing property rights.



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Dr Deepak Venkateshvaran has been awarded over £870,000 for a new research project in experimental physics titled 'Tuning nanoscale elasticity in organic semiconductors with electric and thermal fields'. Most of this funding comes from the Royal Society and will renew his current University Research Fellowship. The new project will run for three years from 2026 to 2029. In 2024 Deepak was seconded to the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) where he led a comprehensive internal report to assess the impact, promises kept, and lessons learned, from over £600 million of joint



Deepak Venkateshvaran (second from left) with DSIT's Chief Scientific Adviser, Professor Chris Johnson (centre), and other members of DSIT's Advanced Materials Team

government and equity funding for graphene research and development in the United Kingdom. The Head of Tech Growth at DSIT said that 'Deepak's work on providing an in-depth look "behind the curtain" on two decades of graphene has had a significant impact on government officials' understanding of how to navigate policymaking around the advanced materials innovation ecosystem. Through providing an impartial, scientific lens to the journey to date it has informed the approach on thinking for the next Spending Review and Industrial Strategy development.' In September 2024, Deepak delivered a talk at the Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium at Selwyn on the Indian tabla drum, taking the audience on a journey of how this instrument is crafted, the language it speaks and the physics of its percussion. This talk can be viewed on the Selwyn College YouTube channel.

Dr Dacia Viejo Rose secured a Leventis Foundation grant for the Cambridge Heritage Research Centre, of which she is Director, leading the Centre's events, hosting its annual lecture by Professor Aleida Assmann (University of Konstanz) and the annual Heritage Research Symposium 'Tracing, uncovering and researching legacies of the past'. She was principal investigator on the project Researching Legacies of the Past, convening three interdisciplinary workshops linking scholars in Cambridge and working collaboratively with colleagues at the University of Essex and Coimbra University. As part of this project, she worked with Uncomfortable Cambridge Tours to develop two new tours, including one focused on African collections in University museums. Dacia continued in her role as Academic Director of Research in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences leading on developing the School's research framework and mapping software tool. In November 2024 she was invited by the Austrian National Defence Academy to give a keynote lecture at the International Conference 'Cultural Property Protection in the 21st Century: Meeting Requirements across the Forces'. Her recent publications include co-authored book chapters in two edited volumes: 'La patrimonialisation et les conflits armés' in *1941: Genèse et développements d'une loi sur l'archéologie*, edited by Vincent Négri and Nathan Schlanger (La Documentation française, 2024) and 'The roots of recovery: Àbàchà and the reconstruction of intangible heritage in postwar southeastern Nigeria' in *The Politics of Post-Conflict Heritage Reconstruction*, edited by Nour A Munawar and Gertjan Plets (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2025).

Dr Charlotte Woodford has recently edited *The German National Imagination from the Early Modern Period to the Present: Essays for Joachim Whaley* (Oxford: Legenda, 2025) with Anita Bunyan and Margarete Tiessen. Her own contribution to the volume shows how art by Käthe Kollwitz resonated with writers in Weimar Germany in the context of the politics of reproductive rights.

NEWS OF BYE-FELLOWS AND TREVELYAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATES



Dr Ruohan Qin jointly presented his latest research, 'Who produces, who raids? The formation of conflict networks', at the Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum 'Tournaments: Theory, Experiments and Applications' in June 2025. The study examines the formation of weighted and directed conflict networks in a state of nature. He is now extending this work to peace interventions, exploring both decentralised peace agreements and centralised state institutions. In recognition of his research, he was awarded the Wrenbury Scholarship in Political Economy and the Suzy Paine Fund. Ruohan was also featured on the China Global Television Network (CGTN) discussing the instant retailing industry and trends in 'New Chinese-style' consumption.



Dr Gareth Wilkes has published his first academic textbook *Profinite Groups and Residual Finiteness* (Berlin: EMS Press, 2024) which describes the theory of profinite groups, from the basics of the theory to topics which are active areas of current research. He is seen here presenting a copy of his book to Henry Beker, who generously funds his Bye-Fellowship.

Dr Peter Wilkinson started a new role as Head of Optical Communications and Sensing at QinetiQ Ltd in 2024. This covers a portfolio of photonic technologies including laser-based data links, wide-field imaging, scanned lidar and other coherent sensing techniques.

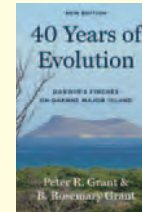
NEWS OF HONORARY FELLOWS



Professor David Dabydeen's novel, *Sweet Li Jie* (Leeds: Peepal Tree Press, 2024), which is dedicated to Sir David Harrison, was shortlisted for the Bocas Prize, the biggest literary prize in the Caribbean. The novel is set in nineteenth-century China and British Guiana. David has also been commissioned by the President of Guyana to curate an exhibition of photographs, posters and other illustrations of the country's early history, when it was a British colony.

In October 2024 **Lord Deben** planted a cherry tree on Grange Road, replacing an older one that had died. The tree was donated by a local company, ACO Technologies,

specialists in drainage and water management, in honour of Lord Deben's lifetime contribution to the environment. Lord Deben is a former Secretary of State for the Environment and was chair of the independent Climate Change Committee. He is seen here with colleagues from ACO Technologies.



In 2024 Professor **Peter Grant** and his wife Rosemary published a revised edition of their 2014 book, *40 Years of Evolution: Darwin's Finches on Daphne Major Island* (Princeton University Press). In the years since the book's first publication the field of genomics has developed greatly, and in this newly revised edition the authors combine the results of their historic fieldwork in the Galápagos with genomic analyses of their primary findings, resolve some unanswered questions from the field and provide insights into the genetic basis of beak and body size variation and the origin of a new species. The publication of Peter's autobiography was noted in the *Calendar* for 2022-23; that of his wife, *One Step Sideways, Three Steps Forward*, was published by Princeton University Press in 2024. The two books record the lives of a husband and wife team that studied evolution in the field for four decades.

Robert Harris was appointed CBE in the New Year Honours 2025 for services to literature. The film adaptation of his novel *Conclave* was released shortly before the death of Pope Francis and the election of his successor.

NEWS OF FORMER FELLOWS

The Reverend Martin Kelly (Fellow 1987-92) became a Roman Catholic in 2018 and was awarded an MA in Catholic Social Teaching in 2025, thanks to tutoring by John Morrill.

The Right Reverend Joseph Kennedy (Fellow 2005-08), formerly vicar of Oxton St Saviour, Merseyside, has been appointed Suffragan Bishop of Burnley.

Dr Matthew Seccombe (Fellow 1980-83) is finishing the analysis of the English-language trial documents of the International Military Tribunal (Nuremberg, 1945-46). The documents will be available via nuremberg.law.harvard.edu.

Dr Peter Spargo (Fellow 1985-86) led the Verona Pharma Chemistry/Manufacturing team to the USA to obtain FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approval in 2023 and launch in 2024 of Ohtuvayre, a novel treatment for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

Stephen Tromans (Fellow 1981-87) was one of the editors of *The Law of Net Zero and Nature Positive* (London Publishing Partnership, 2025) the first comprehensive legal text on the subject. He continues to advise the government on radioactive waste issues as a member of the independent Committee on Radioactive Waste Management.

We note with regret the death of **Professor Paul Lewis** (Fellow 2003-05). An obituary is on page 121.



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FEATURE ARTICLES

THE STRUGGLE FOR MEANING IN POST-ASSAD SYRIA

Zeina Al Azmeh, Fellow, and Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology

On 8 December 2024, after thirteen years of bloodshed, displacement and defiance, the regime of Bashar al-Assad finally fell. Yet for many Syrians, this moment, long imagined and longed for, did not quite feel like a conclusive end to tyranny. Instead, it opened a deeper question that haunted the revolution from its earliest days: *what was it all for?*

As a cultural sociologist and a Syrian, I have spent the past decade examining this question through a few analytical frameworks including, more recently, what I call the ‘Right to Meaning’. This framework emerges from listening closely to Syrian intellectuals, artists and activists who gave voice to the revolution, not only through protest and political organising, which many of them certainly did, but through an emergent public sphere that they built with poetry, theatre, music, art, books, social media posts and stories of lived resistance. Their struggle was not just against a regime, but against the erasure of meaning itself.

Four kinds of meaning

When Syrians rose up in 2011, they did so under the banner of ‘freedom and dignity’. These demands were not merely political; they were existential. The ‘Right to Meaning’ captures this layered aspiration in four dimensions.

First, *meaning as essence* refers to the soul of the revolution: its deepest purpose. Sociologist Burhan Ghalioun described this essence as ‘reclaiming politics’ in Syria. To be a citizen, not a subject. To speak, choose and participate in shaping one’s society (personal communication, 2018). For writer and public intellectual Yassin al-Haj Saleh dignity meant no longer being politically enslaved (personal communication, 2018). In this sense, the revolution was a reclamation of selfhood.

Second, *meaning as significance* speaks to the unbearable cost of the revolution. Over 500,000 Syrians died; millions were displaced. And yet, for years, the world treated their deaths as collateral damage in a regional conflict or as statistics in the ‘War on Terror’. To deny the meaning of these lives is to deny the humanity of those who lived them. Recognising the dead as heroes, not just victims, has become a moral imperative for those seeking a free Syria.

Third, *linguistic meaning* refers to the liberation of speech itself. Under Assad, language had become hollowed out; words like ‘security’, ‘citizenship’ and even ‘freedom’ were co-opted by the state and reassigned fraudulent resignification that served its interests. Protestors reclaimed them, shouting forbidden truths in public squares and mocking the regime with subversive humour. As playwright Mohammad al-Attar once said, ‘The revolution freed language, both as sound and as symbol’ (personal communication, 2018).

Fourth, *existential meaning* addresses the hunger for purpose in a society where lives were reduced to a struggle for survival. For many, joining the revolution was a way to affirm their right to live with agency, choice, and meaning.

From revolutionary fervour to post-revolutionary malaise

In the aftermath of the fall of the Assad regime, the question of whether the revolution succeeded can be approached by interrogating the degree to which meaning (these four layers of it) has been reclaimed. There are some signs of hope. But the road ahead seems very long.

The movement’s narrative is no longer drowned out by Western security discourse. Even Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), the militant group from which the current transitional government primarily emerged, has begun to adopt the revolutionary language of dignity and rights after adopting, at least for parts of its journey, the logic of Islamic fundamentalism and Salafism. For the first time, the civil (emancipatory) and religious strands of the revolution were beginning to align in public discourse. This bridging has helped to reclaim the revolutionaries’ right to meaning *as essence*. But with new atrocities being committed – potentially with the tacit blessing, or even cover, of the transitional HTS government – a widening gap between state narratives and actions is reigniting suspicion, deepening existential fault lines of loyalty and survival, and further fragmenting an already fragile social trust.

At the same time, official acknowledgement of past atrocities has begun to emerge. Families of the disappeared are organising, and grassroots initiatives have collected mountains of evidence from detention centres and mass graves. Transitional justice may be in its hesitant early steps, but some collective memory of suffering is now being inscribed in public consciousness. Notably, this excludes the suffering inflicted by HTS and other Islamist factions, which remains largely unacknowledged and contested. Culturally, a vibrant reclamation is underway. Artists, writers and filmmakers, many of whom spent years in exile, are now able to narrate and express Syria’s story *inside Syria*. By doing so, they are restoring the capacity to speak, to mourn, to dream.

And yet the challenges are immense. Vast parts of the country remain outside government control. Israeli airstrikes and landgrab, Turkish incursions and foreign meddling, including by Iran-supported Assadist militias, continue to violate Syria’s fragile sovereignty. The new government led by the HTS-affiliated figure Ahmad al-Sharaa has yet to gain broad legitimacy and its authoritarian leanings worry many.

Most concerningly, the promise of a pluralist, inclusive Syria is growing increasingly fragile. Women’s rights activists have sounded the alarm over attempts to roll back hard-won gains. Intellectuals like the novelist Samar Yazbek have warned that freedoms are once again becoming conditional – this time not to the state but to a dominant moral order enforced by armed actors (potentially, but inconclusively, associated with the state). This fragility has been compounded by a series of episodes of civil unrest that culminated in massacres targeting civilians from religious minorities; most notably Alawites in the coastal areas in March 2025 and Druze in the south in July.

The bigger picture

These events, and shifting regional power dynamics, remind us that Syria’s fate is deeply entangled with wider geopolitical struggles. For Syrians, reclaiming meaning is not just an intellectual exercise, it is a condition for healing, rebuilding and imagining a shared future. Without meaning, there can be no mourning.

Without mourning, there can be no justice. And without justice, there can be no lasting peace.

The Syrian revolution has taught us that dignity, including that of individual freedoms, is the substance of citizenship. It has shown us that speech can be a form of resistance, that freedom is not granted but enacted and that, even in the face of unimaginable violence, people will risk everything to assert their right to live meaningfully. The future of Syria as a pluralist political community also hinges on addressing longstanding demands for the cultural and political rights of its diverse minorities. This is a challenge that has been historically exploited by external powers, but continues to be essential to any inclusive national vision. To date, the denial of these rights has frequently taken violent form – in Sweida, in the coastal Alawite areas, and even in urban centres such as Damascus and Aleppo – where individuals who fall outside Islamist expectations of ways of being and living have been unlawfully humiliated, assaulted, or disappeared, with no accountability. But it has also exposed deep inequalities in the global distribution of empathy, recognition and political will. As writer Yassin al-Haj Saleh, one of my research interlocutors, put it in 2015, Syrians have become the ‘pariahs of meaning’: people whose lives, struggles and deaths have been denied narrative agency and coherence on the international stage. To study Syria today is to listen for the echoes of its interrupted meanings and to amplify them where they are still being forged.

Holding on to hope

In a recent interview, the Syrian academic and human rights activist Haitham Mannaa said: ‘These are dark times [...] I ask every Syrian to hold on to their right to hope. If they take away this right, they will truly have defeated us.’ Hope, like meaning, is not bestowed. It is something people forge, together, in defiance of despair, and of forces that foster it. Syria’s protracted revolution reminds us that the right to meaning is never guaranteed. At Selwyn, as elsewhere, engaging with that struggle is part of how we honour political life – not as a system, but as a shared responsibility.

WHY SOME ROCKS MATTER: RARE EARTH ELEMENTS AND A JOURNEY THROUGH CÔTE D’IVOIRE

Dr Carrie Soderman, Henslow Research Fellow

Igneous rocks – rocks formed from magma, either erupted or cooled underground – can contain large amounts of valuable elements and minerals. Many of the technologies underpinning the ‘green energy transition’ rely on these elements. Their demand is therefore predicted to increase dramatically in the coming decades. There is, therefore, a growing interest in understanding their global distribution. Countries are keen to secure their supplies of such materials, with potential metal resources in both Greenland and Ukraine at the centre of recent political debates.

Developing secure supply chains of these ‘critical metals’ requires an understanding of their geological distribution. Why do some igneous rocks contain abundant, easily extractable minerals rich in these elements, while other similar rocks are entirely barren? My research focuses on understanding this distribution,



Carrie Soderman and colleagues standing on the largest exposure of rock of her African trip, beneath which are beautiful minerals such as blue amphibole.

with a particular emphasis on the ‘rare-earth elements’ (REEs). These elements are irreplaceable for constructing the magnets that make wind turbines and electric cars work. Despite their name, they are not actually rare on Earth (we are not going to run out!), but geoscientists still know comparatively little about the geological processes that control their distribution in magmas around the world.

I am part of a Cambridge-Africa ALBORADA scheme grant, working with colleagues from both Côte d’Ivoire and Burkina Faso to understand the origin of REE enrichment in igneous rocks across West Africa. These rocks are mostly not mineralised for REEs (i.e. they do not contain valuable REE-bearing minerals) but do have relatively high overall abundances of these elements. They therefore provide a useful case study for exploring how REEs behave in magmas, and why some magmas ultimately become mineralised while others do not. Our project combines whole-rock and mineral chemistry of samples from across the region with new models of magma crystallisation developed here in Cambridge to address these questions. The project also aims to build new collaborations, contributing to regional expertise in petrology and geochemistry.

In April 2025, I travelled to Côte d’Ivoire with our collaborators for the first phase of sample collection. Our target was a ~2km-wide magma intrusion called Ninakri, formed around 1.6 billion years ago, located 450km from the economic hub of Abidjan. After spending a night in Abidjan, we set off early the next morning in a packed 4x4 with four geologists, a few days’ worth of water and our driver. Our route took us northwest from the coastal city, through the political capital of Yamoussoukro and the next major city of Bouaké, before turning off the main roads for a very bumpy final leg toward Ninakri. We stayed in the nearest town to the

intrusion, in a seemingly brand-new (and nearly empty!) hotel, an unexpected sight in an otherwise typical rural Ivorian town. The only other guests we saw were also there for geology: drillers working on local gold exploration projects, which have expanded rapidly in recent years – possibly the reason behind the new hotel.

Our fieldwork over the next three days was a stark contrast to my previous fieldwork in Greenland last year. Central Côte d'Ivoire is a lush, green region, even towards the end of the dry season. There were beautiful trees, especially the vibrant red-orange 'flame trees' (*'le flamboyant'*) which were in full bloom. Much of the field area was also covered with mango and cashew trees cultivated by local villagers. However, the vegetation meant that exposed rock was limited, so we relied on satellite imagery and guidance from locals to find suitable outcrops. We were introduced to both the local police chief and several village chiefs to explain our work and why the rocks were of interest. As each day began with village visits, most of our fieldwork took place in the midday heat, something our local colleagues were much more accustomed to. Even routine tasks like using a geological hammer become trickier, as we quickly learned not to leave a metal-handled hammer in direct sunlight!

Thankfully, the rocks we did find were exactly what we needed. The Ninakri intrusion is particularly interesting because, alongside its REE content, it displays a surprising variety of rock types. There has been very little published work on the intrusion, so we took time to document this variability and collect representative samples, which will be initially processed in Burkina Faso. Later this year, we will host one of our colleagues in Cambridge to use our analytical equipment for further geochemical analysis. We are also organising a remote geochemical modelling workshop for scientists at universities in both Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire, demonstrating how our modelling tools can be applied to our samples and to similar rocks across the region. By sharing tools, training and knowledge, we hope to empower local geoscientists to lead future discoveries in their own countries.

With sampling complete, we had a chance to do some sightseeing in Yamoussoukro on our way back to Abidjan. We visited the Basilica of Notre-Dame de la Paix, a massive church built in 1989 that surpasses even St Peter's basilica in Rome in size, and a lake full of crocodiles near the Presidential Palace, two unexpected but memorable highlights! We returned with a few carefully selected rocks (leaving the rest with our colleagues), along with some dried mango and cashews to remind us of our trip. Over the coming months, we will begin to unravel the secrets that these ancient rocks contain and, in doing so, contribute to a better understanding of the rare elements powering our green energy future.

REACH AND COSMOCUBE

Dr Eloy de Lera Acedo, Fellow and University Associate Professor in Radio Cosmology

I am fascinated by the idea that, hidden in the radio static all around us, lie the echoes of the Universe's first billion years. I lead the REACH¹ experiment and the CosmoCube² mission within the University's forty-strong Cavendish Astrophysics Radio Astronomy group, all on a mission to pull those whispers into focus and then

extend our reach into major international efforts like HERA³ and the Square Kilometre Array⁴. This is how we are turning kit on the ground and in orbit into a time machine for the cosmos and why it matters, not just for astronomy but for understanding the fundamental workings of nature itself.

REACH: Tuning in to the cosmic dawn

About 380,000 years after the Big Bang, the Universe finally cooled enough for protons to snatch up electrons and form neutral hydrogen, and in doing so cloaked the young cosmos in a thick, all-encompassing fog. That fog was backlit by the uniform glow of the cosmic microwave background (CMB), the afterglow of the Big Bang itself. For millions of years this sea of hydrogen sat in darkness, hiding the landscape of emerging structures until the first stars and galaxies flickered beyond the haze and cast intricate shadows across it.

This transition, from a hot, simple plasma through the dark hydrogen fog into a Universe ablaze with stars, galaxies and complex structures, is the most fundamental transformation in cosmic history, a leap from simplicity to complexity whose details remain one of astronomy's great mysteries. By 'listening' to those shadows in the faint 21-cm radio whisper of hydrogen, our REACH experiment and its space-borne cousin CosmoCube aim to peel away foreground noise and reveal the silhouette of the Cosmic Dawn, helping us understand how the first lights switched on and gave rise to the richly structured Universe we see today.

What makes REACH special is its multi-sensor trick. We deploy several slightly different antennas side by side, each 'seeing' the sky in its own way. By comparing their measurements, we can strip away the smooth foregrounds (everything from our galaxy's radio haze to distant TV broadcasts) and home in on the tiny dip in brightness that marks when the first stars heated the cosmic gas. REACH's analog front ends lock their gain to a stability of one part in 100,000; think of measuring a one-kilometre road and being out by only one centimetre. On the digital side, field-programmable gate arrays on site and GPU-based supercomputers in Cambridge run Bayesian subtraction algorithms in real time, peeling away unwanted signals as soon as they are recorded.

REACH's first antenna has already begun observing from the Karoo Radio Quiet Reserve in South Africa, one of the world's most pristine sites for low-frequency radio astronomy. A second sensor will join the array in late 2025, further enhancing our ability to tease out the global 21-cm signal, and we are also building a third antenna at the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory just outside Cambridge. Together, these three complementary stations, spanning two hemispheres and both hemispheric sites, will allow us to cross-check measurements, control systematics and confidently trace the shadows of the first stars as they pierced the ancient hydrogen fog.

CosmoCube: Taking the experiment into lunar orbit

Even the most remote desert still grapples with Earth's ionosphere and occasional radio leaks. To escape those limits, our next step is CosmoCube, a lunar-orbiting cubesat carrying a calibrated radio spectrometer. CosmoCube goes one step further by operating at even lower frequencies – down into the tens of megahertz – that are

all but blocked by Earth's ionosphere. From lunar orbit, especially when skimming over the Moon's far side, it finds the quietest radio environment in the entire solar system. Here, terrestrial broadcasts, satellite chatter and atmospheric distortions simply cannot reach it. In that pristine setting, CosmoCube's compact antenna and thermal-control system stay rock-steady and its onboard calibration routines track and correct any tiny drifts. The result is an unambiguous measurement of the sky-averaged 21-cm signal during the Dark Ages – the era before the first stars ignited – at frequencies that we cannot access from the ground.

By tuning into that earliest chapter, CosmoCube will probe how dark matter's gravitational scaffolding shaped the primordial hydrogen fog, setting the stage for the very first structures to form. Paired with REACH's desert-quiet, ground-based observations of Cosmic Dawn, this dual approach will illuminate both how the Universe transitioned from uniform darkness into a tapestry of galaxies and how dark matter provided the conditions necessary for that dramatic transformation.

