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THE MASTER'S FOREWORD

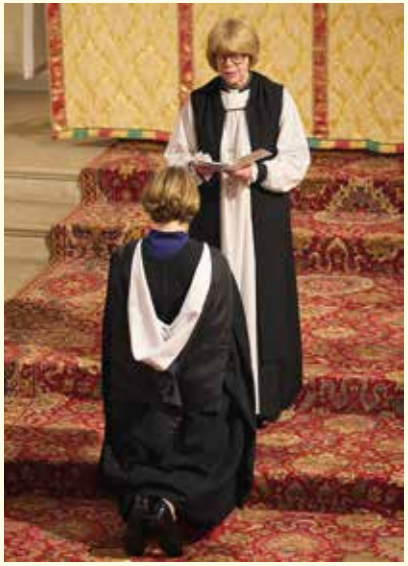


In accepting the Fellows' invitation to become the fourteenth Master of Selwyn I knew partly what I was letting myself in for, but the rest has been a discovery. My first year has been vivid, rewarding, exhausting, full of hundreds of new faces, challenges, joys and sadnesses. It started with my installation on 2 October 2025, in a beautifully choreographed ceremony in the Chapel, which would normally be conducted by the College's Visitor. Owing to a vacancy in the See of Canterbury, the Vice-Master and Dean of Chapel had invited Dame Sarah Mullalley, then Bishop of London, to conduct the service. She left dinner afterwards slightly early in order – as she said – to get back to London. The next morning we learned why, as she was announced as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. It was particularly clever of the College have invited our Visitor the day before she became it!

I have now been through the full cycle of the academic year: I watched the Freshers arrive and listened to the Senior Tutor's welcome, which challenged them to rise to the potential they had shown in the admissions process. They had been chosen not only because of their academic strengths, but because they had the determination to meet their high offers and get in. Arriving in Selwyn was the start, not the end; we would expect them to continue to show that determination.

I watched from a safe distance the admissions process and saw the enormous dedication of our Fellows and outreach officers to finding, wherever they are, the students who are right for us. I saw the tutors shepherd our students with great care through stresses and difficulties, and how the deans made sure they kept high spirits within boundaries. I kept a close eye on our sporting endeavours, where we had some terrific achievements and some tantalising near misses. Living next to the Chapel, my days have been accompanied by our excellent choir and the organists: when I walk the dog in the garden, while I watch television, while I write this foreword.

At the end of the year, I experienced for the first time the delight of General Admission, following the Head Porter processing with the Praelector and our graduands through the leafy West Bye Lane, cheered by Fellows and staff as we went









Suzanne Raine was installed as Selwyn's new Master on 2 October 2025 by the Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London, acting for our Visitor, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dame Sarah's appointment as the next Archbishop of Canterbury was announced the following day.

on our way to the Senate House, returning to a festival atmosphere with graduates' families in Old Court. All our students are to be congratulated for a truly excellent set of results, proving yet again that it is possible to combine genuine access to education for all with very high standards and to do it with lightness and joy.

I also saw, every day, how extremely hard our staff worked to make it all succeed: our porters, maintenance team, gardeners, chefs and catering staff, housekeepers, conference team, AV and IT teams, alumni and development, bursarial and tutorial office teams, librarians and our HR team. The College is a thriving ecosystem and the critical word is always team. We are entirely dependent on everyone pulling together to support our endeavours.

We are also dependent on our alumni, who provide enormous financial support for our teaching and students and enable us to maintain and improve the fabric of our estate. This year we have almost met our campaign target for the renovation and linking of the villas at 21 and 23 West Road, thanks to some extremely generous alumni donors. I have greatly enjoyed meeting so many of our former students who regularly return to the College and who remember with fondness the Fellows who made such a difference to them.

We also shared sadness, with three funerals in Chapel this year. The first was for June Johnson, widow of the former Bursar Dr Christopher Johnson. In Lent Term we mourned the sudden death of fifth-year PhD student Emma Sumner, with her friends and family. Shortly afterwards came the news that Professor David Chivers, Emeritus Fellow, had died on 5 March. The Chapel provided an important space for people to come together and remember their lives; these profoundly human events remind us that although the College is first and foremost an educational establishment, it is also a community and a pattern for living which in our increasingly atomised world has been lost elsewhere.

As we approach the academic year 2026-27, we reach an important milestone in the history of Selwyn: it will be fifty years since the College became co-educational, admitting women as students and Fellows in 1976. We were not the first college to do so, but we were among the earliest and there can be no doubt that the decision taken then has led directly to our strong standing today. It would not be possible otherwise to celebrate our exceptional academic achievement, our drive to find the best students no matter what their background, and our warm and friendly community. In the spring we appealed for memories and items of historical record, both originals and digital copies, to be donated to the archives. Our Archivist reports a fantastic response so far, which means we will have plenty of material to choose from for anniversary displays and to retain for posterity. We had not anticipated the best bit about the response, which has been the lovely conversations about people's time here and their memories of both Selwyn and Cambridge. Our aim is to capture the spirit of those conversations as we plan our celebrations.

Suzanne Raine



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 2025)

Suzanne Elizabeth **Raine**, MBE, MA (Cantab)

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**

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

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 and Durrant Fellow**

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), *Professor of 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, FRCPCH, FFICM, *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), *Professor of Philosophy of 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; Kenneth Joseph Fellow**

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*

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**

PART ONE

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 Associate Professor 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), *Professor of Sustainable Built Environment and Health*

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; Head of the Department of Surgery**

[and 2003-11] Robert Charles **Tasker**, MA, MD (Cantab), MBBS (London), AM (Harvard), MD (Massachusetts), DCH, FRCPCH, 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), MA (Cantab), *Donald Welbourn Fellow in Engineering**

2022 Anita **Balakrishnan**, BMedSci, BMBS (Nottingham), PhD (Harvard Medical School/Liverpool), MA (Cantab), FRCS Ed, FRCS Eng, CCT, *Consultant Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgeon, Addenbrooke's Hospital; Affiliated Associate Professor, Department of Surgery; 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), *Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Earth Sciences*

Ernesto **Vargas Weil**, LLB, MPP (Chile), LLM (New York), PhD (University College London), MA (Cantab), *Spencer-Fairest Teaching Fellow in Law; Affiliated Lecturer, Faculty of Law*

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), *Professor of Radio Astronomy**

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), *EPSRC Stephen Hawking Fellow*

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*

Lily **Whitler**, BS (Arizona State), MS, PhD (Arizona), *Gavin Boyle Fellow*

Benedick Cameron Flexmore **McDougall**, MA, MPhil, PhD (Cantab), *Centenary Research Fellow**

2026 The Reverend Jonathan **Collis**, MA (Cantab), PGDip in Pastoral Theology (Anglia Ruskin), *Acting Dean of Chapel and Chaplain*

EMERITUS FELLOWS

2000 Richard John **Bowring,** MA, PhD, LittD (Cantab), *Former Master; Emeritus Professor of Japanese Studies*

2013 Roger **Mosey**, MA (Oxon, Cantab), Hon. DLitt (Lincoln), DUniv (Bradford), Hon. Fellow, Wadham College Oxford, *Former Master*

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* [died 5 March 2026]

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*

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

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), MIChemE, *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. FIChemE, Hon. FIET, Hon. FCMI, Hon. FIMechE, *Former Chairman, Daiwa Ango-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, Hon. FIBiol, *Former Bishop of Oxford* [died 29 April 2026]

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, *Associate 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), FRS, *Former 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*

PART ONE

2016 Sophie **Wilson,** CBE, MA, Hon. DSc (Cantab), FRS, FREng, 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), Hon. DSc (York), FRS, FGS, MAE, Hon. Fellow, Corpus Christi College Cambridge, *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; British Columbia), 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, MRCGP, FISM, FFSEM, Hon. FRCP, *Medical and Scientific Director, International Olympic Committee*

Katherine Theresa Stewart **Mathieson**, BA (Cantab), MSc (Imperial College London), PGDip. Information Sciences (City), PGDip. 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**

Jon **Bonsor-Matthews**, MA, 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*

Leonardo **Impett**, MEng (Cantab) MA PhD (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), MIET, *Bye-Fellow in Digital Humanities*

Rosie **Lester**, MA, MSc (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Materials Science*

Kai **Liu**, BS (Hong Kong), MA, PhD (Johns Hopkins), *Professor of Economics*

Anastasiia **Lositskaia**, BA, MA (Moscow State), *Bye-Fellow in Russian*

Samuel **McDermott**, MA, PGCTLHE (Cantab), MSc (Warwick), PhD (Sheffield), FHEA, *Bye-Fellow in Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology**

Julia **Riggs**, BA, VetMB (Cantab), Dip. ECVS, MRCVS, *Bye-Fellow in Veterinary Medicine**

Chris **Russell**, BA (York), *Chief Operating Officer, University Information Services*

Noel **Rutter**, MA, PhD (Cantab), *Bye-Fellow in Materials Science; Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy**

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-FELLOW

David **Farber**, BA (Michigan), MA, PhD (Chicago), *Roy A Roberts Distinguished Professor, History, University of Kansas*

COLLEGE TEACHING ASSOCIATES

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Kan, Ka Yau, *Harrow International School, Hong Kong*
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Boyer, Emily, *University of Adelaide, Australia*: Polar Studies
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Chatterjee, Ria, *Royal Holloway, University of London*: Creative Writing
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SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

In 2025 the following students were either elected to a Scholarship (S), re-elected to a Scholarship (R) or elected to the title of Scholar (T):

Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic	F Deehan (S)
Architecture	W A P Barber (S)
	H McNicoll (T)
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	D N Christou (S)
	B C Corry (R)
	L Foster (S)
	Z F Ridawi (R)
Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology	J T Bishop (S)
	S Maitreejit (R)
Classics	E C Lester (R)
	F E Norton (T)
	A P Szymaniak (T)
Computer Sciences	J Reed (S)
Economics	K R Agrawal (S)
	B A Bailey (R)
	J J Baxendale (R)
	S Chakravarty (T)
	H D J Emery (R)
	J M Olechowski (S)
	S Rogers (R)
	H T So (S)
	O T Yerifor (R)
Education	A Bray (S)
	B Kwami (T)
Engineering	K R Atherstone (S)
	J Chen (R)
	R Chen (S)
	L N Chown (S)
	K Goyal (S)
	O W Griffiths (S)
	S S Hapuarachchi (S)
	D Huang (R)
	R R Lalwani (R)
	D Logan (S)
	L I Raimondi Soriano (T)
	C P Walsh (R)
	C D Wordsworth (R)
	Q Ye (R)
English	Y W N Chan (S)
	E M Davis (R)
	E G Jameson-Dake (T)
Geography	S J Pine (S)
	K W S Roberts (R)
History	S C Jacques (S)
	O L Newbury (S)
	D D Ruston (S)
History and Modern Languages	L G Alford (T)
History and Politics	J Hong (S)
	G W Nicholson (S)
	S R Wilkinson-Hill (T)
Human, Social and Political Sciences	L T Chandler (R)
	A W Laddle (S)
	E Matthews (S)
	I L S Schawsmidth (S)
	O Zogi Shala (T)
Land Economy	J A J Harrison (S)
	M G E Weavers (T)
	Y Wang (S)
Law	K X Chew (T)
	E G Jenkins (S)
	S Roychowdhury (S)
Linguistics	F Lehota (S)
Mathematics	C Stevens (S)
	X Wang (S)
	R Zhao (S)
Medical Sciences	J Elankumaran (S)
	I Lee (R)
	D M W O'Shea (R)
	M Rajeeva (R)
	M Rich (S)
	M Vella (R)
Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics	R Azouri (R)
	A Burton (T)
	B E Comey (S)
	M H Grey (R)
	E Hall (S)
	H D Litchfield (S)

	L A Paterson (S)
	L Price (S)
	H J Pruszewicz (T)
	I E Tyler (R)
	S J Welberry Smith (S)
Music	M W H Chapman (S)
	J L Macfarlane (S)
	L M O'Hanlon (S)
	J-Y L P Tsai (R)
Natural Sciences	A E Barrington (R)
	A Bhattacharyya (T)
	A Choudhury (T)
	O Dai (R)
	C E M Dickson (T)
	R A Driver (T)
	S H Y Fan (S)
	Y-Z S Huang (T)
	S Hutton (T)
	L N Ireland (S)
	Y Liu (S)
	S Y Lui (S)
	A P Marriott (S)
	L L Mason (T)
	K L Molyneux (S)
	A Noble (S)
	P B Parker (R)
	L C Paveley (S)
	J Qiao (R)
	M Quist (S)
	T X Stangroome (R)
	S T Wang (S)
	A R White (T)
	M Xu (S)
Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion	J A Coe (T)
Veterinary Sciences	R O'Donovan (S)

Prizes awarded in 2025

Tripos Prizes

Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic	V E Vienne Bannan
Architecture	A Basu
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	J D S A M Sisowath
Computer Sciences	L Choteborsky
Economics	C L I Ng
English	J Xu
	S-G Akande
	J Chong
	E G Heatherington
History	I F Hillsdon
Human, Social and Political Sciences	M H K Hole
	N Iyer
	A Y Y Leung
	S Mulji
Management Studies	S Gupta
Mathematics	K Song
	C A Telfer
	T D Wen
Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics	E A Mumford
	D Shah
	A C Sheth
Natural Sciences	A L Armiger
	T J Croft-Senior
	M J Fall
	H A Palmer
	L G M Rooney
	A Smyth
	A L Synowiec
	C D Williams
Philosophy	A J R Christie-Miller
	E Manton
Psychological & Behavioural Studies	A L Pettecrew
Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion	E B Warr

Named Prizes

Abraham (Modern Languages)	S J Welberry Smith
	M H Grey
Adams (Engineering)	J Chen
Baxter (Natural Sciences)	A L Armiger
Borradaile (Natural Sciences)	A E Barrington
Braybrook (Natural Sciences)	T X Stangroome
Carr	B C Corry
	L A Foster
	E C Lester
Chadwick (History)	S C Jacques
Coffin (Human, Social and Political Sciences)	L T Chandler
	E Matthews
	S Mulji
	O Zogi Shala
Cross (Economics)	C L I Ng

Davis (Natural Sciences)	P B Parker
Fairest (Law)	K X Chew
Frost (Mathematics/Computer Science)	K Song
Gilbert (Modern Languages)	E A Mumford
	A Burton
Hargreaves (Chemical Engineering)	S Maitreejit
Hargreaves (Medicine)	M Vella
Hargreaves (Veterinary Medicine)	H F Scott
John and Myra Harris	A L Armiger
	S Chakravarty
	T J Croft-Senior
	A P Szymaniak
Harrison (Engineering)	K Goyal
Haworth-Gray (Theology)	J E Coe
Jagpal	H Min
	K L Molyneux
	R Zhao
Johnson	H Barraud
	S Mathialagan
Lyttelton (Geography)	S J Pine
Matsumoto-Bowring (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)	J D S M Sisowath
	K W S Roberts
Melbourne	N E Vienne Bannan
Morrill (History)	L G Alford
Powrie Scholarship (Engineering)	R Lalwani
	H Ye
Ratcliffe	J J Baxendale
	H D J Emery
	O L Newbery
	D D Ruston
Sanders (English)	S-G Akande
	E M Davis
Scruby	P B Parker
Searle (Mathematics)	C A Telfer
W Selwyn	A Bray
	F S Lehota
	H McNicoll
Seraphim (Natural Sciences)	C E M Dickson
Siddans (Natural Sciences)	J Qiao
Sing (Classics)	F E Norton
Tallow Chandlers	L M O'Hanlon
	P B Parker
Turnbull (Clinical Medicine)	A S Wilson
Whitehead (History)	I F Hillsdon

College Prizes

Education	J A Boardman
English	R Waring
History	I T Bahtchevanski-Brosnan
	T O Innes
Natural Sciences	B J Colliver

Postgraduate Prizes

Clinical Veterinary Medicine	A M G Bleunven
	F Dixon
	H F Scott

Named Prizes (Non-Tripos)

Appleton (Three-Minute Thesis Competition)	H A Palmer
	C H Phillips
	R Ran
	C D Williams
Edith Ray (Vocal Award)	M N Budack
Roe (Musical Performance)	J-Y L P Tsai
Williamson (Musical Performance)	E S-M Chung
	S T Gaspé

MUSIC AWARDS

Organ Scholar

K C-H Chin

Choral Exhibitions

New elections	*Re-elected*
Z D Bhayani	A C Brow
J E S Ellacott	M W H Chapman
W G Forrest	E S-M Chung
S M Garcia	F T Deehan
S T Gaspé	G W Nicholson
M V Mitchell	L M O'Hanlon
L A Paterson	C A Oh
R E Wolfson	J L Macfarlane
I E M Wood	W Rowse
	J-Y L P Tsai

John Sweet Postgraduate Choral Scholars

S T Gaspé
W Rowse
A C Tiller

Instrumental awards

R A Bazlov,
E S-M Chung
B Dickinson
L A Paterson

DEGREES CONFERRED

The College congratulates the following members who have been awarded Cambridge degrees between August 2025 and July 2026.

Doctor of Medicine (MD)
F W Vonberg

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
C J Balhatchet
S L Banach
K J Bassil
J C W Bland
S U Chowdhury
C Egan
M R Fitzsimmons
J Habib
E Kobeissi
R B A Lester
C Liu
H M Lockett-Davies
D E Moser
S Pachisia
H Pant
R Parthipan
R Reilly
M Rob
S Rose
E R Ruiz Morales
M Segawa
A Ulhaq
A Vijayakumaran
X Wang
Y Wang
R M Williams
A S Wilson
S K Yorke
M A Zarocsinceva
Z Zhang

Master of Arts (MA)
R E Ackland
N M E Adriano
A K Agedah
H Ahmadi
S M Ahmed
S Al Saidi
E E Arden
C A Armitage
E G Arnold
A O Ayinde
J Babinsky
A Balakrishnan
S Benatar
L Bennett
J Berry
F A Blake
A M G Bleunven
D I Bridge
M T Bright
R A Brown
C M Browning
A M Burakowski
J R Burri
F P Callow
H B Campos
M C Cavallini
D Chin
C A J Chivers
A J Damant
F Dixon
F Dreifert
F J Duffen
S E Ellis
S J Evett
M L Fisher
E M Fitt
T P W Fitzpatrick
B Fountain-Green
J C Freeman
S Ganeshananthan
T O Greenard
J A Guéron-Gabrielle
Y Guo
M G Hayes
K He
M F A Head
K E Higgins
B A Hollingdale
J W-H Hong
V O Idowu
Z Iwanczyk
M Jeffries
C J Jones
E H Jones
N Karim
K A S Katainen
L I Kemp
J M Knight
J M Lagorio Price
V Mahajan
H J M O Mayne
L E Mayo
J E McKay
I M Mesarina
M K Milner
W A Mól
J R Morgan
Y F Murphy
V E B Mynors
J Nash
N E O'Shaughnessy
G I Oyelade
O L Packer
L Palmer
A M Pandit
E Pang
E A Parker
H P Patel
I M Pearson
T M J Y Points
M Poulton
J Proctor
A Psalidopoulos
R A F Ramsay
N N Ranasinghe
C E Redfern-Llanos
W A G Reith
I M Roberts
P E Robinson
M H Rose
K L Rugg-Gunn
M F Sarwar
K Schneyder
H F Scott
J A Shanahan
A Sharma
E G Simpson
G Sotiropoulos
M R Statham
J S R Suddaby
W A Swainson
L E R Vargas-Weil
J Walke
E S A Ward
C G Watson
N L Wren
J A Wright
M Yang
L Zheng

Master of Law (LLM)
A Rajesh

Master of Research (MRes)
E K Jessop
M A Zarocsinceva

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
I B Abrams
X An
Z A C Baylis
A N Browne
X Chai
E O Chalim
E E Charlesworth
I Chatri
D G Clark
J A Coe
J K Downton
M D Edwards
C Elliott
S M Garcia
A G Gibson
M S L Hipkin

C M Huckerby
R Islam
Y Jiang
A Jyothi Isaac Susan
B Kabaeva
N G Krishnan
K M Kronewiter
L A Kvarsnes
M Lapera Sancho
E M Layne
M J Le
K C S Lee
E C Levi
L Liu
W Liu
O A Lloyd
N R Long
E A Lowe
F E Lunn
X Ma
A Manudhane
G M T McDougall
B Millard Watkins
M K Newman
N Ng
S H Nguyen
R Pandit
F Pei
C I Rachel
J N Rasmussen
K Samatovna
O Saunders
J E Schute
I Shraga
N Spens
S Steuer
N Tagliaferri
C Tartaglione
F E Thompson
S M A Tudor
M A Ustynovych-Repa
R Wright
P Yang
D Zhang
Z Zhang
Y Zhou
L Zislin

Bachelor of Arts and Master of Mathematics (BA & MMath)
F Zaal

Master of Advanced Studies (MAS)
S Gupta
P A Randall

Bachelor of Arts and Master of Engineering (BA & MEng)
D Ganeshamoorthy
O W Griffiths
W Hussain
N Rahimi
T Y N Sia
K Thayalan
B M Tudor
D A Warwick
C D Wordsworth
Q Ye

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Y-H Chen
A Kailwoo

Bachelor of Arts and Master of Natural Sciences (BA & MSci)
B J Colliver
O Dai
F Davies
A Harrison-Gaze
K L Molyneux
A Noble
E G Rosenberg
N Sehgal
T X Stangroome
T Subenthiran

Master of Studies (MSt)
S W Abraham
A Banks
E J Banks
A Basit
R S Bertile
M Charalambous
M C Clegg
R S Dhesi
D Fairley
J D J Fraser
A R Holland-Clarke
C A J'afari-Pak
G Jerram
H H X Khan
M Kilcullen
J King
E L Knutsson
V K Lambetis
M M F Levine
V Lin
N Lines
S A-L Litchfield
O J Little
L S L Low
E Nela
D Ronaghyon
L Schwartz
K Sivananthan
P N Stam
F M Strachan
M H Tarhini
A Theodoridou
M L Wighton
K K Zarkoon

Bachelor of Medicine (MB)
H Ahmadi
E G Arnold
V O Idowu
Z Iwanczyk
N Karim
J M Lagorio Price
A W B Saunders

Bachelor of Surgery (BChir)
S J Baxter
P M C Collins
D O Darkwah
A A Iqbal
R S Kinkela
A W B Saunders
S L Shahjahan
M G Tuck
A S Wilson

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (VetMB)
M A Hardman
T L C Kulczykowska

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
S Ahmed
A Asare
B A Bailey
N M Banas
W A P Barber
H A Barraud
A E Barrington
J J Baxendale
S Begum
J J O Betts
Z D Bhayani
J A Boardman
R P Boote
A C Brow
H A R Brown
J Chan
L T Chandler
H T Chu
R L Coldwell
M G T Darwin
E M Davis
E Dennis
H Dwight
J Elankumaran
H D J Emery
S F Fenton
L Fink
W F Fleury
I F Gallagher
M Gormley
G R Grandfield
H-M Greening

S Hardman
I Hong
J Hong
R Hossain
J C A Hunt
L L Jackson
S C Jacques
C James Batten
F W Jenkinson
H Katsumi
A I Katz
F Khan
E M Knowles
V Kwan
T S Lane Williamson
I Lee
E C Lester
I Lleshi
T A Lomax
B M Loughnane
S Margania
T L Masters
E E Mayhew
P Mehrotra
J E Mellor
A Misra
E L Montague
D T Moreton
S A G Morris
O L Newbery
G W Nicholson
L M O'Hanlon
D M W O'Shea
P B Parker
J M Patel
L C Pelham Burn
E Porter
E M Pritchard
M Rajeeva
K W S Roberts
H M Robertson
S Rogers
D D Ruston
C E Shaw
M C Simpson
B E Skidmore
A J Stuart
C Szabo
J E Thorn
J-Y L P Tsai
M Vella
E H M Voak
L A Wallis
H West
O T Yerifor
A Yeung
J Yu
C Zgavardici
R Zhao
Y Zhao

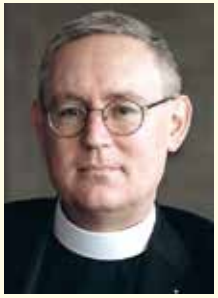
Bachelor of Arts (BAO)
S A Ahmad

Bachelor of Theology for Ministry (BTh)
J J Soanes

Part two

The Fellows

NEW FELLOW



The Reverend Jonathan Collis is the Acting Dean of Chapel and Chaplain while Dr Milbank Robinson is on maternity leave from April 2026. Jonathan was an undergraduate at Selwyn from 1987 to 1991, reading Part 1 Classics and Part 2 Theology. After a year with the Melanesian Mission in the Solomon Islands as a lay teacher for the novices of the Anglican Franciscans, he spent five years as assistant clerk in the Archbishop of Canterbury's Faculty Office administering special marriage licences and the appointment and regulation of notaries public. In 1997 he returned to Cambridge to train for the ministry at Westcott House, and after a curacy at St Neots was chaplain of Jesus College for seven years. From 2009 he served as an incumbent in the rather different milieu of Thorpe Bay in Southend-on-Sea, adding the roles of rural dean and honorary canon in due course. His wife Judith's academic responsibilities in Cambridge led him to move back to Cambridge in 2021 and after an interesting year as an unemployed clergyman he was appointed rector of St Botolph's church in Trumpington Street, a post whose part time nature has enabled him to take on short-term roles as interim chaplain at Jesus, St Catharine's, Wolfson and Corpus Christi colleges as well as Westcott House and as acting chaplain to the acting Bishop of Ely. His broader interests include serving as a trustee of ecumenical and interfaith charities.

FELLOWS-ELECT



Erin Charles joined Selwyn in September 2026 as Development Director. She read Jurisprudence with Law Studies in Europe at St Peter's College Oxford, including a year at the Universität Regensburg, and holds a Diploma in Fundraising from the Chartered Institute of Fundraising. She began her career as a Schools Liaison Officer at Girton College before moving into development roles at the Perse School, where she became Head of Development. In 2024 she was appointed Deputy Development Director at St John's College. Her work has focused on fundraising, alumni relations and widening participation. Alongside her professional work, she is involved in a range of voluntary roles, including as a scout leader.