Bridging to HERA and the SKA

While REACH and CosmoCube focus on the global signal – essentially a single, sky-averaged curve – interferometric arrays reveal the fluctuations – the bubbles of ionized gas that grew around each early galaxy or black hole. In this area there are two major projects:

HERA (Hydrogen Epoch of Reionization Array) in South Africa is a dedicated, close-packed array of 350 antennas built to map the tiny fluctuations in the 21-cm glow. By measuring the 'power spectrum' of those fluctuations – essentially the strength of ripples on different size scales – HERA is charting how ionized bubbles grew and merged as the first galaxies lit up. Thanks to its design and our Cavendish-designed radio sensors, HERA has pushed the sensitivity frontier further than anyone else, setting the world's lowest upper limits on the 21-cm power spectrum. In plain terms, this means that HERA has ruled out more of the 'louder' versions of the signal, narrowing the range of possibilities and bringing us ever closer to a first detection. Our group now helps to lead the data analysis and scientific interpretation, translating HERA's tightest-so-far constraints into a clearer picture of how the early Universe's fog of hydrogen was sculpted by emerging structures.

SKA-LOW, the low-frequency arm of the Square Kilometre Array in Western Australia, will consist of over 130,000 phased-array elements spread across tens of kilometres, making it by the early 2030s the largest radio telescope ever built. Often dubbed 'the CERN of radio astronomy', SKA-LOW is a truly global endeavour with its headquarters in the UK, where our Cavendish Radio Astronomy group plays a leading role. We have driven the design of the wideband antenna elements, optimised the array layout for maximum sensitivity and are at the heart of building the Science Data Processor, the brain that will ingest and crunch exabytes of raw signals into high-fidelity maps of the early Universe.

Where REACH and CosmoCube aim to pin down both the timing of the Universe's key milestones and the underlying physics across cosmic scales, SKA-LOW will be the first instrument capable of actually imaging the Cosmic Dawn and the subsequent Epoch of Reionization. It will trace the growth and overlap of ionized bubbles as the first major stars and galaxies burned away the fog of neutral hydrogen, clearing a path for optical and higher-frequency telescopes to capture the direct starlight. With SKA-LOW's unprecedented combination of collecting area and computing power, 21-cm cosmology will evolve from a timing experiment into a true cosmic cinema, revealing in detail how the very first structures lit up our Universe.

Soon, REACH's first detections will arrive, CosmoCube will push back into the Dark Ages, exploring the era before any stars formed, and HERA – and ultimately SKA-LOW – will turn those signals into real images of Cosmic Dawn and the Epoch of Reionization. Each milestone takes us closer to understanding how simple hydrogen fog evolved into a Universe teeming with galaxies and to unlocking the fundamental laws governing its birth and growth.

¹ Radio Experiment for the Analysis of Cosmic Hydrogen: <https://www.reachtelescope.org>

² <https://www.cosmocube.net>

³ <https://reionization.org>

⁴ <https://www.skao.int/en>

CAN YOU BE A FELLOW AND A STUDENT?

Stuart Eves, Fellow in Veterinary Medicine, tackles an unusual test of the College statutes.

It turns out that an uneasy 'I'm really not sure. We will need to check the College statutes' is an anxiety-provoking response to a proposal...

The context of this enquiry is that over the last two years I had been taking a part-time Master's course in Medical Education through the Institute of Continuing Education. While there are several of these courses run across the country, I had already been part of the Cambridge Medical School's educator training sessions. So, to be painfully honest, while the bright lights of Warwick and Dundee sounded exotic, the familiarity of Madingley Hall was too attractive a proposition to ignore. The full Master's course extends over three years, but each year can be taken individually, first as a certificate and then as a diploma. However, crucial to this story is that while these early years require no college affiliation, the final year should culminate in a graduation, which means it needs to start with a matriculation. So, while the course itself is affiliated with Wolfson College, if it could be done, it seemed a shame not to receive the qualification through Selwyn, since I have been a Fellow, Director of Studies and Tutor here for well over a decade.

The crux of the issue focused on the statutory rights associated with concurrently being a Fellow and a student. I needed to have certain rights while studying here (I joked/tested the water that my first action would be to apply for a travel grant!), but ultimately these could not be allowed to conflict with my professional role in Selwyn. However, as the discussion progressed, the Senior Tutor pointed out that this would not be resolved if I were a student at another college. It did occur to me that it would be easier to fly under the radar somewhere else, but I have also taught at Wolfson for a decade and I was quite sure they had

my fingerprints on record. I am grateful to the Master, Senior Tutor and the College Council for accepting my plea – albeit with the strict condition that I was not a member of the MCR and continued to be subject to the Fellows’ statutes. I was given the nod and need to thank Sam Carr in the Tutorial Office for managing the logistics of an unfamiliar course to make this a reality. (I had not fully considered how awkward things would have been if College had then declined my application to be a student.)

My Master’s course consists of three years of progression study. The first two – the certificate and the diploma – focus on teaching and learning within a medical context. It is a fascinating subject because so much of medicine involves putting theory and knowledge into practice – be that practical skills, decision-making or describing it to others. We look at teaching outside the classroom, such as on the wards or during simulation training. There is also a theme based around organisational aspects, such as building teams within education and how to promote structured opportunities for learners. These concepts are seated in pedagogical theory but are often very nuanced due to the nature of medicine. Entrustment is a good case in point: I can set an essay for my first-year students and even with limited direction allow them free reign to approach it as they see fit. This experience-feedback approach is a great way to learn. However, entrustment with a scalpel blade in hand is a different proposition, and yet it is a situation that we must eventually approach as both educator and learner.

The final year of the course is a research project. The aim of the course is to inject experience and the support of research into medical education while gaining some formative data. My project focuses on the experience of neurodiverse Veterinary and Medical students in supervisions during years one and two of the Cambridge course. Neurodiversity is a term used to categorise a range of ways in which the brain perceives and processes its environment. It includes conditions such as autism, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and dyslexia. An estimated 20% of the global population are neurodiverse, but I would be keen to stress that a spectrum exists between neurotypical (whatever that means) and neurodiverse. The challenges associated with neurodiversity are often the things we first think of. I have been associated with the University’s Access and Disability Resource Centre for over ten years as a study-skills adviser for the medical sciences. This has allowed me to work with neurodiverse students and support their learning. It is interesting to note that some studies are now suggesting that neurotypes such as ADHD are over-represented in the medical field. The associated traits of attention to detail, pattern recognition and focus may lend themselves to interest and success in certain disciplines. To my mind, the small group teaching environment of supervision should be one of the most valuable environments for learning, and yet anecdotal accounts suggest that neurodiverse students attribute limited, albeit variable, value to them. Many have reported to me that, if given the choice, they would not attend supervisions.

A growing concern of mine is that as a population we unconsciously associate any professional with infallibility. The cost of a mistake in medicine can be so high that the message is that they cannot occur. This paradigm permeates down the system to the early stages of being a student and is perhaps concentrated most in

globally-renowned academic institutions where expectations are high. This may lead to a culture where individuals feel unable to disclose, or even put significant effort into masking, any personal situation that may be perceived as a weakness. With this in mind, much of the focus of my work is on those with neurodiversity and using their experience as a lens to guide supervision practices.

The following short articles are based on student contributions to the three-minute thesis competition.

COOL CHEMISTRY: TIME TRAVELLING VIA ANTARCTICA

Charlotte Phillips, PhD student, Department of Chemistry

Antarctica. A frozen wasteland with nothing except 200-mile-an-hour winds, temperatures down to -80°C and a sizeable penguin population – or is it?

My PhD aims to unlock the secrets of our atmosphere’s evolution using ice cores, which are a lot like a time machine. These are cylinders of ice, up to 3km long, that we drill and extract from the Antarctic ice sheet. The deeper down the ice core you



Charlotte handling an ice core in the British Antarctic Survey’s ‘cold room’, a laboratory in Cambridge kept at -26°C.

go, the further back in time you travel because ice acts as an archive of palaeo-atmospheric information. This is a lot like tree rings, which show thicker layers in periods of warmer, more humid weather, promoting tree growth, and thinner layers in colder, drier periods. Ice cores, however, capture much more chemical information that we can interpret and they extend much further back in time.

When snow falls, it deposits with it various particles and molecules, also trapping tiny air bubbles that are a pocket of the ambient atmosphere. Over time this snow is compressed by more falling, overlying snow. The layers get progressively denser, eventually becoming ice, and are buried over hundreds of thousands of years. Therefore, when I study ice from 3km down in Antarctica's ice sheet I am essentially travelling back in time and looking at the chemical composition of our atmosphere up to one million years ago.

The science governing ice-core analysis is not new. It has been developed over the last sixty years, largely in Cambridge at the British Antarctic Survey. So, what is my novel contribution?

I am studying a new class of chemical species in these ice cores: a collection of organic aerosols that derive from isoprene, a molecule emitted by plants. But why? These derivatives are formed via a reaction with the hydroxyl radical, which is perhaps the most influential molecule in our atmosphere. For one thing, it controls the amount of methane, a particularly potent greenhouse gas. However, the hydroxyl radical is so reactive that it is really hard to study. Climate modellers do not know how its concentrations have varied in the past, how they might vary in the future, and what this might mean for climate change. Thus, by studying the varying concentrations of these organic molecules in ice, and therefore through time, I could deduce how the hydroxyl radical has also changed in our atmosphere.

My research, at its core, uses ancient ice to study these specific organic molecules in the atmosphere one million years in the past, to deduce how the chemistry of our atmosphere might change in the future.

Antarctica, for me, is more than just ice... it's a portal for time travel.

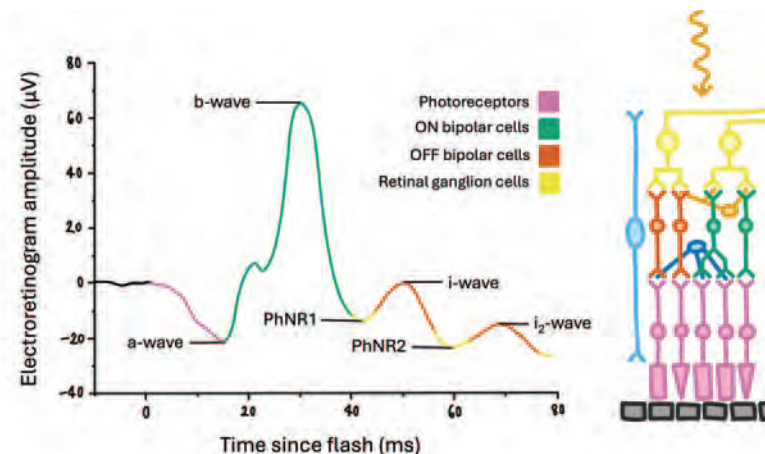
INVESTIGATING HUMAN RETINAL SIGNALS *IN VIVO* USING THE ELECTRORETINOGRAM

Harriet Palmer, third-year undergraduate, School of Clinical Medicine

The eye is an incredibly complex organ which receives, processes and ultimately transmits to the brain a rich array of information about our visual world. The retina, lining the back of the eye, lies at the centre of the data-processing role of the eye; it responds to light, extracts salient features of the visual scene such as colour and edges, and transmits that information to the brain via the optic nerve. Different populations of cells in the retina – stacked upon one another in layers – respond sequentially to light: photoreceptors detect the light in a colour-specific manner before passing the information to bipolar cells; bipolar cells then integrate and process the information before passing it on to the retinal ganglion cells, which converge to form the optic nerve. The response of these cells is electrical, and thus their activity can be detected at a distance using electrodes in contact with the surface

of the eye. The measurement of corneal potential as a proxy for retinal activity is termed electroretinography.

Flashes of light presented to the eye elicit a characteristic waveform of corneal potential against time (an electroretinogram), where components of the graph correspond to certain cellular populations. While the overall waveform is thought to be highly consistent across the eyes of healthy individuals, my research has characterised a never-before-studied component, the i₂-wave, that shows striking variation between



people. At first glance, the i₂-wave might resemble electrical noise. However, my work suggests that this waveform is physiological, demonstrating the expected saturating increase in amplitude as the retina transitions from the dark-adapted to the light-adapted state. It appears conserved between the left and right eyes of a given individual, but highly variable between individuals. Additionally, it appears to be heritable, as found through study of a cohort of twins. Does this variation speak to intra-individual differences in retinal physiology? And, if so, does this indicate predisposition to retinal disease? I have made tentative hypotheses in my report, but this is just the first step towards understanding this population-level variation.

Demonstration of the physiological nature of the i₂-wave should serve to improve electroretinogram trace interpretation by both clinicians and researchers alike, improving confidence in a wavelet that may have previously been misinterpreted as noise. With help from Selwyn subject-grant funding, I am set to present my findings at the upcoming annual symposium of the International Society for the Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision, where I expect that expert comments will guide future directions. I hope that this work opens doors to further research into understanding intra-individual differences in retinal processing, with the ultimate aim of improving standards of ophthalmological care.

EDWARD BARLOW: NAVIGATING LITERACY

David Ruston, second-year undergraduate, Faculty of History

My thesis concerns the life and writing of the sailor Edward Barlow. He was born to a poor family in Manchester in 1642 and served in the Royal Navy and merchantmen for the majority of his life, until being lost off Mozambique in 1706. I was particularly taken by the detailed illustrations and colourful, emotional language that Barlow used to portray his life. He voyaged across the world, sailing to Brazil, China and India, and commented on unfamiliar lands and the inherent dangers of the sea. He did not hold back in criticising authority, railing against the Navy Victualling Board, the East India Company, gentleman-commanders and anyone else whom he deemed to have wronged him.



Plate from the journal of Edward Barlow

Barlow went to sea with next to no education and had never even seen a tall ship before he was apprenticed to a winemaker in London; by the end of his life, he had achieved remarkable mobility and had become inextricably tied to the world ocean. Yet recent histories have tended to gloss over him as a fringe figure whose negativity was interesting but exceptional, or to associate him with wider trends in history such as the 'unsettled' labourer or Marxist 'class consciousness'. His exceptionality was particularly interesting to me, and I began to wonder whether the uniqueness of his writing might actually point to common experiences which were actively omitted in most maritime journals. Barlow raised many questions, and he seemed able to provide us with some answers if his personal thoughts and experiences were to be analysed closely.

At the centre of my research was the 'emotional community of sailors'. Contemporary maritime journals are characterised by an absolute lack of emotional expression, as masters and captains were expected to prioritise the survival of their vessel. Those who wrote and read journals in the age of sail were generally uninterested in the lives of the individuals who went to work and die at sea. Barlow learned to write as a means of upward social mobility and an attempt to escape this brutal world of the common seaman. Yet he frequently transgressed norms when it came to representing his negative feelings, and his journal functioned as an outlet for his emotions when he failed to find new and lucrative commissions and continued to experience the hardships of the age of sail. His emotions are difficult

to universalise, because they are so implicitly personal, but the primary themes and categories that he responded to emotionally – masculinity, authority and travel – were common to all sailors putting out to sea. The image of the sailor as an archetypal member of a hypermasculine, violent community can be criticised, as a starting point, through an analysis of the extraordinary Edward Barlow.

ARE THERE GENETIC PREDICTORS OF VARIABILITY WITHIN RARE DISORDERS?

Ranjana Ram, third-year undergraduate, School of Clinical Medicine

'Although rare diseases are individually rare, they are collectively common, with one in seventeen people being affected by a rare disease at some point in their lifetime.' (UK Rare Diseases Framework)

My project explores a particular group of rare genetic disorders, synaptic vesicle cycling disorders. These fall into the category of neurodevelopmental disorders – conditions that affect brain and nervous system development, resulting in difficulties in social, cognitive and emotional functioning. Some more well known neurodevelopmental disorders include autism spectrum disorder (ASD), attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and intellectual disability.

The process of brain development involves the formation of neurons and synapses (the gaps between neurons), enabling the transmission of information in the brain through small bubbles called synaptic vesicles. These synaptic vesicles are full of neurotransmitters and help to convey information from one neuron to the next. Synaptic vesicles release neurotransmitters into the synapse and are then taken up again by the neuron they originally came from, completing the synaptic vesicle lifecycle. Synaptic vesicle cycling disorders arise when the synaptic vesicle becomes dysfunctional; this can be due to abnormal synthesis, transport or re-absorption of these vesicles. Despite decades of research, the biological causes of these disorders are still not fully understood.

This presents many challenges for patients and their families, who experience a long delay before diagnosis and uncertainty on what the future disease progression might look like. One of the most puzzling aspects of synaptic vesicle cycling disorders is the wide range of symptoms that individuals may present with – with no clear pattern. Common symptoms include neurological symptoms, cognitive impairments and mental health symptoms. The huge variability in synaptic vesicle cycling disorders means that two individuals with aberrations in the same gene might present with entirely different combinations of symptoms (also known as phenotypes). The reasons behind this phenotypic variability, and factors affecting it, have not yet been well categorised.

The BINGO (Brain and Behaviour in Neurodevelopmental Disorders of Genetic Origin) is a Cambridge-based research study led by Dr Kate Baker at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, enabling research into neurodevelopmental disorders. My project systematically categorises and explores the genetic features and phenotypes of individuals with these rare synaptic vesicle cycling disorders, recruited from the BINGO study, searching for the presence of a genotype-phenotype relationship.

By obtaining genetic reports and annotating genomic variants based on the type of variant, the impact of that variant on protein function, the subprocess of neurotransmission it affected and how damaging that variant was predicted to be based on bioinformatics tools, I was able to characterise individual genotypes and explore if they can predict phenotypic variability in synaptic vesicle cycling disorders. Uncovering the complex combination of factors influencing the phenotypic presentation of these disorders can help inform patients of their prognosis, help inform clinicians when choosing effective treatment options and provide mechanistic insight for scientists to design effective therapeutics, offering positive clinical impact.



Snowball 2024

THE RAMSAY MURRAY LECTURE 2025

Professor Sir Richard Evans: 'Hitler and Putin'



The College was honoured to welcome Professor Sir Richard Evans to deliver the 2025 Ramsay Murray Lecture on the topic of 'Hitler and Putin'. Sir Richard demonstrated his pre-eminent expertise in the modern history of central and eastern Europe to a large audience, who were treated to a presentation that lived up to our donor's stipulation that lectures should be of historical and more general interest. He skilfully drew out parallels, real and perceived, between his two subjects and drew upon his vast store of knowledge of Hitler's policies and wars to place Putin's invasion of Ukraine (and his regime more broadly) in historical context. Quoting western commentators on Putin as a 'twenty-first century Hitler', he illustrated numerous parallels in the realms of policies and methods, but also of rationalisations and the manipulation of potent symbols in their justifications for their actions. Evans's approach cast his historical net more widely and reached back into the Russian past to illuminate some of the forces that shaped – and shape – Putin's world view and his foreign policies. In this the lecturer reminded this auditor of the scope and insights of George Kennan's seminal Cold War text on 'The Sources of Soviet Conduct' (1947).

The similarities and parallels extend to the suppression of Ukrainian culture and identity as well as the seizure of territory. They also include the suppression of dissent at home and the reliance of the leader on cowed and true-believer 'yes-

men' whose counsel resembles an echo chamber as opposed to a decision-making debate. The result, for both dictators, has been overconfidence, a projection of their ideological scheme onto the enemy and a miscalculation of the likelihood of quick success.

Yet Evans was at pains to balance this assessment with consideration of differences too. The aims and ambitions reflected in the invasions are different: the local in 2022 as opposed to global in 1941 was highlighted. So was the Hitler vision of perpetual war as the purpose of the state, with unlimited aims and few limits on means to serve those aims. Putin's war, Evans suggested, is not a holocaust, not a genocidal war. He suggested that in Putin's view the Ukrainians and Russians are one people with a shared history and that the suppression of Ukrainian autonomy thus represents a bid to re-unite the two in a recreation of the state of his youth; not a bid to eliminate an alien neighbour. Putin's aims are more limited – reversing the territorial settlement of 1990-91 – even if both dictators had ambitions rooted in false memories of defeat.

Sir Richard ended by posing the question: which historical parallels are most apposite in trying to understand Putin? He canvassed eighteenth-, nineteenth- and twentieth-century historical models that help us to understand the current Russian leader. Yet, he wisely noted, what we may be witnessing currently is more likely to be a new phenomenon. It can be understood in part through insights derived from the Russian as well as the German past. Properly to understand it, however, requires us to move beyond over-easy analogies and to see what is different and unique as being every bit as important as any 'lessons' from the past.

After a stimulating and provocative presentation, Sir Richard fielded a range of questions with deft and thoughtful responses that gave us an insight into the depths of his scholarship, his acumen in speaking about the most delicate and controversial of topics, and his capacity to reflect on both historical and more general matters. Just as the donor intended.

Dr Mike Sewell, Senior Tutor

REPORT FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR

For the students and their families, graduation day is a matter for joy and celebration. Rightly so. These emotions are shared by the Tutors and Directors of Studies as their charges take their degrees. We rejoice in the success of our students. Yet at the same time there are more mixed emotions for those who remain in Cambridge beyond graduation than those for whom the American term 'commencement' captures a key part of the day's significance. As they go off to make their way in the world, for us the annual cycle begins again. To some degree, returning clinical students, those who come back for MPhil or doctoral study or to undertake PGCEs share that feeling of returning to the same, but changed, College. Selwyn remains. It stays largely the same. Yet each new academic year brings change as well as continuity.

For many readers who graduated some time ago it may come as a surprise to learn that Selwyn's degrees are now conferred on Friday and not Saturday. This holds good not only for General Admission ('graduation day') but also for some of the other degree congregations that take place through the rest of the year and at which the degrees awarded are more likely to be PhD, MSt, MPhil or MBA than BA, MSci or MEng. The format remains unchanged but the details evolve. The ceremony remains in Latin but new terms have been coined. As, for example, with the ever growing list of degrees that tax Praelectors' and Vice Chancellor's Deputies' linguistic aptitude, including: *Magistri in Ingeniaria necnon Baccalaurei in Artibus* (MEng with the BA from the previous year) or *Magistri in Re Pecuniaria* (MPhil in Finance), *Magistri in Jure Negotiationis Societatum* (Corporate Law) or *Magistri Negotiis Administrandis* (MBA).

This change in a context of seeming changelessness pervades what we do. Our buildings remain recognisably Selwyn, but we constantly seek to add to them, improve them and develop our estate. The long-established activities, clubs and societies remain – for example the choir, Music Society, clubs in the traditional team sports, and even a re-founded *Kiwi Magazine* stimulated by a conversation with an old member during the telethon. New activities emerge. Each year several of our students compete in dancesport for the University. Others have done so recently in such sports as climbing, sailing, cycling, kabaddi, shooting, fencing and lacrosse. Of course, Selwyn 'Blues' are as likely to be women as men. A nice example is provided by one of our Fellows who when she was a student competed as a dancer for the University and now competes at European championship level.

One area where the continuity in what we do is matched by a transformation in how we do it concerns travel and summer project grants. Many old members will recall the system of summer travel grants. That goes on, ably administered by Professor Chu, who also oversees the parallel scheme of grants for research-related travel for postgraduates. It was very gratifying recently to hear a student say how well our provision compares with that of other colleges in his Tripos. Thanks to the generosity of alumni and other friends of the College, we can now provide significant funding to students for vacation projects. Many might not otherwise be able financially to undertake the unpaid internships, dissertation research, mini-pupillages, medical electives, lab placements and other activities that we support and which contribute notably to the academic and personal

development of our students.