Dr Samuel Burry joins Selwyn in October 2026 as the Keasbey Isaac Newton Research Fellow, having been a Procter Fellow at Princeton University. He holds a BA and MPhil from Cambridge and completed his doctorate at Oxford. Sam's research focuses on the history of American political and legal thought, with particular interests in the development of ideas about diversity, equality and civil rights.



Dr Zoe Clarke is a mathematical biologist and joins Selwyn in October 2026 as the new Henslow Research Fellow, sponsored by the Cambridge Philosophical Society. She completed her PhD at the University of Toronto in April 2026, where she studied liver cancer development in the eastern woodchuck. Before that, she completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, with a major in Biology and minor in Music. During her fellowship, Zoe will be studying a newly discovered transmissible cancer in the brown bullhead catfish, occasionally undertaking field studies in eastern North America and other parts of the world where the cancer occurs in nature. Zoe is broadly interested in using statistics and mathematical modelling rooted in evolutionary theory to better understand how cancer manifests across species, potentially yielding insights into how to better understand and treat human disease.



Dr James Higham is a pharmacologist and neurophysiologist; he joins Selwyn in October 2026. After growing up near Blackpool, James spent six years in Bristol as an undergraduate, postgraduate and research assistant. His research in Bristol centred on investigating the neurophysiological mechanisms which may underpin the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, such as memory loss and impaired sleep. Alongside this, he also worked on characterising the pharmacological and biophysical properties of ion channels, initiating a long-standing interest in electrophysiology. In 2018, he came up to Cambridge and joined Peterhouse to pursue a PhD in Pharmacology, working primarily on the mediators and mechanisms driving pain in inflammatory diseases. Understanding these mediators and mechanisms is vital for the development of effective pain-killers. James stayed in Cambridge as a post-doctoral scientist and, more recently, as a college assistant professor at Homerton College. He now works jointly in the departments of Pharmacology and Biochemistry as a teaching associate, giving lectures, leading practical classes and examining across the Natural Sciences, Medical Sciences and Veterinary Sciences Triposes. While teaching now takes up much of his time, James remains active in research and has an ongoing interest in mathematical models of drug-receptor interactions.



Dr Christopher Jones joins Selwyn in October 2026 as the University's first assistant professor in Buddhist Studies, having previously been a Bye-Fellow of the College from 2019 to 2023. Chris works in classical Buddhist literature extant in Sanskrit, Chinese and Tibetan sources, with a focus on early developments in Mahāyāna Buddhist thought across India and China during the early centuries of the Common Era. After an undergraduate degree in Cambridge, Chris trained principally at Oxford, where he went on to teach at its faculties of Oriental Studies and Theology; he now (re-)joins the Faculty of Divinity

at Cambridge after three years spent at the University of Vienna, where he was assistant professor at the Institute for South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies. His first monograph, *The Buddhist Self: On Tathāgatagarbha and Ātman* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2020), received the Toshihide Numata Award, the foremost book prize in Buddhist studies. It is one of Chris's several publications re-evaluating the early development of buddha-nature literature across India and China between the third and fifth centuries CE. His other interests include the history of Buddhist interactions with other religious traditions of classical and medieval South Asia, as well as the effective introduction of young students to Buddhism in UK classrooms. Chris otherwise serves as assistant editor of *Buddhist Studies Review* and is on the editorial team of *Brill's Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, the most thorough and ambitious reference work of its kind.



Professor Joanne Jones, who joins Selwyn in October 2026, is Clinical Professor of Translational Neuroimmunology, an honorary consultant neurologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital and a principal investigator at the Cambridge Centre for Myelin Repair. After studying Medicine at the University of Bristol and completing her early clinical training in the south west of England, she moved to Cambridge to undertake a PhD under the supervision of Professors Alasdair Coles and Alastair Compston. Following an NIHR Clinical Lectureship, she was awarded a Wellcome Trust Fellowship and the Beit Prize, enabling her to establish her own translational neuroimmunology research group in 2015. She now leads a multidisciplinary team of laboratory and clinical scientists investigating how the human immune system is organised across tissues in health, ageing and disease. Combining studies of human samples with advanced genomic, spatial and single-cell approaches, her group seeks to understand how immune regulation is maintained, why it breaks down in autoimmune conditions such as multiple sclerosis, and how immune processes contribute to neurodegeneration. Their discoveries have informed international prescribing and monitoring practices for multiple sclerosis therapies and have been translated into experimental medicine studies and investigator-led clinical trials. Alongside her research and clinical practice, Joanne is committed to mentoring early-career researchers and widening participation in science and medicine. She leads widening-participation activities within the Department of Clinical Neurosciences and has developed initiatives to support students from under-represented backgrounds.



Dr Maria Marti Solano joins Selwyn in October 2026. She is a Royal Society University Research Fellow and a proleptic assistant professor at the Department of Pharmacology. Maria obtained a PhD in Biomedicine at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, in which she applied advanced computational structural biology techniques to study biased agonism in G Protein Coupled Receptors (GPCRs) implicated in antipsychotic treatment. She later moved to the Pharmaceutical Chemistry Department of the Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany, where she employed chemoinformatics and virtual screening methods to search for conformation-specific receptor modulators. In 2018, she joined the Structural Studies Division of the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge. There, she led a systems pharmacology project addressing signalling variability arising from tissue-specific receptor isoform expression. Maria became a group leader at the Department of Pharmacology in October 2022. Her research group is interested in applying state-of-the-art computational biology methods to decipher how changes in molecular structure and pathway architecture determine receptor signalling outputs. This can not only boost our understanding of receptor pathway physiology and its influence on cell function, but also suggest new advanced models for the study of GPCRs in health and disease, guide the selection of pathway-specific GPCR drugs with improved efficacy and safety profiles, and ensure that we use the therapeutics that are currently in the clinic in a more personalised manner.



Eden Smith joins Selwyn as the Spencer-Fairest Fellow in Law in October 2026. He studied Law at Magdalen College Oxford, during which he spent a year studying French law at the University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas). He began his PhD in 2023 at Trinity College Cambridge; as a doctrinal legal historian with wide private law interests, he is interested in the development of remedial frameworks. His doctorate explores the recovery of liquidated sums via the action of debt in medieval England, a topic at the intersection of the development of the law of contract and property. At Selwyn, he looks forward to continuing his research whilst teaching across a broad range of private law papers.

PROMOTIONS

Three members of Selwyn have been promoted by the University, with their new roles effective from 1 October 2026. Professor Uradyn Bulag, Bye-Fellow in Social Anthropology, has been promoted to the most senior professorial level and Dr Vicky Young, Kawashima Associate Professor of Japanese Literature and Culture, will move to a more senior level as a university associate professor. Dr Zeina Al Azmeh, will become a senior teaching associate in the Department of Sociology. In Selwyn, Dr MyunGun Kim and Dr Gareth Wilkes have been promoted to college associate professor, also from 1 October.

DEPARTING FELLOWS

Several Fellows left during the year. Professor Charlotte Summers moved to the University of Southampton on her appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Professor of Medicine. Michael Nicholson, having reached the College's statutory retirement age, stood down as Director of Development and Alumni Relations and will

become an Emeritus Fellow. Professor Leonardo Felli relinquished his University chair and retired from the College, Dr Ernesto Vargas Weil left to return to Chile and Dr Filipe Carreira da Silva came to the end of his Fellowship. Professor Janet O'Sullivan completes her ten years' service as Vice-Master and will be succeeded by Professor James Keeler.

The College mourned the deaths during the year of Emeritus Professor David Chivers and one of our Honorary Fellows, the Right Reverend Richard Harries, Lord Harries of Pentregarth. Obituaries appear on pages 107 and 109.

NEWS OF FELLOWS

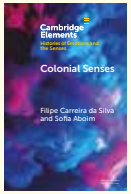
The Master was appointed MBE in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours for voluntary service as a trustee of Imperial War Museums, having served on the IWM board for eight years, the last two as deputy chair.

Dr Zeina Al Azmeh's monograph, *Syrian Intellectuals in Exile: The Dilemmas of Revolution and the Cost of Leaving*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2025. During the year she also published articles on the limits of dialogue in contexts of political polarisation and on the concept of persecution capital in contemporary political and cultural life. Her research on exile, displacement, memory and political transformation has been presented at a number of conferences and workshops, and she has participated in several public-facing events, including podcast interviews and book talks related to her recent monograph. She has also co-convened a CRASSH 25th anniversary symposium called 'Rethinking Exile'. Alongside her research and teaching, Zeina continues to serve as co-chair of the Syrian Research and Academic Network (SARN) for which she organised an international conference in September 2026 at Newnham College.

Professor Chris Briggs gave talks on his research in a variety of settings including the Hitchin Historical Society and the 100th anniversary conference of the Economic History Society, held at the London School of Economics (see photo). At the latter meeting he was also re-elected to the Council of the Economic History Society.



Professor Nicholas Butterfield was one of two Selwyn Fellows to be awarded a University Pilkington Prize for Teaching Excellence, connecting decades of pioneering research into the origins and evolution of complex life with how he educates students.



Dr Filipe Carreira da Silva's latest book, *Colonial Senses*, was published by Cambridge University Press in July 2026. It explores how Portuguese late colonialism and its afterlives are experienced and resisted through the senses. Moving beyond a purely textual analysis, the book examines the insurgent optics of Amílcar Cabral, the feminist haptics of Paulina Chiziane and the sonic politics of Black female activists in post-colonial Lisbon. Using social theory, literature and ethnography, it analyses a variety of visual, tactile and auditory registers. The book offers a new hypothesis on the sensory architecture of empire: that the Portuguese colonial empire developed a distinctive multisensory regime structured around aestheticised contact, intimate violence and the suppression of autonomous sensory expression. Combining historical and sociological analysis, *Colonial Senses* demonstrates how sensory colonial legacies endure into the present and it contributes to sensory and postcolonial studies.

Professor Jean Chothia, who is working on early radio drama, gave the keynote talk, entitled 'Theatre of the Air', at a conference on 'British Drama in the 1920s', held in Wilton's Music Hall. The paper will be published next year. Meanwhile, her essay 'O'Casey and modernism' has finally been published in *Sean O'Casey in Context*, edited by James Moran (Cambridge University Press, 2025) after a cyber failure at the Press delayed publication.

Professor Lynn Dicks was re-appointed for a further three years to the Board of Natural England, the government's advisory body for the natural environment in England. As this is a ministerial appointment, it was an honour for her to be appointed for a second term. Lynn co-chairs the Natural England Science Advisory Committee and represents the West Anglia Area Team and the Chief Scientists' Directorate as a Board Champion.

Peter Fox has contributed an article on Frederick Hervey, Bishop of Derry and 4th Earl of Bristol (the 'Earl Bishop') to the forthcoming *Dictionary of British and Irish Art Collectors 1600-1939* due to be published in 2028 as an illustrated online publication hosted by the National Gallery.

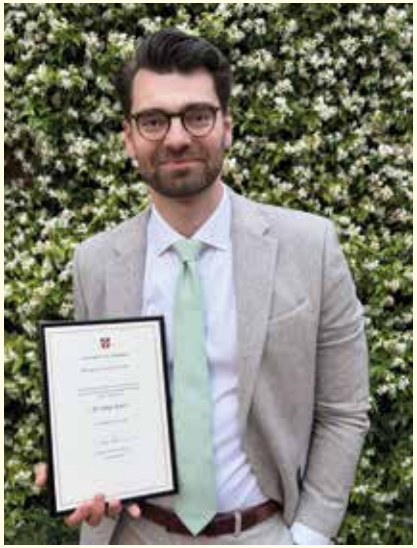


Sarah Fraser Butlin (right) with one of her co-authors, Professor Catherine Barnard of Trinity College

Sarah Fraser Butlin has co-authored a new book, *Reimagining Employment Dispute Resolution and Enforcement* (Oxford: Hart, 2026). This book considers ways in which the Employment Tribunal system in England and Wales can be changed. Single outstanding cases in the Tribunal rose by 15,000 to 58,000 in the past year alone, with the total backlog now standing at nearly 72,000. The research set out in the book takes a fresh approach to the problem and proposes a new model for employment dispute resolution, including a new dispute resolution body to reduce the number of cases reaching court, a tiered system so that claims of different complexity are managed differently, and AI tools designed to evaluate claims rather than expand them.

Professor David Holton has been made an honorary citizen of Sitia, Crete, in recognition of his research and publications on the poet Vitsentzos Kornaros (1553-1613/14), who was born in Sitia. He has also been elected a corresponding member of the Greek Society of Authors. In March 2026 he co-organised a successful colloquium on the work of the Hellenist R M Dawkins and is planning a related edited volume.

Professor Sir Colin Humphreys has been awarded a five-year £6.4 million Programme Grant by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), with a further £2.5 million from twenty-three supporting industries, on 'Enabling Net Zero and the AI Revolution with Ultra-Low Energy 2D Materials and Devices (NEED2D)'. The project involves three partner universities: Queen Mary University of London, Glasgow and Nottingham. He has also been elected a member of the Council of the Royal Society for the next three years. As well as invited lectures at international conferences in the USA, Germany, Manchester and London, Colin gave the 63rd William Menelaus Memorial Lecture at Cardiff University, an invited lecture at an international symposium to commemorate the eightieth birthday of the Indian scientist Professor K A Padmanabhan.



Oleg Kitov with his Pilkington Prize certificate

Oleg Kitov won four major teaching awards and secured funding for two new research projects. Two of the awards, the QS Reimagine Education Bronze Medal (often described as the global 'Oscars of Education') and the Eduventures Program Innovation Award (Encoura), recognise 'Learning by Doing', the evidence-based method he has created. The other two recognise his wider record and teaching excellence: the Pilkington Prize, Cambridge's highest teaching honour and the first awarded to an economist in over a decade, and the European Economic Association's Award for Exceptional Teaching, the principal teaching award in European economics. A Keynes Fund grant is supporting a complexity-based theory of the firm: why the largest firms and highest earners capture so much economic activity. It models production as a search-and-verification process – problems that are hard to solve but easy to check – to show how managerial judgement, firm size, and inequality interact, and how AI may reshape them. Keynes Fund and Isaac Newton Trust funding is also supporting the first UK causal evidence on how the menopausal transition affects women's employment, hours and retention, identifying which symptoms, occupations and interventions – from HRT to lifestyle change – matter most.

Professor John Morrill along with Robert Harding, Ken Coutts and Mike Young quietly celebrated golden jubilees as Fellows over the past twelve months. John is not very visible in College because after becoming a Catholic priest, aged seventy-eight in 2024, his diary has become almost as much a thing of pity as when he was Senior Tutor decades ago. His biography of Oliver Cromwell proceeds at a snail's pace, partly because he has hit some research blocks, including the discovery in Dublin of a new and exciting version of the most revealing and important speech of Cromwell's life, on 4 July 1653, to a nominated assembly of godly men called to draw up a new constitution. Working out its provenance and significance took all the time left over from being a locum priest for sixteen parishes, giving clergy retreats and being on emergency call for last rites at West Suffolk Hospital.

Roger Mosey found the early weeks of his new life in London dominated by his pre-Selwyn career at the BBC. The resignation of Selwyn alumnus Tim Davie as Director-General meant that Roger was in demand by broadcasters for his views on the crisis at the corporation, and he appeared on radio and TV programmes in the UK and globally. Subsequently, Roger has been writing about a wider range of media and sport topics for publications ranging from *The Guardian* to the *Daily Mail*. He has added a trusteeship at OneRichmond, a place-based charity, and continues as chair of the Centre for Child, Adolescent and Family Research in Cambridge, and as president of the Cambridge University Rugby Football Union.



Professor Janet O'Sullivan has co-edited *The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 at 25* (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2026), the collected papers derived from a very successful conference which she organised at Selwyn in September 2024; the other editors are her Law Faculty colleagues Professor Louise Merrett and Will Day. Janet contributed a chapter co-authored with Paul Davies, the newly-appointed Downing Professor of the Laws of England. She has recently delivered a paper at a conference at UCL to mark 200 years of the highly influential text *Chitty on Contracts*. Her paper had the intriguing title 'The Misrepresentation Act 1967 – the fiction of fraud (and the summer of love)'. This is the final year of her ten-year term as Vice-Master, a role she has dearly loved, and she is delighted that the Fellows have chosen Professor James Keeler to succeed her.

Professor Jeremy Sanders has retired from the Selwyn Remuneration Committee after nine years as chair, handing over to Professor Stewart Cant, but he has joined the Advisory Board of Imperial College's new Early Career Researcher Institute and has become one of three co-editors of *Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society*. He continues as chair of the Storey's Field Community Trust in Eddington (the University's great North West Cambridge development) and as chair of the Chemistry Department's group responsible for philanthropy and alumni relations. He is also an active mentor across several schools of the University for colleagues ranging from postdoctoral associate to head of school.

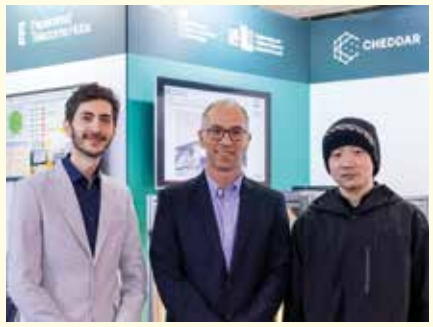
Dr David Smith lectured to a wide range of audiences, including several branches of the Historical Association (Enfield, Chelmsford, Eastbourne and Welwyn Garden City) and various other groups: the Girton College History Society, Cambridge Newcomers and Visiting Scholars, the Cromwell Association, The Battle of Worcester Society and branches of the U3A in Bishop's Stortford, Chorleywood and Rickmansworth. He also gave talks to sixth-formers at Caterham School, Hurstpierpoint College and Westminster School. He published an article, 'Oliver Cromwell on screen', in *Cromwelliana*, 3rd series, 15 (2026).

Professor John Spencer emerged from retirement to send a long submission to the Law Commission's homicide review, which was then quoted in its Consultation Paper, which came out in June 2025. In July, *Archbold Review* published an article of his on 'jury equity', castigating a recent decision of the Court of Appeal. And, dabbling in local history and the history of the University, he wrote an article for the magazine of St Catharine's College (which in those days appointed rectors to the Norfolk village where he lives) about the extraordinary Thomas Jarrett, who combined the offices of Cambridge professor and rector of Trunch for no less than fifty years. John can supply copies of these documents if anyone would like to read them.



Grant Stewart (right) at a CUDAR event in Singapore with the Chancellor of the University, Lord Smith, and Grant's colleague in cancer research, Jean Abraham, Professor of Precision Breast Cancer Medicine

Professor Grant Stewart has now settled into the roles of head of the Department of Surgery in Cambridge and director of the Cambridge Cancer Centre after a slightly less 'interim' year. Alongside the day job, a few threads have kept him particularly occupied. His work on abdominal cancer screening has continued to gather pace and was pleasingly referenced in the UK National Cancer Plan – signed off by Selwyn alumnus Wes Streeting whilst still Secretary of State for Health – which felt like a real milestone for the programme. Grant has also continued to build international links through CUDAR (the University's Development and Alumni Relations department), including recent visits to China and Singapore with the Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor, helping to strengthen collaborations in translational cancer research. Most gratifyingly, the RAMPART adjuvant trial, a study looking at the effects of immunotherapy drugs on patients who have recently had a kidney surgically removed, has reported positive results in high-risk renal cancer, with presentations in plenary sessions at important oncology meetings and with a major publication imminent. Somehow, alongside all of this, he is still managing to fit in roles as Director of Studies and Dean at Selwyn.



Iman Tavakkolnia (centre) and colleagues at MWC Barcelona 2026

Dr Iman Tavakkolnia has started a new project with the European Space Agency and has received funding for two PhD scholarships in his research area of space optical communications from Boeing and imec. At the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona in March 2026 he and his colleagues demonstrated an innovative optical wireless positioning system developed as part of his work in the University's TITAN Telecoms Hub. TITAN's mission is to design a seamless, open and fully integrated Network of Networks, laying the groundwork for the evolution of 6G networks and beyond. Iman has also been awarded two projects under the European Commission's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Doctoral Training Network and Post-doctoral Fellowship to start in October 2026. He has also been nominated for his contributions to research culture at the Cambridge Research Culture Celebration.

Dr Dacia Viejo Rose has published several articles and book chapters on heritage issues in such varied locations as the Demilitarised Zone of Korea, Spain after the Civil War, and the planned East-West Rail line in Cambridgeshire. She has been awarded funding through research impact awards for two projects: '(Re)Forming spaces to places: heritage ecosystem mapping of an urban setting, London Borough of Havering' and 'Implementing reparations for cultural destruction: lessons learned in Timbuktu and the implications for future implementation'. In February 2026, at the invitation of the University of Coimbra she participated in a panel discussion and consultation on dealing with 'sensitive heritages of universities' that mainly focused on collections dating from the colonial period, including human remains, and she later combined an invitation to act as a discussant in a workshop at the Scuola Superiore Meridionale in Naples with a visit to colleagues at the Applied Research Laboratory of the archaeological site of Pompeii to consider the ethical issues that arise from displaying casts of human remains.

Dr Lily Whitler has published a paper in *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* entitled 'Deep JWST spectroscopy of galaxies in a candidate ionized bubble at z=8.7: probing reionization at pMpc scales with Lyα emission'. She has also given invited talks at two conferences on this paper as well as past research and, in May 2026, she hosted a successful two-day workshop about the 'Epoch of Reionization' at the University's Kavli Institute for Cosmology.

NEWS OF BYE-FELLOWS AND TREVELYAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Dr Leonardo Impett has published *Vector Media* (Meson and University of Minnesota Press, 2026), co-authored with Fabian Offert and with a preface by Johanna Drucker. The work offers a fresh look at the 'black box' of modern artificial intelligence, moving beyond the usual headlines to examine the deeper philosophy of vision and images that powers these systems. It traces the technical roots of AI back through the history of data compression, showing how the drive to shrink information has fundamentally reshaped how machines 'see' our world. Rather than just focusing on AI outputs, Impett and Offert study the 'historical epistemology' of the field, investigating how AI creates new ways of knowing and representing reality through mathematical vector spaces. By bridging the gap between computer science and the humanities, *Vector Media* challenges us to consider how these hidden structures are rewriting the rules of visual culture.

Dr Samuel McDermott was awarded the Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education by the Cambridge Centre for Teaching and Learning and the University of Cambridge Professional and Continuing Education. As part of this programme, he was also recognised as a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA).

NEWS OF HONORARY FELLOWS

Professor Peter Grant and his wife Rosemary were both awarded Honorary DSc degrees from the University of British Columbia in May 2026. This was an especially moving experience as UBC was the place where they met more than sixty-five years ago, Peter doing a PhD degree in the Zoology Department and working as the teaching assistant in a course on Embryology taught by Rosemary. They have been lifelong scientific collaborators ever since.

Professor Vivian Nutton has lectured in London, Jena, Louvain and Pisa, and online to audiences in the USA, Italy and Russia, as well as publishing articles on themes as diverse as ancient psychiatry, renaissance explanations of the difference between sweet and sour foodstuffs, and the origins of ethnopharmacology in late-imperial Russia.

Professor Baroness (Kathy) Willis presented the National Trust's annual public lecture, The Octavia Hill Lecture on 'The Health Giving Power of Nature' at the Royal Society in London in May 2026. Kathy has received a number of awards during the year: elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, made an Honorary Doctor of Science (DSc) by the University of York, elected an Honorary Fellow at Corpus Christi College Cambridge, and elected a Member of the Academia Europaea.

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The College at work

FEATURE ARTICLES

LIVING WITH THE LYTTELTONS

Suzanne Raine, our new Master, has unearthed a story behind a piece of Formica in the Master's Lodge

It is rare to take up residence in a house whose former inhabitants are not only identified but known to so many, whose correspondence is archived, whose faces watch us dine from their spots on the walls of the Hall. Yet it is hard to find their traces in the Master's Lodge, which has been renovated many times and whose original furniture is mostly lost. As we started to live in the Lodge, so we started to look for glimpses of them in the fabric of the building. And we made one unexpected discovery, with the help of one of our Honorary Fellows, Professor Vivian Nutton, and the editor of this *Calendar*.

The Master's Lodge has strong bones, an arched entrance leading to a wide staircase, three floors. There are three main rooms on the ground floor: the library, the reception room and the dining room, with the kitchens off to the side along a corridor. The dining room has a wall of east-facing windows and, on the west side, a high row of stained-glass squares, with the coats of arms of Selwyn College, Cambridge University and the Bishop of Ely, and the date 1884.

The house was built in 1884 for the first Master, the Reverend the Honourable Arthur Temple Lyttelton. When Selwyn was founded in 1882, Arthur, his twenty-six-year-old wife Kathleen and their newborn daughter Margaret had moved into a suite of ten sets in A staircase. Also living with them was Arthur's sister, Lucy Cavendish, whose husband Lord Frederick Cavendish – newly appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland – had been fatally stabbed in Phoenix Park, Dublin, that May. The Lytteltons had a lot going on. What they did not have was a home.

After Arthur stepped down as Master he wrote an account of those first few years for the 1894 *Calendar*: 'Indeed there was no Court, for iron railings closed in the little strip of ground between the front of the College and the temporary buildings, behind which the present court stretched away, an unsightly wilderness, to the border of the garden. It was a narrow enough space after night-fall when the gates were closed, but fortunately there were not very many shut up in it. Once, in very early days, when the steps had not been made, and the College was surrounded chiefly by a mass of mud, we were told that our dinner had, with its bearer, tumbled down the bank between us and the kitchen. There were some drawbacks to the pleasure and excitement of starting a new college.'