More generally, the College remains in good shape. We continue to attract high quality recruits to the Fellowship and to the wider academic community. It has been gratifying recently that a couple of new appointees on the University's new teaching track are themselves Selwyn graduates. Our investment in academic excellence is paying off. The College's exam results in 2024 were excellent. Those in 2025 are even better. In the Baxter Tables for 2025 Selwyn ranks second only to Trinity, our best position since we topped the table in 2008 and were second in 2009. In 2025 the proportion of our undergraduates achieving First Class results has risen to just over 39% of our candidates. Regrettably there has not been quite the same abundance of results below the lower Second Class that was a feature of 2024. However, over 85% of students achieved Good Honours. Eleven students topped their Class List and a further nine ranked second. Eight achieved starred Firsts. It is noteworthy that of twenty-five students in their final year who were in receipt of Cambridge Bursary Scheme support twelve achieved Firsts.

The year has also been marked by the death of a student, Jaycee Busuego, in College. A close-knit community cannot but be affected by such an event. However, the very strong sense of community has also been key to us getting through such a tragic time. I have been impressed by the resilience and mutually supportive attitude manifested by staff, Fellows and students alike, our first years in particular.

I close, as always, by acknowledging the support I receive from my Fellowship colleagues in general and the Tutors and Directors of Studies in particular; also the staff of the Tutorial and Admissions teams. Their quiet and often barely noticed hard work underpins the successful operation of the College academically and pastorally.

Dr Mike Sewell, Senior Tutor

REPORT FROM THE BURSAR

Writing in a sweltering heatwave on the first day of the new financial year (1 July), it is pleasing to at least know that we are banking the sunlight falling on the roof of the Cripps building these days. Our seventy extra solar-photovoltaic panels, linked to their new battery array, mean that student showers at midnight can now be fuelled by the noonday sun. The c. 44,000 kWh generated annually equates to roughly a third of Selwyn's residential need. It protects our utility costs against some of the vagaries of the free market, and it represents another step along Selwyn's steady path towards a more sustainable estate. In presenting some thoughts on the past and future of our estate to the Easter Term Governing Body meeting, I was able to add this to the energy savings from the 'three hostels' project of 2022, which we now know has reduced the carbon footprint of those buildings by over 70% (or 250,000 kWh). There is a long way to travel, but the important thing is to keep moving.

The costs of improving the temperature regulation of our housing stock remain a challenge. Our next refurbishment target is the hostels at 21 and 23 West Road on Selwyn's main site, which were bought from Gonville & Caius in 1963. We are



thinking of them as the 'North Face' of Ann's Court – and in a Cambridge winter I think some of the current resident students would agree with the reference to the chilly mountainside of the Eiger. Thermal images, together with a recent utility-data review project for the estate, have helped reinforce our strategy of 'insulate, insulate, insulate'. As we have learned from the 'three hostels', this helps in cold weather but also conversely in the heat. It will form the bedrock of a project to improve the student living experience across twenty-five bedrooms, gyms and bathrooms, upgrading wiring, piping and glazing for the next thirty years or so. At the same time we hope to improve accessibility across both buildings, create a self contained accessible flat, and even link the two buildings together to give a more legible and secure 'court facing' entrance. It is all quite literally on the drawing board at the moment – so do please watch this space!

What else are we up to, outside our core educational purposes? Keeping costs down by using the site effectively is a given. Heralded in last year's report, conference income continued to rise, to £1.75m in the twelve months to June 2024 from £1.2m the year before. We await with interest the audited figures to June 2025 – will we exceed a £2.0m high-water mark? Pre-Covid records have been thoroughly outperformed. The teamwork across College staff, in feeding, housing, organising and supporting both students and guests all year round, remains as

Retirement parties



Sally Clayson (right) with the Bursar



Helen Arnold (left) with the Head Porter

good humoured and as solutions-focused as we could wish. The increases in conference income help us to afford to pay the real living wage, a commitment which does put pressure on budgets but remains the right thing to do in the context of a growing and expensive city. I thank all our staff regularly for their efforts, but

the best measure of what keeps them here is perhaps found at that perennial favourite, the (Bursar's) annual June garden party. Over giant Jenga, Pimms and strawberry scones, we work through differences and find each others' strengths – Cambridge style. A roll of duct tape and a screwdriver and Maintenance can fix literally anything to help out Housekeeping in a crisis, even our ageing giant Connect 4 mid game. Perhaps most pleasingly, the number of retired staff that also make the effort to attend reflects the special hold Selwyn has over those that work, as well as live, here. Amongst them this year were Sally Clayson, who for twenty-seven years held the financial fort to our collective benefit, and Helen Arnold ('Hels' to most), a porter of even longer service and longer memory. We wish them all the best. And it is not only retirees but also their descendants who frequent the College. During the Easter Term, Catering hosted the great-great-niece of George Chase, Master 1934-46, on a work experience placement.

The big recent story, though, has been donations and their impact. From the huge generosity of those that contributed to the Harrison Fund – with Professor James Moultrie appointed as our first Harrison Fellow from October 2024 – to those that give sums towards gym equipment and travel grants, no gift goes unnoticed. Much of what we do cannot, sadly, be afforded from the regulated tuition fees, with the College's cost of education well over £10,000 per undergraduate, against which we receive a half share of the regulated fee – currently £4,625. The rest goes to the University. Even the October 2025 uplift (worth around £50,000 annualised) will be dwarfed by the size of the employer's National Insurance bill that came with it (£180,000 annualised); and so we remain grateful to those supporters who allow us to keep funding things under increasing pressure, staving off the bursarial need to hunt for cuts. I mentioned two major legacies last year. These have allowed us to name and fund the Librarian's post for the long term, in memory of a donor who was himself a librarian – Richard Harvey (SE 1962). Then James Swift's (SE 1968) legacy has given us the financial confidence to get started on the 'North Face' project in Ann's Court mentioned above, in the hope that others will support us in time. We are grateful to both; they will not be forgotten.

So, College life goes on. The freshers arrive, grow in maturity, and leave. We build, things fall down, we fix them. More freshers arrive. The Bursar battles the annual deficit. Yet somehow over the long run, thanks to the generosity of friends that support our endeavours at all scales, the balance of payments just about works out. We expect to be here for many more generations of freshers yet – and, of course, for any alumni who might care to visit.

Jennifer Phillips

REPORT FROM THE ADMISSIONS TUTORS

It has been another eventful year in the Admissions Office. We saw 763 applications to Selwyn, which was a reversion to our recent average after a bumper year in the previous round. We interviewed 462 applicants in December 2024, continuing for a second year with our policy of in-person interviews for all applicants based in the



Open day welcoming

UK or the Republic of Ireland. We feel strongly that this approach is valued by applicants and interviewers alike. Although a majority of colleges have continued to interview all applicants online since the pandemic, every year a few more seem to be moving in a similar direction to us.

The outcome was that we made 161 offers for 2025 entry, which we calculate will bring around 120 new students in October. Around 85% of these offers were to students from maintained-sector schools, once again far exceeding the University average in this regard. In the first year of the University's new Access and Participation Plan as agreed with the Office for Students, our attention was also particularly drawn to applicants eligible for free school meals and to those coming from postcode areas ranking in the bottom 40% according to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). 8.9% of our offer-holders are eligible for free school meals, and 21% are from the bottom two IMD quintiles. These are good foundational numbers upon which to build over the five-year lifespan of the Access and Participation Plan.

In summer 2024, Stuart Eves moved on from his role as the Admissions Tutor for Mathematics, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Biological Natural Sciences, and Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, which he had held since 2016. We were sorry to see Stuart step back – his astute eye and his warmth when dealing with applicants and teachers were always evident, and his leading role in the oversight of our outreach programmes was also hugely valued. We therefore continued short-handed in terms of Admissions Tutors during the most recent admissions round, and were grateful to the Senior Tutor, Mike Sewell, for stepping in to fill some gaps, drawing upon his wealth of experience of the Cambridge admissions process. Looking forward, from July 2025 Gareth Wilkes (Bye-Fellow and Director of Studies

in Mathematics) will complete the team as our third Admissions Tutor. Gareth has already shown himself to be a thoughtful and insightful Director of Studies as well as a frequent and effective contributor to our outreach efforts. We very much look forward to working with him.

Our Schools Liaison Officers (SLOs) continue to work energetically to engage with schools and colleges to encourage applications to Selwyn and Cambridge from an ever wider and more diverse group of students. The work we do is particularly focused upon our assigned regions through the University's Area Links Scheme, namely West Yorkshire and east Berkshire. We were fortunate to be joined in August 2024 by Shireen Nawaz, who started work as our embedded SLO in West Yorkshire having previously been a teacher in the region. Shireen has picked up where her predecessor Joe Stanley left off, building strong relationships with schools and ably managing programmes based in Huddersfield and Leeds/Wakefield in particular. Her insights have been enormously valuable and we look forward to developing our work in West Yorkshire further still with her input.

Stuart Wren has meanwhile continued as our Cambridge-based SLO. The creation of the Northern SLO post in 2022 has freed up Stuart to focus in particular on schools in east Berkshire, a region to which we had not previously been able to devote as much attention as we would have liked. As well as becoming a popular and trusted figure among our partner schools, Stuart is tireless in arranging and hosting visits to Selwyn for groups of prospective applicants and in hitting the road to reach out to them. We are also grateful for Stuart's obvious rapport with our growing team of student ambassadors. None of us in the Admissions Office can remember a time when so many current students have been willing to give up their time to pass on their experience of the College to other young people during school visits, summer schools and open days.

Highlights of the year in terms of our outreach schedule have included the academic masterclasses given by members of the Selwyn teaching staff in May as part of our Higher Education Extension programme based at Greenhead College in Huddersfield, and the return of our residential summer schools in June-July 2025 – we have invited students from all over the country to come and taste Cambridge teaching in Physical Natural Sciences, Languages and Linguistics, and Archaeology. The start of the last academic year also saw the launch of a new Bridging Course to support incoming students from Widening Participation backgrounds in making a successful transition to life at Cambridge. Across a week-long residential in early September and subsequent online support, we gave fifteen students an early introduction to teaching and learning at Cambridge and to the support and resources available. Feedback suggests that the selected students enormously valued the opportunity and came away having made friends, built confidence and dispelled misconceptions about Cambridge. We are lucky to have been supported by the Isaac Newton Trust's Widening Participation and Induction Fund for a second year running to repeat the course in September 2025, and have recently learned of a generous donation from our Fellow Benefactors Peter and Christina Dawson to allow us to continue for a further four years beyond that. We are excited about this opportunity to refine the programme over the next several years.

Working in admissions, we adapt frequently to changes in the University and national landscapes within which we work. What remains constant, however, is the supportive community we have as Admissions Tutors at Selwyn – SLOs, Stephanie Pym in the Admissions Office, academic colleagues and students – who allow us to work towards engaging and securing a highly achieving and diverse body of applicants and incoming students every year. We are grateful to them all.

Tom Smith and Daniel Beauregard

THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

Project work has taken centre stage in the Library and Archives this year, with a focus on behind-the-scenes technical tasks and on work with and for students and a wider audience.



The Archivist talking to students at the Cambridge Archives and Collections Fair

There was a sense that Michaelmas Term had come early to Selwyn and to the Bartlam Library, as we warmly welcomed the first cohort of Bridging-Course students in early September. They started their Monday with a tour of the Library and an introduction to library resources in Cambridge, ahead of a packed week which saw many of them returning to the Library to make use of the books, space and facilities, familiarising themselves ahead of the start of term.

In March, the Library and Archives team again hosted a stall at the Cambridge Archives and Collections Fair, an event that is now annual, at which staff from many Cambridge archives, libraries and museums advertise their collections as sources of research material and provide guidance on using archives and special collections to students and other interested visitors. We also curated a corresponding display of information and resources in the Bartlam Library, to widen the reach of this event within Selwyn and promote the variety of archival and special collections material available in Selwyn and across Cambridge.

During the Easter vacation, the Librarian and Assistant Librarian attended the biennial Oxford-Cambridge College Librarians' Conference, held at Somerville College Oxford. This event provides an opportunity to learn about projects and

initiatives being run by libraries similar to our own, which can be very helpful in terms of scale and feasibility, with the focus this year being on AI and on pastoral support and community building. For us, that sense of community extends to staff across Cambridge and other academic libraries, with whom we share advice and best practice, and beyond to the wider realm of librarianship. There was also plenty of cake!

Throughout the year, we have been focusing on working through the many donations we continue to receive. We are always grateful that donors think of us when considering where their books might go, and will seek to help identify alternative locations should the books on offer fall outside our collection management policy. Whilst we had anticipated an increase in donations, back when the new library project began, the amount of offers we have received has been far greater than we could fit into our previous workflows, hence making it a special focus this year and for the next few years to come. For each book, we will first assess its condition and check if it is relevant to current Tripos teaching or if it is by or about Selwyn alumni. If we are adding it to the Library collection, it will then need to be catalogued, classified, labelled, tagged and finally shelved, ready to be borrowed. Any books we do not take will be put into our student book sale or may be offered to other Cambridge libraries or sold to raise extra funds for library purchases.

The Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections have now been in the refurbished Old Library for three years. We have welcomed many visitors including those attending College and Development events. This year, the Archivist has curated several displays of matriculation photographs and treasures from the College's history, as well as special displays of items on the Selwyn family, Bishop Patteson and Melanesia for visitors from the Melanesian Mission and the Charlotte Yonge Literary Society. She has also provided tours of Old Court for the 1882 Society and as part of Open Cambridge 2024. In addition, she co-curated a display in the Bartlam Library with a third-year student on the history of the Snowball, which garnered interest from other students with topics they wished to develop for display or with an interest in display curation. We are looking to create further opportunities for students to work with Selwyn's historical collections.

Essential tasks such as updating catalogue entries on ArchiveSearch continue behind the scenes and requests for photographs still tend to be the focus of many enquiries. Assistance has been provided to alumni and relatives researching their family history, the College history and architecture as well as several enquiries relating to the Second World War which may have arisen because of interest in the recent eightieth anniversary of VE Day. These included questions about nurses who were stationed at Selwyn during the war and returning students. The Archivist continues to liaise closely with the Development team on various projects and has assisted the Chaplain with several questions about the Chapel and College history.

We would like to express our gratitude for all the donations received by the Library and Archives this year. The Archives received books and pamphlets from Sir David Harrison's collection, photographs and other items from Jeff Morgan (SE 1974), photographs of Leonard Forster from his daughter Catherine Hilliard and papers from members of staff who have retired after long service: Helen Arnold (porter), Sally Clayson (Finance Manager), and Shona Winnard (Alumni Events

Manager). We also received on loan collections of photographs from Hector Sims (SE 1986) and the family of R S Parkes (SE 1932), kindly arranged by the Development Office.

We are always pleased to hear from current members and alumni about photographs and memorabilia from their time at Selwyn. Print and digital photographs are welcome and copies can be made and originals returned. All enquiries should be directed to the Archivist at archives@sel.cam.ac.uk or by telephone on +44 (0)1223 762014. Donations of books to support current undergraduate study are welcome and are accepted subject to the Library's collection development policy. We also welcome donations of books written by or about Selwyn alumni. Offers of book donations should be sent to library@sel.cam.ac.uk.

If you would like to visit the Bartlam Library or the Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections in the Old Library, please contact the Librarian or the Archivist to enquire about making an appointment. We would be pleased to welcome you whenever possible.

Sonya Adams, Harvey Librarian
Elizabeth Stratton, Archivist

THE CHAPEL

I write this at a milestone for me, as I have now been Chaplain and Dean of Chapel here for three years, that is to say the length of the majority of Selwyn's undergraduate degrees. That made it a particularly poignant graduation, now including faces I had first met when we were 'freshers together'.

At the end of September 2024, Chapel was full of Selwyn members of every era for Commemoration of Benefactors in the context of a ten-year reunion and the alumni weekend. Our preacher, Bishop Mike Harrison, studied for a degree in Maths at Selwyn in 1981. The first person he met here, in the bar, went on to be the current Bishop of Dudley; Mike has just been appointed as Bishop of Exeter. Be careful whom you meet!

We went on to have a great Chapel term: strong preachers, including the National Church's adviser on racial justice, alumnus the Reverend Dr Brunel James (SE 1990), preaching on the radicality of our patroness, St Etheldreda, and a glorious sermon on a painting from Dr Chlöe Reddaway, leading academic in theology and the visual arts. There were sobering things too: our interfaith readings for Remembrance included our first reading from the Sikh tradition, and it remains an extremely poignant service in the light of present global violence. And of course there was the need to react as a faith community to the report on the historic abuse by John Smyth and the response to it from those in authority in the Church. This was hard, but facing up to it and committing ourselves to the work of care with justice and mercy mattered. Carol services were packed of course, including 500 coming for our alumni carols in the new venue of Holy Trinity, Sloane Square. Our



The Chaplain leads the silence on Remembrance Day

new family carols doubled its numbers and was the choir highlight of the term once again (they do not usually get to sing in costume).

Lent Term brought a sermon theme, an exploration of the senses: sight, touch, taste, hearing and smell, which in each case brought about a new interaction with the multisensory experience that evensong naturally is, and neatly took us from the experience of God's self-revelation we celebrate in Epiphany to the sensory renunciation of Lent.

For the first time in a while our retreat leader at Launde Abbey was a Chapel alumna from Newnham: Iona Morphet, ordinand, whose devotional linocuts have a cult following and who led us to reflect on the relationship between human and divine creativity, taught us a way of praying with images, and also encouraged us in some collage creation of our own.

The Easter Term sermon 'theme' was a rather homespun one: parents of current finalists! This was a boon for those exam-stricken final years who forgave me as they were consequently brought care packages and taken out for lunch. It was no surprise to discover that this was a rich pool to pick from, and it helped us all keep our lives here in perspective to hear about the life and work of a full-time academic medic and Anglican deacon, the trials and tribulations of pioneer ministry on an estate in Poole, and the joyful variety of parish priesthood in Sheffield.

Chapel was full for an extremely sad reason just before exams, following the death of our first-year natural scientist John Constantin Busuego. This shook the College, and Chapel played an important role as a place of refuge and remembrance. I will not forget the 120 shimmering flames on our candle-stand during the gathering we had immediately after that terrible news. Jaycee left us with much sadness, but also the joy of having known a kind, clever and hilarious person. Words from a note left by the book and photo we kept in Chapel until the funeral: 'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit' (Psalm 34:18). Rest in peace, Jaycee.

We have had two superb ordinands throughout this Chapel year: an inaugural Patteson Scholar, Ridley ordinand Andrew Isaac, whose grandfather was the first person to be ordained priest from the Dalit population of India, and Westcott Gosden Scholar Sam Tudor, who kept some great things going, contributing to our new Praying with Beads group and our discussion group on Simone Weil's *Waiting for God*. They go on to curacies in Manchester and Sheffield.

The choir's additional month of duties, concerts and tours ended on a media crescendo: we had a live BBC broadcast of Radio 3's *Choral Evensong* in Chapel, which one listener called 'absolute bliss', and this was followed the next morning by the (slightly more relaxed) pre-recording of a *Sunday Worship*, to be released on 5 October and celebrating St Francis of Assisi with a creation theme.

I write just after the very last sad / glad event of the Chapel year: a packed funeral for Mary Sweet (1928-2025), widow of John Sweet, who was Chaplain and subsequently Dean of Chapel at Selwyn for many years. Mary's life, as our emeritus Dean of Chapel said in his superb words on that occasion, was in so many ways itself the sermon. She was a 'sweet and virtuous soul' to quote the funeral anthem, a setting of George Herbert's poem, and the number of lives substantially touched by hers was astonishing. I had to contact over two dozen clergy, three of them former

archbishops and a number of current bishops. Perhaps even more movingly, in recent months she had befriended two final year undergraduates who had been filling in for her carers' respite breaks, both of whom were also at the funeral. Mary was buried on the day I write this in the first real rain of our long dry summer, echoing the reading from Isaiah 35 we had the day before: 'for waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert'. This has been a term of some hard stretches but also of never quite quenched joy and refreshment. Thanks be to God.

The Reverend Arabella Milbank Robinson, Chaplain and Dean of Chapel

THE CHAPEL CHOIR



The choir in the Trinitatis Kirke, Copenhagen, in July 2025

The choir has had an extremely successful year. The new choir gathered in September with ten freshers to sing for the Commemoration of Benefactors. The returners included a significant number of third-years as well as several fourth-years, making the choir large enough (thirty-two members at its peak) to fill three rows on each side of the Chapel. Before Full Term, we had several days of intensive rehearsals, preparing for services and recording an online release of music by contemporary British composer Richard Pantcheff. Highlights of Michaelmas Term included choral evensong in Ely Cathedral, singing W H Harris' iconic 'Faith is the heaven' in the Lady Chapel, a joint service with the choir from the Liverpool

Bluecoat School, and directed by Timothy Brown (Director of Music Emeritus of Clare College). After the end of term, we sang our annual concert in Bury St Edmunds to a packed and appreciative audience, as well as five College carol services, including one in the glorious acoustic of Holy Trinity, Sloane Square. After singing for the Cripps Feast, we ended the choir term with the now-traditional Family Carol Service, one of the undoubted highlights of the year.

The Lent Term featured an exceptional opportunity for us to work with conductor Edward Gardner and the London Philharmonic Orchestra in Saffron Hall. The combined choirs of Clare, Jesus, Caius and Selwyn gave an outstanding performance of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* to a capacity audience. In Chapel, joint services with the choir of Hereford Sixth Form College and with Worksop College provided opportunities for musical recruitment, and we also sang for the University Sermon in Great St Mary's when the preacher was Selwyn alumnus Canon Professor James Walters (SE 1997). During Term, two recent CD recordings were released in our long-running series of single-living-composer discs on the Regent label: music by Bryan Kelly and works by Jonathan Bielby. After full term, we sang for the John Armitage Memorial (JAM), which was celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. Selwyn Choir has sung for JAM during every year of the charity's existence, and their unwavering commitment to excellent new choral music has shaped our own identity, as is particularly evident in our discography.

With the Easter Term came the innovation of starting choral evensong at 18.15 on weekdays, allowing choir and congregation to get to High Table/Formal Hall without rushing (something we probably should have changed some time ago). With Tripos looming, we could not adjust the rehearsal time, so it gave the choir a sense of what it feels like to be a cathedral lay clerk, where rehearsal time is significantly shorter. This year's choir was experienced enough to cope with this pressure, and sang exceptionally well despite the curtailed practice time. We welcomed the choir of Palmers Green High School, London, and Minnesota's 'South Metro Chorale' directed by alumna Christiana Howell (SE 2018), to sing joint services. Our annual service with the Friends of the Choir was a lovely occasion to welcome back supporters and alumni from many years. At the formal choir dinner, we said a sad farewell to the wonderful Anita Morrison, who is retiring after teaching singing at Selwyn for twenty-five years. Our two remaining singing teachers, Stuart MacIntyre and Bradley Smith, will be joined next year by Elinor Rolfe Johnson.

Choir Month after the end of Easter Term was exhilarating and active, both geographically and musically. We began by singing for the Master's family and friends' farewell dinner. Music which signified special times for Roger over the years (including repertoire by Eleanor Daley and Vaughan Williams, complemented by lighter fare) was followed by a song from *Fame*, with words adapted by Marcus Tomalin and music arranged by me (see page 88). We spent a day on the Lincolnshire border, singing a service for the 800th anniversary of the founding of the parish of Etton, followed by a masterclass in Northborough Manor, a grade I listed building once visited by Oliver Cromwell, now the home of the tenor Bradley Smith. Choral evensong in the College living of Longstowe was followed by 'Singing in the Gardens', which attracted record numbers, and the

'STARMAKER' ORIGINAL WORDS:

Here, as I watch the ships go by,
I'm rooted to my shore;
I keep asking myself why
And if there's more on the other side.

Here, as I see the friends I thought
I'd made,
A little bit crazed, knowing now
We've outgrown one another.

*Starmaker,
Dream breaker,
Soul taker,
We're happy now.*

Now when I see the things I want
I can take the things I see,
But I keep asking myself why
And if there ain't just a little bit more
for me

Here, when there's time to count the cost,
I keep measuring what I lost,
And wondering if you knew,
It would all wind up with you.

*Starmaker,
Dream breaker,
Soul taker,
We're happy now.*

Here, as I watch the time go by,
How I'd like to sail away,
Leaving all my past behind,
But I know I'd only last for a couple
of days.

Here stands everything I thought
I'd made,
It's the only life I've known,
And I can't even call it my own, I got
no home;
I belong to you.

*Starmaker,
Dream breaker,
Soul taker,
We're happy now.*

ADAPTED WORDS:

Here, as you watch the Freps go by,
And GB's such a bore,
You keep asking yourself why
And if there's more on the other side.

Here, as the Fellows bicker, whinge,
and moan,
You're no longer amazed, knowing now
We've outgrown one another.

*Our Master,
Ex-broadcaster,
You were not a disaster.
We'll miss you now!*

Now when you pass the port you want
Nibbling cheese and biscuits too;
You keep asking yourself why
And if there ain't just a little bit more
for you.

Here, when the Bursar counts the cost,
You keep measuring what you've lost,
And wondering what you'd do
If it were 1882.

*Our Master,
Ex-broadcaster,
You were not a disaster.
We'll miss you now!*

Here, where your dog's a college cat,
How you'd like to punt away,
Leaving Cambridge far behind,
But you know you'd only last for a
couple of days.

Here you were everything we'd
hoped you'd be,
Life in leafy CB3,
So much better than Bradford could be,
Or the BBC;
You belong with us.

*Our Master,
Ex-broadcaster,
You were not a disaster.
We'll miss you now.*

London concert in St Bride's, Fleet Street. Our next performance was in Hythe, Kent, where we sang Paul Mealor's oratorio *The Fifth Continent* in a JAM-on-the-Marsh festival concert marking the composer's fiftieth birthday. We then spent seventy-two hours in Denmark, singing to appreciative audiences in Holte Kirke and in the Trinitatis Kirke in Copenhagen. Less than twenty-four hours after returning to the UK, we were live on BBC Radio 3, singing *Choral Evensong*. I was extremely pleased with the service, and was especially delighted to have Roger Mosey reading the Old Testament lesson. The next day we pre-recorded a service for BBC Radio 4 *Sunday Worship*, and then the singing was over.

This has been one of the finest manifestations of the choir that I have had the privilege to conduct. However, with eighteen of them graduating, there will be rebuilding to do come Michaelmas Term. Although I will miss them all, the invigorating thought of a new intake keeps us on our toes, and I know that the returners will rise to the challenge of continuing the musical excellence that they have experienced so far. I would like to end by recording thanks to the Friends of the Choir, whose regular support makes all of this activity possible, to the Master and to the Development and Alumni Relations Office for their continued championing of the choir, to the Conferences and Catering staff who look after us so well, and to Arabella Millbank Robinson, our much-loved and encouraging Dean of Chapel. Last but not least, thank you to Caille Sugarman-Banaszak (SE 2000), choir administrator extraordinaire, who keeps us all in food, singing lessons, buses, planes and youth hostels, with efficiency, grace, and humour.

Sarah MacDonald, Director of Music

THE GARDENS

The academic year began with favourable conditions for the gardens: the summer had not been too hot or dry and the autumn was cool rather than cold. Winter was favourable too, with some frost and snow but no extreme cold. Spring had alternating warm and cold spells and was notably dry. The dryness continued through to the end of the Easter Term, along with some hot weather. The result was that rejuvenation and pruning works could take place through the winter, particularly in Old Court, Cripps Court and the main gardens. All the areas of the gardens were in good shape for spring, which ended up being a very extended season of flowering due to the temperature undulations. There had been little rain, so when the summer heat came it was necessary to water the new plants that had been introduced during the winter rejuvenations – except for the new bulb and wildflower meadow, which looked after itself.

Thanks to generous donations made by the Friends of Selwyn Gardens, a bulb and wildflower meadow is being established in the area between the Old Library and Ann's Court. The first step was for the contractors to plant 40,000 bulbs using a machine that lifted a one-metre-wide strip of turf, scattered the bulbs underneath and relaid the turf in a continuous process. The area was then scarified multiple

times to weaken the grass in preparation for sowing a perennial wildflower mixture of thirty-three species, including knapweed, ox-eye daisies, yellow rattle, wild sorrel and so on. Some *Pilosella aurantiaca* (fox and cubs) was relocated from elsewhere in the gardens to the meadow, and several bee orchids were found already to be in the area. Paths to cross the meadow were left as grass and will be mown when necessary.



Bee orchid

The bulb meadow has been a triumph, everyone loved it and everyone took photos of it. There were successive waves of daffodils and camassia; wild tulips are expected to assert themselves in future years. Grass competes with the perennial wildflowers grown from seed and it may be a few years before they are flowering fully – it is likely the area will have a different character every year. In order to have some continuity between the areas as well as to have an earlier start to spring flowering, an additional 8,000 bulbs of the same types as used in the wildflower meadow were planted in the borders of Ann's Court – these planted by hand by our gardeners.

Old Court lawn received attention in the autumn, with scarification and other treatments including the removal of some *Papaver cambricum* (Welsh poppy) that had moved into the north-western corner from its habitual location below the *Davidia involuocrata* (handkerchief tree) alongside the Chapel. Apart from the bare patches left by the removals, the lawn was in beautiful shape through spring. However the hot, dry summer turned it into a sand-coloured patch, with some bright-green clover showing a potential way forward if 'green all year round' is to be desired. The lawn will regrow in the autumn ready for the next round of treatments in the new academic year. Two more plants from New Zealand have been added to the Old Court border next to the Chapel. *Pseudopanax crassifolius* is heteroblastic (different leaf forms at different growth stages); currently in its juvenile state it is a collection of spiky twigs pointing at the ground and it will eventually become a normal-looking tree. The second is *Cyathea dealbata*, the silvery tree fern.

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Bulb planting



The result

The winter border next to the Victorian border has been such a success that it has been extended to the first part of the Sidgwick path. Removal of a stray *Berberis* opened up the view of the gardens from the path (low-growing *Buglossoides/gromwell* was retained) and the bed has been planted with varieties that provide interest in winter, including *Phormium*, *Cornus*, *Edgeworthia*, *Callicarpa*, *Begonia* and *Phlomis*. Further along the Sidgwick path, woodland plants have been introduced including oak-leaved hydrangea, *Disporum*, *Saruma* and pagoda lilies. Many new *Aubretia* plants have been planted along the wall to increase the colour waterfall they produce. A silver birch was lost and was replaced by a *Prunus serrula* 'Tai Haku' in order to add a splash of spring and autumn colour.

The periodic survey of the 330 trees that are on the site showed that the trees are healthy and in good condition, although in some cases dead wood needs to be removed. Only one tree will be felled, a small crab-apple. A number of new trees have been planted, many of which were supplied through the generosity of alumni and friends of Selwyn: five 'Sweetheart' cherry trees in West Bye Lane, a sweet chestnut in the wildflower meadow, a *Sorbus aucuparia* in the winter border and a *Prunus* 'Tai Haku' for the rear of Cripps Court and another in front of the Old Library.

There are a number of large composting bays in the area between the Fellows' and Master's gardens and high-quality compost is produced from Selwyn's prunings, grass cuttings and fallen leaves, that is then used to mulch and enrich the borders and beds. This year the kitchens have been encouraged to make contributions, subject to rather strict rules: nothing that has been cooked, nothing that is not a vegetable or a fruit. From a perspective in the Fellows' garden, during the period when there has not been a proper hedge, the compost bays have been a perhaps too-visible emblem of Selwyn's commitment to sustainable gardening and catering. Happily the situation has been resolved by a new hornbeam hedge that was planted at the end of Michaelmas Term and had enough foliage that there were no complaints during the garden party season around May week. Alex Turner, the head gardener, was able to get a deal on bare root plants in greater number and better size than had been anticipated so the garden is entirely surrounded by very healthy plants that will provide progressively better screening in the coming years.

There have been a number of projects to improve and catalogue biodiversity in the gardens. A bee hotel for hibernating bees was built by the maintenance and gardens teams. It contains wood, bamboo and bark material and is located in the student border. Nick Owens (SE 1966) supplied yellow loosestrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*) for the pond border. The hope is that the plant will attract the yellow loosestrife bee (*Macropis europaea*), a pollinator that obligatorily depends on oil rewards from the plant to feed its larvae. They are known to be in the University Botanic Garden. In the long vacation a biodiversity survey will be conducted by Dr Justin Gerlach with student helpers, in order to catalogue plants, fungi, invertebrates and vertebrates.

Dr Daniel Beauregard, Chair of the Gardens Committee

JUNIOR COMBINATION ROOM

The JCR committee got to work quickly this year, building upon the success of last year's team with a mix of new and returning members. Lent and Easter terms saw a range of student events designed to uplift and bring together the community at Selwyn.



Some of the participants at the Halfway Hall

Selwyn Bar has enjoyed a revival as a centre for student life in the College, thanks to more student-friendly pricing and a wider selection of food and drink. A series of exciting events – such as jazz nights, karaoke, the launch of a new college cocktail, and an International Women's Day bop hosted by Monisha Talreja (Gender Equalities Officer) – have taken place in the bar this year. Bops have also continued in the Diamond, otherwise known as Club Diamonte, under the direction of Isabella Lleshi and Josephine Mellor (Ents Officers). Ents also treated us to a wonderful JCR Dinner with the theme 'Movie Night', and Halfway Hall. Harry Litchfield and Asha Scott (Freshers' Reps) also provided a popular college marriage formal for the first-years, alongside a series of games nights and an end of year garden party.

Sophia Emmett and Jack Gower (Welfare Officers) have been busy providing a range of events and student support, including movie nights, games nights, crafts, and pizza nights. Benjamin Skidmore (Vice President) continued our Sunday Tea tradition, offering free Krispy Kreme doughnuts and, in Easter Term, outdoor study breaks in the gardens. The JCR is particularly grateful for the support of Lucy Turnell and Arabella Milbank Robinson; they have been a wonderful source of advice and support on student welfare this year.

Our Treasurer, Lea Fink, has maintained our funds, offering students a range of reimbursements for areas such as cycle safety, reproductive health and prescriptions. Lea has worked closely with Milo Kaji-Hausa (Disabled Students

Officer) to maintain the Disabled Students Fund, and with Imogen Gallagher (Faith and Beliefs Officer) to continue the Ramadan Fund to assist with the cost of travel to Cambridge Mosque. Lila Mintowt-Czyz (Accommodation and Services Officer) and I worked together to ensure a minimal rent increase in negotiations with the College. I am most grateful to all the committee for their support in helping us navigate such a financially difficult time for students. Imogen Gallagher has collaborated with the Chaplain to assess prayer spaces across Cambridge University and advocate for improved provision at Selwyn.

Jacob Waddington and Laura Nikoghosyan (Access Officers) have provided vital insights and feedback for the second year of the Bridging Scheme. Jacob and Laura have assisted the Schools Liaison Officers and the Admissions Team with interviews, school visits and open days. I would also like to extend a thank you to all the student ambassadors who have assisted in widening participation this year; your time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Evie Pritchard (LGBTQ+ Officer) has worked hard to foster an inclusive and positive environment for LGBTQ students at Selwyn through a range of socials, discussion groups and the very popular queer karaoke in May Week. Leah Foster (BME Officer) and I worked with the Catering Department to diversify the cultural food offerings in Hall and to improve the range of plant-based options. Leah has also led valuable BME discussion groups within the College. Grace Grandfield (Green Officer) has focused on reducing waste and consumption in College. She has maintained the swap and share scheme and established a group chat to share formal wear. Grace has also worked with Matt Rowe (Operations Manager) to expand the provision of food waste bins across Old Court. Raima Bassi (Clubs and Societies Officer) organised professional photography for Selwyn clubs and societies and is planning Selwyn's own Freshers Fair in Michaelmas Term. Juliet Boardman (Education and Development Officer) has worked with the MCR to maintain the Three-Minute Thesis competition and drive undergraduate participation. She also strengthened our connections with the University Careers Service by organising bookable one-on-one sessions in Selwyn.

Building on the JCR's statement in solidarity with Palestine last year, this year's committee donated from the JCR Charities Fund to Medical Aid for Palestinians. Donations have also been made to support education around the world, notably the SKZ Foundation in Pakistan. Closer to home, the JCR has focused on bridging the divide between the University and the city. A foodbank collection box has been established at the end of each term to offer donations to Cambridge City Foodbank and reduce waste. Juliet Boardman and I have been working together to establish a new partnership with Cambridge United Football Club and assist their senior lunches, children's football sessions and local fundraising efforts.

It has been a privilege to work with the incredible committee at Selwyn this year, and I thank them for all of the hard work and time they have devoted to Selwyn. I am so grateful for the opportunity to represent the College's undergraduates and to be a part of the community at Selwyn. I look forward to seeing what the new academic year will bring the JCR and to the arrival of our new Master, Suzanne Raine. The Executive Committee was honoured to be consulted during the election process. While we look forward to seeing what Suzanne brings

to Selwyn, we will greatly miss Roger Mosey, his warm words of wisdom and his reassuring presence around the College.

To keep up to date with the JCR's work, follow our Instagram, @selwyn_jcr, managed by Nicole Banas (Communications Officer), or check out our website, selwynjcr.org, recently remade by Joseph Hunt (Computing Officer).

Sophie Jacques, JCR President

JCR Committee 2025

Sophie Jacques, President; Benjamin Skidmore, Vice President; Lea Fink, Treasurer; Nicole Banas, Communications Officer; Laura Nikoghosyan and Jacob Waddington, Access Officers; Lila Mintowt-Czyz, Accommodation and Services Officer; Leah Foster, BME Officer; Raima Bassi, Clubs and Societies Officer; Joseph Hunt, Computing Officer; Milo Kaji-Hausa, Disabled Students Officer; Juliet Boardman, Education and Development Officer; Isabella Leshi and Josephine Mellor, Ents Officers; Imogen Gallagher, Faith and Beliefs Officer; Harry Litchfield and Asha Scott, Freshers Representatives; Monisha Talreja, Gender Equality Officer; Grace Grandfield, Green Officer; Ari Katz, International Students Officer; Evie Pritchard, LGBTQ+ Officer; Sophia Emmett and Jack Gower, Welfare Officers

MIDDLE COMBINATION ROOM

Over the past year, the Selwyn MCR has continued to grow as a welcoming, vibrant and supportive community for postgraduate students at the College. It has been a privilege to serve as MCR President, working alongside a dedicated and creative committee, who have brought energy and enthusiasm to everything we have done. Together, we have aimed to maintain and strengthen the sense of community that defines Selwyn, ensuring that postgraduates feel both supported academically and socially.

One of my priorities this year has been working closely with the head of Catering and bar manager to improve the everyday experience for MCR members by expanding the food and drink range available, specifically in the bar. We introduced a wider selection of sandwiches, panini and products from the Cambridge Juice Company, making the bar a more attractive and useful space for students. The bar has also become a lively focal point for our community, where we hosted events such as Christmas brass bands, jazz evenings during term, and karaoke nights that have proven especially popular.

Strengthening our connection with Keble College Oxford, our sister college, has also been a key focus of my work. In addition to serving as Selwyn MCR President, I held a position as Selwyn Exchange Officer on the Keble MCR committee, helping to coordinate the Annual Dinner Exchange and establishing a new channel of communication between our two MCR committees. This will lay the groundwork for future joint events, from sporting competitions to picnics and other collaborations. We also hosted regular pizza nights to give MCR members informal opportunities to meet,



MCR annual dinner

relax and support one another. When I had to return unexpectedly to the USA just before Selwyn's hosting of this year's Keble Exchange Dinner due to a family bereavement, the committee and Dr David Smith stepped up to ensure that the event was a success – a genuine example of this community's strength and supportiveness.

The committee as a whole has worked hard to offer a varied and engaging programme of events, services and welfare initiatives. Vice-President and International Officer Vivian Lin continued the tradition of themed monthly MCR dinners and introduced new international food nights that celebrated the diversity of our community. Vivian also led a team to deliver two of our most significant events of the year: our Annual Dinner and the beautifully themed Garden Party 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', both highlights of the MCR calendar.

Secretary Luca Zislin helped to keep things running smoothly, ensuring meetings and administration were well organised. Treasurer Zofia Dziekan diligently managed our finances and reimbursement scheme. Together, Zofia and I represented the MCR at College Council, Governing Body and regular meetings with the Bursar and Senior Tutor, ensuring that the voices and needs of postgraduate students were consistently heard and addressed at all levels.

Weibing Ni, as BAME Officer, promoted inclusivity and provided support for Selwyn's diverse student body. George McDougall and Michael Ustynovych, as Entertainments Officers, hosted the ever-popular Friday Night Socials, giving members a reliable space to relax and socialise at the end of each week. They also assisted in the setup and running of major events, including supporting the Garden Party and the Selwyn leg of the Keble exchange.

Sustainability remained an important focus, thanks to Green Officer Xiangyi Chai, who organised initiatives promoting environmentally conscious living. Xiangyi arranged swap-and-share events to reduce waste, along with a Cambridge Food Pantry food drive. Emily Knutsson, as Part-Time Students and Dinners Officer, arranged intercollegiate dining swaps with Magdalene and Pembroke Colleges, strengthening our links with other colleges, and helped to coordinate entertainment at the Garden Party, while collaborating with Vivian to invite guests from other colleges.

Sports Officer Guy Tregear promoted awareness of the student gym and encouraged participation in physical activity as part of the MCR's programme. Welfare Officer Stefanie Parish provided excellent support, offering thoughtful welfare initiatives throughout the year. She welcomed new students with a scoop of Jack's Gelato during Freshers' Week, organised Valentine's crafts and pizza events, bowling and cinema nights, and co-hosted the Three-Minute Thesis Competition with Dr Mike Sewell, the Senior Tutor – an enjoyable opportunity for students to share their research in a friendly environment.

This year also saw individual achievements worth celebrating. George McDougall and Guy Tregear contributed to Selwyn's sporting success as part of the Selwyn and Robinson 'Slobinson' rugby team, which won the Bowl in Cuppers after a strong season, beating a combined Fitzwilliam, Emmanuel and Sidney Sussex side 26–21 in the final. In the arts, Emily Knutsson's one-woman show *Me and My Year of Casual Monasticism*, a dark comedy exploring the academic experience through a monastic lens, has been a standout success, with performances at Cambridge colleges, the ADC Theatre, and upcoming shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

This has been a wonderful year for the MCR, shaped by the hard work and creativity of the committee and the enthusiastic participation of our members. I am grateful to everyone who contributed to making Selwyn MCR such a lively, friendly and welcoming community. Looking ahead, I am confident that Selwyn's postgraduate community will continue to flourish and that the MCR will remain central to the College's identity, a place where students from all backgrounds can thrive, connect, and feel at home.

Jeffery Pendleton, MCR President

MCR Committee 2025

Jeffery Pendleton, President; Vivian Lin, Vice President and International Officer; Luca Zislin, Secretary; Zofia Dziekan, Treasurer; Stefanie Parish, Welfare Officer; George McDougall and Michael Ustynovych, Entertainments Officers; Emily Knutsson, Part-Time Students and Dinners Officer; Xiangyi Chai, Green Officer; Weibing Ni, BAME Officer; Guy Tregear, Sports Officer.



Part four

Clubs and
societies

CLUBS

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



This was a year of rejuvenation for the club, finally arresting the slump after suffering two successive relegations. There is a new air of confidence and camaraderie about the team, which has made this such an exciting and enjoyable year and bodes very well for the future. Unfortunately, we narrowly missed out on promotion playoffs this year. However, we still put in a very spirited performance in the league, playing by far the most exciting and fun-to-watch football of any team. We also got our own back against the staff this year, despite the sweltering June heat, winning 2-0 in the staff versus students game after suffering defeat last year. The highlight of this year, most certainly, has to be the win over St John's in the league, which finished 12-1 to Selwyn. Some outstanding performers from this year who deserve a mention are Tovi Wen, Ambrose Leung and Toro Croft Senior in attack, providing some sensational solo runs and goals. And, in defence, Lucas Clarke, David Warwick and Oliver Griffiths could on their day shut out any opponent. Other players whose commitment to the team could never be questioned were Soham Chakravarty, Max Rich and Ben Watkins, always giving their all for the club, fitting in wherever there was a need and excelling in all positions on the field.

I leave the club in the very capable hands of Lucas Clarke, who I am sure will steer it to many successes in the future, marshalling the defence and leading the next promotion charge.

Piotr Sokolinski

BADMINTON SOCIETY

Selwyn Badminton returned this year with spirit and saw some great successes. With students expressing a high level of interest in badminton this Michaelmas Term, Selwyn was able to enter two teams into the intercollegiate league. Throughout the year these teams have played various colleges in matches with a three-singles and two-doubles format. The second team progressed from Division 7 to Division 6, and the first team remained in Division 3. These teams were coached by second years Aryan Mirsa, Darong Huang (who plays in the University's badminton team) and Shanjeev Mathialagan; the society thanks them all for their commitment.



In terms of the wider Selwyn community, many have enjoyed attending weekly Selwyn social badminton sessions at the Sports Centre on Saturdays, with an average weekly turnout of twenty College members, including undergraduates and postgraduates. These sessions were a valuable opportunity to break from studying and socialise with the College community. The Selwyn Badminton Society therefore thanks the College for its generosity, which has funded court bookings and league entry, allowing the society to remain open and free to everyone. This year's presidents (Imogen Gallagher, Juliet Boardman and Olivia Newbery) look forward to handing the presidency over to first-years Leo Paveley, Rebecca Rae and Riya Bhatla for the 2025-26 badminton season.