They urgently needed a Master's Lodge, not least because the shortage of accommodation meant that they would only be able to admit twenty students in October 1883. The College took the bold step of building not only the Lodge but also part of the north wing (staircases C and D) in 1883-84. The total cost for the Lodge was £5,222. The exterior of the house bears a striking resemblance to Perrystone Court, Kathleen's family home in Herefordshire built in the 1860s, which burned down in 1959. Both buildings stood before a sunken lawn and had a single-storey feature portico. Although the archives contain correspondence between the architect, Arthur W Blomfield, and Arthur Lyttelton, there is no discussion of external design, interior layout and furnishing.

There is one tantalising entry in Kathleen's diary from Monday 25 August 1884: 'Went up to London… had luncheon at St Pancras, then to Ed and Roberts about dining table, Cooper for curtains etc.', a day echoed by my own preparations for moving in. There is one photograph of Arthur standing outside the French doors leading from the drawing room to the garden, alongside Charles John Abraham, first Bishop of Wellington and driving force behind the establishment of the College, and the Reverend Thomas Herbert Orpen, Tutor and later Vice-Master. Behind Arthur is an outdoor wicker armchair with damask upholstery; to the right of the picture is an aesthetic movement side chair. Looking through the open window into the drawing room it is possible to make out dark walls, large paintings, a chintz covered sofa, perhaps the arm of a plantation chair, possibly even the shape of a face far into the interior. That is the only glimpse we have.

I asked the College maintenance team to remove the fading and flood-damaged wallpaper from the dining room and paint the room a Victorian oxblood. The focal point on the south side is an imposing fireplace, with a stone surround within a dark wood mantelpiece. It is the only element of the Lodge made of stone. It had been blocked up with a piece of faux-marble Formica. There are few things more fun than unblocking and discovering. Behind the Formica were bricks. Graham Heffer and Carl Hall set to work with a chisel and the bricks quickly fell out, revealing Victorian tiles and an iron surround. Some of the tiles were broken, so Steve Burgess made photocopies of a sound one and stuck the paper to blocks of wood, fitting so well that you cannot tell which is real and which is facsimile. They repainted the black iron. Suddenly we saw the stone surround differently. Carved in bold letters is the motto AUDACTER ET SINCERE, loosely translated as 'Boldly and Frankly'. This is not Selwyn's motto, so why is it so proud and central in the dining room, alongside the traditional stained-glass coats of arms?



It was Vivian Nutton who made the link with Kathleen Lyttelton. She had been born Mary Kathleen Clive, a descendant of the old Herefordshire family and Earls of Powis, and it was their motto. We cannot know, because the records are not there, how it came to be that the Lodge fireplace is marked by her family motto, not that of the College. My hunch is that when casting around for furnishings, Kathleen brought it from another house and persuaded the builders to encase it within the wooden mantelpiece. Maybe there is a link with Perrystone Court. Maybe it had been removed from an older Clive possession; it seems unlikely that it would have been made especially for the Lodge given the frugal ethos and short construction time.

It does however assert – boldly and frankly – Kathleen's place in the Lodge and Selwyn. While in those early years Arthur was establishing, expanding, fundraising, fighting for the College and educating the students, Kathleen was equally active. Alongside her role as Master's wife, in 1884 she also gave birth to a son, Geoffrey, and co-founded the Cambridge Association for Women's Suffrage with Millicent Fawcett. She invited suffragist speakers to stay in the Lodge and held meetings in support of women's right to vote. She devoted much of her life to fighting for the improvement of women's lives in general, and for the extension of the suffrage in particular. She started the Cambridge Ladies Dining Society in 1890 with her close friend Louise Creighton, a discussion club which campaigned for Cambridge to grant women degrees. Eleanor Sidgwick, later Principal of Newnham, was also a member, as were Charles Darwin's wife Emma and two of his daughters-in-law. While her sister-in-law Lucy Cavendish is now rightly recognised as a campaigner for women's education, Kathleen's contribution has remained less well understood.

She was also an academic, journalist and writer. In 1886 she published *Nature and the Bible*, a translation from the German of a two-volume work by Franz Heinrich Reusch, a German theologian. In 1892, under the pen name Sidney Bolton, she published her own two-volume novel, *Lord Wastwater* (Sidney Bolton Clive was her great grandmother). Ostensibly a Victorian society murder-mystery, the plot twists darkly; it becomes a contemplation of accidie, the noonday devil. She is perhaps best recognised as the editor who first commissioned published work by Virginia Stephen (later Woolf) in 1904 for the women's section of the high-church paper, *The Guardian*.

Perhaps neither of the Lytteltons are better known because they both died young: Arthur first, from cancer, in February 1903, after which Kathleen moved to London. In 1906 she co-authored *Why Women Want the Vote* with Millicent Fawcett. She died at Perrystone Court on 12 January 1907 from influenza at the age of fifty-one, without ever being allowed the right to vote. It feels fitting to have re-discovered her fireplace as we prepare, boldly and frankly, to celebrate, in October 2026, fifty years since Selwyn became co-educational and first admitted women as students and Fellows.



Henry Purcell by or after the studio of John Closterman (NPG 1352)

'AS SOON AS DAY BEGAN TO PEEP'

Dr Alan Howard, Fellow and College Associate Professor in Music writes about his reconstruction of a previously unknown song by Henry Purcell

It is not often, as a musicologist with particular interests in the music of Henry Purcell and his contemporaries of the English Restoration, that one's work is featured in the pages of *The Guardian* or discussed on BBC Radio 4. Thus it was a considerable surprise to receive a call part-way through Freshers' Week back in October 2025 from one of the producers of *The World Tonight*, who had picked up on the *Guardian* story published online that day about the recent discovery of a previously unknown song by Purcell, 'As soon as day began to peep'. So began a hurried search for a suitable accompanist to help make an impromptu recording of the song to be broadcast later that evening as part of an interview with my colleague Stephen Rose of Royal Holloway, University of London. Luckily, Cambridge is blessed with a good number of highly competent organists and continuo players, and it only took a brief interruption of my Freshers' introductory session in Part IA Counterpoint to secure the services of my former student and Selwyn's redoubtable assistant organist, Shanna Hart. An hour later and the song was duly recorded and sent off to the BBC.

I had first learned of the song in a paper given by Stephen Rose at the 21st Biennial International Conference on Baroque Music, held at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in July 2025. Stephen was reporting on some findings of his ongoing research project, 'Music, Heritage, Place', funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.[1] The project aims to uncover and document obscure musical sources held in England's county record offices and other regional archives – sources that have escaped the attention of musical scholars used to working with the more familiar collections of cathedrals, universities and major research libraries. Among their findings were two important documents related to the music of Purcell, both uncovered by a research assistant on the project, Dr Caro Lesemann-Elliott: a manuscript of keyboard music by Purcell, since used as an inventory of town council records in Thetford, Norfolk, which turned out to be the first new manuscript in Purcell's own hand to come to light in more than thirty years; and an engraved song-sheet at the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service containing much of the music for 'As soon as day began to peep', the very first completely unknown song by Purcell to have been discovered in modern times.

As the top of the song-sheet has been torn away, the first line of music is missing, as is the title usually found at the top of such single-sheet songs, which would typically include details of the play to which it belonged and of the singer who originally performed it. This presumably explains why until now no one has previously identified the song. There is, however, a composer attribution to 'Mr. H. Purcell' at the bottom of the song-sheet, and from the lyrics of the song Dr Lesemann-Elliott was able to identify it as coming from Thomas D'Urfey's notorious satire *Love for Money: or, The Boarding School*, a play first performed at Drury Lane Theatre in March 1691. D'Urfey's play famously exposed the excesses and abuses supposedly perpetrated by music and dance masters in contemporaneous girls' schools, and consequently brought the playwright into public conflict with school proprietors, such as his theatrical colleague the dance master Josias Priest. It was also at Priest's school in Chelsea that Purcell's most famous work, *Dido and Aeneas* – often called the first English opera, though in truth that is something of a misnomer – received its earliest documented performance in the late 1680s, making it all the more surprising to find Purcell setting a song from D'Urfey's scurrilous play.

'As soon as day' is sung in Act I of D'Urfey's play by the character Monsieur Le Prate, 'a singing, dancing, talking fluttering Nothing'. Such foppish Frenchmen were stock characters on the Restoration stage and Le Prate's efforts to woo the jade Betty Jiltall – and his blindness to her moral corruption – attract increasing ridicule from the

[1] https://www.musicheritageplace.uk/overview

other characters in the play. The song begins as a serenade sung to Betty from beneath her balcony; by the end Le Prate's singing is reduced to a plaintive mewing sound, like a cat scratching at the door of his mistress's heart (as the lyrics say). In the original production Le Prate was portrayed by the actor William Bowen, who was known for such roles but was not otherwise recorded as a singer. One reviewer observed that 'had he, who acted the part like a good Fiddle, been well tun'd, he would have made better Musick' – which may explain why!

My interests in scholarly editing and the practicalities of dealing with incomplete sources meant that I was well placed to begin work on a version of the song that could be performed in something resembling the way it would have been heard in the original production. This presents considerable obstacles, not least in the opening bars, which are completely missing and thus have to be supplied editorially, though of course we have the lyrics from the published play text and I was able to use musical ideas from later in the song to suggest a plausible reconstruction of the first phrase. Even in the second phrase there was work to do, since the top of the source had been torn away such that many more notes were obscured; here I was helped by the remarkable consistency of the work of the song-sheet's freehand engraver, Thomas Cross, who pioneered the publication of ephemeral song-sheets as theatre souvenirs in the early 1690s. This allowed me to use symbols from further down the song-sheet to fill in the gaps.

The problem remained, however, that Cross had only printed the melody and lyrics of the song, without any accompaniment. Here I was forced to rely on knowledge of Purcell's compositional style in comparable songs from around the same time, including (for example) his liking for particular harmonic progressions and expressive dissonances, and his characteristic fondness for witty imitation of melodic motives by the accompanying instruments. The result is I think a convincing re-creation of how the song might have sounded; while we can never be sure of the precise details of the missing materials, short of a new source turning up in the future. We also understand today that musical works were never as fixed or prescribed at this time as later musicians and audiences came to think of them during the nineteenth century. As such, the re-creation of such works today is much more about giving modern performers something to work with in creating their own 'historically-informed' realisations of the music, than it is about trying to recover something once set in stone and since lost.

Alan's edition of 'As soon as day began to peep' will be published for The Purcell Society by Stainer & Bell.

THE BUSINESS OF QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES

Chander Velu, Fellow and Professor of Innovation and Economics, discusses the adoption of quantum technologies by organisations

Quantum technologies harness the physics of sub-atomic particles to achieve what would otherwise be impossible. Microprocessors in our computers and MRI scanners already rely on quantum physics. However, newer quantum technologies are creating capabilities in a wide range of applications like computing and communications by manipulating unexploited quantum phenomena. My new co-authored book, *The Business of Quantum Technologies*,[2] explains how organisations might adopt quantum computing, communications, sensing, imaging and timing technologies. It examines applications in healthcare, financial security, climate monitoring and transport, among others.

What benefits to society are likely to come from quantum technologies?

Despite the prevalence of digital and related technologies, many societal problems remain difficult to address. For example, the complexity of understanding atomic interactions and molecular structures makes it challenging to develop new materials to combat climate change or to develop personalised medicine to treat rare diseases. There is an increasing risk to information security because of the threat of breaking encryption protocols. More precise sensing and imaging methods are required for detecting objects below ground level for civil engineering applications or detecting gas leaks in dangerous environments. Moreover, the vulnerability of the global satellite systems calls for more secure and accurate local timing systems. These societal challenges might require quantum technologies to address them.

Quantum technology is a general-purpose technology that has many applications and could benefit society in various ways:

- quantum computing enables faster computation to address challenges such as climate resilience, financial stability, new drug and materials discovery;
- quantum communications provide the basis for more secure communications and protection of sensitive data;
- quantum sensing allows for better detection of faults in hard-to-reach infrastructure below ground level such as gas pipelines or improved navigation of autonomous vehicles;
- quantum imaging provides the basis for more precise health care applications such as brain imaging;
- finally, quantum clocks would enable more accurate timing for optimising and providing resilience to critical national infrastructure such as transport, financial services and energy systems.

Why should established business models adapt to integrate quantum technologies and capture their value?

There has been significant global investment in developing quantum technologies to benefit society. However, despite those large investments, adopting quantum technologies could result in a reduction in productivity growth before the economic benefits accrue fully, because of the steep learning curve that industries might face adapting to the technology and developing new business models.

A business model is a complex organisational system that transforms inputs into outputs in terms of valuable propositions for customers. These models often act as the arc that connects technology with the ability to deliver a compelling customer value proposition. There is ample evidence of slowdown in productivity growth rates

[2] Chander Velu, *et al.*, *The Business of Quantum Technologies: From Theory to Innovation Strategy* (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2025)

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following the emergence of radically new technologies. Historically, productivity slowdowns have been evident during the adoption of general-purpose technologies, such as electric motors and digital computers, that are meant to improve efficiency. The slowdown in productivity arose because businesses had to invest in new equipment and learn how to use them to provide benefits to society. This required changes to core processes and business models which are costly and require significant investment. Often research in this area is limited, as studies observe the facts largely only after they have occurred or when the technology is already relatively mature, potentially not fully capturing the strategic decision-making process of firms and policymakers during the earlier stages of technological adoption and hence the associated process of business model innovation. Therefore, examining innovation related to quantum technologies as the technology matures is important to help accelerate productivity growth and benefit society.

As quantum technologies create new forms of value, new business models need to emerge to translate these technologies into societal benefits whilst also providing profitable business opportunities for firms. New business models could emerge from a combination of incumbent firms or new entrants, which need to be supported by changing institutions and industrial systems. There is an urgent need to encourage researchers across business, economics and management to work collectively with scientists and engineers to improve innovation and technology management of quantum technologies, enabling the benefits to be realised in the near future. Hence, it is imperative to conduct the research in 'living labs', where managers and researchers are experimenting with quantum technologies and learning to innovate products, services and the associated business models.

Why is it important to think about responsible innovation in the context of quantum technologies?
The benefits of quantum technologies need to reach all parts of society in a responsible way. Many countries are considering the wider moral and ethical questions around developing quantum technologies. Quantum technologies are likely to have long-lasting impacts on society and it is important to have a considered and ethical approach to researching and developing these technologies that looks at any potential social issues.

To ease the learning curve and ensure that the benefits of quantum technologies are shared fairly across society, we need to better understand the barriers and enablers to building an appropriate business ecosystem in order to scale up the technology and spur economic growth. We need to continue to foreground equitable access to quantum technologies-based resources, infrastructure and talent to advance global collaboration. The time is ripe for scholars, managers and policymakers to work together to enable quantum technologies to address grand societal challenges, while contributing to productivity and economic growth in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Our research, set out in the book, provides the foundational conceptual knowledge in a field that is rapidly evolving, aiming to provide the intellectual foundations for scholars, managers and policymakers to work together to enable quantum technologies to address grand societal challenges.

The following short articles are based on contributions to the three-minute thesis competition, which challenges students to present a compelling spoken presentation on their research topic and its significance in just three minutes.

HOW AI REWRITES THE NEWS FOR AN AUDIENCE OF ONE

Raphael Hernandes, PhD student, Cambridge Digital Humanities

Search the news on Google today and an answer generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) often sits above the first link. The content's original sources are listed, but most readers do not check them. Ask ChatGPT about a current event and the result is similar: a few paragraphs that read like an article. No reporter wrote them. No editor approved them. They existed nowhere until the moment of the query, and will not appear that way again.

I am a journalist analysing what happens when conversational search – chatting with AI models to find information online – becomes the dominant route to news. A big challenge is that my object of study keeps changing. New systems arrive constantly and a flaw documented today may be patched before my thesis is bound. The work, therefore, distinguishes between behaviours that may not survive the next update and what can be useful for stable critique.

Not all problems are temporary. Some can be, for example, design choices. These models do not verify facts. They generate plausible-sounding text. That is not a glitch. It is their architecture.

Past modes of distribution assumed that the article existed before the encounter with the reader. Broadcasting (newspapers, radio) sent the same message to everyone. Narrowcasting (magazines, cable TV) targeted audience segments. Hyper-personalisation (social media) delivered different content to each individual.

Under conversational search, the article does not exist until you ask. The system takes published material, breaks it into pieces and reassembles it as a reply. It is crafted on the spot, for an audience of one. I call this 'narrowcrafting'. The system reads the user's phrasing, profiles them and gives them the 'truth' they were looking for in a response that reads as if it is complete: not to inform them, but to



AI-generated image (ChatGPT Images 2.0).

keep them on the platform. Under this mode, assumptions that we had on how media worked no longer hold. The medium re-encodes the message using its own criteria. It might distil information from a conservative source and reassemble it in a progressive frame, or the other way around. The same architecture can impose a single editorial line invisibly across every output. Training choices, content rules and government pressure can fix what a model will or will not say on a given topic, regardless of how the question is phrased. Narrowcrafting can be a mass-reach intervention disguised as a personalised answer.

My thesis tackles this through thinking and tinkering. It develops the theory of narrowcrafting to map this new form of mediating knowledge. It is then put to work by testing, for example, which sources these systems draw on, how they are reframed and how that changes, depending on who is asking.

The news provides the empirical lens, but the argument reaches beyond it. Each answer dissolves when the session ends, leaving no stable text to return to or argue over. If every user gets a unique, unrepeatable answer, there is no common version of events to hold to account. That is a threat to our shared understanding of reality.

WHY DO GROUPS OF THREE LAST LONGER THAN GROUPS OF SEVEN?

Affan Dziyaul Afdhal, first year undergraduate, Department of Land Economy

Being Selwyn Dining Hall's most loyal patron, I have seen many trios that dine together consistently, but I cannot remember a group of seven who do so consistently.

People prefer to converse in twos, since turn-taking is easier than in larger clusters. When groups do gather, they fragment into smaller subgroups that form and dissolve and reform again across the evening rather than sustaining a single conversation throughout. Thus, we should predict that three should be just as unstable as five or seven, since it is an odd number. However, trios are commonly seen and stable, despite the old chestnut that there is a duo in every trio.

Based on these assumptions (amongst others), I created a model that describes how larger groups divide into subgroups over time. I call each configuration a 'set'; a group of six can be in the set {2,2,2}, {3,3}, {4,2} or {5,1} for example. In the model, members receive positive utility from inclusion in any set of two or more and a penalty from being the lone person.

Running this model as a simulation across group sizes from three to fifteen, weighting sets by the preferences above and ranking sizes by expected member utility, the top of the table is dominated by factorisable numbers, with primes sitting consistently at the bottom.

Nevertheless, as all my Economics lecturers parrot, 'All models are wrong, but some are useful'. I needed empirical data to see if mine was the latter.



3D illustration showing social exclusion of a person

Without much human capital within my social circle to test my thesis, I returned to Selwyn Dining Hall. From the upper balcony, I observed fifty-one friend groups for fifteen minutes each, recording partition configurations every two minutes. A lone person was inferred from body orientation, gaze direction and omission from conversation. Prime-sized groups produced a lone person in 45% of sets; factorisable groups did so in 4.9%. For the statistician, $p < 0.0001$; for the layman, this difference is very significant and cannot be attributed to randomness alone. This confirms that factorisable friend groups are more stable, and this does not apply just to even numbers over odd numbers (factorisable odd numbers like nine and fifteen performed better than prime odd numbers like five and seven).

This, however, leaves the basic puzzle unsolved. Three is prime, so why does it survive?

The answer is visibility. Lone-person events in trios were corrected (within two minutes) 88.9% of the time in the observed data, against 54.5% in groups of five or more. In a group of three, exclusion is immediately visible and the remaining pair makes the effort to bring the lone person back in. In a group of five (or more), one pair assumes the lone person is talking to the other pair whilst the other pair assumes the same, with visibility falling as group sizes increase.

If you are in a group of five or seven, fret not. Visibility is what holds a group together. If you keep an eye out, your friend group will be just as resilient as any group of three.

CHAOS BY DESIGN: ENGINEERING MATERIALS FOR NUCLEAR FUSION

Bupe Kunda, MPhil student, Advanced Materials for the Energy Transitions

The world has a very big problem. We are actively in an energy crisis.

Not only are there people who still do not have access to electricity, but the ways in which we power things pollutes our environment and accelerates global warming. Fossil fuels have powered civilisation for centuries, but at a cost we can no longer afford to ignore. Renewables like solar and wind are promising, but volatile. The sun does not always shine. The wind does not always blow. No battery yet built can bridge the gap.

Nuclear fusion presents itself as the solution.

Fusion is the process of joining two light atomic nuclei to form one heavier nucleus, releasing enormous amounts of energy, a million times more than burning fossil fuels. Unlike fission, which splits atoms and leaves behind radioactive waste dangerous for tens of thousands of years, fusion's by-products lose their radioactivity within a century if designed to do so. It is, in theory, the cleanest and most abundant energy source available to us.

But replicating the conditions that power the sun here on Earth is extraordinarily demanding: temperatures exceeding 1,000°C and a constant bombardment of high-energy neutrons travelling at a significant fraction of the speed of light. These neutrons slam into reactor walls with such force that they knock atoms out of position, causing materials to swell, crack and fail. Plasma-facing components must simultaneously endure heat loads of up to 20 megawatts per square metre, comparable to focusing a rocket engine's energy onto the surface of your hand.

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So how do you build a material that could contain that?
Enter high-entropy alloys. Made from five or more principal elements in equal or near-equal ratios, these alloys have no single dominant component; every atom is a minority. Where conventional steel is essentially iron with small additions of other elements, high-entropy alloys are fundamentally disordered.

That disorder turns out to be a superpower. In conventional metals, a neutron strike triggers an atomic cascade that leaves behind damage clusters which grow into voids, swelling and embrittling the material over time. In high-entropy alloys, the chaotic local chemistry disrupts this process entirely. Damage is harder to accumulate. Some alloys even appear to self-heal, with radiation energy driving local recovery that erases defects rather than letting them pile up.

There are real limitations.
Not every element is viable: nickel, cobalt and molybdenum produce long-lived radioactive isotopes, so they are off the table. The usable palette shrinks considerably. And with millions of possible combinations remaining, scientists are turning to computational modelling and AI just to navigate the possibilities.

But there is hope. Maybe the answer to one of engineering's greatest challenges lies not in fighting disorder, but in designing with it.



THE RAMSAY MURRAY LECTURE 2026

Caro Howell MBE, Director General, Imperial War Museums: 'War and Peace: The role of Imperial War Museums in the twenty-first century'



The 2026 Ramsay Murray Lecture was eloquently delivered by Caro Howell, Director General at Imperial War Museums (IWM) on the subject 'War and Peace: the role of Imperial War Museums in the twenty-first century'.

The topic was a fitting one for the thirtieth anniversary of the lecture, touching as it did on military, historical, contemporary and interdisciplinary themes that straddled the scholarly and the popular; just as the donor intended. A packed auditorium audience was treated to a fascinating insight into both the historical and contemporary roles and relevance of this major national institution that holds an incredibly wide range of artefacts and works of art totalling well over thirty million objects that had been 'crowd sourced' since decades before the term was coined.

Caro began by correcting common misconceptions about the IWM beyond the fact that it is based nationally across five sites, that it is not and was never intended to be a purely military museum but a social one, that it is not a memorial, and that its purpose was to record conflict as lived by society. As evidenced by the trustee status of various Commonwealth High Commissioners, nor is it a purely *British* institution. She then ranged widely in highlighting the many media that the collections span and have spanned for over a century: artists of the home front as well as the military fronts; the lives of combatants and civilians from across the globe, as shown by Pathfinder pilot Flight Lieutenant Billy Strachan who travelled from Jamaica to enlist in the RAF; and artefacts that bear testimony to the material culture of wars since 1914.

The lecture explored the issue of the relevance of past conflicts to generations born long after they had ended, often to parents who had themselves not experienced them. A significant majority of people, when surveyed, express a sense of having no personal connection to the World Wars. 2025 witnessed no anniversary upturn in attendance at the IWM. A challenge therefore exists to make the stories told and the events uncovered relevant to a population distant in both time and lived experience from the content of permanent and temporary exhibitions. The IWM has adopted a 'Citizens' Assembly' approach to addressing this issue, seeking as wide a stakeholder engagement as possible to learn from the actual and potential audience and to seek to renew the institution's remit for today's world. Greater focus on recent and contemporary conflicts, the use of new digital and AI technologies to enhance the visitor experience, collaborations with digital arts specialists in crafting exhibitions, and the involvement of a wider public

in creating and tagging content all form part of this effort. The IWM sees it as vital to modernise and anticipate the priorities of audiences with whom future anniversaries may provide an opportunity to engage. These may be in the UK or from beyond the British Isles.

A stimulating and wide-ranging lecture prompted a similarly broad spread of questions and comments. Some queried the approach taken, whether regarding the attempt to reach beyond the significant existing audience or whether advocating a more targeted focus on particular groups and experiences. Others wished to know more about some of the many fascinating vignettes highlighted in Caro's presentation. Still others wondered whether the challenges faced by IWM were unique to that institution or were shared by other national and regional museums, libraries, galleries and collections. Caro handled the questions with aplomb and left her audience both stimulated by what they had heard and wishing to know more about a fascinating subject.

Dr Mike Sewell, Senior Tutor



General Admission, July 2026

REPORT FROM THE SENIOR TUTOR

A successful College constantly balances continuity and change. In the academic year 2025-26 we bade farewell to one Master (with gratitude for his contributions to Selwyn) and welcomed a new Head of House with the mix of trepidation and anticipation typical of such transitions. I am delighted to say that it went smoothly. That the year passed without the sort of upheavals that can bedevil colleges in those circumstances is down both to the good sense and sensitivity of the new Master and the constructive attitude of my colleagues. The change was well managed. The College continues to thrive.

The same balance can be seen in the arrivals and departures from the Fellowship and the wider College community. We will, of course, miss Mike Nicholson, Charlotte Summers and others who leave having made significant and positive contributions. That is certainly true of Gina Vivian-Neal who has retired after twenty-six years at Selwyn, most of them as Tutorial Office Manager. She provided invaluable help to generations of students; to Tutors, Directors of Studies, Chaplains, Nurses and staff colleagues; and especially to the three Senior Tutors whom she so ably supported. Many, many people have benefitted from her advice and kindness. We thank her. We also embrace change. The new Tutorial Office Manager, Zarine Dastur, has arrived and settled in very quickly. Our new Development Director and a raft of new Fellows will provide a transfusion of energy and fresh perspectives to the College's benefit.

All this will happen without losing the core qualities that make Selwyn special – the commitment to academic excellence; maintaining the highest standards in small things as well as big; promoting resilience; sensible pragmatism where needed; and a human touch in dealing with individuals as individuals. This mix has helped us to avoid being roiled by some of the controversies recently so prominent in UK higher education. Our approach is that we respect each others' views within the context of a strong sense of community and shared academic values, foremost of which is striving for excellence.

The College does indeed continue to excel academically. The 2026 Tripos results saw more than 40% of our students awarded Firsts. 91% achieved 'Good Honours', i.e. a 2i or better. Selwyn students won eight University prizes awarded by Tripos examiners and the same number were awarded starred Firsts. Those do not include the several students who topped or nearly topped their cohort in Triposes that do not award Firsts with distinctions. Five times as many Selwyn students were awarded Firsts than achieved results below the 2i/2ii boundary. For the second time in three years no Selwyn student failed. The results represent a tremendous achievement by our students, ably supported by their supervisors, Directors of Studies and Tutors. Selwyn ranks second of



The Senior Tutor and Gina Vivian-Neal at Gina's retirement party in the College garden

the colleges overall, just behind Trinity. We rank top for Good Honours. The whole College community can take pride in sustaining this excellent level of performance. The attainment, I would suggest, is a result of, our efforts at widening participation (WP). We remain amongst the strongest colleges in that regard. Effective WP does not entail lowering standards; it just requires a lot of hard work to identify the *very* best students for each course, whatever their background.

Excellence comes as standard in other areas too. Our early adoption of opportunities to seek partners in postgraduate studentship funding has brought us some superb Masters students. We are starting to benefit in terms of doctoral studentships too. At a time when postgraduate funding opportunities are particularly scarce, these are very welcome developments for which we thank our donors and matched-funding partners. A number of Fellows have been recipients of awards for their teaching, most notably Pilkington Prizes. Congratulations to Oleg Kitov and Nick Butterfield on receiving two of the twelve 2026 awards across the University and joining the long and distinguished list of Selwyn Fellows so honoured. In extra-curricular life the College also continues to excel. Some sixty students have represented the University in sports; both the women's and men's football teams have done very well in intercollegiate competition; the quality of music, drama, singing and associational life in Selwyn is high. Our students excel in all that they do. They are not narrowly academic in their excellence.

Three things remain for report. The first is that the year was touched by tragedy with the death of PhD student Emma Sumner from natural causes in January 2026. She is much missed. Selwyn has joined the majority of Cambridge colleges in appointing an Assistant Senior Tutor. The role grows inexorably and sustaining our excellence requires sharing responsibilities. I am delighted that Dr Tom Smith has taken on the role. He will lead on Selwyn's activities relating to the University's Access and Participation Plan. He will do a great job and you will in due course hear of exciting initiatives which Tom will oversee. The College is also in the process of appointing a new Senior Tutor. I shall retire at the end of the calendar year after eleven years in post. The role is challenging and rewarding in equal measure. As authors tend to say in prefaces, I am grateful to a very long list of past and current colleagues and students for their advice and help. The mistakes have been entirely my own. It has been an honour and privilege to be Senior Tutor. I am confident that 'under new management' the College will go from strength to strength. One thing that will surely remain unchanged is that Selwyn – as it has long been – is a very good place to work.

Dr Mike Sewell, Senior Tutor

REPORT FROM THE BURSAR

In the heat of late June, I was tempted to ask AI to draft this report while I retreated to a hammock with a glass of Pimms. The result was so anodyne – a risk we are all learning to recognise in AI-written copy – that I decided real experience would serve you better. A 'month in the life' of a college bursar follows instead...

Week 1

Budgets for the year 2026-27 have landed, with thanks to the indefatigable Head of Finance, but what do the next *five* years look like? Time for some crystal ball gazing, to test our ability to keep the Selwyn show on the road. The next task is to distil those thousands of numbers into ten key slides to ensure the Fellowship can understand the position well enough to make good decisions through the year. The aim is to reinforce understanding of the balance of rents, catering prices, investment income, conference activity and tuition fees that support our costs, and the need to attract and retain philanthropy to sustain our teaching and welfare support.

Next: shortlisting for our next Head of Buildings and Maintenance. After four years in which the mantras of 'looking after our people' and 'communicate, communicate, communicate' have entered the lexicon for College Maintenance, resulting in a significant improvement in service satisfaction for students, Fellows and staff, our current post holder has been promoted elsewhere. Big shoes to fill.

Sixty-two bursars gather in a room to agree the annual intercollegiate levies for shared services. We combine economic forces to buy collectively – and more efficiently – services that range widely, from mental health support to cybersecurity testing. Consensus took under an hour: a good outcome, and an exemplar of collegiality.

Week 2

A big donor dinner requires an update presentation beforehand on the Ann's Court North hostel redevelopment project. Slides at the ready, I step up to explain how one summer-visiting pipistrelle bat turns out to be the sole occupant, following survey work that has added twelve months to the timetable. Equally, with a member of the board of Natural England in the Fellowship, I admit to a soft spot for bats. We remain committed to biodiversity and will keep trying to work out how to make a planning requirement for a flat roof on shallow soil to survive as 'green' in periods of Cambridge drought (advice on a postcard please!), and how best to relocate the site's current planting where we can. The redeveloped building will deliver essential condition upgrades, and improve accessibility and sustainability consistent with the College's long term plan to progress its estate. It is a pleasing step forward.

Brilliantly, news comes in of a significant donation commitment, sufficient to support a teaching post for the long term. Enabling the College to lay down enough endowed funds to stabilise our teaching after a decade of eroded tuition fees is every bursar's core struggle. Thank you to all those that understand this, and help!

An informal dinner with bursar colleagues, past and present. Stories are swapped, counsel is given. Nothing is printable.

Mid week, the sky falls in. Quite literally, into the Bursar's office. Summer storm rainfall creates an unprecedented overflow through the ceiling. Much more critically, the tutorial team are a floor below and exam season is not yet over. All hands contribute to a what is, quite literally, an emergency bail out. Let's call it a test of the emergency response plan, or an impromptu team-building exercise for the bursarial, tutorial and operational teams. We pass: within forty-eight hours the room is dry and ceiling tiles replaced, so you would barely know it happened. Apart from some judicious furniture rearrangement of course. Once rained on, twice shy.

The Head of Buildings and Maintenance interviews follow. Some great candidates and a consensus on the appointment. It is all going to be ok.

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Week 3

Governing Body meets in a heatwave and everyone is grateful for the air-conditioned auditorium. My ten-minute presentation goes well, and plans for a broader discussion on people, estate and identity are evolving under the new Master's guidance. Knowing what we value (beyond academic excellence and inclusivity) really helps guide bursarial focus year after year, so I am grateful. We are out in time for the second half of England's football World Cup group match against Ghana, pleasing those Fellows who hoped College might reschedule governance meetings – though the final score (0-0) was perhaps a disappointment.

Late June is May Week, of course, and the Bursar's garden party is well attended by retired and current staff as well as Fellows. In Selwyn, the groupings, clustered in the shade of the Fellows' Garden, are often unexpected. Retired IT staff chat to tutors. Maintenance compete with catering staff and a Fellow or two on the giant Connect 4 set. It turns out our new Tutorial Manager lived in Japan, and animated discussion on the best suburb in Tokyo ensues with the Kawashima Associate Professor of Japanese Literature and Culture. Everyone takes a deep breath at the end of another busy academic year, and relationships are built that will help us navigate the next one.

Week 4

Graduation beckons. The graduands' dinner precedes it, carefully timetabled for Wednesday evening to permit time for essential recovery before Friday's ceremony. For once, this year all bills were paid in good time, so no need to nudge students for final cheques over pre-dinner drinks. Then, as if 120 demob-happy students were not excitement enough, an enthusiastic swarm of bees move in at the entrance to D stair. Once again the Fellowship's varied skills come to the fore, as Professor Butterfield collects the queen for his own hives, averting the risk of anaphylactic shock the following day.



Removing the bees

The operational teams are flat out all week, cleaning and fixing in preparation for this year's inflow of conference guests and summer schools, both critical to College finances. The fun doesn't stop just because the graduates are celebrating! Back up in the office there is the insurance to renew, payment runs to sign off, annual pay inflation to conclude on, and the usual financial-year-end activity flurry.

At last, on Friday at 4pm precisely, I join a range of College staff and Fellows to line West Bye Lane and proudly clap another generation off towards the doors to the Senate House.

Jennifer Phillips

REPORT FROM THE ADMISSIONS TUTORS

The Admissions Office handled 908 applications to Selwyn this year – another record number, beating the previous high of 860 in 2023-24. Of these, we interviewed 459 applicants in December, once again seeing all those based in the UK or Republic of Ireland in person. While we were in a relatively small minority of Cambridge colleges when we first made the decision to go back to in-person interviewing in 2023, the coming round will now see a majority of colleges offering at least some in-person interviews. We remain convinced that it is the format that offers the best experience to our applicants and that it is also the most secure against the backdrop of rapidly developing technologies. In fact, we have taken the decision to extend in-person interviewing to all applicants for the next admissions cycle.

Having seen our own crop of interviewees for this year and engaged with the Winter Pool, we made 167 offers for 2026 entry to Selwyn, which we believe will bring around 120 new students in October. Around 79% of our home offers were to students from maintained-sector schools, an area in which Selwyn continues to comfortably exceed the University average. In line with the University's Access and Participation Plan as agreed with the Office for Students, we are now focusing more intently on prospective students' individual characteristics, in particular applicants eligible for free school meals and those coming from postcode areas ranking in the bottom 40% according to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). 11.2% of our offer-holders are eligible for free school meals, against a University target of 9.4%. On IMD, where 17.6% of our offer-holders meet the criteria, we are a little short of the University target but with scope to improve through engagement with the summer's August Reconsideration Pool, where we have been quite successful in selecting strong applicants from Widening Participation backgrounds in recent years.

For the most recent cycle, Gareth Wilkes (Bye-Fellow and Director of Studies in Mathematics) joined us as Admissions Tutor for Mathematics, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Biological Natural Sciences, and Psychological and Behavioural Sciences, filling a role vacated by Stuart Eves the previous year. Gareth has been an immensely valuable addition to the team. His robust and thoughtful approach to admissions fits in well with our ethos, and he has a keen eye for where we could improve further, setting almost immediately about a redesign of our webpages. We look forward to moving from strength to strength in our admissions operation with Gareth as part of the team.



Student volunteers ready to welcome prospective applicants

Our Schools Liaison Officers (SLOs) have meanwhile completed another year of tireless work supporting prospective applicants and their schools in thinking about Selwyn and Cambridge as an

option. The success of the work they do is evident in the broad and diverse group of applicants we attract to Selwyn, and we are extremely grateful for the energy and enthusiasm that they bring to their work. Our efforts continue to be particularly focused on our assigned regions through the University's Area Links Scheme: West Yorkshire and east Berkshire. Shireen Nawaz has quickly established herself as a figure trusted by local teachers as our embedded SLO in West Yorkshire. She approaches the work with great consideration, bringing invaluable insights into the educational landscape in the region that are helping us to make evidence-based decisions about the directions in which we should take our labours next. As we seek to evaluate our work ever more effectively and to respond to the demands of the Access and Participation Plan, her input is enormously important.

Stuart Wren, as our Cambridge-based SLO, focuses on east Berkshire. He is having a significant impact in that region, reaching schools with which Selwyn has previously had only very limited contact and supporting their students in making successful Cambridge applications. In one or two cases, these schools had never sent students to Oxbridge before, so the value of Stuart's work is evident. His persistence and personability make him an extremely effective ambassador for the College to the outside world. He has clear rapport with students and staff alike here as well, particularly evident in the enormous roster of student volunteers he has built up to help with outreach events.

Flagship outreach events during the year included subject masterclasses for our West Yorkshire schools led by Selwyn academics; a trip to Huddersfield in April accompanied by our new Master was a particular highlight. We have also run three summer schools catering for around seventy students across different subject streams: Biological Natural Sciences, Physical Natural Sciences, and Language, History, and Culture (with a particular focus on Slavonic Studies). These are crucial in allowing us to introduce a range of sixth form students (who are actively thinking about their university applications) to Cambridge's teaching and learning styles, while also giving them the opportunity to stay in College accommodation for a short time. At the start of the academic year, meanwhile, we ran the second iteration of our bridging course, designed to support incoming students from Widening Participation backgrounds in making a successful transition to life at Cambridge through both a week-long residential and some online sessions. We are grateful to the Isaac Newton Trust's Widening Participation and Induction Fund for allowing us to run the course for a second time and to our Fellow Benefactors Peter and Christina Dawson for their generous support for the course from 2026 and beyond. It is a scheme that we believe in and that we are excited to continue developing.

As Admissions Tutors there are always so many colleagues and students to thank over the course of an academic year; admissions and outreach at Selwyn only works so well because it is a truly collaborative effort across the College. Nonetheless, we perhaps owe no one greater thanks than our Admissions Officer, Stephanie Pym, who marked twenty-five years at Selwyn in 2026. It is she who keeps the show on the road and we are enormously grateful for all she does.

Tom Smith, Daniel Beauregard and Gareth Wilkes

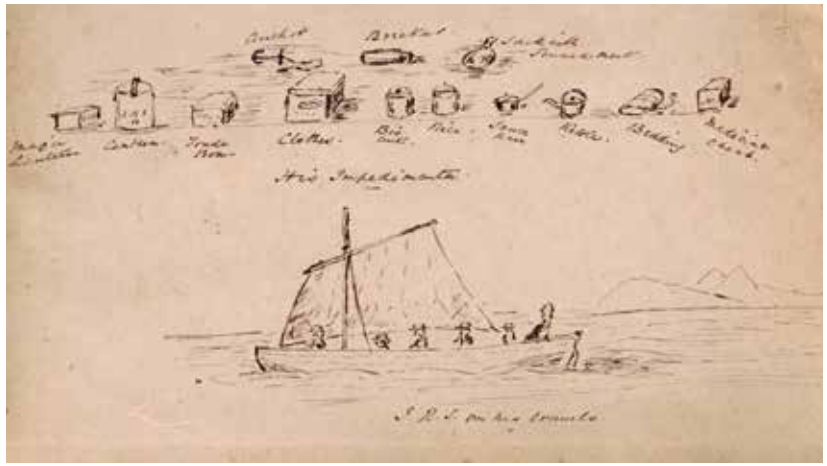
THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

This year's report will focus on our heritage collections, particularly the archives, noting some of our highlights of the year and featuring a deeper dive into an intriguing donation of Selwyn family material which we were delighted to receive this spring.

In September 2025 we expanded our participation in the second occurrence of the bridging course. In addition to an extended tour of the Bartlam Library and an introduction to library resources in Cambridge, the Library and Archives team also worked with Dr Tom Smith to provide an introduction to working with archives and rare books for arts and humanities students. This included a hands-on session examining and discussing items from the archives.

In Michaelmas Term, we worked with Professor Sarah Meer to host a visit of English students which allowed them to consult and discuss a selection of volumes in the rare book collection as part of their work on the history of printing and typography. Examining books from the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries for font choice, errors and other aspects of their physical makeup helped broaden their understanding of the subject, with guidance from Professor Meer and the Librarian.

In April it was the turn of College staff to see some highlights from our heritage collections, when the Archivist and the Assistant Librarian hosted an Old Library visit by a small group of new staff, arranged by HR. The archive segment of the visit focussed on early staff records, including the College staff wages register, which records their long and valued contribution to College life. Some of the staff listed in the register worked for the College for thirty, forty or fifty years, and one particular individual, Sydney Frost, was in post from 1903 to 1964, which is a length of service unlikely to be surpassed. In addition to working in various departments, including as an assistant in the Buttery, a gyp, a waiter to the High Table and finally in the College Library, he also coxed and later coached the



'J.R.S. on his travels': a drawing from one of John Richardson Selwyn's journals, June-August 1886

College servants' boat which won the inter-collegiate cup on several occasions, including in 1911, 1922 and 1926, for which photographs survive in the archives.

Behind the scenes, we were pleased to identify several previously uncatalogued letters by John Richardson Selwyn (the second Master) and his wife Annie, which reveal how his health was affecting his time at Selwyn, while providing an insight into some interesting Christmas traditions in the Master's Lodge.

This serendipitous discovery leads neatly on to the donation mentioned above, as we were very excited to receive this spring a substantial collection of Selwyn family material from Andrew Corbett, the cousin of and executor for Teresa Spens, who was the granddaughter of John Richardson Selwyn. The donation follows several meetings between the Archivist and Mr Corbett, and we are very grateful to him for approaching the College and offering this collection, which will complement the existing collections of letters and papers from the Selwyn and Palmer families.

This new collection contains letters from Sarah Selwyn, the wife of Bishop George Augustus Selwyn, the first Anglican bishop of New Zealand, written during the early days after their arrival in New Zealand between 1842 and 1846, and also what may be her original memoir of their life in New Zealand, referred to in our catalogue and elsewhere as her *Recollections* or *Reminiscences*, written in 1892. We have a typescript version of 220 pages in the archives. An edited edition was published by Harry Bioletti in New Zealand in 2002, making her memories more widely available. The memoir opens with the following line: 'My dear sons, I do not very willingly comply with your request that I should leave some record of my life… the main reason being the fear of not being true…'.

The new collection also includes twelve journals written by John Richardson Selwyn during his travels in Melanesia between 1886 and 1890, which appear not to be duplicated elsewhere. These journals, in medium-sized notebooks similar to a typical school exercise book, were written as letters to his second wife, Annie. They are particularly special as they include illustrations in the same style as those of his father, George Augustus Selwyn, that are found in his letters and journals held here in the archives, including one written during a journey to Melanesia in 1857. Also of interest is the gap in the sequence of John Richardson Selwyn's journals in October 1886, which was when Annie Selwyn accompanied her husband on part of his journey and wrote her own diary, which again is held here in the archives. A display co-curated with an MPhil student exploring visual language in Annie Selwyn's diary was held in the Christopher Dobson Building during Easter Term and the long vacation.

Rounding out the collection are letters written by Owen Chadwick to both Teresa Spens and her cousin Mary Palmer while Owen was Master here, as well as various books on Melanesia.

In addition to this major donation, we would like to express our gratitude for all the donations received by the Library and Archives this year. The archives received additional items from the family of John Sweet, photographs and other items from alumni and their families including the Reverend John Silk (SE 1970), Jo Burgon (SE 1970), Jeff Kerslake (SE 1954), Roger Mills (SE 1976), Geoffrey William Mitchell Watmough (SE 1932), Tim Cutts (SE 1986) and Malcolm Brearley (SE 1975). There were also various items from Gina Vivian-Neal (Tutorial Office Manager and Senior Tutor's Assistant) and Helen Stephens (former Head Porter), who both retired after long service; items relating to the departure of the previous Master, Roger Mosey, and the installation of the new Master, Suzanne Raine. We are also grateful to the JCR and MCR for their regular donations.

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 wherever possible.

Sonya Adams, Harvey Librarian
Elizabeth Stratton, Archivist

THE CHAPEL

I write this report as the acting Dean of Chapel and Chaplain, as Arabella Milbank Robinson went on maternity leave from the end of Lent Term 2026, although for the previous three years I have served as honorary assistant chaplain in conjunction with my post as rector of St Botolph's on Trumpington Street. It has been a great pleasure for me to come back to the College where I was an undergraduate myself from 1987 to 1990,



was confirmed and later married. Some traditions – I have been glad to observe – have not only continued but flourished, notably the musical life of the Chapel under Sarah MacDonald and also the broader sense of taking faith seriously, of finding the Chapel a place to think with and be challenged by as well as a place of comfort and encouragement. Vocations to ordination continue to be fostered, not least because of the presence of ordinands from Ridley Hall and Westcott House (Nic Long, Caylie Jones and George Palmer), and the Chapel saw four candidates for baptism and/or confirmation this year.

The nature of a chapel ministry necessarily involves the small scale, of individual pastoral encounters and

conversations, of the life of the daily office, in combination with very large numbers in Chapel at services at the beginning and end of each term, of candlelit complines, memorial services and weddings, as well as the regular thrice weekly choral evensongs which continue to catch the imagination and commitment of students and others from Selwyn and beyond. Sunday sermon themes included 'Story and Image' and 'Healing our Feelings', with preachers ranging from the Orthodox scholar Brandon Gallaher and Dutch Reformed pastor Wim Vermeulen to the author Francis Young, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Ecumenical Adviser Matthias Grebe, and Paul Swarup, the Bishop of Delhi. In addition, Tuesday evensongs were enriched by student micro-sermons, often remarkably thoughtful and stimulating.

Naturally the events of the College's year were marked: the beginning of the academic year, the Commemoration of Benefactors, the installation of the new Master, the multitude of carol services, Remembrance, All Souls, Lent, graduation and so on. These occasions, great and small, are enabled not only by the choir and other musicians but also by a team of student wardens and sacristans, livestreamers and welcomers. Our chapel administrator, Rebecca Wilson, kept things in order – there are a lot of moving parts in the life of a chapel.

The work of maintenance is both a spiritual one and a practical one. The latter dimension found expression in the following up of the restoration of the altar and processional crosses and brassware with the creation of a hanging light in gilded brass before the aumbry in the upper chapel which holds the Blessed Sacrament. Its discreet light catches the eye as one walks toward the altar, a reminder of the presence of God in the Chapel and of the light of Christ.

The Reverend Jonathan Collis, Acting Dean of Chapel and Chaplain

THE CHAPEL CHOIR

The Chapel choir has had a busy and productive year. Despite an enormous new intake of just over half the choir at the beginning of the academic year, we had a number of high-profile events in the first week, including Commemoration of Benefactors and a commercial recording in Ely Cathedral of music by British composer Andrew Downes (1950-2023) with Prime Brass. Andrew's 'Runnymede Service' (Magnificat & Nunc dimittis) have been in our repertoire for many years (he came to hear us sing them in Chapel more than once before his death) and it was a delight to get to know more of his music. Immediately after the recording we sang evensong in a completely packed Chapel for the installation of Suzanne Raine as the new Master by the Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally. Sitting opposite the then Bishop of London at dinner after the installation and just twelve hours before the announcement of her translation to Canterbury was a particular highlight for me personally.

Michaelmas Term and regular services began in earnest the following week. A mid-term escape was provided by a return visit to Ely, this time to sing evensong on the Eve of All Saints' Day. At the end of term, our immersive week of carol services and concerts saw us performing to over 3,000 people in Cambridge, London and Bury St Edmunds, with many more joining us online from around the world. The now-traditional (i.e. we've done it three times!) family carol service featured the narration and re-creation of the nativity story by the children of staff and Fellows. This year about seventy five under-fourteens brought their parents and carers along for this festive event, and the choir loves singing 'Little Donkey' more than you might expect of such an accomplished group of musicians.

Lent Term began with a phenomenal and moving performance of the *War Requiem* by Benjamin Britten (1913-76) in Ely Cathedral, marking fifty years since the death of the composer, who had himself conducted Cambridge students in this work in the cathedral shortly after its première. The University Orchestra and the Britten Sinfonia were joined by the choirs of Selwyn, Caius, Clare and Jesus Colleges, as well as the boy and girl choristers of Jesus and St Catharine's Colleges respectively. The conductor was Ludovic Morlot, director of the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra. It was a particular point of pride to see our Choral Exhibitioner Jao-Yong Tsai (SE 2023) in his capacity as University Conducting Scholar assisting Morlot in the cathedral. In the course of the term, we were delighted to welcome Grayston ('Bill') Ives (SE 1967) to conduct evensong in Chapel, including his own 'Edington Service' (Magnificat & Nunc dimittis). Later in term we worked with another eminent guest conductor, Andrew Lumsden, whose father Sir David Lumsden (1928-2023) matriculated at Selwyn in 1948 as organ scholar, and was later an Honorary Fellow. Our annual London concert for the John Armitage Memorial



The choir in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, in July 2026

Trust took place in St Bride's, Fleet Street, and featured music by eight contemporary composers, all of whom were present with us in the audience.

The Easter Term began with two broadcasts for BBC Radio: a pre-recorded service for Radio 4 *Sunday Worship*, with music by Paul Ayres, Patrick Hadley and Samuel Scheidt, interspersed with readings from the Gospel of St John and reflections on those passages by Professor David Ford, Fellow Emeritus and former Regius Professor of Divinity. This was followed by a live broadcast of choral evensong on BBC Radio 3 which included music by Charles Wood (1866-1926) marking the centenary of his death. Wood matriculated at Selwyn in 1888 as organ scholar, though the Chapel had not yet been built, so he defected over the river to Caius midway through his second year. We also gave the first performance of a joyful Eastertide anthem by contemporary composer Tamsin Jones (b. 1971). Regular services continued through the term, with significant numbers in the congregation, indicating how the pattern of worship and music is appreciated, especially during the examination period. We marked Ascension Day by ascending early in the morning to the Kelvin Chui Terrace in the Bartlam Library to serenade unsuspecting residents of Ann's Court. A subset of those who had finished exams sang for the baptism of Cora Mary Macrina, Arabella Milbank Robinson, the Dean of Chapel's new baby, in Grantchester parish church. Term ended with a very enjoyable choir dinner in the Harrison Room.