Juliet Boardman

BOAT CLUB

This has been another exceptional year for Selwyn College Boat Club, which continued its success through the 2024-25 season. Michaelmas Term saw a large intake of novices, who achieved great success in Novice Fairbairns, with NM1 and NW1 achieving second and ninth place in their divisions respectively. Four Selwyn crews competed in the Lent Bumps and the College's campaign was very successful, with W1 awarded technical blades (+4/5 races), M1 going up +3, M2 rowing over at +0, and W2 winning their blades (+4). This qualified us for the Marconi Cup as the most successful club in the Lent Bumps.



W1 – May Bumps

In March 2025 we launched our first ever 24-hour Ergathon to raise money for new equipment. We rowed over 700km in 24 hours; thanks to the dedication of Boat Club rowers and the generosity of Fellows, alumni, family and friends we raised over £10,500 towards the purchase of a new women's four and men's pair.

Five Selwyn crews competed in the May Bumps and the club was ranked fifth in the Pegasus Cup for the most successful boat club, assisted by W2's incredible 'super super blades' win by going up +7 in four days. W1 (+2), M1 (+1), M2 (+1), and M3 (-2) also raced spectacularly through a very competitive Bumps competition.

Other notable performances of the year included: double division wins for W1 and W2 in Champs 8s Head; M1 and M2 emerging victorious in their categories at Head of the Cam; M1 achieving the second-fastest time in Spring Head2Head Regatta; M1 achieving the fastest time among Cambridge colleges at the Bedford Regatta; M1 achieving the third-fastest time in their division in Champion of the Thames 8s Head; W1 and W2 reaching the quarter-finals and semi-finals in their divisions at the Bedford Regatta; Charlotte Kersey winning a bronze medal with the Cambridge University Boat Club Development Squad in the British Universities and Colleges Sport Regatta; W1 winning their division in Newnham Head; and M1 back in the top ten in the May Bumps.

Hebe Miller

FRIENDS OF SELWYN COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

The Boat Club's separate report gives the detail of what has been another great year for Selwyn rowing. There continues to be enormous enthusiasm for rowing amongst the current students, and it was great to see members of the club launch their own highly successful fundraising initiative with the 'Ergathon' in Spring 2025. However, their successes would not be possible without support from the Friends, which is of course in turn made possible by the generosity of alumni. As always, very many thanks!

This year we were able to fund a complete new set of blades for the women's 1st VIII, as well as continuing to maintain and where necessary refurbish the Selwyn 'fleet', which has seen a lot of action. We also, as in prior years, provided substantial support for the club's coaching programme and for the Easter training camp which provided an important foundation for the May Bumps. We continued to maintain subsidies for students who would otherwise be unlikely to be able to afford membership of the Boat Club.



M1 – May Bumps

Participation by alumni in the December Fairbairn Cup is becoming a tradition and 2024 was no exception. It was great to see so much enthusiasm from past Selwyn rowers to echo the energy of the current club. Well done to all who took part.

Thanks again to all of you for your continuing support, which is vital if we wish to keep Selwyn rowing at its current fine level and enable the club to offer the experience of Selwyn rowing to any student who is interested, regardless of their financial circumstances. Please do get in touch if you would like to hear any more about our activities.

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Secretary: Hal Mutton (hrmutton@gmail.com)

Brian Hornsby

SAILING CLUB



The year 2025 has been a very successful one for Selwyn sailors: five of the eighteen members of the Cambridge University dinghy sailing team were Selwyn members, easily the best represented college of recent years. Tim Hire and Blake Tudor helmed on the first team, Max Vella on the second team, Luke Wallis crewed on the second team and Ben Dickinson helmed on the third team. The first team qualified for the British Universities Sailing Association Team Racing finals, the premier event in university team

racing, finishing third overall. Tim, Blake and Max participated in the Varsity Match taking place in Itchenor in July 2025, which will earn Blake his Blue (Tim already has a Blue).

The main event for Selwyn College Sailing Club is Cuppers Sailing, which takes place during May week. This year we entered three teams, the only college to field this number. Unfortunately, high winds curtailed the amount of racing, with only a small number of races completed by the best teams (including the Selwyn first team) in winds gusting twenty-five knots. The gusty winds resulted in a number of races being invalidated, handing Selwyn the victory by default as we had the highest number of valid wins. This was one of the days where the weather conditions did not play ball and all the Selwyn sailors would have wished for additional competition to be completed in more favourable conditions. However, Cuppers was a resounding success, with newer sailors taken out for joyrides in the afternoon as wind speeds rose – a peak gust of thirty knots was recorded. Hopefully the weather will be more favourable next year as Selwyn seek to retain the trophy!

It has been a pleasure being part of the Selwyn sailing community, building the society to facilitate as many Selwynites taking part in sailing events as possible. I am sure this success will continue in years to come – Selwyn sailing is now in the good hands of the 2025-26 commodore (captain) Blake Tudor.

Tim Hire

SELWYN SEALS (COLD WATER SWIMMING SOCIETY)



During the last year, the Selwyn Seals has established itself as a new society. It has gone from a couple of friends casually going for a swim at Jesus Green Lido to a hugely popular society that has become a real staple of College community life. Throughout the year the Seals head off for a weekly swim together at the Lido, usually on a Sunday morning so we can return for brunch together at Selwyn. We maintained a group of around six or seven people consistently throughout the winter months (where the water temperature got down to as low as 2°C!), although for some reason the Lido was much more popular during the spring and summer months (I can't imagine why...), where the water made it all the way to a much more reasonable 24°C. All in all, over the course of the year, around fifty people have attended at least one Selwyn Seals outing. We have hosted a variety of socials as well as swims through the year, including one with the Selwyn Football and Netball societies, as well as hosting a very exciting inter-college swim and brunch (pictured), which included the Trinity Hall Orcas, the Emma Eels and the slightly more conventionally named Robinson Cold Water Swim Soc.

It has been a real pleasure to be the president of the Seals this year, and it feels as if the society has gone from strength to strength. I am very excited to see this continue during the next academic year.

Captain 2025-26: Ellie Dennis

Ben Domb

SOCIETIES

HISTORY SOCIETY

After a wonderful revival last year under our previous president, Stefan Wilkinson-Hill, the History Society has held a further series of successful events. In January 2025 we welcomed Dr Lars Laamann from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London to speak on the role of the Manchus in the Qing Empire, which was well attended by students from History and Asian and Middle-Eastern Studies. This was followed at the end of the month by our annual society dinner, which attracted the great majority of the History cohort and several Fellows. Speaking during the meal was Professor John Morrill, who gave his perspectives on studying and teaching History, and how to balance the practice with one's own beliefs and experiences. In February, the society welcomed Dr Rick Lechowick from the Global History Lab at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Sciences and Social Studies, which only recently transferred from Princeton University under Professor Jeremy Adelman. Dr Lechowick discussed his own research in the field in Iraq, where he witnessed the aftermath of the Sinjar genocide. He spoke about doing oral history in the wake of deeply traumatic events, and how he tried to approach the subject in a sensitive manner. In March, the College's own Dr David Smith gave a talk in the auditorium, which was streamed on the College's YouTube channel, on the relationship between Andrew Marvell, John Milton and Oliver Cromwell. The talk focused on shifting perceptions of Cromwell's rule and the manner in which Milton became disillusioned with Cromwell as Marvell developed a respect for the Republic. Later that month, our Socials Officers Sophia Emmett and Lila Mintowt-Czyz were responsible for organising a highly successful pub quiz which was held in the Diamond, and helped raise funds for the society whilst providing a night of entertainment for everyone present. Also this year, we have hosted St John's College for a Formal Hall, as well as having each of our guests for dinner in the Hall after their talks, and an end of year committee Formal.

All that leaves is to thank my fellow committee members, Ellie Montague, Sophie Jacques, Ivan Brosnan, Sophia Emmett, Lila Mintowt-Czyz, Laura Nikoghosyan, and Stefan Wilkinson-Hill for their support this year, and I look forward to seeing where the society goes next year.

David Ruston

LAW SOCIETY

This year has been one of growth, innovation and renewed connection for Selwyn College Law Society. From welcoming a cohort of six freshers, to introducing new initiatives, we are extremely proud of the society's continued evolution and the community it fosters. Drawing on last year's introduction of a Non-Law Officer, we continued to ensure this representation by doubling membership numbers.



Michaelmas Term saw a strong start to the year. We held a formal swap with the Winfield Society at St John's, helping to build inter-collegiate connections early on. Selwyn travelled to Oxford for the annual sister college moot at Keble, judged by a Selwyn alumnus and current BCL students, where Selwyn reigned victorious in the Fresher's Moot and won Best Speaker overall. We also introduced a new Commercial Law Applications Talk, led by a current training contract holder, to support students navigating the early stages of their legal careers. Our first termly dinner of the year was generously sponsored by Slaughter & May and held at the Gonville Hotel, where we had the pleasure of being joined by Selwyn alumnus and Slaughter and May partner Richard Jones. Michaelmas Term also saw the launch of our first ever dedicated welfare event: a highly successful game of Mafia, which helped all the freshers feel welcome and formed an early sense of community within the society.

In Lent Term, we established the first ever Trainee Solicitor Panel, featuring speakers from Mishcon de Reya, A&O Shearman and Herbert Smith Freehill Kramer. Uniquely, this event was attended in equal numbers by law and non-law students, reflecting the evolving academic backgrounds of those entering the legal profession and building on previous efforts to make the society more inclusive. We also launched the society's first-ever 'stash drop', which was met with great enthusiasm, as well as hosting a formal dinner with Pembroke Law Society. Also in Lent Term we had the pleasure of being joined by partner Ardil Salem from Hogan Lovells, with the dinner taking place at Navadhanya, a refreshing change of cuisine that was warmly received. Lent also featured the annual Freshers' Moot, judged by our David K P Li Fellow in Law, Sarah Fraser Butlin KC. This event gave our first-year lawyers an invaluable opportunity to develop advocacy skills.

In Easter Term, we concluded the year with a more intimate dinner, kindly sponsored by Debevoise & Plimpton, where we greatly valued the insight on careers at a US law firm.

Throughout the year, we remained committed to supporting our members both academically and socially, while continuing to build a more inclusive and collaborative legal community at Selwyn. We are very grateful to our committee, our Law Fellows and our alumni for their continued support and generosity. As our term as co-presidents comes to an end, we are pleased to hand over leadership of the Selwyn College Law Society to Eleanor Knowles and Jai Patel, who we are confident will guide the society with dedication, integrity and innovation.

Vaneeza Butt and Ayana Shah

MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society committee has been pleased to continue the long-standing tradition of Sunday evening concerts, as well as the more recent addition of Thursday lunchtime organ recitals.

It has been a pleasure to work with a variety of people from Selwyn's community in our larger ensemble concerts, through which we aimed to cover a wide range of musical genres. These have included the annual Bridgemas concert, a Night at the Musicals, an evening of choral works and a string orchestra concert. It was wonderful to end the year with a successful May Week Concert, in which musicians from Selwyn and across the University performed music by Parry, Vivaldi and Elgar to a full Chapel.

We have hosted a number of brilliant recitals from current students: Alice McCormick and Naomi Fester (vocal duets), James Cozens' jazz trio, committee members Jao-Yong Tsai and Ellie Tang (viola duets), and Kit Attwater (soprano). A highlight was the Williamson Prize recital where Amy Bolster (mezzo-soprano) and Shelley Lee (clarinet) delivered an outstanding evening of Brahms, Strozzi and Horovitz. We were also delighted to welcome back recent alumni Katherine Mann (soprano) and Felix Blake (countertenor).



May Week concert

Our chamber music concerts have included an evening of Italian Baroque music, a Schumann piano quartet and string ensemble of first-year students. These provided further opportunities for instrumentalists to get involved in College musical life and have been especially popular with the wider public. We were also grateful to perform music worked on by current students, including a stunning song cycle composed by finalist Marcus Budack and a selection of Baroque music in new editions by Jao-Yong Tsai.

In addition to the above, we have carried forward the traditional staple events of each term, such as the Freshers' Squash, an outstanding freshers' recital and an evening of choir solos in Lent Term. Joining our Director of Music (and Senior Secretary) Sarah MacDonald and Assistant Organist Shanna Hart, we have had an excellent programme of organists from across the University and beyond in our lunchtime recitals. These included the College's own organists (Stanley Godfrey), University organ scholars and other professionals (notably Richard Gowers and Anthony Gritten).

I look forward to seeing how SCMS develops under the leadership of Magnus Chapman and the new committee. We wish them the best of luck!

2024-25 Committee: Louise O'Hanlon (Junior Secretary), George Nicholson (Junior Treasurer), Zara Bhayani (Publicity Officer), Jao-Yong Tsai (Orchestral Manager), Ellie Tang (Concert Manager)

Louise O'Hanlon



Part five

Alumni

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE



Two Masters and guests at the Fishmongers' Hall reception

The generosity of Selwyn alumni and friends was much in evidence over the past year. Well over £3 million was received from more than 1,500 individuals, all of which helped the College to weather a still challenging financial climate but also to invest in a wide range of new grants, bursaries and facilities for our students. Thank you to everybody who was able to help.

Once again, a substantial part of our donation income arrived in the form of legacies. Many readers will be aware that the government is intent on changing taxation around inheritance and, to put it simply, more and more of our estates will be liable for inheritance tax in the future, with the Office for Budget Responsibility estimating that this tax will raise £14 billion annually by 2029-30. Because Selwyn is a charity, 100% of any amount left to the College is tax free and, unlike with HMRC, you get to have a say in how it is eventually spent. Legacies shape our future and this year they have ranged in size and purpose from the purchase of new choral music for our Chapel choir through to contributing to the refurbishment of the College estate. Our legacies manager, Sam Davis, is available to discuss the options open to you and how they can be used so as to reflect and perpetuate the values you hold dear.

Thankfully, most of our support continues to be given by the living, and gifts of absolutely any size are warmly welcomed, thanked and recorded in our *Annual*

Report. Earlier this year we were able to announce that the Harrison Fund had reached a milestone of raising its first £1 million. This will be used to support the teaching and learning of Mathematics, Engineering and Science, and is already supporting Professor James Moultrie's post as the first Sir David Harrison Fellow. We are hugely grateful to the 400 or so individuals who helped create the Harrison Fund, which will remain a permanent part of Selwyn's endowment.

The news of the Harrison Fund success was shared at a memorable occasion in February 2025 when some 200 Selwyn guests gathered at the historic Fishmongers' Hall on London Bridge. Some of you may have joined us the previous year at a reception at the Drapers' Hall and may be wondering if a new College tradition is being established. Undoubtedly these prestigious venues allow us to create events that attract a large and diverse audience. So if any reader has links to other livery company venues or their equivalent, please let us know as we would be delighted to explore opportunities for similar events in the future.

There is a good chance that you may have been called by one of our students as part of our annual telethon last December. Our students spoke to over 400 alumni internationally and had some great conversations. Many of the calls provided an important opportunity for the College to simply say 'thank you', whilst others generated new support for a range of College and student needs. In total, over £250,000 was donated or pledged, and we are most grateful for this generous response. If you were not called last year, do not despair, there will be another opportunity shortly, when a new Selwyn telethon will be running in the fortnight before Christmas 2025.

In March, members of the Selwyn College Boat Club organised a sponsored 24-hour 'Ergathon', clocking up over 700km. Families, friends and alumni offered encouragement and financial support and the students' efforts raised over £10,000 which will be used to provide two much-needed smaller boats for the club and other equipment. While we do not encourage our students to take too much time out from their studies, it is nevertheless good to see them helping themselves and I know they were delighted by the support that many alumni offered.

On the academic side, our students have also benefited from the creation of several new funds that will primarily support structured, subject-specific activities in the long vacation. The Bassil Fund for Engineering, Robert Martin Summer Internships in Economics, Strudwick Fund for MML: these were just three of several new grant programmes that encourage and allow students to make the most of the summer vacations, regardless of their own financial circumstances. Other subjects would similarly benefit from opportunities like these and I would be pleased to hear from anybody who might be in a position to help.

Finally, those of you who follow the College on social media may have noticed in recent months some beautiful photographs of Selwyn's gardens. In particular, the creation of a new wildflower meadow between the Old Library and Ann's Court has produced some spectacular displays and encouraged the emergence of the relatively rare bee orchid (see photos on pages 90-91), we think for the first time at Selwyn. The meadow, together with a number of new trees, garden benches and the planting of a new fernery (alongside the Chapel) have all been made possible thanks to the support of those of you who have joined the Friends of Selwyn

Gardens. Our students are indeed fortunate to have nature on their doorstep, our gardens providing tranquil and restorative spaces that allow respite from the pressures of study and busy lives.

Thank you to everybody who has been able to help the College in different ways over the year. We hope to see many of you in person in the next twelve months or so – or do join us online at one of our regular events via the College YouTube channel, where you can also access past lectures and other events recorded for your benefit. Also, do not hesitate to let us know if you would prefer to receive our publications in a digital form, although hopefully this edition will be joining previous editions on a bookshelf somewhere in your home – a tangible record of your enduring association with Selwyn.

Mike Nicholson, Director of Development and Alumni Relations

DINING PRIVILEGES

MAAs of the College and those who hold a higher degree are invited to dine at High Table. MA and higher-degree privileges allow for one dinner at a Tuesday or Thursday High Table per term, provided you are not currently a student. There are a couple of ways of doing this.

There is a termly MA dining night, when we particularly welcome alumni to join us; the details can be found on the website (www.sel.cam.ac.uk/alumni/alumni-privileges). This is free for alumni and you can bring a guest to an MA dining night, for whom a charge is made. Please note that numbers are limited, so you are advised to book early and check availability before making travel arrangements. For booking and availability for an MA Dining Night, please contact the Alumni Office: Tel: + 44 (0)1223 767844 / +44 (0)1223 335843 Email: alumni-office@sel.cam.ac.uk

Alternatively, you may dine at a normal High Table. You cannot bring a guest to High Table outside an official MA dining night and the dinner will not go ahead if there are not sufficient Fellows due to be present. For booking and availability for High Table, please contact the Conference & Events Office: conferences@sel.cam.ac.uk

Tickets for Formal Hall may also be available. Alumni may bring a maximum of three guests to Formal Hall, and only two alumni may buy tickets to any one Formal Hall. For further information about Formal Hall, please contact the Conference & Events Office: conferences@sel.cam.ac.uk

Please note that children under the age of eighteen cannot be accommodated for dinner or overnight. Guests dining at High Table must be of graduate age. It is expected that all visitors under the age of eighteen will be appropriately supervised.

MA and higher degree dining privileges can not be used at lunch, and dinner may not be available on certain evenings. All bookings are at the discretion of the Fellows' Steward.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

2025

15 November

Family Formal Dinner

10 December

Selwyn carol service

11 December

London carol service, St Mary Abbots

2026

12 February

MA dining night

3 March

Patrons' High Table

21 March

Family lunch (Freshers)

28 March

1996 & 2006 reunion dinner

3 May

Friends of the Choir evensong & chapel supper

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Ramsay Murray Lecture

21 May

MA dining night

13 June

Lyttelton Dinner

7 July

Choir concert, Selwyn gardens

8 July

Choir concert, St Bride's London

11 July

1991, 2001 & 2011 reunion dinner

18 July

Family Day

3 September

1966 & 1971 reunion lunch

5 September

1882 Society lunch

10 September

1961 and earlier reunion lunch

12 September

1976 & 1986 reunion dinner

26 September

Alumni Day, 2016 reunion dinner & commemoration

29 October

MA dining night

Please note that events may change. Please check event details prior to booking with the Alumni Office (alumni-office@sel.cam.ac.uk or telephone +44 (0)1223 767844).

MEMBERS' NEWS

- 1960** **Dr Nigel Speight** has been a paediatrician in Durham for twenty-five years with a major interest in paediatric ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) and long Covid. He supports families wrongly accused of fabricating their child's illness.
- 1963** **Dr Alan Hoyle** translated into Spanish and published online his three recent books on Cervantes and Don Quixote.
- 1963** **Robert Lacey's** *Nursery Rhymes, with Pictures by Claud Lovat Fraser* was nominated in 2024 as October's Book of the Month for Children by the *Sunday Times*, which praised its 'bright, nostalgic treats of elegant penmanship'.
- 1964** **Peter Gartside** has retired after forty years as Managing Director International and consultant at Cape plc and has recently published a second book (*Asbestos and Cape: a tale of three stakeholders*, 2023) and appeared as an expert on the subject of asbestos.
- 1965** **Michael Drake** has now completed his 350-year history of the law firm Collyer Bristow, where he remains a consultant. He also continues as deputy chair of the Born Free Foundation.
- 1965** **The Reverend Philip Eveson** has published *Baptised with Heavenly Power. The Holy Spirit in the Teaching and Experience of D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones* (Fearn, Ross-shire: Christian Focus Publications, 2025).
- 1965** **Adrian Spalding's** book (written with his wife), *111 Places in Cornwall That You Shouldn't Miss* (Cologne: Emons Verlag, 2025), has been successful and is being reprinted.
- 1969** **Andrew Berriman's** fourth and final book *In Search of Forty Villages along the Sussex Coastal Plain* (Chichester: Novium Museum, 2024) was published posthumously. An obituary, recording his death in July 2023, appeared in the *Calendar* for 2023-24.
- 1971** **Dr Richard Harris** emigrated to Canada after graduating and describes aspects of his no-longer-new home in *The Rise of the Neighbourhood in Canada, 1880s-2020s* (University of Toronto Press, 2025).
- 1971** **Andrew (Murdo) McEwan** completed the Cape Wrath Ultra Explorer, running from Fort William to Cape Wrath in north-west Scotland over eight days and raising over £6,000 for a very worthy good cause. From the 179 who started the event there were just three in the M70 age category, all successfully thriving on the challenge.
- 1971** **Dr Jim O'Driscoll** has published *Offensive Language: Taboo, Offence and Social Control* (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2022).
- 1972** **Dr Richard Davenport Hines** has lectured on the novels of Ivy Compton-Burnett and Marcel Proust, the Homintern at All Souls College Oxford and historic attitudes to syphilitics.
- 1972** **Dr Nick Peim's** recent publications include *A Critique of Pure Education: Radically Rethinking the Education Archipelago* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024) and (with Nick Stock) *The Lacanian Teacher: Education, Pedagogy and Enjoyment* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2025).
- 1974** **Dr Anthony Payne's** *Richard Hakluyt: A Bibliography 1580-1588* was published by Boydell & Brewer for the Hakluyt Society in 2024 and he is now working the next volume.
- 1976** **Christopher Swift** retired in April 2025 from his first and only job as a vet in Penrith, Cumbria, where he started work after qualifying in 1982.
- 1977** **Malcolm Burwell** has stopped paid work and is now mentoring for MIT and doing hands on 'mechanical fixit' work for two charities, and seeing the world in a campervan.
- 1979** **The Right Reverend Dr Graham Kings** had five poems published in the journal *Theology* (March/April 2025), presented the BBC Radio 4 Palm Sunday talk and led Holy Week services at Rochester Cathedral.
- 1979** **Dr Marwan Kishek** retired from engineering practice and his university professorship after a very active and successful engineering career spanning forty years; he will continue to reside in Canada with his family.
- 1981** **Dr Malcolm Baines** retired as head of tax at Bouygues Construction in the UK & Ireland on 31 July 2024.
- 1981** **Dr Jonathan Sharp** has published *A Universe of Spaces: How Quantum Spacetime Emerges from the Spooky Action Hidden Within Einstein's Special Relativity* (Creek Scientific, 2024).
- 1983** **Dr Graeme Cooke** has been appointed chairperson of the World Organisation of Animal Health (WOAH) Emergency Preparedness Group in recognition of his global experience gained in this field. He will also be the 2025 chairperson of the Australian government's Animal Health Committee, a governance mechanism for the coordination of animal health matters in all Australian jurisdictions.
- 1984** **Diana Lee** (née Pawsey), after a long career teaching music in secondary schools, is now a registered therapeutic counsellor with a small private practice in Bristol. She is also tutoring listening and counselling skills and still playing and teaching bassoon.
- 1985** **Michael Colyer** was named as Personal Finance Society Chartered Financial Planner of the Year 2024-25.
- 1986** **Simon Hallett** is head of climate strategy at the global investment consulting firm Cambridge Associates and is co-chair of the Net Zero Investment Consultants Initiative.
- 1986** **Professor Chris Hilson** has co-published a report, *Regulatory Tools for a Healthy and Sustainable Diet* (University of Reading, 2025).
- 1987** **Toby Mitchell's** theatre company Tall Stories' latest Julia Donaldson adaptation *The Smeds and The Smoos* was nominated for an Olivier Award.
- 1990** **Professor Karina Feliciano Attar** is based in Lisbon, has three sons and runs Octo Productions to support justice-focused artistic projects and represent historically marginalised artists.
- 1992** **Nicola Shannon KC** was appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport as a board member of UK Anti-Doping (the national body responsible for clean sport in the UK).
- 1993** **Professor Adam Dinham**, Professor of Faith and Public Policy at

Goldsmiths, University of London, was recently appointed as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Social Innovation. He is a member of the university's Executive Board with responsibility for religion and belief, and equity, diversity and inclusion. He also has a chair in Religious Literacy at VID University, Oslo, and is a Fellow of the Westminster Abbey Institute.

- 1994 **Helen Collyer** has recently been appointed Professor of Vocal Repertoire at the University of the Arts Berlin whilst continuing her freelance career as pianist and vocal coach.
- 1995 **The Reverend Dr Anthony Lees-Smith** has completed the Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology at the University of Chester, researching the lived experience of religious difference, and was installed as Canon Missioner at Chester Cathedral.
- 1996 **Professor Matthew Cheeseman** is now Professor of Writing and Folklore at the University of Derby.
- 1996 **Dilbagh Kalsi** had a Top 40 hit in Slovenia with his track 'Chicken Techno'.
- 1996 **Elly Tomlins** has published her cookery book, *Chicken, Chicken, Chicken, Beef, Cow, Beef!*
- 1997 **Emma Wesley** continues to work as a portrait painter and this year one of her paintings appeared in Wes Anderson's film *The Phoenician Scheme*.
- 1998 **Antony Sheffield** belatedly announces the birth of his son Xander on 29 August 2023, little brother to Evie (now aged five).
- 1999 **Dr Edward Ragg** published his fifth collection of poetry, *Vital Signs* (Birmingham: Cinnamon Press, 2024) and is currently working on a sixth volume.
- 2000 **David Cockayne** completed a 1,000 mile cycle to Denmark raising over £10,000 for juvenile diabetes care. He is proud to have supported two students through the Cockayne Fund for Geography at Selwyn.
- 2002 **Professor Ho Ghim Wei** was appointed Vice Provost (Academic Affairs) at the National University of Singapore in July 2025.
- 2002 **Dr Meng Wang**, former Bye-Fellow, moved to Cornell University in 2023 and set up his own research laboratory. He has been awarded multiple grants to conduct research in identifying DNA damage and new pathways for improving health.
- 2005 **Ian Chambers** reports that the Selwyn 9-10 Club spent their annual reunion week at Madingley Hall to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their International Relations MSt matriculation.
- 2006 **Jennifer Thompson** (née Morton) was appointed as a partner at Dentons Canada LLP in February 2025.
- 2007 **Louisa Denby** has been appointed Director of Music at Downing College, and has also been awarded a Fellowship Diploma by the National Federation of Church Musicians in recognition of her 'excellent service to church music'.
- 2013 **Dr Teresa Baron** has published her second book, *Philosophy of the Family:*

Ethics, Identity and Responsibility, co-authored with Chris Cowley (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2024).

- 2017 **The Reverend Roger Revell** has recently been appointed chairman of the Board of Examining Chaplains for the Anglican diocese of South Carolina, and lectures at Regent College, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
- 2019 **Niamh O'Shaughnessy** completed the Inns of Court College of Advocacy Bar Course, attaining a distinction and securing a pupillage at 23 Essex Street Chambers.
- 2020 **Ted Kehoe**, who won the Tallow Chandlers' Imber Lloyd award in 2024, joined the Tallow Chandlers' Company as one of its first Associate Members.
- 2020 **Megan Sermon** participated in the 2025 All England Powerlifting Competition, having achieved her qualifying total in February.



The Vice-Master at an alumni reception in Singapore in April 2025

OBITUARIES

Dr William Morton (Fellow 1981-89)

William 'Bill' Morton died in May 2024 at the age of seventy-three. He was a beloved member of the academic community, known for his sharp intellect, generous spirit and unwavering positivity.

Born in 1951, Bill began his academic journey at the University of Edinburgh, where he studied Mathematical Physics. His passion for Mathematics led him to Cambridge, where he pursued Part III Mathematics, laying the foundation for a remarkable career in both theoretical and applied sciences. He was awarded the Mayhew Prize in 1974, alongside Bernard Silverman. The prize is awarded to the student(s) showing the greatest distinction in Applied Mathematics.

Following his Cambridge PhD, Bill went on to join the Department of Chemical Engineering in 1978-79, where he made lasting contributions as a lecturer for ten years. Transitioning from his early research on quarks at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (DAMTP) under the guidance of John Polkinghorne, Bill found his true calling in chemical engineering.

He was elected a Fellow of Selwyn in 1981, in effect as the successor to Dr David Harrison, who had left in 1979 to become Vice-Chancellor of Keele University. Bill remained at Selwyn for eight years as a valued supervisor and a sociable and popular member of the Fellowship. As a junior lecturer, he quickly gained recognition for his mastery of both the theoretical and practical dimensions of the field. His work spanned diverse areas, including combustion dynamics, computerised flow-sheeting, radiative heat transfer and chaotic phenomena in heterogeneous catalysis.

Beyond his scholarly contributions, Bill was a cherished mentor who guided numerous research students with patience and insight. His office on Pembroke Street became a haven of knowledge, where students and colleagues alike found inspiration and support. Bill's ability to combine rigorous scholarship with genuine warmth and humility made him a treasured member of the department.

In 1989 Bill moved to Canada, becoming Research and Development Manager of a company which sold software for the process industries. Later, he returned to Edinburgh, where he took on a lectureship that brought him great joy and fulfilment.

Bill was a true gentleman, whose kindness and cheerful demeanour left a lasting impression on all who knew him. He embodied the ethos of inclusivity and excellence, enriching the field of chemical engineering with his diverse insights and dedication.

He leaves behind a legacy of intellectual brilliance and heartfelt warmth. His loss is deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will be cherished by colleagues, students and friends alike.

Adapted from an obituary on the website of the Cambridge Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology

Professor Paul Lewis (Fellow 2003-5)

Paul Lewis, Professor of Political Economy at King's College London, died in March 2025 after a short illness. He was fifty-three years old. Paul was a former Fellow and College Lecturer in Economics.

Paul was an undergraduate at Peterhouse and was at Christchurch Oxford as a postgraduate. He was a Research Fellow at Emmanuel between 1997 and 1999 and later a Bye-Fellow at the same college, while he held the post of Newton Trust Lecturer in the Faculty of Economics and Politics and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences.

Economics alumni of that period will remember Paul as an outstanding supervisor, highly talented as an economist who conveyed his enthusiasm for his subject to his students. He was attentive to his students' needs and was keen for them to achieve their full potential. As a colleague, Paul was delightful to work with. I learned much from him on the subtleties of general equilibrium theory, the foundation of modern economics.

In his career as an economist he was a critic of the mainstream of academic economics. He was well-placed as a critic because he had an excellent understanding of orthodox economics and its weaknesses and could explain economic theory to students with fluency and clarity. Paul's range of economic topics was extensive. His research blossomed after his move to King's, which he found to be a more congenial home for his heterodox interests. He published research on applied topics such as labour economics, vocational education and training, and technical skills for innovation. He was an authority on the history of economic thought including the Austrian School of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. He was pre-eminent as a scholar of the famous economist, F A Hayek, author of *The Road to Serfdom*. Paul also wrote on economic philosophy and methodology, including social ontology.

We can only imagine the scale of the published work that Paul would have produced had his life not been cut short. Our sympathies are with his wife Nadine and family.

Ken Coutts (Fellow)

The Reverend Canon Frederick Honey (1940, 1946)

Frederick Bernard Honey was born in the London borough of Richmond in 1922 and was the oldest and last remaining of three brothers. The family moved to Hendon, then Southend and, following the death of their mother in 1929, to the Bedford area. The boys were all subsequently enrolled at Bedford Modern School. Following matriculation at Selwyn in 1940, he immediately volunteered for service in the RAF and worked as an engineer on various fighter aircraft throughout the war, finally ending up in Copenhagen. Before being discharged he taught fellow servicemen English and mathematics prior to their return to civilian life.

During the war the chaplaincy service ran recruiting courses for people considering ordination and he was successfully selected. In 1946 he came up to Selwyn to read Theology. At the age of 101, he became Selwyn's oldest alumnus; he was filmed and interviewed as part of the College's oral history project.

Following graduation, he went to Wells Theological College to study for ordination to the ministry where he met and subsequently married Pearl, his wife of seventy-two years, who predeceased him.

After ordination in 1950 he was appointed as a curate at St George the Martyr in Southwark for two years, subsequently moving to St John the Baptist at Claines, near Worcester. In 1955 he was appointed as vicar of St James parish in Stourbridge where he remained until retiring in 1987. In 1972 he gained his MA from Selwyn and was appointed as rural dean, and in 1975 he was made an honorary canon of Worcester Cathedral where, for many years, he taught theology to men coming into the ministry as older ordinands and was praised for his teaching skills.

Following retirement, he and Pearl moved to Bourton-on-the-Water, where he helped in the parish of St Lawrence by taking services in some of the outlying parishes and they continued to worship at St Lawrence's for most of their lives. Determined to keep himself fit both physically and mentally, he acquired an allotment in Bourton which he only relinquished after reaching the age of 102. He also spent time as the chairman of the local horticultural society. To keep his mind active, he studied Greek and the New Testament and would devote part of the day to academic study. He also taught himself German so that he could enjoy holidays in the Rhineland. He was an avid reader all his life and liked nothing better than browsing in a bookshop.

In December 2024 he moved to a nursing home near to family members, since he could no longer manage on his own. It was whilst at the home, where he was cared for with love and compassion, that he peacefully passed away on 21 January 2025. He leaves a son, daughter in law and four granddaughters.

Nick Honey (Frederick's son)

The Reverend Canon John Harwood (1948)

John Harwood, born in 1926, came up to Selwyn in 1948 after three years war service as a Bevin Boy in the Nottinghamshire coal mines. Having discerned a call to ordination in that unlikely setting, he read Theology in preparation for Anglican ministry. He remained grateful throughout his life for the intellectual formation and Christian fellowship he received in Cambridge. Among his tutors and lecturers, he particularly valued the teaching of C F D Moule and the friendships fostered through the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union and Church Mission Society fellowships.

John was ordained in 1953. His early ministry included a curacy in Birmingham where his innovative 'Wayfarers' Fellowship' pioneered fresh forms of youth engagement. With his wife Brenda, whom he met through CMS, he served for over a decade in Nigeria and Sierra Leone in parish ministry and theological education.

His thoughtful and devoted leadership left a lasting mark on Trinity College Umuahia, on the emerging Anglican Church in West Africa and on many young African clergy.

Having returned to the UK in the mid-1960s, John assumed a senior leadership role with the Church Mission Society. As Education Secretary, he travelled extensively across Africa and Asia, wrote and produced acclaimed Lent resources for schools and churches and helped shape the Church's understanding of global mission in a rapidly changing world. Later, he returned to parish ministry as vicar of Christ Church, Cheltenham, serving from 1975 until his retirement in 1991. During that time, he revitalised worship, oversaw major fabric works, and – reflecting Selwyn's own spirit of service – gave generously of his gifts beyond the parish. He became Rural Dean of Cheltenham in 1985 and was appointed an honorary canon of Gloucester Cathedral the following year.

In retirement, John settled first in Dartmouth and then, for the last twenty-five years of his life, in Emsworth. There he remained astonishingly active in preaching, chaplaincy and spiritual direction well into his mid-nineties. He was a beloved figure in several local churches, known for his wisdom, warmth and undiminished sense of humour. John wore his many roles lightly: preacher, missionary, educator, chaplain and friend. His memoirs, written with characteristic wit and self-awareness, reflect a life shaped by trust in God's calling, a love of people and an enduring commitment to the Church's global witness.

A man of deep faith, generous service and steady good humour, John died peacefully on 5 June 2025, aged ninety-nine. He is survived by his wife Brenda, their children, Rachel and Peter, and several grandchildren.

Peter Harwood (John's son)

The Reverend Professor Douglas Ellis (1949)

Born in 1923 at Shawville, Quebec, Douglas Ellis was educated at Montreal Public Schools and the High School of Montreal. Following his Theology degree at Trinity College Toronto he was ordained for the priesthood in 1948. He came to Selwyn in 1949 to read Theology. In 1953 he married Joan Allton of Montreal West.

Douglas served at St Matthias church in Westmount, Montreal, and for several years at Albany Post on James Bay in the diocese of Moosonee. He held degrees in classics from McGill University, the University of Toronto and Yale and had fellowships at Cornell and Michigan University, at both of which he studied linguistics.

From 1959 to 1963 he taught linguistics in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto and from 1963 to 1991 at McGill University. From 1964 to 1968 he served as Vice-Dean for the Humanities Division in the then Faculty of Arts and Science and was co-founder of the Department of Linguistics, which he chaired for over a decade. On his retirement he was appointed emeritus professor at McGill and accepted a post as adjunct research professor at Carleton University, Ottawa.

The author of publications in classics and linguistics, Douglas's specific focus for many years was on Cree, Canada's most widely spoken indigenous language. His first contact with Cree speakers had been at Moose Factory in 1947. Among his better known publications are *âtalôhkâna nêsta tipâcimôwina: Spoken Cree, Legends and Narratives* (Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 1995) and *Spoken Cree*, a three-level Cree language course. He taught intensive summer courses in Cree for government, medical, teaching and missionary personnel.

Douglas died 31 May 2024. He is survived by his wife Joan, his son and daughter and their spouses, and by two grandsons.

Based on obituaries from the McGill University Linguistics Department and Tubman Funeral Homes

Leonard Clark (1951)

Leonard Alfred (Len) Clark was born on 12 January 1931 and grew up in the slums of Bristol in the pre-and post-war years. He was the second son of Irene, who was widowed with three other children. Made homeless when her husband died, Irene was able to move in with her mother, who had tied housing as a school caretaker. The situation became more precarious when Len's grandmother looked unlikely to be able to continue, but Irene responded by taking on two jobs – the caretaking work plus other people's washing – to provide food for her family. She told of spreading tea leaves on the floor to assist with brushing up the dust, whilst the infant Len slept in an upturned desk. She admired the teachers in the school and decided that education was a boon. Of her four children, three went to university (with the fourth later graduating as a mature student). That feisty and hard-working woman was quite an influence on the generations that followed.

Len was the first: he went to Cotham Grammar School and then to Selwyn in 1951 to read History (later followed by his brother Michael, who is still alive). He looked back fondly on his time in Selwyn. His favourite stories were about disasters on the Cam, including being double over-bumped in the May races, and the time when the Selwyn boat he was coxing nearly sank Anthony Armstrong-Jones's boat.*

After Selwyn he spent a lifetime in education, setting up the Humanities Department of Bramshill Police College (the fast-track graduate-entry); then in Newbattle Abbey, Dalkeith (offering a second chance to those who had missed out on education the first time); and, finally, in Oxford Polytechnic.

The foundations of this career were the education he received at Cambridge and Selwyn. Formed also by his past, he regularly harangued the College to encourage more state-school entry. He campaigned for comprehensive education in Edinburgh and was part of a movement that changed the political and educational landscape in that city. He later became a JP in Oxford, as well as serving as school governor in Oxford and, in retirement, in Torquay. There he also coached several state-school pupils to Oxbridge places.

He died of cancer at home on 14 October 2022. He is survived by his wife Eileen and five offspring, all state-school educated and two of whom, incidentally,

also hold Cambridge degrees. Thus the road from those Bristol slums through state school and the hallowed corridors of Cambridge has continued.

The Reverend Peter Clark (Len's son), with suggestions from his siblings

*Len's own very entertaining account of these incidents was published in the *Calendar* for 2020-21 (pages 89-91).

Ralph Beaumont (1953)

Ralph Beaumont came up to Selwyn in 1953 to read Natural Sciences, and he then spent his National Service in the Royal Air Force. He was awarded a three-year short service commission stationed at No. 1 School of Technical Training, RAF Halton in Buckinghamshire, where he lectured in aerodynamics, physics and metallurgy. Rugby and athletics were his favoured sports at school, university and in the RAF.

In February 1960 he joined the United Steel Companies and for the next thirty-four years pursued a career in the steel industry in a range of senior executive roles that encompassed metallurgical, sales, marketing and corporate responsibilities.

Ralph was active in local and community affairs. He served as president of the Rotherham Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1969 and, in 1989, as president of Rotherham Chamber of Commerce. Following his retirement in 1994 he acted as chairman of the Rotherham Crime Reduction Programme until 1998 and served on the Board of Visitors of HM Prison and Young Offender Institution Moorland from 1997 to 2003. He was a trustee of FairShare, South Yorkshire, from 1997 to 2004 and of Age Concern, Rotherham, from 1998 to 2014. Church bell-ringing was a lifelong interest; a member of Whiston parish church from 1980, he was its ringing master for twenty-five years. In his later years, he was a vice president and an active member of Rotherham Rugby Club.

Ralph died in Rotherham Hospice on 10 November 2024, aged ninety years. He leaves a widow José, two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Nicholas Beaumont (Ralph's son)

Glyn 'Robin' Lloyd-Jones (1953)

Born 5 September 1934, Robin spent much of his early childhood in India. His father, an officer in the Indian Army, was recalled for duty at the beginning of the Second World War, and the family moved to England after the end of the war. From Blundell's School, Robin came up to Selwyn in 1953 to read Social Anthropology, which influenced a great deal of his thinking and writing.

After Cambridge, Robin taught in schools, usually social subjects. In 1959, he married Sallie Hollocombe and the couple moved to Bristol where Robin continued teaching. The next year they moved to Scotland, which became their permanent home, where their three children, a boy and two girls, were born and educated.

When the school-leaving age was raised to sixteen, Robin was put in charge of developing a new curriculum to serve those somewhat reluctant teenagers now kept at school for an extra year. This was for Strathclyde, the largest administrative region in Britain. It was hugely successful and Robin was awarded a Thyne Scholarship for Services to Youth.

After struggling as a writer for some years, Robin finally achieved success with his prize-winning first novel, *Lord of the Dance* (London: Gollancz, 1983), following publication of a children's book, *Where the Forest and the Garden Meet* (Harmondsworth: Kestrel Books, 1980). Both books are set in India. His last and arguably best novel, *Gods of the Lost Crossroads*, was published in 2023 (Rymour Books). Altogether, Robin published nineteen books, both fiction and non-fiction. They included an award-winning biography of Bill Murray, the Scottish mountaineer, author and conservationist, tales of Robin's adventures sea-kayaking and hill-walking, textbooks for teachers, and teen novels. He also wrote two radio plays, one of which, *Ice in Wonderland* (1992) won the BBC Best Radio Drama Script award in 1994.

Robin travelled extensively, as president of the Scottish branch of International PEN, and, later, as chair of their 'Writers in Prison' committee, devoted to promoting freedom of speech and rescuing writers imprisoned in various countries for their political opinions. He invented a board game called *Zoravia*, to highlight the fate of writers in countries with repressive governments. In 1992, the Macmillan Trust sent him to Tanzania to help teachers write their own textbooks in Swahili. He was a past president of the Scottish Association of Writers.

Robin went on cruises as a speaker on subjects as various as cricket, creative writing, canoeing and hill-walking. He was a keen photographer and had some photos 'placed' in photography competitions.

At the end of this full and satisfactory life Robin died peacefully at home on 5 October 2024, exactly a month before his ninetieth birthday. He leaves his wife, three children and their spouses, three grandchildren and a much-loved cat who featured in all his lectures, whatever the subject. Robin worked tirelessly helping other writers, in gratitude for those who helped him at the beginning of his writing career. He was still writing until ten days before his death.

Sallie Lloyd-Jones (Robin's widow)

The Reverend Prebendary Patrick Tuft (1953)

Patrick Anthony Tuft had a distinguished career in the Church of England. After serving his curacy (1958-63) in Keighley, where he met his wife Pauline, he was chaplain of the Prebendal School (1963-68), and priest-vicar of Chichester Cathedral, before holding a succession of appointments at St Paul's Cathedral. From 1974 to 2006 he was vicar of St Nicholas with St Mary Magdalene, Chiswick. He was also prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral from 1995 until 2006. He ended his ministry as honorary assistant priest at St Mary's Bourne Street from 1990 until his death in 2023.

Those are the bare facts of his CV, but they tell us nothing about his

extraordinary personality. Patrick, his wife Pauline and eventually their five sons were known by a vast number of people inside and outside the church. He was eminently clubbable and widely knowledgeable. He loved the Athenaeum (where he was a member) and the Garrick (where his great friend Nigel was a member), the opera and Venice – all this with no sense of elitism but rather a gratefulness and sense of joy in fully inhabiting the world into which his priestly ministry carried him, as well as the worlds into which his many friends invited him.

Patrick was born on 5 November 1931 in Leicester. After Selwyn (where he coxed the 1956 May boat), he prepared for ordination in Edinburgh. He was always a team player. His then newly appointed churchwarden in Chiswick, Christabel Ames-Lewis, recalled at his requiem how, when not being quite sure what Patrick wanted her and the other PCC members to do, she asked him what his blueprint was for the parish. 'You'll see the answer in ten years' time,' he replied. And so it proved. Christabel added: 'I came to see that most of all Patrick was a person of understanding and humility, knowing when he was really needed, never forcing himself into a situation, but having compassion and a realistic acceptance of people, life and death. When our fourth child, Marcus, died suddenly aged nineteen, Patrick came straight round to us, said nothing, but put his arms round me. No words would have done as much to help.'