The summer 'Choir Month' has been incredibly busy, beginning with singing for the University's Honorary Degrees Congregation, with more Britten and a piece by Cambridge-based composer Lucy Walker (b. 1998) who supervises a number of the music students in the choir. We had our first-ever Decani versus Cantoris cricket match on the village pitch in the college living of Longstowe (Cantoris won). This was umpired by composer Paul Edwards (b. 1955) whose canticles in C# minor we sang for evensong in the parish church right after the match. We then spent two very hot days in Chapel during one of the heat waves recording a disc of music by Janet Wheeler (b. 1957), a Newnham alumna who sang in Selwyn choir as an undergraduate. This was followed by 'Singing in the Gardens', with a capacity crowd and a rather lighter programme of music, including Beatles arrangements and folksongs. We are delighted that this has secured its place in the Cambridge summer calendar, along with the more-established 'Singing on the River' events that two rather older colleges have been running for many years. Our annual summer concert in St Bride's Fleet Street also had a full and enthusiastic crowd. The next morning we flew to Ireland where we sang concerts and services in Dublin, Belfast and Derry to appreciative crowds.

Over the course of the year, we sang eight joint services, with choirs from Brittany, London, Vancouver, Pennsylvania and Jersey. We sang forty-nine sets of evening canticles, over 150 anthems, fourteen sets of responses, four mass settings and one Requiem. The composers represented nine centuries; forty-one were still living and there were twenty-five women. We also recorded two CDs and released two more (music by Richard Pantcheff and a disc of my own music).

It has been an excellent year, and the choir have sung outstandingly well. We wish our leavers all the best – they have contributed enormously to the choir and we are all grateful.

Sarah MacDonald, Director of Music

THE GARDENS

Before each of its termly meetings, the Gardens Committee tours a part of the gardens, usually to help us visualise any alterations that are planned, or to see the results after work has been carried out. This year the parts of the gardens that were investigated were the Three Hostels garden, Ann's Court, 17 West Road border, West Bye Lane, the border below the yew hedge at the rear of F staircase, the fernery in the Chapel wall border, the winter border, the Victorian border and the Master's garden. The list indicates where changes have taken place, or are planned to take place in the coming years. Some areas that received a lot of attention in recent years, for example the bulb and wildflower meadow, were not visited because they are developing as planned. Others, like Cripps Court or the woodlands bordering the Economics faculty, have not been visited because we are currently happy with the layout and plantings in those locations.

There was a small but important alteration this year to the terms of reference of the Gardens Committee, to state that in addition to its usual metrics of aesthetics and practicality, the committee should also include sustainability as a factor in its decision making. This was on the recommendation of the final meeting of the task-and-finish Sustainability Working Group in October. When the committee adopted this, it was noted that it has always been the Head Gardener's practice to include information about sustainability as part of the termly report that he prepares for the committee. Some of the consequent decisions were to make more use of drip hoses rather than sprinklers when watering newly-planted areas in the summer, the observation that the drought-resistant lawn mixture used in the Three Hostels project has been a success and will be used where possible elsewhere in College, and also a decision to extend a wildflower area of West Bye Lane.

A biodiversity survey was carried out by Dr Justin Gerlach (Peterhouse) along with other researchers in summer 2025, kindly funded by the Friends of Selwyn Gardens. The final report arrived in Lent Term and it was helpful, educational and very positive about Selwyn's gardens. It highlighted that, for wildlife, the greatest abundance and diversity is found in long grass, in particular the two-year-old bulb and wildflower meadow which turned out to be the most species-rich part of the 144-year-old College. In all, 120 species of invertebrates were observed around the College and Selwyn's pond had the highest species diversity of all the Cambridge colleges, with sixteen plant species, three mollusc species, water lice, amphipods, *Cyclops* sp., vidua seed shrimps, hydrachnid water mites, backswimmers, diving beetles, fly larvae, abundant nymphs of mayflies, dragonflies and damselflies and the only population of pygmy backswimmers *Pilea minutissima* observed in Cambridge as well as smooth newts *Lissotriton vulgaris*. The report contained specific recommendations, which mostly amounted to: continue as we are and if possible introduce extra planting into the woodland area and make new wildflower areas. Ideally we would have information about the creatures that exist in our gardens year-round rather than just a snapshot from a month in the summer when only particular species could be observed, so more surveys may happen at different times in future years.

The border to the north side of the Chapel was renovated and planted with a range of ferns: *Matteuccia struthiopteris* (shuttlecock fern, temperate northern hemisphere including Britain), *Osmunda regalis* (royal fern, Britain/Europe), *Polystichum setiferum* (soft shield fern, British Isles and Europe), *Athyrium niponicum* (painted Japanese fern,

east Asia), *Dryopteris erythrosora* (autumn fern, south-east Asia), *Dicksonia antarctica* (soft tree fern, Australia), *D. squarrosa* (New Zealand tree fern), *D. fibrosa* (golden tree fern, New Zealand) and *Sphaeropteris medullaris* (black tree fern, south Pacific). The area is much improved by the combination of new ferns and complementary planting, the increase in flowering plants and the incorporation of tree stumps and branches along with wood chips to cover the ground.

During a two-week window of availability at the start of the academic year, it was possible to carry out most of the renovation works that had been planned for the Master's garden. Further improvements will be carried out once the new Master has seen the garden for an annual cycle. Some wildlife improvements (wildflowers) are likely and more work will be done in the corner of the garden near the Chapel because there are overgrown and/or dying trees that have not had attention for many years. The garden needs to be kept in the best shape for the use of current and future Masters and also for the occasions that it is opened for key College occasions.

Projects to look out for in coming years: the border below the F staircase yew hedge will be improved with a Great Dixter-inspired herbaceous border; West Bye Lane to near F staircase is now a continuous avenue of cherry trees (mostly Tai Haku, but including some fruiting cherries) and bulbs and wildflowers will be established below for all of its length. The College Nurse, Lucy Turnell, made a successful application to the Cambridge Colleges Wellbeing Stimulus Fund (set up by Christina and Peter Dawson, Selwyn Fellow Benefactors) for a community garden to be prepared in an area of the Three Hostels garden. The area was identified as a suitable location by the Gardens Committee, because there is a row of established apple trees that can anchor the setting of raised beds, some of which will be suitable for wheelchair users, sensory and other plantings, with good pathways that can be used year-round by wheelchairs. The garden will be an excellent resource for students, staff and Fellows who can all access the area using their College key. Once the works are completed over the 2026-27 academic year, interested alumni may be able to arrange a viewing via the Development and Alumni Relations office.

Dr Daniel Beauregard, Chair of the Gardens Committee

JUNIOR COMBINATION ROOM

This year's JCR committee began its work in January, combining a mix of new and returning members, forming a group of students who have brought both valuable experience and exciting new ideas to Selwyn. As a committee we have continued to work on ensuring that Selwyn remains a welcoming and inclusive space for all.

In January, the executive committee, consisting of myself, Jack Gower (Vice-President), Jerram Bishop (Treasurer), and Sophia Emmett (Communications Officer), redrafted, updated and refined the JCR's constitution and standing orders in order to ensure the committee could function as smoothly as possible.

Amelia Taylor and Dhiran Jewoota (Welfare Officers) have been successful in ensuring that a range of welfare events and student support continue to be available, including a popular Mario Kart racing tournament and a 'Pick and Mix' sweets evening. Additionally, they collaborated with the College's History Society to put on a Eurovision watch-along night. Jack Gower (Vice-President) carried on our traditional Sunday Tea, offering free Krispy Kreme doughnuts and, occasionally, Domino's pizza. In Easter Term, this was hosted in the gardens to double up as a revision break for those sitting exams. The committee would like to extend its thanks to Lucy Turnell and Arabella Milbank Robinson for their support in all matters concerning student welfare this year. Additionally, Kaj Bedford (International Officer) has worked closely with the College to improve a collective understanding of how the international storage system functions.

As a committee, we successfully campaigned to keep the College bar open all day throughout the month of June, offering students another space to socialise and study. Furthermore, with the introduction of smoothies, milkshakes and a new frozen cocktail menu, the bar is becoming an ever more lively space that students enjoy spending time in. I would like to thank Sally Bird and Janos Krajnik for their enthusiasm in these endeavours.

Our wonderful Ents Officers, Alice Cammegh and Max Rich, did fantastic work in providing the student body with a range of events throughout Lent Term. They hosted an unprecedented third bop due to high demand from students, arranged a 'UK Cultural Icons' themed JCR dinner, and organised Halfway Hall for the second-years. Micha Winchester-Plen and Sophie Walters (Freshers' Reps) also continued the tradition of the popular 'Marriage Formal' for first-years, alongside an end-of-year garden party. In addition to this, Kendi Blackstock (BME Officer) hosted a well-attended cultural quiz night in the bar at the end of Lent Term.

Our Treasurer, Jerram Bishop, has maintained the various funds available to students which continue to be available and easily accessible, while also ensuring that they are used fairly and appropriately. He has worked closely with Alice Wyke (Gender Equalities Officer) to continue the vital provision of the Menstrual Hygiene Fund. We were also successful in adding special formal halls (for example JCR themed dinners) to the list of formals for which students could access supplementary funding. Daisy Burnip (Accommodation and Services Officer) worked closely with Professor James Moultrie to organise and run the undergraduate room ballot seamlessly. We also worked together to achieve a minimal rent increase in negotiations with College. I would like to thank Jennifer Phillips and Dr Michael Sewell alongside the whole JCR committee for their commitment to ensuring that students' voices and financial concerns were heard and acted upon. Amali Carter (Faiths and Beliefs Officer) collaborated closely with the Chaplain and the catering team in order to ensure that food options continued to be accessible to students of all dietary requirements. Eleanor Purcell (Disabled Students' Officer) has consistently responded enthusiastically and quickly to concerns raised regarding students' accessibility.

Returning to the role for a second year, Raima Bassi (Clubs and Societies Officer) again organised for Selwyn's sports clubs and other societies to have their photographs professionally taken and will be hosting another Selwyn Freshers' Fair in the autumn. Our Green Officer, Shannon Wills, organised and ran a week-long 'Swap and Share' in which students were able to exchange second-hand clothes and items with one another. Shannon and Raima also worked with Matt Rowe to smooth the rollout of separate glass recycling across College and maintain the College gym. Seph Madu (LGBTQ+ Officer) has been busy working with various Cambridge-wide societies to host events such as jewellery making, a rainbow picnic and a LGBTQ+ bar crawl. I would like



to thank her for her support in our successful applications for planning permission to fly the Progress Pride and Transgender flags on their respective days. Our Access Officers, Liam Cheale and Holly McLaughlin, have taken the role to the next level, introducing short-form video content to the Access Instagram (@studentsofselwyn), to keep prospective applicants informed about Cambridge and college life. Evan Roberts (Education and Development Officer) successfully promoted and assisted with the annual Three Minute Thesis competition, along with securing multiple rounds of one-on-one career advice meetings for students. Evan and I will be working closely with the Master to figure out how to best to promote the 50 Years of Women celebrations in the form of a careers day in November 2026.

Jack Gower conducted the annual Big Survey, which yielded invaluable feedback that will continue to be used to implement change around College. As a result of achieving over eighty responses, the highest total of the last three years, the JCR committee made a donation to Pancreatic Cancer UK.

It has been an absolute privilege to work with the amazing JCR Committee at Selwyn this year, and I would like to thank each and every one of them for the commitment and dedication they have shown to making the College a better place for all students. I am extraordinarily grateful for the opportunity to represent Selwyn's undergraduate population and I look forward to continuing in Michaelmas Term the great work that has already been achieved. To keep up with the JCR's work, follow our Instagram (@selwyn_jcr), managed by Sophia Emmett, or check our website (www.selwynjcr.org), kept up-to-date by Sam Pye, our Computing Officer.

Lila Mintowt-Czyz, JCR President

JCR Committee 2026: Lila Mintowt-Czyz, President; Jack Gower, Vice-President; Jerram Bishop, Treasurer; Liam Cheale and Holly McLaughlin, Access; Daisy Burnip, Accommodation & Services; Kendi Blackstock, BME; Raima Bassi, Clubs & Societies; Sophia Emmett, Communications; Sam Pye, Computing; Evan Roberts, Development & Education; Eleanor Purcell, Disabilities; Alice Cammegh and Max Rich, Ents; Alice Wyke, Gender Equality; Amali Carter, Faiths & Beliefs; Micha Winchester Plen and Sophie Walters, Freshers Reps; Shannon Wills, Green; Kaj Bedford, International; Seph Madu, LGBTQ+; Dhiran Jewootah and Amelie Taylor, Welfare.

MIDDLE COMBINATION ROOM

It has been a pleasure to serve in my second full term as MCR President alongside a committee that brought considerable energy to College life. Our work ranged from improving the rooms members use every day to maintaining an events programme that kept the MCR active throughout the year.

Friday evenings developed a familiar rhythm this year, with members meeting first in the bar and then carrying the evening into the MCR Room. Organised by Entertainments Officer Noah Coombe, the Friday Night Socials provided a welcome end to the working week, while his croquet tournament brought members together in the gardens. I also worked closely with the head of catering and the new bar manager to help develop menus of cocktails, mocktails, milkshakes and smoothies, alongside planning events to keep the bar lively. This remained a priority for the MCR because the space is highly important to the daily life of the postgraduate community.

The MCR Room itself underwent several practical improvements. Once the old projector and speakers had reached the ends of their lives, I secured a good deal on a 98-inch television and soundbar. The replacement has served several different parts of MCR life, from research presentations and visiting speakers to film nights and FIFA World Cup screenings. We also introduced a multifunction bean-to-cup coffee machine after the previous machine stopped working. New card readers on the MCR Room and pool room doors addressed the shortage of keys and gave every MCR member reliable access to both spaces.

Secretary Sabrina Steuer and Dinners Officer Mimi Thompson kept the formal dining calendar busy, arranging swaps with a range of colleges that sent Selwyn members out to dine and welcomed visiting MCRs in return. These exchanges increased cooperation across Cambridge colleges while giving members access to a much wider collegiate dining community. Sabrina and Mimi also helped organise the monthly themed MCR dinners. Burns Night proved especially popular, with Sabrina learning to call the ceilidh dances and arranging for a bagpiper to join the evening. Her art nights gave members another way to spend time together in a smaller setting.

The annual exchange with Keble College Oxford remained the largest of these visits, taking fifty-three Selwynites to our sister college for dinner and tours of Keble, Oxford and the University. We later hosted fifty-three Keble postgraduates and offered them the equivalent experience in Cambridge. I have now worked with Keble on the exchange for three years, and it has been rewarding to see the two MCRs become increasingly familiar with one another. Conversations have begun about extending the partnership through sports days, picnics and other shared events.

The same aim of stronger intercollegiate cooperation led me to help bring together MCR presidents from across Cambridge in an informal group. We meet to maintain dialogue between colleges, share experiences and identify areas in which our MCRs can work together. I also hosted the group for drinks at Selwyn, giving the presidents an opportunity to continue these conversations in the setting that sits at the centre of our own MCR life.

Other events offered support and companionship in different forms. Welfare Officer Sarah Garcia organised morning runs, and Women's Officer Freya Thompson

held open hours for members who wanted to speak with her. International Co-Officers Emma Levi and Vivian Duenwald hosted European Summer after the examination and dissertation period, giving members an evening in which to relax together once major deadlines had passed. The Committee's representative work continued throughout the year. Treasurer Andi Pletschko oversaw the finances, and Andi and I attended College Council and Governing Body on behalf of postgraduate members. Weekly meetings with the Bursar and Senior Tutor gave us a regular opportunity to raise current concerns and continue discussions from one week to the next. Vice-President Will Rowse supported the committee across its work and assumed and shared many responsibilities with other committee members.

MCR members also enjoyed success beyond the committee's programme. Selwyn postgraduates were involved in *1 Night at Ford's Theatre*, *The Colour of Water* and a Footlights tour, all heading to the Edinburgh Fringe. *The Colour of Water* also appeared at the Cambridge New Writing Festival, while Mimi Thompson's solo show *The Haunting* is going to the Camden Fringe. In March, the Cambridge Women's Blues golf team secured its first Varsity victory in six years! I was also honoured to be nominated and elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in recognition of my research and public-facing work in cognitive science, including temporal cognition and decision-making under uncertainty.

Will Rowse's work on the Mount Olympus-themed garden party produced a favourite event of the year, with harp music setting the scene in the gardens before members moved into Hall for the final MCR dinner. The Greek-themed menu I designed carried the idea through the meal, after which the evening concluded in the bar with themed cocktails and live jazz led by Selwynite James Cozens. It was a joyful finish to an active year and a fine example of what the committee could achieve together.

I am grateful to the committee for the time and imagination they brought to their roles, their service through hosting events and sitting on College committees, and to the members whose participation gave each event its life. I hope the relationships formed across dinners, exchanges, weekly socials and quieter activities will continue long after this academic year. Selwyn's postgraduate community has much to celebrate, and I am confident that the MCR will continue to offer its members friendship, representation and a place within College that feels their own. Our final thanks go to Sarah Cunningham, a member of the MCR in the 1990s, whose generous donation to the MCR supported the new coffee machine and the garden party.

Jeffery R L Pendleton, MCR President

MCR Committee 2025–26: Jeffery R L Pendleton, President; Will Rowse, Vice President; Sabrina Steuer, Secretary; Andi Pletschko, Treasurer; Noah Coombe, Entertainments Officer; Sarah Garcia, Welfare Officer; Emma Levi and Vivian Duenwald, International Officers; Mimi Thompson, Dinners Officer; Henley Wood, Part-Time Students Officer; Lara Czernecki, Alumni Officer; Rachel Segman and Rose Ormond, Green Co-Officers; Gereon Dohm, Social Media Officer; Juliette Munoz Antolin, IT Officer; Freya Thompson, Women's Officer.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



This has been one of the most successful seasons in recent Selwyn football history and a year that will be remembered for a very long time within the club. After several difficult years, there was a real sense from the beginning of Michaelmas Term that this group could achieve something special. The squad combined strong quality across the pitch with a level of togetherness and commitment that carried us through some huge moments over the course of the year.

The team won twelve of its fifteen matches this season and went unbeaten in the league in Lent Term, scoring the most goals (29) and conceding the fewest (10) in the competition. That form saw Selwyn reach the Cuppers Final for the first time in thirty-nine years and the Division 3 promotion playoff, with the club playing some of the best football seen at Selwyn in many years.

Standing in the way of Cuppers success was Fitzwilliam College, the most successful side in the competition's history and although the final ultimately ended in a narrow 2-1 defeat after we conceded two late goals, the occasion itself was extraordinary and showed what college sport can be at its best. What made the day especially memorable was the support behind the team. Hundreds of Selwyn students, alumni and supporters came together to create an atmosphere rarely seen at college football matches, with drums, horns and chants throughout the afternoon. The support from the College community gave the team a huge lift and turned the occasion into something much bigger than just a football match.

The season still had one final chapter the following week in the Division 3 promotion playoff against King's. In another dramatic game, Selwyn secured promotion with a last-minute winner in extra time to seal a 3-2 victory and complete one of the greatest seasons in the club's recent history.

Several players deserve particular recognition for their performances and contributions across the campaign: Jai Patel, who picked up the post of goalkeeper; freshers Uzayr Latif, Marco Faria and Oscar Reeves; as well as Max Rich, who led the front line and spent countless hours curating great quality documentation of the season on the club's Instagram.

Beyond the results, the squad built a strong culture and sense of pride around Selwyn football again, driven by commitment on and off the pitch and outstanding support throughout the season. The club is now in a far stronger position moving forward, and I am very pleased to hand over the captaincy to Oscar Reeves, who I am sure will continue to drive the club to further success.

Lucas Clarke

BADMINTON SOCIETY



Selwyn College Badminton Society continued again this year with enthusiasm, welcoming a large interest from the undergraduate population, especially first-years in Michaelmas Term. This meant that we entered two teams into the intercollegiate league, the first team progressing from Division 6 to Division 5, and the second team moving from Division 3 to Division 4. A variety of matches were played, in the three singles and two doubles format, with players from various Cambridge colleges and schools in the city. We also continued social badminton on Saturdays at the Sports Centre, offering students a relaxed activity to partake in during the weekend and a place to socialise with others within the College. On average, approximately fifteen students took part in the weekly Saturday sessions, including a mixture of undergraduates and postgraduates.

The society has had another successful year and thanks the College for its generosity in funding the court bookings and any equipment, so that we can continue offering badminton to the Selwyn community free of charge. This year's presidents (Riya Bhatla, Rebecca Rae and Leo Paveley) look forward to handing over the presidency to Shawn Kwan and Daniel Kan for the 2026-27 badminton season.

Riya Bhatla

BOAT CLUB

This year has been another busy one for the Boat Club, with a great deal of success and a lot of fun as usual.

In Michaelmas Term, the men's squad won their IV+ category at Winter Head and were the sixth fastest Cambridge college VIII+ in a competitive field at Fairbairns. W1, in their only race of the term, dealt with some unexpected overtaking and entanglements during their race, but still managed to put in a great time. Our fresh novice squad also raced, putting in strong efforts after just one term of rowing, a lot of which had not been in their racing crews!

We had four crews competing in the Lent Bumps, with a mix of results ranging from an unfortunate spoons campaign from M2 (-4), W2 going down -1, and both W1 and M1 bumping up twice, with M1 rowing over agonisingly close behind St Catharine's for two days in a row. We were particularly pleased to get our lower boats racing which, despite unfortunately being bumped down, preserve their spots in the divisions.

At the end of Lent Term, Freya Jenkinson was selected to cox *Goldie*, the men's reserve crew, for the Boat Race and beat Oxford's *Isis* by a record-breaking nineteen lengths. At the time of writing, she is also about to cox Cambridge University Boat Club's Temple A crew at Henley Royal Regatta. Eleanor Mayhew also competed for CUBC in the Development Squad at British Universities and Colleges Sport Regatta in



May, winning the D final. We have a number of Selwyn Boat Club members intending to trial for CUBC next year, which we are extremely excited about and proud to see.

Easter Term began with a fourth consecutive win for the men in their favourite race, Head of the Cam, a trend which they intend to continue for years to come. We also had another club trip to Bedford Amateur Regatta, with both M1 and W1 enjoying several race wins throughout the day. We would like to thank the Friends of Selwyn College Boat Club for their continued support which allows us to travel to these off-Cam races, gaining valuable experience (and having fun!).

The grand finale, May Bumps, was perhaps the most testing that the club has seen in recent years, with all crews having at least one tough day on the river. For M1 it was an unfortunate four days, being bumped down every day in a slightly unexpected spoons campaign. M2 (+2) and M3 (-1) were involved in some close sandwiches, some of which resulted in bumps, and others were not so successful. The women's squad had better campaigns, with both boats bumping up twice (+2), though W2 had some tough rowovers at the head of several re-rowed divisions, and W1 had to chase a bump twice after an unfortunately timed crab. W1 finished the week as the sandwich boat for Division 1 for the first time since 2015; with some promising developing talent we look forward to them hopefully cementing their place in the division next year.

Freya Jenkinson

2025-26 Committee
President: Freya Jenkinson; Secretary: Freddie Albrighton; Women's Captain: Hana Dwight; Men's Captains: Harry Litchfield and Henry Brown

2026-27 Committee
President: Jess Macfarlane; Secretary: Harry Litchfield; Women's Captain: TBC (Jess Macfarlane interim); Men's Captains: Oliver Muthu and Jerram Bishop

FRIENDS OF SELWYN COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

Many thanks once again to all of you who are Friends of the Boat Club for your continued support. We were fortunate to receive some significant one-off income during the year, but the more regular donations we receive from all of you is vital if we are to keep up our support for the day-to-day training, boat maintenance and off-Cam racing which is so important to the club. As many of you know, we also use your support to maintain subsidies for students who would otherwise be unlikely to be able to afford membership of the Boat Club.

The single donations received during the year included a very generous gift from John Woodhouse, who rowed for Selwyn and Cambridge in the 1970s, and a bequest from the estate of Geoffrey Rider, who rowed for Selwyn in the early 1950s. We also received a bequest from the estate of John Whitbread, who rowed for Selwyn some seventy years ago (in the seven seat for the 1955 and 1956 May Bumps). Part of his bequest has been used to acquire a new pair bearing his name, which was launched by his daughter Fiona in a brief



The Master performs the traditional champagne naming ceremony for the boat Fiona Morrison *with the boat* John Whitbread *in the background*

ceremony in June. It was wonderful that Richard Medd, who coxed Selwyn in the mid 1950s, was also able to attend. On the same day the Club asked the Master to formally launch the IV which had been acquired with the proceeds of last year's Ergathon, which readers may recall was organised entirely by the Boat Club. The club decided to name the IV after Fiona Morrison, who was one of the first women students at Selwyn and rowed with distinction for SCBC and for Cambridge in the late 1970s, gaining three Blues.

Once again there was enthusiastic participation by alumni in the December Fairbairn Cup. This is becoming something of a fixture in the rowing alumni calendar. Great stuff!

With thanks once again for your support, and please do get in touch if you would like to hear any more about our activities.

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Brian Hornsby

CRICKET CLUB

Across the seven games Selwyn Cricket Club played this year, they lost only two. New Zealand wrapped up the second test rather emphatically. India swept aside Afghanistan without much trouble. And in a similar quality of cricketing feat, Selwyn College Cricket Club has been at its brightest for a while.

After an enthusiastic but short-on-numbers season last year (we played our games with seven people!), this year saw Selwyn merge with King's College to form the formidable Slingers (Kelwyn was a rather gauche option). The team enjoyed practices throughout Michaelmas and Lent terms at the University Indoor Cricketing School. Easter Term featured some thrilling Cuppers matches, friendlies and practices out on the square. Compared to the heavy hitters in Cuppers, our team features a balanced attack. Our playing eleven often contained two players appearing consistently for the Blues and Cruisers (University second team), a solid population of people training with the University fours, and some home-grown Selwyn talent.



After a tough loss to Lucy Cavendish, the Selwyn team went on a run beating Christ's and Pembroke, and tying with Magdalene. Christ's put us into the field first where, after conceding 102 in ten overs, Avi Juneja (an uncapped first year) found success by dismissing Christ's dangerous looking Blues and Cruisers. Captain, Aryan Misra, then made quick work of the middle order with a hat-trick and then some, leaving Christ's reeling at 102 all out after twelve overs. In the chase, Evan Roberts, who plays for the fours, put up a strong performance, taking us over the line in the eighteenth over.

Despite the theatrics, our match against Magdalene/Trinity Hall may have been the most exciting of the season. With a side featuring seven players who train with the Blues, and with Selwyn only being able to show up with eight, we put Magdalene in to bat and they had a respectable first innings score of 156. Then two of our players left for supervisions, leaving us in a sticky position. Opening the batting, Krish Agarwal and Aryan Misra put up an opening stand of 74 in the first ten overs. Aryan went on to score 70 before being dismissed, leaving the middle order to do some work. Some quick scoring and wickets later, we found ourselves at 154 for five at the end of the nineteenth over, needing three to win in the last over, having no wickets to spare. In dramatic fashion, a 'no ball', a single on the free-hit, and a bowled, left us tied at the end of the game. Responding strongly in the next game, we wrapped up Pembroke in eleven overs and chased a modest 60 in seven overs.

It has been a fun season for the lads and they will seek to improve this performance next year.

Cricket Blues awarded: Cerys Brown, William Gillespie
Captains 2026-27: Evan Roberts and Uzayr Latif

Aryan Misra

LADIES' NETBALL CLUB

This year has seen significant growth for the Selwyn ladies netball team; having lost all but three of our players to the perils of graduation, the 2025-26 season was always going to be about re-building and recruitment, and with over fifteen new members getting involved at one point or another, it is safe to say that we have truly achieved that goal. Following the unbridled successes of the 2024-25 season was always going to be a challenge, and

although we may not have won the league, we did manage to remain in Division 1 through both the Michaelmas and Lent leagues, which is a significant feat and one which would not have been possible without the persistent commitment of our players.

Over this academic year, we have managed to form a full team for every one of our regular Saturday matches, an achievement which may sound small but is genuinely uncommon across all of the divisions. Composed of regular attendees, post-bop strugglers and frequent new faces, we have taken the (admittedly many) losses in our stride and consistently shown up for each other so that we can all play some friendly sport every week. Our consistency of commitment has ensured that we remain in Division 1 coming into the new academic year, which is a real achievement for the team, and has hopefully established a good base upon which we can build in the following years. We leave this academic year as the sixth-best overall college ladies netball team, according to the league tables, which is certainly nothing to scoff at!

Additionally, we have also had many new faces involved, most of whom had not played netball competitively for several years, if at all, and they have all shown such improvement and development over the year. After many of our games we have received messages and comments on how much fun the match was and how our relaxed approach to the competitive aspect has allowed others, even beyond the Selwyn team, to get more joy from their sport than usual, and that is a true testament to the tenacity and friendly nature of our players.

In addition to our league successes I feel that the team has really embraced the purpose of college sport in its entirety, and it is this aspect where I am most proud of our players and the culture we have created. I have truly enjoyed captaining Selwyn netball this year, and I pass the club on to the capable hands of Isabel Chatakondu, who I have no doubt will lead us to further successes. Perhaps next year our recruitment drive will bring some world-class athletes to the table, or maybe some who have never played at all, but I feel we have proven that everyone has a place in college sport, especially here at Selwyn.

Becca O'Donovan



SELWYN SEALS COLD WATER SWIMMING SOCIETY

The Selwyn Seals Cold Water Swimming Society has continued to go from strength to strength this year. We were glad to recruit lots of new members and grow our swimming community. The Seals visit Jesus Green Lido every Sunday morning throughout the year; our visits this year have seen water temperatures range from as low as 6.4°C in the winter months and as high as 23.2°C in the summer. Despite the particularly low temperatures, each week we manage to draw a considerable crowd. Most of the Selwyn Seals are regular attendees, committed to the weekly meetings, but we are glad to be joined often by new attendees trying out cold water swimming for the first time. Each week we conclude our swim meet-ups with brunch in the College Hall. This is thoroughly enjoyed by the Seals both as a way to warm up after our swim and to catch up with friends across year groups in the midst of busy term times. Our society social event that took place in early March enabled Selwyn Seal members and supporters to come together to socialise and relax with one another without having to face the chill of the cold lido temperatures. The event, which was held in the College bar, was a success enjoyed by over twenty attendees; the nautical themed games were particularly well received! It has been excellent fun fulfilling the role of co-presidents of Selwyn Seals. We are both glad to see the society thriving and we know it will continue on its upwards trajectory under the incoming co-presidents Amelia Taylor and Juliet Staton.

Ellie Dennis and Juliet Boardman



WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

The Selwyn Women's Football Club enjoyed a fantastic season filled with progress, resilience and memorable achievements. While the highlight of the campaign was reaching the Shield Final, the scoreline of a 6-1 defeat does not reflect the determination and development shown by the squad throughout the year. Reaching the final was a testament to the team's commitment, hard work and collaboration, particularly considering the number of beginners who joined the club this season. Many players had little or no previous football experience but embraced every training session with enthusiasm, improving dramatically over the course of the year and becoming valuable contributors on and off the pitch.

The club also benefited from the performances of several standout players, with Cerys Brown, Alice Cammegh and Asha Scott all making significant contributions throughout the campaign. Looking ahead, the future of Selwyn women's football is bright, with Daisy Burnip and Saffron Jarvis set to lead the club as co-captains next season. Their leadership, dedication and passion for the team make them ideal successors, and they will undoubtedly build on the strong foundations established this year while continuing to develop the welcoming and supportive culture that has become such an important part of the club.

Beyond college football, Selwyn players also achieved success on the University stage. Holly Robertson and Jaya Fox had the privilege of representing the University in the annual Varsity match against Oxford, a prestigious fixture that showcased some of the best footballing talent across both universities. The team secured an impressive 2-1 victory over Oxford, as Jaya opened the scoring before Holly and the rest of the squad helped see out a memorable win. Representing the University in the Varsity match was a proud achievement and reflected the quality and commitment of Selwyn players beyond college competition.

Overall, this season has been one of significant growth and success for Selwyn women's football. Although the Shield Final ended in disappointment, the journey to reach it, the remarkable improvement shown by so many new players, and the outstanding individual and collective performances throughout the year have laid the foundations for continued success.

Jaya Fox





SOCIETIES

CHRISTIAN UNION

It has been another great year for the Selwyn Christian Union. Despite many members graduating last year, the Christian Union has grown due to welcoming freshers from both Selwyn and Robinson colleges.

In the last academic year we have studied the Gospel of Luke, the book of Acts and the Letter to the Ephesians in our Saturday Bible studies. Our freshers' new insights into these passages helped us uncover the real meaning of the texts. We have also been keeping up with regular prayer in the College Chapel on Fridays, where we gather to pray for each other, the College and the city.

We have also hosted several outreach events in the College to increase students' understanding of the Christian faith. In Michaelmas Term we ran a dinner to enjoy fellowship together and encourage one another by sharing stories of faith, how Jesus has impacted our time studying at Cambridge. In Lent Term we ran a 'ping-a-pancake' event, specifically aimed at answering other students' questions about Christianity and providing pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

Isobel Aird and Joshua Overton are the new co-leaders of the Christian Union and they started strongly by leading a picnic social to celebrate the end of the year. I am looking forward to watching the CU grow under their leadership next year.

Luke Chown

HISTORY SOCIETY

The Selwyn College History Society has gone from strength to strength under the careful stewardship of the new committee. The society has concentrated on what we know works. We were delighted to host our annual dinner in March 2026, where we were joined by our guest speaker, Dr Darren O'Byrne of Wolfson College, who delivered a thought-provoking after-dinner speech on the need to re-historicise the Holocaust in historical discourse. In May, we were joined by Sophie Rowe, Head of Conservation at the Fitzwilliam Museum, for a talk and formal dinner organised by the society's treasurer, Evan Roberts. Our flagship event, the History Society Quiz made a return at the end of Lent Term, which saw an excellent turnout. My thanks go to our social secretaries, Daisy Burnip and Freddie Dawson, for their efforts to shore up the society's finances and for their ingenious rounds, including 'Historical Tinder' and correctly identifying where a cut-out of John F Kennedy had been photographed in Cambridge.

The society has also sought to ramp up the number and variety of events held for students, in our attempt to unite those from across the College community. We have sought to curate a 'special relationship' of our own with the new Master, Suzanne Raine, who kindly invited us for some tea and a politically charged chat in late March. We also organised a visit to the University Library to see the Cairo Genizah, the world's largest collection of medieval Jewish manuscripts, where we were joined by both the Master



Committee members at the History Society's annual dinner in March 2026, with the guest speaker, Dr Darren O'Byrne of Wolfson College (centre).

and her husband. The society also organised a well-attended Eurovision-watch party in May, offering light reprieve and an evening of joy, pizza and music of questionable quality during the middle of exam term. In June, we made our first ever visit beyond the city of Cambridge, to the gorgeous Audley End house, before concluding the year in true Cambridge style with a hugely popular garden party. My thanks go to Dr Lotte Reinbold for sponsoring this event.

I am immensely proud of the endeavours of the committee. My thanks go to our vice-president, Laura Nikoghosyan, and Harry Cammish, our minister without portfolio, for their counsel in what has been a challenging year financially for the society and for offering very frequent reality checks to my grand plans for the History Society. I also wish to thank our most loyal member, Dr David Smith, who can always be relied on to attend our events. We are headed for bigger and better things in the new academic year and I am truly excited for what is to come.

Ivan Brosnan

MUSIC SOCIETY

This year's committee has appreciated the opportunity to build on the strong precedent of last year, continuing the long-standing tradition of Sunday evening recitals and the more recent addition of Thursday lunchtime organ recitals. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with a range of musicians from Selwyn's community and from across the University in our larger ensemble concerts, through which we sought to cover a variety of musical genres. These have included an incredibly successful Poulenc concert in October, the annual Bridgemas concert, a concert of Bach motets and a seasonal cantata,



and the Night at the Musicals concert. Finally, our end-of-year May Week concert was very successful, with a range of orchestral, choral and joint works performed in Chapel to a large audience.

We were delighted to host a number of brilliant solo recitals: Sarah MacDonald (an epic rendition of Bach's Goldberg Variations), second-year music students Tommaso Vigliocco and Annabel Marshall (Brahms sonatas), a vocal recital by Selwyn alumna and professional soprano Rachel Godsill, and a harpsichord recital delivered by second-year music student and harpsichord specialist Richard Taylor. We also enjoyed a successful vocal recital by committee member Kit Attwater, as well as the Williamson Prize recital where joint winners Elsa Chung (violin) and Samantha Gaspé (voice) delivered an exciting programme.

Other chamber music concerts have included a piano duets recital, two of Bach's Brandenburg Concertos and the Estrella string quartet, formed through the University instrumental award scheme. It has also been a pleasure to welcome University-wide ensembles whose presidents are Selwyn students: the Cambridge University Samulnori Society and the Cambridge University Recorder Ensemble. In addition to the above, we have continued the traditional staple events of each term, such as the Fresher's Squash, an outstanding freshers' recital and evening of choir solos. We also began Lent Term 2026 with a committee concert which gave our committee members an opportunity to perform. Over the year, we have led a successful series of organ recitals, with performers ranging from University organ scholars to professional cathedral musicians.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to this year's committee. Their hard work, dedication and organisation has helped the efficiency of the society, and I am grateful to have been able to work with such a supportive group. I look forward to seeing how SCMS develops under the leadership of Kim Chin and the new committee. We wish them the best of luck!

2025-26 Committee: Junior Secretary: Magnus Chapman; Junior Treasurer: Jessica MacFarlane; Orchestral Manager: Elsa Chung; Publicity Officer: Louisa Paterson; Concert Manager: Kit Attwater.

Magnus Chapman

POLITICS SOCIETY

It has been another successful year for the revived Selwyn College Politics Society where we have welcomed students, Fellows and the wider Cambridge public to a series of events covering domestic and global politics.

We started the academic year with the former US Pentagon Middle East Advisor Jasmine El-Gamal. Her talk, 'What's next for the Middle East?', provided some much-needed contextual background to navigating the various conflicts. In November 2025 we welcomed Selwyn alumnus Vijay Rangarajan (SE 1987) back to the College. Vijay read Natural Sciences and completed a PhD in Astrophysics here before his career in diplomacy. He is now Chief Executive of the Electoral Commission and outlined his approach to overseeing elections and political funding in the age of AI and cryptocurrencies. He was in conversation with Dame Menna Rawlings, President of



Politics Society co-presidents Sid Fenton and Nicole Banas interviewing Lord Smith

Queens' College and former British Ambassador to France, in a wide-ranging discussion about what keeps a democracy healthy.

The new year saw fresh debate over the future of Sir Keir Starmer's premiership. We welcomed Claire Ainsley, his former Director of Policy and author of *The new working class: how to win hearts, minds and votes* (Bristol: Policy Press, 2023) to talk through his political options in response to Andy Burnham's by-election contest and the growing pressure on Labour's leadership. Lord Smith, Chancellor of the University, joined us in February to discuss 'A Cambridge fit for the future'. Recently elected as the University's 109th Chancellor, Lord Smith spoke candidly about protecting academic freedom, combating foreign influence on universities, the challenges posed by the rise of Reform and what a Cambridge fit for the coming decades should look like.

Our events this year would not have been possible without the help of Eleanor Voak, Lea Fink and Thisath Ranawaka. We are pleased that Shannon Wills and Kaj Bedford will be taking the reins next year, and they are sure to lead the society to a bright future.

Sid Fenton and Nicole Banas

PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY

Selwyn Psychology Society was newly established in Lent Term 2026. The Cambridge Psychological and Behavioural Sciences degree is quite unique in that its breadth across Triposes is unparalleled. We are offered papers across a variety of disciplines including but not limited to Natural Sciences, Sociology, Education, Criminology, Philosophy and Biological Anthropology.

The purpose of our society is to engage all years in much psychological fun and frenzy, involving a vast range of literature across different sub-genres of psychology: recommending reading, suggesting critiques and offering Selwyn psychologists a varied body of literature to draw from.



Matěj Čermín with the Master's dog, Genie, at the Psychology Society's welfare event

A main theme this year has been to share best practices, with third year psychos (lovingly coined) sharing their study tactics, notes and essay plans to help the first and second years approach different papers smartly. Sessions of collaborative statistics and coding took place in the bar. The third years also offered extra sets of eyes and feedback on formative and summative reports, playing an active role in encouraging budding academics! Lastly, active career discussions and feedback also took place across the years, helping students plan timelines for securing summer internships in labs.

As the year led to delving deeper into animal models for research and Pavlov's dogs, the psychologists found refuge from work by meeting with Genie, the Master's dog. As the year draws to a close, we bid the graduating third years adieu and excitedly await the incoming first years, hoping to build a stronger and ever growing psychology community.

Plans for next year include a wider audience including the NatScis, HSPSers, and Education students, securing funds to host speakers, and working with the University Psychology Society to run practical applications of psychology. However, for now, we hope the psychos will use the summer to recover from what was a really studious and productive Easter Term.

2026-27 Committee: President: Matěj Čermín; Secretary: Mia Ektvedt-Rock; Treasurer: Elizabeth Melhuish-Bolton

Aryan Misra



Part five

Alumni

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

Around this time in 2025 we launched an appeal to raise £2.5 million for the Ann's Court North project, which will complete the final part of the prestigious Ann's Court development. As this edition of the *Calendar* went to press, we had almost reached our target, so hopefully by the time you read this the job will be done, which would be a brilliant result. We have had a great response from alumni and friends, with contributions from more than 300 individuals, including an outstanding seven-figure gift from Andrew Barnes (SE 1978) and Charlotte Lockhart. In recognition of Andrew and Charlotte's generous philanthropy, the refurbished north side of the court will be known as Barnes Lockhart House. When it opens in summer 2028, it will provide smart, energy-efficient and accessible accommodation for more than twenty students inside a building that will look, feel and function as an integral part of the College.

The generous support for Ann's Court North was part of an overall fundraising achievement of £5.9 million during the past year, which is one of the highest ever totals raised by the College. On behalf of all of our students, thank you to everyone who contributed and helped to make Selwyn one of the best places in Cambridge to work, study and live.

Alongside capital developments, the last year has seen a significant increase in support for postgraduate and research positions that are based at Selwyn. Academic research is the bedrock of scholarly study and providing an affordable pipeline for outstanding graduates to continue their education is increasingly important. This year for example, we are pleased to announce new funding for PhDs in Medicine (Epidemiology), Physics (Science of Life) and Economics, thanks to generous support from Angela McNelly (SE 1976), Malte Janzarek (SE 1988), Julian Abdey (SE 1991) and the Read Gostick Foundation. There are various matching funding programmes available to encourage support of PhDs and MPhils across all subjects – so supporting research at Cambridge can cost much less than you imagine.



In July 2026 over 300 alumni and friends enjoyed a superb 'Singing in the Gardens' from the Chapel Choir.

Equally important to any financial support offered by alumni and friends is the tremendous level of engagement enjoyed throughout the College, which contributes so much to our thriving community. Our busy events programme goes from strength to strength and, in addition to regular online presentations, over the course of the past year over 2,000 of you were able to attend, in-person, events in Cambridge or London. We are always open to ideas for new events and this year, for example, we organised our first ever subject-specific reunion. In July, we welcomed back 120 medics for a lively get-together where guests from across the generations gathered, enjoying a stimulating talk from Honorary Fellow Dr Richard Budgett OBE (SE 1977) and generally appreciating the College's hospitality and the opportunity to catch up with current and former medical Fellows and each other. We hope to organise more subject-based reunions in the future, so please feel free to let us know what you think might be a popular choice.

Not all events enjoyed by alumni are organised by the College, and regular fixtures such as the May Bumps on the Cam also continue to attract the crowds. Thanks to the students' own fundraising efforts and the generosity of alumni, the Boat Club was able to buy two new, smaller boats this year, which you can read about on page 85. Suffice it to say that sport in all forms remains a hugely important part of student life and the College is pleased to disburse a wide range of grants that cover the training, equipment and kit needs of our students; thank you to everyone who enables us to do this.

Next year the College is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of becoming co-educational. In tandem with these celebrations we have created the Kathleen Lyttelton Fund. As you may know, Kathleen was the wife of Selwyn's first Master, Arthur Lyttelton, and a woman of considerable abilities and energy, as demonstrated by her active involvement in the women's suffrage movement alongside her friend Millicent Fawcett.[1] Our aim is to create a permanent fund that will broadly support the arts and humanities at Selwyn, and we will be sharing more information about this in due course.

Finally, in September 2026 the College welcomed my successor Erin Charles to take up the role of Development Director at Selwyn. It is one of the best jobs in Cambridge but also one that I am sure will benefit from fresh ideas and energy – and no doubt some new approaches as to how the College might engage with its ever-evolving alumni community. I am delighted to say that I continue to be attached to the College as an Emeritus Fellow, so my email address remains unchanged, and hopefully there

[1] For more on Kathleen Lyttelton see the Master's article on pages 50 to 52.

will be many occasions in the future where our paths will cross socially. In closing, I would simply like to record my thanks to the Fellowship and staff across departments, and in particular the exceptional team of individuals who were my colleagues within the Development Office over the years. Whatever we achieved was the work of many hands and brighter minds than my own, but along the way we undoubtedly had a lot of fun and the good fortune to find each other at Selwyn.

Mike Nicholson, Director of Development and Alumni Relations

DINING PRIVILEGES

MAs 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 evening, when we particularly welcome alumni to join us, and the details can be found on the website (www.selwynalumni.com). This is free for alumni and you can bring a guest to an MA dining evening, 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 evening, 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 evening and the dinner will not go ahead if there are not sufficient Fellows 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 may 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

2026

7 November	Celebrating 50 Forum
9 December	Selwyn carol service
10 December	London carol service, Holy Trinity Sloane Square

2027

11 February	MA dining evening
9 March	Patrons' High Table
20 March	Family lunch (Freshers)
3 April	1997 & 2007 reunion dinner
2 May	Friends of the Choir evensong & chapel supper
14 May	Ramsay Murray Lecture
20 May	MA dining evening
12 June	Lyttelton Dinner
6 July	Choir concert, Selwyn gardens
8 July	Choir concert, St Bride's London
10 July	1992, 2002 & 2012 reunion dinner
17 July	Family Day
7 September	1967 & 1972 reunion lunch
11 September	1882 Society lunch
16 September	1962 and earlier reunion lunch
18 September	1977 & 1987 reunion dinner
25 September	Alumni Day, 2017 reunion dinner & commemoration
28 October	MA dining evening
TBA November	Joint event with Sidney Sussex College, New York

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).

PART FIVE

ALUMNI NEWS

1961 **Professor Brian Dickey** has published his (probably) last learned history article, sixty-four years after his first.

1967 **Emeritus Professor Iain Davidson** has published *Art or Scribbles? In the Eye of the Beholder: The Evolutionary Emergence of Visual Communication* (Cham: Springer Nature, 2025).

1968 **Paul Finch** was appointed CBE in the New Year Honours 2026 for services to architecture. He has had editorial roles with key architectural magazines, chaired the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, and established the World Architecture Festival in 2008.

1968 **Robert Lewis** died in 2021 just after the book contract with Routledge for *Female Football Spectators in Britain 1863-1939: A Historical Analysis* was signed. Publication still went ahead, with help from Professor Dilwyn Porter of De Monfort University, and the book appeared in 2023.

1968 **Peter Lunoe** continues to enjoy being structural adviser to St Albans Diocese.

1970 **The Reverend Oriel Alby** was made an honorary canon in the Diocese of George, South Africa, in March 2025.

1970 **John Whittaker** was appointed chair of trustees at the City of Wells Almshouses charity and stood down as trustee at Amica Care Trust after nine years' service.

1971 **Dr Stephen Rayner** is an honorary research fellow at the Manchester Institute of Education, University of Manchester.

1976 **Professor Philippa Browning** is retiring from the University of Manchester after over forty years but will continue as Professor Emerita in Astrophysics.

1977 **Michael Maggs** continues as chair of the trustees of Frome Museum.

1977 **Dr Mario Petrucci** published a book of poems, *Beloved: 81 Poems from Hafez* (Hexham: Bloodaxe Books, 2018).

1977 **The Reverend Dr Liz Varley (née Trim)** is now retired and settling into Stuart Court Retirement Community 'for those who have served the Church of England'.

1979 **The Right Reverend Dr Graham Kings** published 'Three founders of libraries in late antiquity: insights for reconciliation, mission and world Christianity', in *Connecting Christianities*, ed. by Muthuraj Swamy and Jenny Leith (Leiden: Brill, 2026), and led an ordination retreat for the Diocese of Rochester in June 2026.

1979 **The Reverend Dr Brian Leathard** was appointed MBE in the New Year Honours 2026 for services to Kensington and Chelsea community. Recently retired as rector of St Luke's and Christ Church, Chelsea, he chaired Glass Door, London's largest emergency winter night shelters.

1979 **Professor Fiona Macleod** continues to teach Process Safety at Sheffield University and write engineering thrillers under the pen name Fiona Erskine.

1979 **Tony Ploszajski** has published *The Birds of Bedfordshire* (Beds Natural History Society, 2025).

1980 **Dr David Leitch** was appointed chair of the Board of Trustees, Alliance Française of Glasgow, in March 2025 and has been a member of the choir of St Bride's Episcopal Church, Hyndland, Glasgow, since autumn 2021.

1981 **Dr Malcolm Baines** edited a special issue of the *Journal of Liberal History*, (Issue 127, Summer 2025), on 'The Survival of the Liberal Party, 1931-1960'.

1981 **Matthew Peppitt** has retired after over forty years in the tax profession and served as Master of the Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers for 2025-26.

1981 **Dr Andrew Trevett** was appointed MBE in the New Year Honours 2026 for his work at the Orkney Hyperbaric Chamber, one of only two in Scotland, and his service as a GP at Stromness Surgery.

1982 **Dr Crispin Hales** hit eighty, with fifty-five years of professional mechanical engineering; he is still providing semi-annual 'Safety in Design' lectures at Northwestern University and reviewing student design projects.

1982 **Andrew Low** was nominated for a Pringle Award in 2025 for a poem 'Collective Considerations' on the Creative Corner of the Rethink Mental Illness website.

1985 **The Reverend Liz Carnelley**, lately Director of Partnerships and of Near Neighbours, Church Urban Fund, was appointed OBE for services to community cohesion.

1985 **Michael Colyer** was awarded the Personal Finance Society Protection Advice Specialist of the Year 2025-26. He is now the only financial adviser to be awarded all three technical accolades and chartered Financial Planner of the Year.

1985 **Peter Hutton** joined the boards of Wembley Stadium, the Rugby League, Professional Triathlon Organisation and the Saudi professional football league, and chaired the cricket world cup.

1985 **Brigadier Justin Maciejewski** left the National Army Museum, Chelsea, after eight years as Director and is now a defence consultant in central Europe. He was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland in 2026.

1985 **Mark Temple** was appointed Deputy Bailiff of Jersey in January 2026.

1986 **Tim Cutts** completed thirty years at the National Library of Wales in 2025, where he continues to work as rare books curator; he was admitted to the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales.

1986 **Professor Chris Hilson** has published a fully open-access book, *A Research Agenda for Environmental Law*, co-edited with Professor Josephine van Zeben (Northampton: Edward Elgar, 2025).

1986 **Dr Mark Weatherall** delivered the 2026 FitzPatrick Lecture at the Royal College of Physicians, London, on 'The uses of the history of medicine, 1726-2026'.

1989 **Jane Stevens (née Bailey)** was appointed His Majesty's Ambassador to Iceland from September 2026.

1991 **Dr Duncan Barker** was awarded the IChemE Hanson Medal in December 2025 and was appointed Senior Industry Specialist (Energy) at IFC (part of World Bank Group) based in Vienna from December 2025.

1991 **Dr Patrick Carter** was elected President of the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO).

1991 **Her Honour Judge Emma Nott** was appointed Honorary King's Counsel in March 2026.

1991 **Nick Pickard** was appointed His Majesty's Ambassador to Austria from July 2026 and was appointed CMG in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours.

PART FIVE

1991 **Siân Walters** published a book entitled *Still-life* (London: National Gallery, 2026) and became honorary chair of the International Art Council for Artemisia Gold, a charity dedicated to identifying, restoring and exhibiting artwork by women. She presented *Beyond the Brush*, a six-part documentary series on Sky Arts.