Patrick became great friends with Monsignor Jim Curry, a Roman Catholic parish priest in Chiswick (now Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster), who delivered the homily at the requiem. They led joint church pilgrimages together and on one of them they met Cardinal Ratzinger, whom thereafter Patrick always referred to as 'our friend', especially when he was later elected Pope Benedict XVI. Patrick believed that liturgy and music, performed prayerfully and with dignity, drew people deeper into the mystery of God. He did not like pomposity but rejoiced in family, friendship and humour across the boundaries of religion, culture and education, although all these things were important to him and made him the gracious and stimulating friend and role model that he was to so many of us. He is missed and still often remembered over a drink and an anecdote and a laugh! He died on 5 July 2023, aged ninety-one.

The Venerable Nick Mercer (SE 1969)

Nigel Ratcliff (1954)

Born in Oxford on 3 September 1933, Nigel spent his childhood in Norfolk, following a family move to East Dereham, where his parents ran the local grocery store. A bright and keen student, he studied at Hammond's Grammar School in Swaffham, subsequently gaining a scholarship to Selwyn. Before coming up, however, National Service intervened and he joined the RAF, successfully completing two years' service and passing his fighter-pilot training, which led to him spending six months flying the Gloster Meteor jet fighter.

Despite requests from the RAF to stay beyond his two years, the draw of

academia was too strong and he came up to Selwyn in 1954 to read Natural Sciences, specialising in metallurgy, in which he gained a first. Whilst at Selwyn he met several good friends, including Derek Palgrave, Owen Hanson, Mike Parsons, Ted Good and Bob Tufnell, as well as his future wife, May.

Following graduation, he joined the British Aluminium Company in Stoke, before moving to Harlow, where he worked for Associated Electrical Industries until their takeover in 1967. Just after his death it was discovered that he was named and described as ‘inventor’ on two patents granted to AEI for work on ‘improvements relating to lead sheathing of electric cables’ and ‘preparation of foamed lead’, something that came as a surprise to his family! His career then took him to London, when he joined the National Research Development Corporation, a demanding but fascinating position which involved research and decision-making regarding investments in new inventions and technologies. NRDC later became the British Technology Group (following a merger with the National Enterprise Council), for whom Nigel worked until his retirement in the early 1990s.

Returning to Norfolk, Nigel and his wife May enjoyed an active retirement, sailing on the Norfolk Broads, rekindling their love of dancing and enjoying many memorable holidays and trips. His passion for learning, engineering and technology remained, however, and he found great pleasure through his involvement with the Norwich Engineering Society, where he took on the role of secretary and attended the many talks and outings.

Nigel retained a great affection for Selwyn and spoke proudly of his time there. He always looked forward to the summer garden parties, attending whenever possible, and made regular contributions to the College and students.

Sadly, he developed Alzheimer’s towards the end of his life. He battled hard against it and, with much assistance from May, remained at home until his last few months. He passed away in a nursing home in Wroxham on 12 December 2024. May and his two children, Mark and Claire, miss him dearly, but remember him with pride.

May, Mark and Claire Ratcliff

The Reverend Fred Cooke (1955)

Born in Prestwich to Dorothy and Ronald Cooke, Fred Cooke had one sister, Jean. He attended Eccles Grammar School, where he became head boy, and came up to Selwyn in 1955 to read Natural Sciences. Called to the ministry, he changed to Theology in his third year. After a year teaching at Salford Grammar School, he returned to Cambridge for theological training. He was ordained deacon in 1961, priest in 1962 and became a curate at St Michael’s church in Flixton.

Fred did National Service in the RAF, becoming a flying officer. He learned to fly a Harvard plane while serving in Canada and, later, would become regional chaplain for the Air Training Corps in the north west. In 1964, now married to Helen, Fred became curate-in-charge of St John’s church in the Flixton parish.

Determined to build a new church and undeterred by lack of funds, he launched a campaign and a remarkable community outreach project. Helen, a ballet teacher, ran dancing classes, they started the Flixton Show, which attracted 10,000 people, and created a church football club. Fred contacted Bobby Charlton, a Flixton resident, who agreed to become club president. The church was consecrated on 30 March 1968. Fred and Helen remained in Flixton until 1974, when they moved to Ashton-under-Lyne on Fred’s appointment as rector of St Michael and All Angels.

A major change came in 1977, when the couple moved to Israel. After a year learning Hebrew in Tel Aviv, Fred taught at the Anglican School in West Jerusalem and became warden of Christ Church Hospice, a guest house for pilgrims in the old city. Helen took over the day-to-day running of the hospice. In 1980, back in the UK, Fred became vicar of Christ Church in Walmsley, a suburb of Bolton. He also became rural dean. Their next move came in 1985. Fred took a lecturing post at a small theological college in Kuching, in Sarawak, Borneo, later taking over as principal. Although they loved it there, they returned to the UK in 1990 and, for the next six years, Fred led a team ministry for five churches in Accrington before becoming vicar of St Saviour’s Ringley and Holy Trinity Prestolee.

Although officially retired in 2001, Fred was licensed to continue officiating at numerous churches in Manchester. In 2008 they moved to the Isle of Man, where he worked part time in the Andreas and Jurby parishes and, for three months, as chaplain at the island’s prison. In 2013, fully retired, they returned to their flat in Salford.

Fred’s interests included history, travel and football. A deeply committed man with a clear vision and a great sense of humour, he was also an excellent teacher. Over the years, he and Helen, who were a good team, organised pilgrimages to destinations including the Holy Land, Greece and Italy. Fred died peacefully, aged eighty-nine, at his home in Canterbury Gardens, Salford, survived by his wife. His funeral was on 23 October 2024, at Eccles parish church.

Jean Chothia (Fellow), with information from the local press and Fred’s widow, Helen

The Reverend Roger Kenward (1955)

Roger Nelson Kenward was born in 1934, the son of a Sussex wine merchant who imbued him with a taste for the finer things in life. He was educated at Ardingly College from 1944 to 1953, where he excelled at sport and captained the cricket first XI. On leaving school he was commissioned into the army for his National Service, which was spent in Egypt in charge of a transport corps. He came up to Selwyn in 1955 to read English, but by then had decided to be ordained in the Church of England.

Roger trained for ordination in Oxford, where he met his future wife, Ann, who was training to be a teacher. They were happily married for sixty-two years and had two sons, Tim and Jon. After ordination he became a curate in inner-city London, before joining the Royal Air Force as a chaplain, which enabled him to continue playing cricket and squash to a high level. Numerous different postings

followed. He served during the conflict in Aden, after the evacuation of service families and until the British withdrawal. He also had three tours of Germany, eventually becoming an assistant chaplain-in-chief, with the rank of group captain, as well as resident chaplain of the Central RAF Church at St Clement Dane's, in London. He was appointed one of the Queen's honorary chaplains. Such career highlights, however, do not reflect the essence of the man's modesty, decency and empathy for others. He retired from the RAF in 1989 and spent five years as the vicar of the parish churches of Loughton, Chalvington and Ripe in East Sussex.

During much of his subsequent retirement in Sussex, he spent a large part of the winter living in Malta, involved with the Anglican community and playing golf. He played cricket into his seventies. He could still hit a cricket ball like a tracer bullet, but his shoulder had gone, so he could not bowl. His idea of fielding was to direct others where they needed to run in pursuit of the ball that had just been hit past him.

He was still playing a decent game of golf until 2012, when he began to have mobility issues. The problem was diagnosed as a bony spur which was growing into his spine. The operation to reverse this was only partially successful and he was left with partial paralysis of his lower limbs. Notwithstanding this, he continued taking church services until he had celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination. He remained active: helping to run a lunch club for elderly people and doing recordings for Talking Newspapers. For an Anglican priest he had catholic tastes: vintage wine, good food, classical music, literature and antiques collecting. He was possibly never happier than when opening a bottle of champagne at Lord's or Glyndebourne.

He died of cancer in 2024 in Holy Cross Priory, Cross-in-Hand, Sussex.

Tim and Jon Kenward (Roger's sons)

Dr Anthony Milford Ward (1955)

Anthony Milford Ward, a distinguished figure in the field of immunology, immunochemistry and allergies, passed away peacefully at Broomcroft House nursing home, Sheffield, on 7 March 2025, aged eighty-eight years. Born on 2 October 1936 in Leicester, Anthony followed his father's profession into pathology and dedicated his life to advancing medical science and improving patient care.

He was a boarder at Oakham School, where he was an active member of the rugby team and started his passion for shooting. In 1955 he began his studies in Medicine at Selwyn. After graduating he continued his education at St Bartholomew's Hospital, obtaining MRCS (Eng), LRCP (Lond) in 1963, and BChir MB from Cambridge in 1965. His commitment to medical excellence was further demonstrated by his numerous fellowships and memberships in esteemed medical societies, including the American Association for Clinical Chemistry, British Gynaecological Cancer Society, British Medical Association, British Society for Immunology, Medical Defence Union and Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland. He and his father were the first father and son members of the Association of Clinical Pathologists.

He served as a reader in immunology at the University of Sheffield and a

consultant in clinical immunology at the Sheffield Health Authority. He was director of the Supraregional Specific Protein Reference Unit and founded the UKNEQAS organisation as a not-for-profit independent body for monitoring the quality and reporting of clinical tests. Anthony was also the director of the Medical Devices Agency Kit Evaluation Unit and a trustee of Pathology Quality Assessment. Anthony's contributions to medical research were vast and impactful. He authored numerous articles on various aspects of immunology and pathology. He also served as an examiner and external reviewer for various universities and medical journals. His commitment to education and research was evident in his involvement with numerous committees and working groups at local, national and international levels.

In 1964 he married Margaret Dorothy Jones, a ward nurse from Leicester. They were together until her passing in 2023, and he supported her through a long period of ill health. They had three children: Katherine, Stephen and Robert, three grandchildren: Duane, Christopher and Milo, and a great-granddaughter: Adeline. He is survived by his sister Rosemary. His family brought him immense joy and pride.

In addition to his professional achievements, Anthony had a rich personal life filled with various interests and hobbies. He represented Selwyn in many competitions. He maintained his interest in sports, following rugby, cricket and Formula 1 racing both nationally and internationally. He had a keen interest in photography, taking and developing photographs. He had a strong interest in military history, especially the Napoleonic wars, and enjoyed visiting castles, ancient monuments and archaeological sites during family holidays. He enjoyed theatre, particularly classics, and, with his wife Margaret, supported Sheffield theatres. Anthony was also a supporter of Sheffield hospitals charities.

Anthony Milford Ward's life was marked by his dedication to his profession, his love for his family, and his passion for his hobbies and interests. His contributions to the field of immunology and his impact on the lives of those who knew him will be remembered for years to come.

Robert Milford Ward (Anthony's son)

Michael Parslew (1955)

Michael was born in Birmingham on 27 September 1936, the younger of two children. He grew up in Stirchley, where his father was the vicar of the Church of the Ascension. He attended Hall Green Primary School, moving to King Edward's School (KES) in 1947 and beginning an attachment to the school that he retained throughout his life.

In 1955 Michael came up to Cambridge to read English at Selwyn, where his love of literature deepened. He embraced university life, throwing himself into sport and rowing for Selwyn in the May Bumps of 1958. Michael was one of several KES boys to go up to Cambridge in 1955 and the cohort included his great friend John Evans. Although at different colleges, they managed to keep up their weekly

ritual of 'meeting and walking and arguing, with a cuppa or a pint of ale to follow'. It was while Michael was at Selwyn that he met Patricia Holland at a mutual friend's twenty-first birthday party. Within two weeks they were engaged, with Michael introducing Pat to the charms of Cambridge in his final year. They were married two years later and enjoyed sixty happy years together.

From Cambridge, Michael's chosen path was into teaching English. His first position was at Bridlington School and from there he moved to Taunton School, where he began to involve himself in drama. In 1966 Michael returned to KES, this time as an English master. He proved an inspirational teacher, nurturing a passion for literature amongst those he taught. He extended his influence to drama, setting a benchmark for creativity and professionalism.

Michael's next move was to Bristol Cathedral School in 1973 where he taught English and drama. He then became head of drama at Farnborough Sixth Form College, a role he enjoyed for five years and where he introduced dance onto the curriculum for the first time. In what was to be Michael's final teaching position, he moved to Sevenoaks School in 1980 to take up the role of head of drama and inaugural director of the newly built Sackville Theatre.

In 1986 Michael and Pat decided to give up teaching and run a bookshop. Their first shop in Bodmin, Cornwall, proved the perfect place to learn the trade and they quickly gained a reputation for having an expertly curated choice of books and excellent children's section. They repeated the formula when they moved to the Hungerford Bookshop, which they ran successfully until they retired and moved to East Anglia.

In 2007, Michael was invited by the chief master, John Cloughton, a former pupil, to return to KES as editor of the relaunched *Old Edwardians Gazette*, a role he continued for five years. He and Pat moved to Worcestershire to ensure easy access to both the school and the surrounding countryside. Pat died in 2020 and Michael, after a short period of declining health, passed away peacefully at home on 30 October 2024. He is survived by his sister Jean, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Jane and Rachel (Michael's daughters)

John Brown CBE (1956)

John Brown, the only child of Jack and Jessie Brown, was born on 18 November 1935 in Tutbury, Staffordshire, where his father was the manager of a gypsum mine. At Denstone College he discovered a love of cross-country running and photography. A gifted student, he gained numerous A grade A-levels and came up to Selwyn in 1956 to read Natural Sciences, including Zoology and Archaeology. His loyalty to Selwyn never wavered and he made regular visits back, often to visit his Theology mentor. Always a fit man, John loved to run and row and was an active member of the associated clubs at Selwyn and Cambridge. He did his last marathon at sixty-five, but only after his GP advised him to stop.

Called up for National Service, John served in the Staffordshire Regiment,

initially for officer training, before being stationed in Hong Kong to lead the manning of the Chinese border. Following a brief mining experience in Canada, he realised that accountancy would suit him better and obtained articles at a Jermyn Street accountancy firm. This led to his becoming a senior partner at Ernst & Young in the City of London. He met his wife Ann (née Edmonds) through their church in Chelsea where they married in 1965 – on the day of the Boat Race, much to his Cambridge friends' dismay. John and Ann soon got their first house in Flackwell Heath, where Sara was born, and then Hamish. In 1975 they moved to Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, which proved a great base for commuting to the City, and they settled quickly into village life.

The accountancy audit trail, though, was not for him and in 1972 he spotted the potential around VAT and became one of the co-founders of the VAT Practitioners Group. A legendary moment in his career was his leading the case for United Biscuits to determine whether a Jaffa Cake was a cake rather than a biscuit. He proved this by having them bake a giant Jaffa Cake. His expertise led to the award of CBE. John regularly put his accountancy skills to use as treasurer and chair for organisations about which he was passionate, including the World Pheasant Association, the Village Society, his local Rotary Club and the Aylesbury Vale Prostate Cancer Support Group.

After a sort of retirement, he was introduced to the City of London livery companies. Initially joining the Glovers, he worked up to Master Glover in 2007-08. He was also an active member of the Tax Advisers and the Plaisterers Company. Retirement never fully happened, though, since he sat on VAT Customs & Excise tribunals, had his own VAT consultancy business and only started winding down during lockdown. John died on 21 August 2024. Of the many tributes, that from his lifelong university friend Fred Broadbent stood out.

John was a good man, thoughtful and kind. His wife died in 2002 and he is survived by his children and two grandchildren, Lola and Jack.

Sara and Hamish Brown (John's son and daughter)

Peter Chamberlain (1958)

Peter Chamberlain, whose grandfather and father were both vicars, was born in Southampton on 22 July 1937. He was a lifelong supporter of Southampton Football Club. While at school he developed a love of many sports and excelled at cricket, squash, rackets and hockey. Following his father, Roy Chamberlain, who had matriculated at Selwyn in 1928, he came up in 1958 to read Theology. He changed to Geography after his first year.

Before coming up, and despite suffering all his life from sea sickness, Peter served two years National Service in the navy, based mostly in Malta. He celebrated his twenty-first birthday there with a trip in the commander's motorboat but was returned to barracks as it involved excessive tots of rum on board. He maintained his love of sports at Selwyn and excelled. He was secretary of the Hermes Club, captain of both squash and cricket, and played hockey for the College. He was a

member of the Hawks Club and was awarded a half blue for rackets.

Peter's career as a schoolmaster at the Leys, Cambridge, followed. He taught geography and coached the boys in several sports. He became a housemaster of West House for sixteen years and was a terrific influence on many boys who remember him fondly. He was appointed at the Leys by Alan Barker whose wife Jean, was Baroness Trumpington. (We now remember her best for giving a colleague a V-sign in the House of Lords when he mentioned her age!) For Peter these were colourful years and great fun. During one summer, he went on an amazing trip with a colleague driving a bunch of schoolboys in the school van to Russia, as far as Odessa, and back.

He married Caroline, having proposed over the phone. Being very tall indeed, maybe it was too difficult to get onto bended knee. Peter and Caroline had a long and happy marriage. They had two daughters, Juliet and Rachel. Peter's love of sport continued in his retirement where he enjoyed golf but, finally and gracefully, he retired when his drive was getting so much shorter and he was in fear of tumbling on the course. He put up a stoic fight against his last illness and the ageing process. When asked of his illness he bravely declared that it was just 'a touch of cancer'. In his last days, his garden and love of birds kept him amused and happy.

Peter died on 29 May 2025. He was a giant of a man, both physically and character-wise, and was a faithful and honourable friend to many of us. He will be sorely missed.

Robert Whitaker (SE 1957, Fellow 1986-)

Dr Peter Cooper (1958)

Peter Handley Macue Cooper was born on 22 October 1937 in Sudbury, Suffolk, where he spent most of his life, living chiefly in the family home. He came from an old Great Cornard family, his paternal grandparents having run the pub in the Suffolk village for many years. His mother's family, originally from Ireland, had settled in Roydon, Essex, where his mother's four siblings all succumbed to tuberculosis.

Peter attended various local schools including Sudbury Boys' Modern Secondary School but, at his mother's insistence, re-took the eleven-plus exam and was accepted by Sudbury Boys' Grammar School. From there he came up to Selwyn in 1958 to read History and became president of the University Liberal Club. He subsequently gained a University of London doctorate in early Victorian church history. He relished his years at Selwyn and faithfully attended functions including Formal Hall, Chapel services and musical events. Concerned for the future of Selwyn, he kept in touch with and invited students for lunches and lectures that he gave locally in Sudbury.

After Cambridge, Peter taught American history at the Emma Willard Girls' School in Troy, New York, from 1961 to 1963. He returned to the UK to take up a position teaching history at All Saints College, Tottenham, which merged with the Middlesex Polytechnic in 1978. He also taught for the Open University and at



Wormwood Scrubs.

He was a loyal attender at Selwyn Association meetings. When it was decided the College needed an up-to-date history, Peter, in conjunction with his former supervisor, William Brock, Selwyn's distinguished Emeritus Fellow, wrote *Selwyn College, a History* (Durham: Pentland Press, 1994). Five years later, he published his second book: *Fossils, Faith and Farming* (Great Cornard: Little Cornard Conservation Society, 1999) about Little Cornard in the Darwinian age.

Peter belonged to the Prayer Book Society and was a firm believer in the *Book of Common Prayer*. He was a member of the Liberal Club and the Royal Society of Arts, attending events in London along with friends and students. He wrote extensively on numerous esoteric subjects, replete with biblical and literary quotations in his instantly-recognisable handwriting. He had a phenomenal memory. He loved music and, thanks to his father's encouragement, he had learned the piano at an early age. He later played the organ for Little Cornard church services among others. He was responsible for arranging and contributing to the Sudbury Quay Theatre History Talks. He knew many learned people and would exchange amusing anecdotes.

Peter valued his friendships, particularly with his nephew Robert, and also with Jake and his sons Maks and Aleks, who all helped to care for him in his final years. His brother Bruce had died in 1992. A kind, curious and interested man, he was a dear friend to many and a lifelong friend to me as well as a committed godfather to my son Oliver. He was a memorable person who added something extraordinary to our lives. One of a kind, Peter died on 27 January 2025, aged eighty-seven.

Marianne Gilbert (friend)

Roger Atkinson (1959)

Roger Douglas Atkinson was born in Lincolnshire on Christmas Eve 1938, the eldest of three children. He attended Brocksford Hall School in Derbyshire, then Haileybury College. National Service followed, which sent him to the Education Corps in Cyprus. He came up to Selwyn in 1959 to read Classics. He then studied Law in London and took Articles.

Roger became involved with the Bermondsey Mission, helping with the young people, which gave him experience for taking on the role of Youth Leader at St George's church, Lincoln, after he had joined Andrew & Company there. He became a partner in this law firm, specialising in personal injuries. His work as the Lincoln and District Coroner was interesting: it brought its own challenges as well as new colleagues. Roger trained as a lay reader and was also a member of the General Synod. He had extensive stays at a mission set up by him at St George's, Brazil.

In September 1966 he married Sheila, whom he had met at the Scripture Union Beach Mission, Cromer. Both keen Christians, they were actively involved in their church. They opened their home for entertaining and caring for others. They had

two children, Philip and Rachel, and three grandchildren, Hannah, Bethany and Magnus. Philip is now a vicar in Coventry. They enjoyed concerts, opera, ballet and art galleries, and travelled miles to experience these and to visit family and friends. They loved foreign travel, especially to Italy. Roger enjoyed golf, his weekly Italian classes and Rotary meetings and dinners.

On Christmas Eve 2015, in London to celebrate his birthday with all the family, Roger suffered a severe stroke. Now retired, he faced the challenge of proving the medics wrong when they told him he would never be independent again. He worked hard at his physio- and occupational therapy and was eventually able to travel again and to take up his former activities. He passed the test to allow him to drive again, which gave him freedom and independence.

Tragically, shortly after his stroke, Sheila was diagnosed with leukaemia. She died a few days after their golden wedding, in September 2016. In a further loss, Rachel died in September 2023. Despite the grief, Roger determined to carry on, but the effects of the stroke made life increasingly hard and lonely. While staying at the Oxford and Cambridge club in Piccadilly, he fell and was subsequently unable to walk. After three weeks he was moved back to Lincoln. With physiotherapy unavailable, he became totally dependent on others. Now in a care home, no longer in control of his life, Roger became frail and despairing. He died suddenly on 11 May 2024.

A positive and outgoing person, full of wisdom and kindness, Roger experienced hardships in his life and he bore them with tremendous courage. He is now at peace, reunited with those he loved, but is sadly missed by family and friends and the church to which he was so faithful.

Susan Atkinson (Roger's sister)

Derek Ufton (1959)

Derek Ufton was born in Derby in 1938. Following National Service in Germany, he came up to Selwyn to read Modern Languages in 1959. After graduation he moved to London and worked for the personnel department at Sainsbury's before joining Avon Cosmetics as a training officer in 1967. He was promoted the following year to personnel manager and shortly after that had full responsibility for the entire human resources department. He remained with Avon in recruitment and personnel management for the next twenty-seven years, becoming well-liked and respected for his experience, attention to detail and fair-mindedness.