1996 **Dr Steven Bryan** published his third book, *The Visible Word of the Unseen God: Reading John Among Rivals Old and New* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2025).

2000 **David Cockayne** will return to Selwyn in October 2026 to undertake a part-time PhD in Historical Geography examining the photographic works of Vittorio Sella and how we see mountains.

2000 **The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Raymont**, a former Bye-Fellow, has joined the Council for the National Trust of Western Australia, representing the Royal Western Australian Historical Society, as well as becoming a committee member of the nationally acclaimed Mandorla Art Award for Christian Art.

2001 **Andy Geers** has recently relocated to Fife, having finally launched the Bible video game that he had dreamed of since graduation, *The Serpent & the Seed*.

2001 **Wes Streeting** was appointed Secretary of State for Defence in July 2026.

2002 **Russell Mascarenhas** has been appointed co-chair of Boost, Lloyds Banking Group's social mobility network, helping to break down barriers and unlock potential.

2007 **Dr Ethan Sanders** has published *Building the African Nation: The African Association and Pan-Africanism in Twentieth Century East Africa* (Cambridge University Press, 2025).

2010 **Dr Ed Pyzer-Knapp** recently won the Royal Society of Chemistry's Interdisciplinary Prize 'for uniting chemistry, physics and artificial intelligence into a powerful new approach for molecular discovery and innovation'.

2012 **Andrew Smith** was awarded the Young Structural Engineering Professional Award for 2025 in recognition of his contributions to the industry by The Institution of Structural Engineers, the professional body in his field.

2017 **David Heinze** passed the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists examination in July 2025 and was awarded the Turpin-Durrant and Dixon Prizes. He received the diploma from the RCO President and Selwyn's Director of Music, Sarah MacDonald, during a conferment ceremony at Southwark Cathedral in March 2026.

2017 **Ruthy Mason** has published her debut novel, *Death Do Us* (London: Little, Brown, 2026).

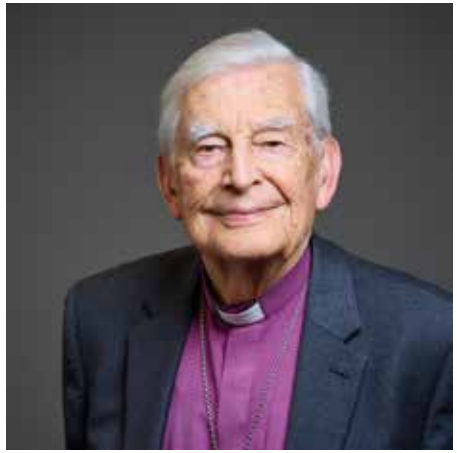
2019 **Roger Hirst**, Essex Police Commissioner, was appointed MBE in the New Year Honours 2026 for services to policing and community safety.

2021 **Tim Hire** captained the Cambridge team in the Varsity Sailing Match in June-July 2025 and was in the successful cuppers team at Grafham Water.

2022 **Jessica Ellis** is studying for a Masters in Oboe Performance at the Royal Academy of Music and is working professionally with the Royal Northern Sinfonia. She appeared at the Aldeburgh Festival in 2026 with the Knussen Chamber Orchestra.

OBITUARIES

The Right Reverend Lord Harries of Pentregarth (1958, Honorary Fellow 1998-2026)



Richard Douglas Harries, who died in his ninetieth year, came up to Selwyn to read Theology, graduating in 1961. Forty years after his matriculation he was elected an Honorary Fellow. Sir David Harrison, then Master, noted that 'he had shown steady courage in facing desperately difficult moral issues in the public arena that bishops cannot avoid today'.

Harries served as Bishop of Oxford from 1987 until his retirement at the age of seventy in 2006. He was given a life peerage in the Queen's Birthday Honours that summer, sitting, as a crossbencher, as Baron Harries of Pentregarth, of Ceinewydd in the county of Dyfed. In June 2006 he was also appointed to the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved for a period of five years. He spoke often after careful and assiduous preparation in the House of Lords until a few weeks before his death on 29 April 2026 following a short illness.

In the months before he died, he spoke to the Crime and Policing Bill (four times), the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill (three times) and in the debate over the Anti-Muslim Non-Statutory Definition (on 12 March). His final contributions in the Lords came in the debates surrounding the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, when he intervened three times. His longer speech was also his last, on 27 March 2026, before the Easter Recess. He concluded with a stark warning: 'But soon I fear, it will develop into something more sinister – an ethos in which medical professionals are servants of the state, deciding for the common good, as they believe, who is to live and who is to die'.

Richard was born in 1936 in south-east London, at Eltham when his father was a brigadier at Woolwich Barracks nearby. During the war, when his father was posted to the United States, he grew up in Washington DC, before returning to be schooled at Wellington College where he was unhappy and felt something of an outsider. Like others before him and since, he took up long distance cross-country running and reading novels to alleviate his boredom and inner sadnesses. From Wellington, Richard went, at the age of eighteen, to Sandhurst Military Academy. When he was commissioned in the Royal Corps of Signals he served with the British Army of the Rhine, first at Minden and then, after a short spell back at Catterick, at Düsseldorf.

While there, he became friends with Lance Corporal John Halliburton, whom he found one day reading Owen Chadwick's 1957 book *From Bossuet to Newman* that explored the notion that change and development in doctrine was legitimate as society

altered. That piqued his curiosity. His interest in religion in general and in Christianity in particular had always been unfocussed – he came from a non-churchgoing family – but he now found he wanted to know more. Instead of taking up a place at Cambridge to read Engineering he wished to read Theology, as he was convinced he had a vocation.

Selwyn, where the Master was Owen Chadwick, twenty years his senior and former chaplain at Wellington before his time, offered him a place. He came to College in the same term that John Sweet was appointed chaplain. The following year Philip Crowe came up and later went on to be Principal of Salisbury Theological College.

Among his friends in College was John Selwyn Gummer, a younger man who had come up to read History. Harries and Gummer, who was the son of an Anglican clergyman, founded a Selwyn branch of the Church Union to present a catholic reading of Anglicanism against the prevailing Low Church opinion in College. As with John Halliburton, the friendship later ruptured over Bishop Richard's enthusiasm for the ordination of women clergy, but they found themselves in the same chamber years later when Gummer was made Baron Deben.

Selwyn had just begun a series of major changes following the adoption of new Statutes in 1957 that meant that it was no longer an avowedly Church of England college. Fellows, Scholars, and Exhibitioners were no longer *required* to be Anglican. The Fellowship itself was gradually expanded. Owen Chadwick had been appointed Master under the 1882 charter after two other clergymen had refused the offer. He was to take the College forward from the increasing isolationism to which its charter bound it in a post-war world. Whereas 32.4% of Selwyn graduates who had matriculated before 1945 went on to take orders, the percentage fell to 12.2% for those who matriculated between 1945 and 1969. It made it easier for the College not to admit second-rate minds who professed a vocation.

But change is often slow. As late as spring 1970 the Master was still writing round to ask whether any Fellows would object to the wife of a visiting preacher dining at High Table after her husband's sermon: 'she is very nice despite her monosyllables', Professor Chadwick confided to one Fellow. Beyond the spiritual influence of the Master and Chaplain, Harries found his real interest lay in what Donald MacKinnon called the 'Borderlands of Theology' which he explored through his wide interests in the arts, theatre and literature. From 2008 to 2012 he was Professor of Divinity at Gresham College, which offered him the opportunity to try out the ideas for several books on the arts, and vice versa.

Richard's missteps were few. He still championed Emil Nolde, the German Danish Expressionist painter and member of Die Brücke, long after he had been revealed as a violent anti-Semite and outspoken Nazi sympathiser. He was dismissive of the women artists in the Bloomsbury Group; even after one of our annual pub lunches, taken in the Cricketers Arms at Berwick in East Sussex, I did not fully convince him otherwise when we had a walk on the South Downs to reach the parish church of St Michael, a mediaeval church enhanced by the decoration by many of the group. The torrential rainstorm that caught us on Firle Beacon left Harries soaked, bemused that he had earlier chastised my carrying impedimenta; Sandhurst, he said, had taught him otherwise, as he gave up and sheltered under my golf umbrella.

Rightly, he was proud of holding a Fellowship of the Royal Society of Literature and he will be known to many both by his numerous books as much as from his broadcasting *Thought for the Day* over more than fifty years.

By the time he graduated and went to train for ordination at Cuddesdon College where Robert Runcie, later Archbishop of Canterbury and hence Visitor of Selwyn, was principal, he was engaged to Josephine Bottomley, a paediatrician, who qualified when he was in his title parish at Hampstead St John. From his time there, parishioners recalled fondly Sunday discussion groups after choral evensong in a local Spanish restaurant when Richard would be whisked off in Jo's open-top blue MG.

Something of Donald MacKinnon's expansiveness and his own discovery of Reinhold Niebuhr grounded Richard's ethical thinking and determined that there were valuable things the Church could say in the public square. In particular, he wanted to engage with non-Christian groups and hold public corporations to account for their role in society. Not all his interventions were readily accepted at the time but often yielded a later harvest. The Church Commissioners today are more responsive to challenges over investment policies because of an early, failed, attempt when, as Bishop of Oxford, he had sought to stop their investment in South Africa. This was not grandstanding on his part but derived from a deeply held belief in the intrinsic goodness of people, that he learned in the parish and found amongst his students when he was first (and last) warden of Wells Theological College and later Dean of King's College London.

His own attempt at undertaking a doctorate on the Just War theory, begun when he was at Wells, never came to fruition; he remained at heart a strong communicator and not an academic, writing as confidently of the Incarnation in western art as on morality in the era after the Holocaust. In the eighty-one endnotes for his memoir *The Shaping the Soul* he references more than fifty of his own books and articles.

Richard is survived by his wife of sixty-two years and their children Mark and Clare and by four grandchildren, a sister and a brother. In retirement, he had moved to west London where he served as honorary assistant priest in the parish of Barnes St Mary where his funeral took place on 29 May 2026 and where his memorial service was held on 30 October.

Canon Nicholas Cranfield (Fellow, Chaplain and Dean of Chapel, 1992-99)

Professor David Chivers (Fellow 1989-2026)



David John Chivers, who died on 5 March 2026, supervised and directed studies externally for Selwyn before becoming a Bye-Fellow in 1988, then Fellow and tutor in 1989. His contribution to the College and to the academic development of generations of veterinary science students was outstanding. Deeply committed as a tutor, he supported his students vigorously and, as Praelector, led generations of Selwyn students through matriculation and graduation ceremonies. He was promoted to a University readership in 2000 and a chair in 2011. He was awarded a DSc in 2002.

Born in 1944 to Rina (née Steel), a qualified teacher, and Felix, a chartered accountant, David went up to Sidney Sussex College in 1963 from Merchant Taylors' School. He read for a BA in Preclinical Veterinary Medicine followed by a PhD in Physical Anthropology. He studied howler monkeys on Barro Colorado Island in Panama for three months, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and, in the early 1970s, siamang gibbons in the Malaysian rain forests. This led to a lifelong concern with linking scientific understanding of primate physiology and ecology to strategies for conserving them – and a remarkable capacity for imitating the gibbon call. His PhD, awarded in 1972, was the basis of his book *The Siamang in Malaya: A Field Study of a Primate in Tropical Rain Forest* (London: Karger, 1974): all most appropriate for someone evacuated in wartime to the village of Marsh Gibbon.

David had married Sarah (née Black) shortly after receiving his BA in 1966. Their daughter, Katy, was born in 1975, the year he began lecturing in Veterinary Anatomy. He developed Project Barito Ulu in Central Kalimantan, in Borneo, with the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry. The project brought together international researchers and Indonesian institutions, and it anchored a large share of his later supervision of doctoral students.

In 1983, now married to Christine (née Mitchell), David acquired step-children, Daniel and Rebecca, and went on to have three sons, James in 1983, John in 1984 and Joseph in 1991. Joe Chivers recalled that his father 'had many loves in his life, not least his family and his vets; his love for nature, his many pets… despite his extrovert tendencies, he was a humble, unpretentious and self-effacing man. I don't think he ever recognised his own brilliance. His care and compassion for his family, friends, students and colleagues were extraordinary.'

David was a distinguished primatologist and conservationist whose work had a lasting influence on the study and conservation of primates worldwide. He was instrumental in defining the essential role of habitat in species conservation. Over his long career, he became president of the Primate Society of Great Britain, President and trustee of the Borneo Nature Trust, a council member of the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, and patron of Twycross Zoo. He remained a lively presence in retirement. He had been an active Gardens Steward in Selwyn and the trimming of the Boston Ivy in Old Court was brought up with undiminished passion at College Meetings.

David is survived by Christine, his children, step children and five grandchildren.

Jean Chothia (Fellow), drawing on contributions from, Katy and Joe Chivers and Hugh Shilson-Thomas (Selwyn Fellow and former Dean of Chapel)

David Bainbridge, Professor of Comparative Anatomy, St Catharine's College, writes:
Unusually for our department(s), David was a primatologist at heart, and immensely influential in the world of primate conservation. His teaching in the department was focused in what was then the 'Sub-Department' of Veterinary Anatomy. He contributed enormously to the 'Cambridge approach' to comparative anatomy – emphasising the causes and effects of interspecies variations, how creatures' structures relate to their physiological ecology, and taking great joy in showing that the textbooks are sometimes wrong.

I was particularly struck by David's scientific and conservation influence at the Festschrift conference held in the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience when he retired (2016). He supervised over fifty PhD students, often from countries where wild primates can be found. Not a few have made important scientific discoveries or risen to high office with direct influence over conservation policies. Many have gone on to lead conservation projects, training others and setting up reserves to save whole ecosystems containing primates and thousands of other wild species.

I cannot help but mention my own interactions with this amazing man. He was my anatomy supervisor for two years in the mid-eighties: much discussion, enquiry and hilarity ensued. I still remember the acrid pipe smoke which permeated his office and his distinctive scientific draughtsmanship. Bright and insightful as anyone you will ever meet, and with a unique way of dealing with the world, he was, most of all, extremely kind and thoughtful about others. I still remember how supportive he was when I myself came to work in Veterinary Anatomy. David was a unique, intelligent and irrepressible character – some might say 'force' – within the world of Cambridge biology. We have lost a great and kind mind, but the world has many more primates in it because of him.

Stuart Eves (Fellow, former student and David's successor as Director of Studies (DoS) in Veterinary Medicine) adds:
David was fierce in protection of the veterinary course and his students. He always believed that his students could excel. His style as DoS was one of clear expectations that you needed to work hard but enjoy everything Cambridge could offer. We all had our turn responding to gibbon calls as part of his after-dinner performances. He was unashamedly direct, saying it as he saw it. However, he was never more forceful than when protecting his students. He loved teaching Anatomy, not simply as a subject but as a discipline. His diagrams still sit in my office and I suspect all past students will recognise the fact that he would never draw a single line when twenty would do. I also suspect that he never used the same abbreviation for a muscle, nerve or tendon twice.

Being mentored by David prior to taking over as DoS was when I really saw the hidden effort he committed to the role. He knew the system inside-out, being direct when it was needed and reassuringly vague when it suited him. Behind all the performance, there was a seasoned navigator of the system – guided by a very strong desire to do what was fair.

For those who may not know, his portable radio sat in his place in Chapel during his funeral. I hope this brings everyone a smile because, if a sporting event overlapped with a teaching session, meeting or even graduation, then the keen-eyed would see a cable running from his jacket pocket up to his ear. He loved to be just on the edge.

Dr James Chamberlain-Webber (1947)

James Anthony Amyas Seymour Chamberlain-Webber was born in Rottingdean, Sussex, on 14 February 1929. He came up to Selwyn from Ardingly College in 1947 to read Medicine. He was active in the Cambridge Union Society and became a life member. As a keen amateur magician, he joined the Pentacle Club, later becoming a member of the Magic Circle.

Following graduation, James moved to the Westminster Hospital in London to complete his clinical studies. He qualified in 1952. Initially, he pursued a career in anaesthetics. He trained in Liverpool, acquiring established skills using ether and chloroform and then in the emerging technique of endotracheal anaesthesia.

He did his National Service as a Medical Officer in the RAF, serving in Ely and Rostrup, Germany, where his met his future wife, Elizabeth. Subsequently, he settled in Brighton and became a GP until he retired in 1994. James died in Sussex on 21 January 2026, aged ninety-six.

James's uncle Leonard, brother Hugo and son Rafe all studied at Selwyn.

Rafe Chamberlain-Webber, James's son (SE 1979)

James Crease (1947)

James (Jim) Crease was born in Beckenham, then in Kent, in 1928. A happy childhood ended abruptly with the Second World War; evacuation to the West Country was a mixed experience. In 1942 Jim saw, by chance, a notice inviting applications from boys from 'all classes of the community' for a scholarship to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. His was among the first ten offered to state-educated boys. Dartmouth was a success.

During his first posting in the Far East in 1945, Jim applied to a newly formed electrical division. This included a naval scholarship to read engineering at Selwyn. Before coming up, he received the devastating news that ear damage from childhood measles, aggravated by working with guns, had disabled him for the Navy. The Navy, however, supported him through Selwyn, where he switched to reading Mathematics. He loved his time here, forming long-lasting College and maths department friendships.

After graduation, he joined the Admiralty Research Laboratory at Teddington, subsequently the National Institute of Oceanography, which moved in 1995 to Southampton as the National Oceanography Centre. This work, doubtless, resulted in more seagoing experience than if he had remained in the Navy. During an early research trip, working out of Malta, he met Mary Ewart, a teacher at the army school. They married and had four children.

Jim became a prominent British oceanographer, who pioneered work in physical oceanography, deep-ocean currents and marine data management. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, he and John Swallow, working off Madeira and Bermuda, demonstrated that the deep ocean was not quiescent but contained energetic eddies, the oceanic equivalent of atmospheric weather systems. The effects of such eddies are now recognised as a vital part of any quantitative description of the global ocean circulation.

The late 1960s marked the start of an unprecedented era of ocean science, in which Jim played a pivotal role in addressing previously intractable problems. The most fundamental of these was knowing your ship's exact location. Far away from land, the sextant remained the main navigational tool. In 1969, the *RRS Discovery*, with Jim aboard, sailed from Aberdeen bearing the UK's first seagoing computer (an IBM 1800 with a memory of only 130 kilobytes) together with one of the first satellite navigation systems. Jim, in his element, worked round the clock writing software and solving a myriad problems.

He played a key role in establishing the British Oceanographic Data Centre and made significant contributions to international oceanographic programmes, contributing to the development of global data exchange formats and participating in such major programmes as the Joint Global Ocean Flux Study and the World Ocean Circulation Experiment. His work has had a lasting impact on how oceanographic data is managed and how scientists understand deep-ocean dynamics. The National Oceanography Centre maintains a collection of his professional papers and research materials.

In later life, Jim settled in Chipping Norton to 'rusticate'. Actively interested in town affairs, he put his long-honed computing and data skills to work on an early website for the Chipping Norton Society and on data analysis for the Council's Town Appraisal.

He died peacefully on 20 October 2025 aged ninety-seven.

Kathy Haynes (Jim's daughter) with contributions from William John Gould, Professor Emeritus at the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton

The Reverend John Jacob (1947)

John Jacob, born in 1926, was brought up in the Liverpool vicarage of his father, Lionel, until evacuated with his younger brother to Bangor. He was called up in 1942, to serve as a 'Bevin Boy' working in the Heanor mine in the Derby-Notts coalfield as part of Ernest Bevin's scheme to relieve the country's acute energy crisis.

John came up to Selwyn in 1947 to read Theology. He was ordained deacon in 1952. His vocation took him to mining and poor urban communities. In the mid 1960s, John, an ecumenicist and a pacifist, moved to the Manor Estate in Sheffield. There he remained until 1982, developing and leading a team ministry that brought together large parishes, which included tough council estates and much low-grade housing stock. His final parish, Waddington in Lincolnshire, was the home of RAF Waddington.

In retirement, he and his wife Jean moved to Manormead in Surrey, where Jean's parents had lived. Jean died in 2005 and John lived alone in Manormead until he met and, at the age of ninety two, married, Brenda.

John died on 12 April 2025. He leaves three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Adapted from an obituary in the Church Times

Dr James Bland (1948)

James Albert (Jim) Bland, born on 19 August 1928, attended the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. He came up to Selwyn in 1948 to read Natural Sciences (Physics) following two year's National Service in the RAF, where he had worked with radar. He then stayed on, after the award of his degree, for research in crystallography in the Cavendish Laboratory. He delivered a well-received paper, 'Perfection and Symmetry in Nature', to the College Science Club, hosted by Dr Cott.

Following the award of his PhD in 1958, he was employed in Mines and Technical Surveys with the National Research Council of Canada in Ottawa. He subsequently worked at ICI and Metal Box. In October 1954, while still a research student, he had married his beloved wife Jillian, known as Jill. With her, he built a life rich in love and exploration. They raised three children.

With heavy hearts, we share the sad news that Jim died on 15 March 2026. He was a man defined not only by his remarkable intelligence but by a quiet curiosity and gentle sense of humour that touched all who knew him. He will be deeply missed. His presence brought warmth and thoughtfulness to colleagues, friends, and family alike. He is survived by his sister, daughters and grandchildren who will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

Jim's family

Neil Burgess (1950)

Neil Burgess, who was born on 9 March 1931, came up to Selwyn on a scholarship to read Modern Languages in 1950. His son, Mark, was always surprised that a few years at Selwyn could have made such a lifelong impression on Neil. He enjoyed the camaraderie, intellectual challenge, such ceremonies as the formal dinners, and having to wear a 'gown in town'. He loved cycling. He kept for seventy years, as a treasured memento, a letter from the Dean, reprimanding him for leaving his bicycle outside the College. He did complain about how small his degree certificate was (about A5 size), when he had worked so hard for it, especially compared to the modern-day (A4 size) Cambridge certificates.

Neil's command of languages was impressive. He loved visiting France and Germany and was asked, on several occasions, if he was a native speaker. He also studied Russian and helped test vocabulary for members of the Army who had been sent on a crash course to learn Russian; if they failed to pass the real test, they were sent back to the Army.

After Cambridge, Neil worked in education, which he found rewarding. He was blessed with four children and six grandchildren, one of whom now works at Sidney Sussex College. The family is pleased that Selwyn is such an open college. On a recent visit we identified the exact location, in front of the Hall, which he called the Refectory, where Neil's matriculation photograph was taken with other students, over seventy years ago.

Neil died on 16 June 2021.

Mark Burgess (*Neil's son*)

The Reverend Geoffrey Rider (1950)

Our dear dad died peacefully after a short illness on 19 December 2025, aged ninety-six.

Geoffrey Rider was born in 1929 in the West Yorkshire village of Drighlington. He excelled at Batley Grammar School before winning a county scholarship to Selwyn, although his arrival in Cambridge was delayed in 1948 by National Service. This involved two years in the Intelligence Corps in London, a period in which his spare time was spent writing cryptic crosswords – subsequently a lifelong pursuit – as well as playing cricket for the Foreign Office. He was amused by the notion of 'friendly' cricket matches, a concept which simply didn't exist in Yorkshire. He matriculated in 1950 and soon became involved with the College boat club, becoming secretary in 1951-2 and second captain in 1952-3. He loved his time at Cambridge, and Selwyn remained very dear to him throughout his life. Graduating in History in 1953, he then trained for the priesthood at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. During a mission to London's East End he met Joan, his 'beloved wife-to-be'. They were married in 1957 and a little later he was appointed vicar of St John's, Cleckheaton.

In 1967, by now with four young children and feeling that the life of a parish priest was not for him, he and Joan moved to London, where he trained as a teacher. In 1970 he joined the City of London School and spent the next twenty years teaching history and politics. He specialised in American politics which, as he said only a few months before he died, was 'considerably less mad than it is now, thankfully'. He was also chairman of the Common Room and coached rowing, with many Saturday mornings spent negotiating the Thames towpath by bicycle. Throughout their many years in London both mum and dad were deeply involved in St Matthew's church in Wimbledon, where dad felt he 'could be the priest God had called'.

His retirement in 1990 might have brought more cricket watching at Lords – he was by now an MCC member – but he and mum surprised everyone by moving to South Africa. He served for three years as succentor on the staff of Kimberley Cathedral, wanting to play even a small part in the new post-apartheid world. They made many good friends in Kimberley and shared their joy in the election of Nelson Mandela as president in 1994.

Returning to England, they eventually moved back to Yorkshire – to Ripon, where his calling brought him to the cathedral as an honorary canon. There followed twenty-five happy years in North Yorkshire, and dad lived independently and contentedly after mum died in 2016. His was a world of books, music, poetry and prayer, as well as following both the triumphs and disasters of England's cricket and rugby teams. A large congregation gathered for his funeral in the cathedral where, as an old friend said, 'we gave thanks for his long life and ministry, his love of family and friends, his humility, wisdom, humour and Christian spirituality. We were privileged to know him.'

Jane, Nick, Clare and Katharine (Geoffrey's children)

Patrick Ground (1951)

Patrick Ground was born on 9 August 1932, the elder of two sons of Elizabeth (née Irving) and Reginald Ground, an insurance loss adjuster, who left home when Patrick was three. The boys were brought up by their mother and maternal grandparents in straightened circumstances that qualified them for free school meals. There were

frequent evacuations during the war years but, after the family settled in Dagenham, Patrick won a place at Beckenham and Penge County Grammar School. He came up to Selwyn in 1951 to read Modern and Medieval Languages. He played hockey and tennis for Selwyn, becoming captain of the tennis team and a member of Hermes. He was also secretary of Logarithms.

After graduation, Patrick served in the Royal Navy. He was commissioned and, in the Mediterranean, acted as interpreter for Louis Mountbatten among others. He also represented the navy at sailing and tennis. He then moved to Magdalen College Oxford and took an MPhil in History. He thought AJP Taylor 'the best supervisor of studies I had at either university'. He became president of the University Conservative Association and numbered Kenneth Baker and Geoffrey Howe among his friends.