He met Vivienne in 1965, who was on a working holiday from Australia. They were married in March 1966 and enjoyed a happy marriage for fifty-nine years. After they married they moved to Earls Barton, Northamptonshire, until retirement, when they moved to Oakham. In his long retirement, Derek enjoyed travelling with Viv. He maintained his French and German language skills, helping out with the occasional translation task. He volunteered for the local food bank, the parochial church council and the drop-in centre.

At Selwyn Derek enjoyed the music opportunities and in particular the choir.

In his final years, life was made difficult due to dementia but he still had an appreciation for music and he was still able to sing. Derek was a true gentleman, a thoroughly kind, decent, intelligent and generous-spirited man. He died on 4 March 2025. He leaves behind his wife Vivienne, their two daughters and four grandchildren. He is missed beyond measure.

Catherine Studsgarth (Derek's daughter)

Christopher Penfold (1960)

Christopher Penfold, who has died aged eighty-three, was an influential writer and script editor in British film and television. In a career spanning more than forty years, he wrote or script-edited more than 300 hours of prime-time television, including shows such as *All Creatures Great and Small*, *Casualty*, *EastEnders*, *The Bill* and the cult classic *Space: 1999*.

Chris also served as series editor for seventy-eight episodes (2000-12) of ITV's *Midsomer Murders*, one of the most successful long-form drama series in television history. Fellow *Midsomer* writers Nick Martin and Barry Simner said: 'Chris ushered the series into being and coined the credo that underpinned the show's enormous success – "Fun with murder" – and writers did have fun. Script meetings in Penfold's living room would generate gales of laughter as ever more macabre murders were concocted.'

Born in Bristol in 1941, Chris was the son of Kathleen (née Buckingham), a lab technician who for many years worked as a welfare officer for Barnardo's, and Leonard Penfold, a vicar in nearby Pucklechurch, where Chris spent most of his childhood. He was educated locally at Tockington Manor Prep School and St John's School in Leatherhead, and then came up to Selwyn, where he studied History.

After graduating in 1962, he worked briefly as a teacher before committing full time to writing. He signed with the agency Associated London Scripts, founded by Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes. On receiving his first cheque, Chris was torn between wanting to keep it, signed as it was by Milligan, or cashing it because he needed the money. Opportunities back then were limited for a young writer, so Chris decided to take advantage of the '£10 Pom' scheme and move to Australia, where he began writing radio scripts for the ABC in Sydney.

After returning to the UK, he married Mary Baxter in 1967. They settled in Notting Hill, London, and had four children, Hannah, Rachael, Mungo and Sean.

In 1972, while working at Elstree studios as a writer and editor on the war drama *Pathfinders*, he caught the attention of Gerry Anderson. This led to his collaboration with Anderson to create *Space: 1999*, a series that greatly influenced subsequent sci-fi dramas. Chris continued to explore diverse themes in his writing, notably with the ITV drama series *The Brack Report* (1982), which tackled the contentious nuclear power debate. He also contributed to the BBC sci-fi series *The Tripods* (1985), based on the John Christopher books.

After leaving the BBC, he worked as a freelance writer and script editor,

founding ScriptWorks in 1998 and fostering new voices in television and film. This was alongside personal work as a script consultant for projects such as Jonathan Glazer's acclaimed *Under the Skin* (2013).

His marriage to Mary ended in divorce in 2005. Chris married Judy Loncraine in 2013. She survives him, along with his four children, three stepchildren and thirteen grandchildren. He died on 29 July 2024.

Alex Breuer (Chris's son-in-law). Reprinted by permission from an obituary in The Guardian.

Simon Davey (1961)

Simon Davey, who came up to Selwyn in 1961 to read Archaeology and Anthropology, always spoke with great fondness of his time at the College.

While he probably should have become an academic natural historian, he was in some ways grateful for the fact that this did not work out. Instead, he was able to travel the world and experience amazing natural history while leading tours and guest-lecturing on cruise ships, without the academic's necessary pressure to publish. As an undiagnosed dyslexic, this would have been a tricky requirement. He did, however, write for a number of magazines and published three books: *Scilly Birding* (East Hyde: Brambleby Books, 2013) about twitchers on the Isles of Scilly; *Is No Problem* (East Hyde: Brambleby Books, 2016) about natural history tour-leading in a selection of exotic locations; and his most academic book, *The Lichens of Jersey* (Jersey: Société Jersiaise, 2015) with photographs and commentary on the lichens and the history of lichenology on the island of Jersey.

Simon very much enjoyed discussing his time at Selwyn when undergraduates rang him to explore the past. He died on 25 January 2024

Amanda Davey (Simon's widow)

David Vinney (1962)

David Vinney graduated in Natural Sciences (Physics) from Selwyn in 1965. Shortly after this he switched to Psychology and gained an MSc at Sussex University. He devoted his academic life to teaching cognitive psychology and related disciplines, specialising in visual perception and the psychology of language. At Middlesex University, where he spent most of his academic life, he was popular among staff and students, displaying a profound and up-to-date knowledge of his specialist areas as well as a great sense of humour. He also enjoyed the interdisciplinary character of teaching at Middlesex and joined in enthusiastically on courses which included debates that crossed the boundaries between psychology, philosophy and the social sciences, examining controversial topics such as the causes of educational inequalities and the treatment of psychological disorders.

He retained his interest in modern physics from his days at Selwyn and devoted

much of his retirement to familiarising himself with the remarkable developments in this field since his student days. He remained a good friend and engaging companion throughout his years at Middlesex and his retirement on the Isle of Wight. He died on 14 September 2024.

Dr Brian Evans, Senior Lecturer in Psychology (retired), Middlesex University

Graham Marchant (1963)

Graham Leslie Marchant had a long and distinguished career in arts administration, occupying a variety of influential positions. He was born in 1945, the second of four children of a working-class family in Worcester. On his own initiative he won a prep school scholarship and proceeded from there to the King's School, Worcester. On a school visit to Stratford he saw his first opera, Britten's *Peter Grimes*, which left a deep impression on him, foreshadowing his future career.

Graham came up to Selwyn in 1963 to read Moral Sciences, but moved to Theology with the idea that he would seek ordination. When his faith waned, he transferred to English, with Germaine Greer as one of his supervisors, and graduated in 1966. He was company manager for the annual Footlights visit to the Edinburgh Fringe. In 1967 he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Then he secured a place at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, but rapidly discovered that acting was not for him. His forte was in organising.

After a year at a North London comprehensive he decided he was not cut out for teaching either. However, in 1973 he became the administrator of the Actors' Company, working with one of the founders, Ian McKellen, which was an education in itself. Two years later he began working for English Music Theatre. However, his big break came in 1978, when he was appointed general administrator of the newly founded English National Opera North (later Opera North), based in Leeds. One of its aims was to showcase British works: the 1980 season included operas by Delius and Richard Rodney Bennett.

By 1982 he was ready to move back to London. 'I wanted to meet another man with whom I could settle down as a companion for life,' he wrote. He was introduced in 1983 to the barrister Andrew Hochhauser, the treasurer of the Middle Temple. They were married in 2019. Through Andrew's influence Graham also became involved in the law, as a magistrate (2003-14), chair of the bench at Thames magistrates, and member of the Lord Chancellor's panel for the selection of magistrates.

Having returned to the capital, he held various posts as administrator of theatre groups and in 1986 became the Arts Council's first (and only) Director of Arts Coordination. When the Greater London Council was abolished, the Southbank Centre was brought under the Arts Council. Graham joined the new Southbank Board as Head of Site Improvement (1989-92) and was involved in developing new strategies for the arts. He nourished a particular love of dance, undertaking roles such as a director of Ballet Rambert (1991-93) and of the Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Company (1999-2001, and chair 2010-12), and chair of the London Dance Network

(1998-99) and National Dance Co-ordinating Committee (2000-03).

In 2007 Graham was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, which imposed severe limitations and eventually respiratory problems, which led to his death on 28 December 2024.

Adapted from obituaries in The Times and The Guardian

The Reverend Canon Christopher Smith (1963)

Christopher Smith was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1944. His formative years were marked by two things: firstly, being raised in a Christian ethos and attending St John's church in Newcastle; secondly, receiving an excellent education at Newcastle Royal Grammar School. In his teenage years he styled himself as an aesthete, enjoying singing and acting, literature and history, and made friends easily.

Arriving in Selwyn in 1963 to read Theology, he felt a great sense of freedom. Discovering rowing proved to be a life changer: its disciplines taught him many things, and Christopher's commitment to rowing was perhaps to the detriment of his theological studies. He was very proud to be appointed captain of boats for three years.

During and after Selwyn, Christopher was based in Ilkley, his parents having moved there. After graduating, he had a productive year, teaching RE at a Leeds grammar school. He also developed his talent for acting, memorably winning a medal for best male lead in *As You Like It*. Best of all, whilst at Ilkley, he met his future wife Christine in a choir. He studied for two more years at Cuddesdon Theological College, leading to ordination. The principal, Robert Runcie, encouraged Christopher to go to Liverpool for his first curacy in 1969, where Christine was at university. They were married in 1971.

Christopher then spent twenty-two years in three different parishes: St Nicholas in the heart of the city, then Tower Hill Estate Kirkby, then Walton. There were challenges but he was very lucky to have the support of experienced priests and 'salt of the earth' parishioners. He and his wife were blessed with four children during the Liverpool years. In 1991 Christopher moved to South Yorkshire, firstly as Canon Pastor at Sheffield Cathedral, where he helped set up an important project to help the homeless. Then in Doncaster (from 2002) he used his life experiences to help revitalise and regenerate the magnificent Gothic Revival church, St George's, which was in dire need of restoration. Christopher felt energised by the prospect and described it as a party waiting to happen. His people-centred approach was based on good liturgy, good preaching and patient pastoral work. The congregation grew, and the restoration of St George's was accomplished over the following years.

In 2004 Christopher was appointed as a chaplain to her Majesty, the late Queen. Amongst his many gifts were the ability to put people at ease and his sense of humour. Possessing a great sense of purpose, he was an effective leader in his different parishes, with great skills of collaboration in the church and community. Christopher never forgot his duty of care to people who were disadvantaged or

marginalised.

He retired to Berwick-upon-Tweed in 2010, where he continued to exercise his ministry. He played a key role in the community and set up the Berwick Literary Festival, now in its eleventh year. He died of cancer shortly after his eightieth birthday, on 11 January 2025.

Christine Smith (Christopher's widow) and Alex Smith (their son)

Stephen Matthews OAM (1965)

Stephen Matthews came up to Selwyn in 1965 to read Moral Sciences. When he graduated, he was asked by a careers advisor what he would like to do. He replied that he wanted to publish books. He was quickly advised not to do this but to go into teaching, which he did.

By the time he was fifty years old, and having in the meantime emigrated to Australia, he found himself in the position to pursue his original dream. In 1996 he started Ginninderra Press. 'Ginninderra' is an aboriginal word that loosely translated means 'speeding little rays of light' and this is exactly what he set out to do. Stephen was an independent publisher; he never accepted financial assistance to support his dream. This enabled him to choose what he wanted to publish. He elected to publish non-fiction and poetry. He believed that the authors were the voices of our society and it was important they be heard.

In 2021 he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his services to Australian publishing. This recognition was affirmation of everything he believed in and dedicated his life to.

He was a man with extraordinary vision and has left a remarkable legacy that changed many lives

Brenda Matthews (Stephen's widow)

The Reverend Dr Christopher Thomas (1967)

James Christopher Thomas died suddenly in Oxford on 14 May 2024, aged eighty. He studied Philosophy at Durham University, Theology at Selwyn and completed his PhD thesis entitled 'Theology and Falsification' back at Durham. He had worked as a professor in Theology and Philosophy in West Africa since 1970. He was formerly senior lecturer in the Department of Religion at the University of Ghana, Accra, and then held the same position at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. In 1985 he was appointed as a lecturer in theology at Ripon College Cuddesdon, in Oxford, and then returned to Ghana, where he was made dean of the School of Theology and Missions. One student at Central University, Ghana (Aleipho Solomon) wrote about him, 'This academic was not just a great and world class scholar who taught me, he's also an angel in human skin God brought my way. When he realised how I was struggling to pay for my exam fees so I could be

admitted to a US school, he personally offered to pay the fees. Not only that, he was always available and willing to send recommendations to all the schools I was applying to when other lecturers were demanding money or favor before they could do that. Thank you, Professor Thomas! You've been a blessing to me. I truly appreciate the impact you had on me and to others as well.'

I was fortunate, through my work at Osaka University, to be able to visit my Uncle Chris in Ghana in 2016, where I was a witness to his teaching at the University of Ghana and Central University. The students were enthralled by his classes, which were never easy, as he was committed to the application of the highest academic standards, ensuring the students adhered to authentic critical thinking. Everyone I met spoke warmly of him. He always wore a smile, told very funny jokes and stories, and dedicated his life to helping the underprivileged. He truly was an 'angel in human skin', as can be testified by his loving family. He was a devout husband to his first wife, Grace, who sadly died young, of cancer. But then he met Eunice, who became the love of his life and without whom he would certainly have died a long time ago. She gave him renewed purpose and the will to continue to embrace life and all its riches. Theirs was a match made in heaven, and to prove it they were blessed with another angel, their beautiful son Ryan, a true gift from God who is turning into the most remarkable young man with the intelligence and forbearance of both his mother and father. He is the living legacy of a much-loved person, my uncle, the Reverend Dr Thomas.

Steve Muller (SE 1978) (nephew)

Dr Paul Rowe (1970)

Paul Harold Rowe was born on 6 March 1952. He attended Dulwich College in London, embracing all it offered. He won the Biology Exhibition Prize and the Wilke's Memorial Prize. He won first-team colours for cricket, hockey and rugby, being especially proud of playing for the first XV rugby team. A love of rugby, and dreams of becoming a surgeon, began here.

In 1970 Paul came up to Selwyn to study Medicine. He spent three 'wild' years here, completing his pre-clinical training in Medicine and beginning his rugby career. He played regularly for Cambridge University whilst an undergraduate and narrowly missed out on a rugby blue. He was also tremendously proud of the two Cuppers wins in 1972 and 1973, bringing them up at any opportunity for years to come, including a Selwyn reunion in December 2021.

In 1973 Paul moved to London to begin clinical training in medicine at Guy's Hospital, and in 1976 was awarded MB BChir. Paul then embarked on his career in surgery and obtained a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1981. He continued playing first team rugby, predominantly for the Old Alleynian RFC, and was captain of the club in 1973-74. During the ensuing years he also played rugby for Kent, Public School Wanderers and the combined London Old Boys sides. He retired from rugby in 1983.

During 1981-88 Paul completed his surgical registrar training, including two

years (1983-85) as a research fellow in the Department of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, where he completed his thesis: 'Gastric Mucosal Damage by the Salicylates'. In 1989 he was awarded MChir and became a consultant general surgeon at Eastbourne District General Hospital.

Paul was dedicated to his career in surgery, looking for new challenges and opportunities to develop, with interests in teaching, training and innovation. During his appointment as consultant surgeon, he worked tirelessly to build up the department, introducing teaching to medical and dental students, developing laparoscopic surgery and surgical subspecialisation. Paul was the Clinical Director of Surgery in Eastbourne NHS Trust 1998-2002, where he developed a department with a high reputation for teaching, training, and surgical expertise. In 2000 he created the Surgical Assessment Unit, a beacon site for the Department of Health Modernisation Agency, receiving national and international recognition, and national innovation awards in 2002 and 2005.

Paul was always involved in numerous projects such as reducing knife crime and working for various regional and national organisations primarily promoting surgical training, including in developing countries. He retired in 2016 after a successful and committed career.

Paul was a very sociable man and enjoyed being the life and soul of the party, telling jokes, making people laugh, travelling and new experiences. His love of sport was lifelong. After retiring from rugby, he continued other recreational sports including tennis, skiing, shooting and fishing.

Paul died peacefully after a brave battle against cancer on 1 September 2023 at St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne, with his family present. He will be missed by many.

Jennifer Phiri (Paul's daughter)

Dr Matthew Sargeant (1975)

On 30 October 2022 Dr Matthew Paul Sargeant died peacefully, and for Welsh psychiatry that rarely applicable line 'stop all the clocks' seemed very apt. He was such a valued colleague and character that it seemed unimaginable that he should be gone. It was typical that he worked to the end, joining meetings from his hospital bed, his final Mental Health Review Tribunal report submitted less than a week before he died. As a result, although he was frank about his illness and its likely outcome, we all somehow felt this was a hypothetical rather than a likely, let alone imminent, occurrence.

Born in 1954, as a child he struggled with a variant of dyslexia, failed his 11-plus and was advised to become a cook. He then worked as a nursing assistant. Thankfully an exceptional teacher discerned his intellect and potential and he eventually came up to Selwyn. He maintained that his nursing assistant experience was invaluable.

Matthew's first post in psychiatry, in the early 1980s, was in Devon. He then moved to Wales, working with Professor Peter McGuffin before becoming a consultant in Merthyr. In 1995-96 Matthew helped commission a psychiatric unit in

New Brunswick. Returning to the UK he worked in Nottinghamshire before settling in west Wales in 1997. Subsequently, he held numerous roles, including associate medical director, and most recently was a rehabilitation and forensic consultant. Passionately devoted to medical education he served as an honorary senior lecturer for mental health for Hywel Dda and Cardiff and Swansea Universities, and was awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award by the BMA in 2017.

Attending his deeply referenced lectures risked considerable book bills. He always enticed one to learn more but, more importantly, to be curious and to understand more deeply. His work was characterised by painstaking clinical exactitude, attention to detail, nuanced understanding and a deep compassion for his patients. He was a passionate advocate of parity of esteem for those with mental and neurodevelopmental disorders. Organisationally, Matthew was something of a superhero, over the years filling most gaps which appeared, flying across the countryside to meet his legion of commitments. My own first contact with him, after a job enquiry, was a return phone call at 10 pm, a first indication that where work was concerned he did not really observe any sort of normal diurnal rhythm.

Matthew was profoundly intelligent and reflective. Like poetry, he could sometimes 'communicate... before understood' and it was not unusual to grasp long afterwards how pertinent and wise was what he was trying to say. Matthew was also a longstanding and much-valued member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales, renowned for his encyclopaedic case law knowledge. He was also the Lead Second Opinion Approved Doctor for Wales and a stalwart trustee of the Clinical Human Factors Group.

Matthew was kind-hearted, approachable, generous with his knowledge and time, indefatigable, unstoppable, with preternatural clinical intuition. He was also an intensely private man. He truly personified the Royal College of Psychiatrists' motto, 'Let wisdom guide'. Our sincere condolences go to his family.

Dr Ruth Deborah Edwards (former colleague), on the website of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

The Reverend Peter Barham (1980)

Peter Barham, born in Cambridge on 3 August 1962, was destined to be a student at Selwyn: his grandparents had run a College hostel and he recalled being woken by noisy Selwynites when staying with them. He came up to read Geography in 1980, switching to Theology in his final year. He met Julie Brown in their first term. Their future was decided when Peter organised a group theatre visit and Julie was the only person to turn up. They were married in 1983 at St Andrew's Baptist Church in Cambridge, with Owen Chadwick among the guests. Peter was a Baptist by upbringing and during his time at Selwyn became president of the Robert Hall Society, the Baptist students' group. He was known as College Rail Rep, his encyclopaedic knowledge making him the Google of his time for anyone planning a train journey. He remained a lifelong member of the University Railway Club and an avid train traveller, particularly on newly opened lines. His

loyalty to Selwyn remained strong: he never wore any but his Selwyn scarf.

Peter undertook a postgraduate Diploma in Librarianship at the University of North London in 1984, having enjoyed holiday jobs in Cambridge City Libraries. He started work as a law librarian in 1985, firstly at Bischoff in London, where he set up a library from scratch. In an early example of their teamwork, Julie (whose degree was in Law) took him to the Squire Law Library to show how best to organise legal information. He went on to work part-time for former Selwyn Law Fellow, Stephen Tromans. His reason for going part-time was that he, along with Julie, now a lay preacher for both Baptist and Methodist churches, had decided to enter Baptist ministry full-time. After twice being turned down, someone suggested that if he wanted to be a rural priest, he should try the Church of England. During his Bachelor of Theology course in Lincoln, Selwyn sent cheques from a fund 'for ordinands' which helped keep afloat what was now a family of five (Harry joining older siblings Hannah and Gareth).

Peter held posts in and around Bury St Edmunds, and then, in 2008, became vicar of Ponteland, outside Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The family were there for seven years, during which they suffered the grievous loss of sons Gareth, aged twenty-four, and the most recent family member, Theo, aged nearly two. In 2016, they moved to Derby when Peter became vicar at St Matthew's Darley Abbey and St Edmund's Allestree. Somehow, he and Julie found time to study for an MA in Public History and Heritage.

Peter had to retire in April 2023, following the shock of a cancer diagnosis. He and Julie moved back north to Hexham. They celebrated the fortieth wedding anniversary he had not expected to reach and, in June 2024, he was in Hexham Abbey to see Julie licensed as a Reader. He came home from hospital, thanks to the brilliant hospice-at-home service, and died there on 11 July 2024.

Peter is survived by Julie, his daughter Hannah and son Harry, of whom he was so proud. His multitude of friends miss him acutely.

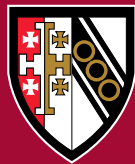
Julie Barham (SE 1980) and Lynette Cawthra (SE 1978)

We also record with regret the deaths of the following members, for whose life and influence we give thanks. We are always pleased to receive obituaries of around 500 words in length from relatives or friends for publication in the next edition of the *Calendar*.

1928	Alan Lancaster	1955	James Thompson
1932	Cyril Cartwright	1956	Alan Grainge
1937	Peter Standbridge	1957	Norman Innes
1939	Frederick Graham	1958	Richard Bamford
1939	Eric Mills	1958	Michael Gosling
1939	Dennis Korff	1958	Lorenz Gronvik
1940	Frederick Kankam-Boadu	1958	John Newcombe
1941	Raymond Read	1959	Horace Barker
1943	Samuel Akinkugbe	1959	Rolf Mitson
1943	David Nixseaman	1959	John Ryan
1946	William Dullforce	1960	John Cragg
1946	Ronald Jarrett	1960	Stewart Cuff
1946	Ralph Jones	1960	John Hearn
1947	Edmund Jacklin	1960	Nigel Rhys-Davies
1948	Christian Dadey	1962	Maurice Baines
1950	Jacob Davies	1965	James Thomas
1950	Philip Reader	1966	Paul Tuthill
1951	John Farr	1967	Christopher Carter
1951	Alan Watkins	1967	Andrew Nahlis
1952	John Craske	1969	Trevor Turton
1952	Grant Geen	1970	Philip Marshall
1952	Peter Lancaster	1975	Huw Butter
1953	Brian Chappell	1975	Barry Jones
1953	Richard Warwick	1981	Simon Potter
1953	Walter Williams	1989	Laurence Woodward
1954	Keith Blythe	2024	John Busuego
1954	Samuel Good		



Hoisting the Union flag to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, 8 May 2025



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