Patrick then studied Law and was called to the Bar in 1960. He took Silk in 1981 and was a bencher in the Inner Temple. His specialism was planning law and he was advocate in many high-profile cases, including representing the Greater London Council (GLC) at the Airports Inquiry of 1981-83, which considered Stansted expansion and Heathrow. While accepting the importance of Heathrow as a local employer, he opposed the building of Terminal 5.

In 1964 Patrick had married Caroline Dugdale and they had four children. Caroline's sister, Rose, an IRA activist, would, in 1974, be found guilty of stealing paintings and planting bombs in Northern Ireland. Both Patrick and Caroline, who shared his political views, were elected to Hammersmith and Fulham Council in 1968 and served until 1971. He chaired the Health and Social Services Committee working with the opposition on reforms, including the provision of social housing. Chairman of the Fulham Society, he campaigned to open Fulham Palace to the public and opposed plans to lease it out. He helped found the Daisy Trust, a community charity.

Patrick was elected Member of Parliament for Feltham and Heston (at the fourth attempt) in 1983. He was a prominent rebel against the government's plan to abolish the GLC as a strategic planning authority, which he saw as increasing the power of Whitehall. He thought the Prime Minister 'had a blindness about local government'. He also opposed restoring capital punishment. In 1987, he was made Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Solicitor General. He lost his seat in the 1992 General Election. He fought it again in 1997 but suffered a 15 per cent swing against him, after which he returned to his legal practice.

Parick enjoyed sailing and tennis and, following retirement from the Bar, took up piano. He died aged ninety-three on 7 April 2026. Caroline predeceased him in 2017. Patrick is survived by his four children, Andrew, Richard, Thomas and Elizabeth.

Andrew Ground (Patrick's son) with additional information from an obituary in The Times

Trevor Holmes Davies (1952)

Trevor Holmes Davies was born on 19 May 1932 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the only child of Harry and Minnie Davies (née Holmes) and was baptised by his uncle, a Primitive Methodist minister. From Newcastle, the family moved to Mill Hill and then, in 1938, to Stafford. Harry, a locomotive engineer's estimator, became assistant technical costs officer for the Air Ministry, and then chief estimator for W G Bagnall. Trevor's paternal grandfather had been chief inspector of police in Stoke-on-Trent.

After King Edward VI School, Stafford, where he made lifelong friendships, Trevor did National Service with the Royal Signals, coinciding with the young Kingsley Amis. He came up to Selwyn in 1952 on the educational scheme, to read Mechanical Engineering. Despite graduating with a first-class degree, he remained resentful that his mother and headmaster had overruled his preference for Loughborough 'where they made things'. At Cambridge he played bridge, football and badminton.

After college, he worked with English Electric in Essex and JTI Electrical Engineering. Here he experienced prejudice against Cambridge graduates and was exposed to asbestos, which caused later ill-health. He moved, in 1959, to Swansea University as a lecturer in Mechanical Engineering, again meeting Amis, then in the English Department. In the summer of 1963, he worked with Erskine Crossley in Yale on shared research interests in mechanism and machine theory. Back in Swansea, he met Frances Havis, a teacher, whom he married in August 1964. In 1966, with Frances and their one-year-old son, Paul, he spent a sabbatical year in Atlanta, working with Crossley at Georgia Institute of Technology. A second son, Richard, was born in late 1967.

Trevor finally made it to Loughborough University when, in 1969, he was appointed Courtauld Reader in Mechanical Engineering. Two more children, Deborah and Rachel, were born and Frances became deputy headmistress at the Convent School. Sadly, the marriage ended. In the early 1990s Trevor, on a sabbatical year, travelled to South Africa and Australia, meeting with colleagues in Monash and Sydney Universities, and Erskine Crossley, now Emeritus Professor, in Connecticut.

Trevor met Marigold Cleeve, a classicist, senior librarian in London University, in 1995. She obtained a post in Information Science at Loughborough and they married in 1997. Trevor had retired in 1996, becoming Honorary Research Fellow in the Wolfson School of Mechanical Engineering. He continued to publish academic papers, one of which was awarded the PE Publishing Award 2006 from the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

In retirement, Trevor played bridge, badminton and golf as a member of Charnwood Forest, the oldest golf club in Leicestershire. He gardened and walked to fetch his daily paper, *The Times* crossword being a particular pleasure. Despite asserting his atheism, his outlook was Christian. A kind and generous man, he took pleasure in theological conversations with Loughborough friends, who included Anglican vicars, and enjoyed attending Sea of Faith conferences. Always at heart a Staffordshire man, he supported Stoke City Football Club. A favourite visit was to Mow Cop Primitive Methodist Museum, near Stoke-on-Trent.

Trevor died in 2025. He will be greatly missed by his wife, four children and eight grandchildren.

Based on an obituary by Marigold Cleeve (Trevor's widow)

Neil Griffin (1953)

Neil Griffin was born in Preston on 31 March 1933 to Donald, a schoolmaster and wounded First World War veteran who had become a Church of England clergyman, and Helen Greenwell, a teacher. After attending Denstone College, he came up to Selwyn in 1953 to read Natural Sciences. An enthusiastic National Serviceman, he had risen to the rank of lieutenant.

Following graduation he married Patricia Coleman, a laboratory technician, in September 1956. He caught the boat to Cape Town in October for the journey to the centre of Africa and his post as a planning officer with the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland government. Pat followed a couple of months later, arriving at the docks with all their possessions. His first posting was in Gwelo (Gweru) where his first two children, Peter and Ann, were born. He moved to the Copperbelt in Northern Rhodesia where his third child, James, was born, shortly before Zambian independence. Now working directly for the Zambian government, he accepted a posting to Fort Jameson (Chipata). Peter and Ann were sent to school in the UK, since school in Zambia would have entailed trips to Lusaka along the Great East Road, 350 miles of pot-holed dirt track. As the Rhodesian Bush War intensified, James, too, having been at boarding school in Bulawayo, was sent to school in the UK.

Neil's last years in Zambia were in Lusaka, as Secretary to the Virginia Tobacco Board, while Pat worked for a multinational advertising company. One notable night, Joshua Nkomo's house, opposite theirs in Lusaka, was raided by the Rhodesian SAS. They raked the premises with gunfire, demolished the buildings and killed the ZAPU personnel present, who did not include Nkomo. Neil and Peter watched from the window whilst Pat and Ann hid in the bathroom and stray bullets chipped their outer walls. The next morning, Neil viewing the damage from the roof with binoculars, was spotted by the Zambian army, who were belatedly guarding the area, and was arrested as a spy. Luckily, he knew the army captain commanding the detachment and was released. He continued to work in Lusaka until 1988 when economic issues made staying on unwise, and he and Pat returned to England.

He and Pat, who had been active in amateur dramatics and tennis in each posting, then became publicans, first at the Ship in Shiptonthorpe, East Yorkshire, and then the Victoria Inn in Skegness. Neil 'retired', aged seventy, to Navenby, the Lincolnshire village where his father had been rector for forty years, although he and Pat still took locum posts in the licensed trade. He was an active member of the church and many village societies.

Neil cared devotedly for Pat when she suffered in old age from Alzheimer's until, in his late eighties, he admitted he could no longer cope. He visited her frequently in the care home. A sequence of illnesses in 2024 sapped his strength and, in early December, he moved for respite into the same home. He died there on 25 February 2025, shortly before his ninety-second birthday. He is survived by Pat, Peter, Ann and James, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Ann Sewell, Neil's daughter

Dr Malcolm Ballin (1954)

Malcolm Ballin, who died peacefully on 22 March 2025 after a short illness, two weeks after his ninety-first birthday, grew up in Newport, then firmly part of Monmouthshire. His mother Muriel was the daughter of a well-established Anglican family of teachers and opticians from Ebbw Vale. Archie, his father, was the son of Jewish immigrants from Brynmawr, and owned a succession of what Malcolm later deemed 'rickety' local businesses. Malcolm and his younger brother Michael shone academically at Newport High School and progressed, respectively, to Cambridge and Oxford.

Following National Service in the Royal Marines, Malcolm came up to Selwyn in 1954 with an Exhibition to read English. His family had wanted him to study Law but the College interviewers, mercifully, saw better. During his time at Cambridge, he began a life-long love of literary periodicals, editing the magazine *Chequer,* which featured early work by Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes. A lifelong liberal in the *Manchester Guardian* tradition, he was active in the University Liberal Club, the Cambridge Union and gained a half-blue in fencing. Bridget Rees, a friend from Cambridge days, recalled that Malcom wore suits, looked like a grown-up and spoke like one too – quietly and firmly, self-assured and a bit amused by the rest of us.

During a visit home he was introduced to Frances Roberts, then reading Classics at Girton. They married in Cardiff in August 1959. Twin sons, Benedict and Patrick, arrived exactly a year later. Two more sons (Rafael and Daniel) and seven daughters (Jessica, Miranda, Deborah, Rachel, Carla, Laura and Josephine) followed. They set up home in Abergavenny.

Malcolm became a graduate trainee in personnel management at Ebbw Vale steelworks. He and his fellow graduates were known jocularly by the steelworkers as 'the boy geniuses'. Following nationalisation and the creation of British Steel, the family moved to Cardiff and Malcolm took on management of industrial relations at Llanwern and Port Talbot. In 1977, the family moved to Surrey with Malcolm responsible for British Steel's Management Development. He became Principal at Ashorne Hill Management College. Malcolm was proud of British Steel and that, in its heyday, it created profits for society: 'the cost of one new hospital a year'. In late career, he was a member of its Pensions Board and stewarded the business through its eventual return to private ownership.

Instead of leisurely retirement, Malcolm returned to South Wales to resume his love of things literary. He completed his doctorate at Cardiff University and undertook lecture tours across Europe and the United States. He published two definitive studies on Anglo-Irish and Anglo-Welsh literary periodicals. A lover of the outdoors, he undertook voluntary conservation work at Coed-y-Felin woods. He welcomed refugee families to his Cardiff house and played memorable games of chess with them and his grandchildren. One of his grandsons, Dr Owen Tanner, said at his memorial service that Malcolm was remarkable in thinking more about what he could give than what he could get.

Malcolm is survived by his brother Michael, wife Frances, their eleven children and a multitude of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

Patrick Ballin, Malcolm's son (SE 1978)

Professor Bob Lloyd (1955)

David Robert (Bob) Lloyd came up to Selwyn in 1955 to read Natural Sciences. On arrival, he joined the boat club as a cox. He quickly distinguished himself by blocking the Goldie boat while turning, which incurred a fine for the club. When his VIII was placed near the bottom in the Lent Bumps, he decided to stick to Tripos work.

After graduation, he stayed on for research in the Department of Chemistry with Dr R H Prince. Having gained his PhD, he moved to the Max-Planck Institute at Göttingen, as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, to work with Dr Manfred Eigen. The period in Germany left him with a lasting appreciation of Germanic life and culture, and to subsequent academic connections. He then moved for a two-year stint to Northwestern University, Illinois, and to major transformations. Until this point he had worked on water-solution chemistry but now changed to studying gas-phase photoionization of molecules. More important, he claimed, was his meeting with Heidi, early one January. He proposed on 29 February ('Sadie Hawkins Day' in the US). They were married for sixty-one years.

He accepted a lectureship in Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Birmingham and began work in the new technique of photoelectron spectroscopy, initially on gas-phase molecules and, later, on solids. During this time, their children were born. Cara arrived suddenly in the middle of the night, leading Bob to a telephone crash-course in midwifery with a worried GP. All three survived. His son, Michael's, arrival was less traumatic.

After thirteen years in Birmingham, Bob accepted the chair of General Chemistry at Trinity College Dublin. Here he built up research connections with groups in Innsbruck, Munich and Berlin; the Innsbruck and Munich connections led to the discovery of mountain-walking which he and Heidi particularly enjoyed. Before he left Trinity he studied for a Diploma in Biblical and Theological Studies. He thought the abbreviation DipBits appropriate.

On retiring to Girton, he developed new interests through U3A and Madingley Hall courses. He had expected to continue his life-long interest in science and theology. Instead, he began a new mini-career correcting errors in the literature of various subjects; an advantage of being retired was that he no longer minded being thought foolish. After taking courses in Greek, he published – mostly in Classics journals – papers concerned with Platonic Solids and Plato's ideas about them in the *Timaeus*. He also demolished a creationist argument on evolution and thermodynamics. He was surprised and pleased when one of his Platonic Solids papers was selected for *The Best Writing on Mathematics*, perhaps a first for a chemist. His last published papers were in *Physics Education* and *The Cambridge Classical Journal*.

Until the Coronavirus pandemic he was a regular attendee, sidesman and clock-tower clock winder at St Andrew's Church, Girton. He died in December 2025 and is survived by Heidi, Cara and Michael.

Cara Lloyd (Bob's daughter)

Dr Michael Morris (1955)

Michael George Morris had a distinguished career as a research scientist, specialising in entomology. He was born in Bromley in April 1934 and attended Christ's Hospital School from 1944 to 1952, prior to completing National Service in the Royal Navy and working in a bank before admission to Selwyn. He read Natural Sciences, focusing on Zoology, played rugby, was a member of the Natural History Society and the choir, and won both the Borradaile Prize and the Scruby Prize in Natural Sciences.

After leaving Cambridge, Mike began work and study with the Nature Conservancy at East Malling research station in Kent, where he gained his doctorate. He also married Judy and, not long after, they settled in Huntingdon, with Mike now working at Monk's Wood research station, and started their family. In 1976, he gained promotion to Head of Station, which necessitated a move to Dorset and Furzebrook research station. In addition to his UK research work, Mike was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to support insect conservation on the island of Papua New Guinea and Irian Jaya, and he travelled widely in support of this and other entomological interests.

He retired in 1994, but his enthusiasm for insect collecting continued after his retirement; he liked to say that he was pleased he could now concentrate on the science and jettison the administrative side of working life! Throughout his career and beyond, he specialised in butterflies but also, perhaps his greatest passion, weevils, with his writings widely published and, we think it is fair to say, hugely respected. He was awarded a visiting professorship at Southampton University, became an honorary scientific associate at the Natural History Museum and, in 2017, achieved the Royal Entomological Society Insect Conservation Award, which acknowledged his lifetime achievements.

Aside from his distinguished scientific career, Mike had many other interests, including those that had been nurtured at Selwyn, such as rugby and singing. He played prop forward for the College and also his school old boys XVs, and remained a keen spectator once his playing days were over. He sang bass in church choirs and choral societies throughout his life, right up until a few months before his death in October 2025. He remained extremely fond of Selwyn throughout his adult life, being a generous benefactor and avidly reading the latest College news.

Mike led a full and active life, always with a keen sense of enquiry and adventure, and a great love of family. He lived through the tragedy of his two-year-old first-born son being killed in a car accident and his wife, Judy, dying at a young age just as he reached retirement; but he was a resilient and positive man – and a much loved father and grandfather – and is survived and sorely missed by his three surviving sons and his eight grandchildren.

Simon, Richard and Nicholas Morris (Mike's sons)

Sir David Ratford (1955)

Sir David John Edward Ratford was a distinguished diplomat and loyal Selwynian, whose life and career exemplified intellectual rigour, public service and humane internationalism. From humble beginnings, born in Chadwell Heath in 1934, he went on to reach the top of his profession and, in recognition of his achievements, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

A very bright child, he was born to parents who escaped the slums of Poplar in the East End of London to the Becontree Estate in Dagenham, conceived as a response to the pressing need for housing following the First World War. Evacuated during the Blitz, David eventually returned to Norwood in south London. He was an early beneficiary of the Butler 1944 Education Act as a bursary pupil at Whitgift Middle School and eventually a Croydon scholar, which later funded his years at Cambridge.

From school he entered the Home Civil Service in 1952 before being called for National Service (1953-55). He came up to Selwyn in 1955, the first member of his family to attend university. Selwyn proved formative: it was here that his lifelong engagement with languages, Europe and Russia was shaped, and he first encountered the Nordics that would later become central to both his professional and personal life. He graduated in 1958 with a first-class degree in Modern Languages and was immediately fast-tracked to the Foreign Office. His career spanned postings in Mogadishu, Prague, Paris, Copenhagen and two extended periods in Moscow, culminating in his appointment in 1990 as British Ambassador to Norway, a top-ten posting. He played a significant role in European diplomacy during the closing stages of the Cold War, serving as Under Secretary of State (Europe) and Deputy Political Director at the Foreign Office during the transformative events of 1989.

David was fluent in several European languages, including Russian and all three Scandinavian tongues, and widely respected for his deep understanding of European and Russian politics. Though he held some of the most senior posts in British diplomacy, David remained modest, thoughtful, and sceptical of rigid hierarchies, qualities that earned him affection and respect abroad. In retirement he continued his engagement with Europe as a translator and editor of Swedish political and academic writing. Throughout this remarkable career, he stayed grounded and true to the values instilled in him by his parents.

In 1959 he fell in love with Ulla Jerneck, who was employed by the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and posted to the embassy in Prague. They were married in Stockholm and their honeymoon took them to Käringön, a tiny island off the west coast of Sweden, where their children and grandchildren continue to spend their summers.

David was appointed CVO in 1979, CMG in 1984, and KCMG in 1994. He died peacefully on 2 October 2025, much loved and missed by his two daughters, six grandsons and two great-grandchildren. His last years were sadly coloured by the devasting impacts of Alzheimer's. A painting of Selwyn College graced the walls of his room at a nursing home near where he grew up in south London. One of his few regrets in life was that when called down to Rab Butler on his last day as a politician he was too shy and embarrassed to say 'Thank you, it's thanks to you that I am here'.

Karin Barnick (Sir David's daughter)

Bob Bee (1956)

Robert (Bob) Bee died on 1 August 2025 at the age of eighty-seven. After Mill Hill School and National Service, he came up to Selwyn in 1956 to read Natural Sciences. He then moved to Keble College Oxford for his postgraduate teaching certificate and, in September 1960, took up a teaching post at King's School, Canterbury, where he remained until 1993.

King's School writes that Bob was a conscientious, supportive and encouraging teacher of Chemistry. His cheery demeanour endeared him to pupils and colleagues. Friendly and sociable, he ran the Leavers' Ball for many years. There are numerous Bob Bee stories, often told by the man himself. His qualities were fully deployed when he was housemaster of Luxmoore from 1971 to 1983, supported by his wife, Martha, who was the matron. For much of his time, Luxmoore was on the New Dover Road but it moved to the Precincts in 1980. He thus welcomed the Queen Mother when she formally opened the new building in 1981.

A genuinely lovely man, Bob was an excellent squash player and an enthusiastic supporter of games of all kinds, but he will be remembered most for his love of cricket. A stalwart of both the Haymakers and the Harvesters (the Common Room XI on tour), Bob was a deceptively canny slow-left-arm bowler – 'a wily old Bee', said one opponent – and a dogged exponent of the forward defensive. His knowledge of cricket statistics was encyclopaedic.

Martha died in 2017. Their three children Nick, Andrew and Sara survive him.

Adapted from an obituary on the website of King's School, Canterbury

Philip King (1957)

Philip James King, who died in 2025, was born in Leicester in 1936. Having moved to London in 1947 with his elder sister and parents, he attended Beckenham and Penge Boys' Grammar School where he was head boy and played rugby for Kent schoolboys (losing his front teeth for his troubles). Next followed National Service, most of which was spent in Cyprus during the 1955 to 1959 Emergency. He rose to the rank of lance corporal in the Intelligence Corps, which required his signing the Official Secrets Act.

Philip came up to Selwyn in 1957 to read Classics. While here, he was president and secretary of the Mitre (now Mighty) Players and played for the College second XV as well as enjoying the occasional pint at the College pub, the Hat and Feathers (RIP), on Barton Road.

After Cambridge he worked first in local government in Kent before eventually joining the Midland Bank. He retired as a bank manager in Bromley where he and his family had lived for many years. He married Jean Dixon, a teacher and Oxford graduate, in 1964. They had three children, Sam, Josh and Susie, and eventually four grandchildren. They all survive him. Philip and Jean spent many happy times with their family in the farmhouse in the Tuscan hills that they bought and

renovated before he and Jean eventually moved to Manchester, where their elder son Sam lives. Sam read music at Trinity College, as, more recently, did Philip's granddaughter, Hannah.

A lifelong socialist (influenced, it was said, by his experience during National Service) and, according to him, possibly the only south London bank manager who was a member of a trade union, Philip enjoyed a long and active life until sadly succumbing in his last few years to dementia.

John Marriott (Philip's cousin, SE 1962)

Christopher Haig-Prothero (1961)

I first met Chris Prothero in October 1961 during our first few days at Selwyn at our initial Classics supervision. He had a modest confidence, an understated sense of humour and was entirely unconcerned with appearances. His long overcoat was unfashionable even then and his pipe was seldom absent. What stood out most was his genuine interest in others. He made a point of widening his circle wherever he went and remained throughout his life self-effacing and resistant to self-promotion: what you got was so much more than what you saw.

Chris was a keen follower of sport, but his principal focus was on the College Boat Club. His physical size as well as his nature fitted him ideally for the vital role of cox, and he excelled. After winning his rudder in the May races in 1964, he was promoted to the College First VIII for the following Lent races.

He went on to a distinguished career in freight transport and port management. Starting in road transport, his work took him widely across the north of England and notably to Liverpool, where he met his future wife, Jean Haig, at a folk concert. His ability to work effectively with people, combined with a talent for developing new transport operations, quickly led to several overseas postings. This marked the beginning of a lifelong pattern of working abroad, often accompanied by his family when circumstances allowed, and it fostered a shared love of travel. Christopher later became a well-regarded transport consultant, working in many parts of the world.

Family was central to his life. He and Jean raised two daughters, Heather and Jenny. The family endured significant challenges, most notably in 1990 when Christopher, Jean and Jenny were in Kuwait during the Iraqi invasion. All three were in hiding; after Jean and Jenny were allowed to leave, Christopher was later taken hostage and became part of the human shield. He rarely spoke of these experiences. In 2006, the family suffered a devastating loss with the death of Jenny from breast cancer at the age of thirty-four. With characteristic stoicism, Christopher bore these hardships, as well as Jean's death in 2017 and his own debilitating final illness, with quiet resilience and a determination to value the moment.

In retirement, the family settled in Cumbria and he contributed generously to his local community, serving on the Parish Council. Following Jean's death, Heather became his close support and travelling companion, and ultimately his devoted carer. Christopher died on 26 May 2026 and was buried with Jean in the churchyard of the village church in Great Orton (where forty-eight years previously they had been married) after a simple service which included an illuminating eulogy prepared by Heather.

Christopher is survived by his younger sister, Clemency, by Jenny's widower John and by his elder daughter Heather. He is remembered by many who knew him as a friend and colleague through a long and eventful life: a lovely man.

Patrick Taylor (SE 1961)

David Denton (1962)

David Dunlop Denton, born on 13 July 1942, was a man of quick wit, with a love of words, and – in later years – a determination to be unapologetically himself. A visionary in his work and sometimes a mischief-maker in his leisure, his greatest wish was to ensure everyone felt seen and understood.

He came up to Selwyn in 1962 to read Law, a decision that would prove to be the start of an eclectic and far-reaching career. Among his fondest Selwyn memories were College Chapel on the Sunday that followed Michael Gibson's rugby debut for Ireland against England in 1964; John Sweet's speech to the annual dinner of the Hermes Club, in May 1965; and the wonderful staff, always on hand.

After graduation, David left for Sweden to teach English as a Foreign Language on a year out. Four years later, he returned to Northern Ireland fluent in Swedish and married to Judy. His delight in language was life-long.

David began his career in university administration in 1969, first at Queen's University Belfast, and later at the New University of Ulster, before becoming Human Resources Director at the University of Glasgow. Over the years, he became a leading voice in equal opportunities. He worked on religious equality in Northern Ireland and gender equality in Scotland and advised on race equality in post-apartheid South Africa. His expertise took him to Poland, North America, China and the United Nations in Switzerland.

In the 1980s he helped turn around the Riverside Theatre in Coleraine, bringing in the Cambridge Footlights and collaborating with producer Bill Kenwright. He was a proud Lifetime Vice-President of the Glasgow University Sports Association. Following retirement in 2000, he chaired the Scottish Association for Mental Health for seven years, pioneering links between sport and wellbeing. He also worked with the Citizens Advice Bureau and served on the board of North Down Training Ltd, keeping its doors open for an extra two years to safeguard jobs and student support.

Beyond his professional achievements, David had a gift for building community. When he and Judy returned to Northern Ireland in 2013, they created the St Mirren Project in Ballylesson, County Down, offering a space for widows and widowers to meet after losing partners to long-term illness. He was a fixture in his village, tracing his family's roots there back nearly three hundred years, and known for making everyone feel valued. Family was central. He was fiercely proud of his daughters and, doting on his granddaughter, knitted her jumpers, introduced her to the corner

shop team like visiting royalty, and shared jokes that ranged from schoolboy humour to razor-sharp wordplay.

David lived by what he taught: be of service, live well, love fiercely and always be yourself. He died peacefully on 7 June 2025 after a few days in hospital following a major stroke. He is survived by Judy, his wife of fifty-five years, their daughters Joanna and Rowan, and granddaughter Morgan – all of whom carry forward his stories, quirks and irrepressible spirit.

Judy Denton (David's widow)

The Reverend Peter Lewis (1964)

Thomas Peter Lewis, who died in 2024 aged seventy-nine, was a devoted priest, teacher and sportsman whose years at Selwyn were a defining part of his life.

Born in 1945, Peter came up to Selwyn in 1964 to read Theology, graduating in 1967 and later receiving his MA. He valued the intellectual rigour and fellowship of the Divinity Faculty. Friendships formed at Selwyn lasted throughout his life. His time in College was marked not only by study but also by active participation in sport. A talented rugby player, he was a member of the Selwyn XV that reached the 1967 Cuppers final, one of the College's proudest rugby achievements. He was also a keen runner, representing Selwyn in athletics. In recognition of these achievements, he was elected to the Hawks' Club.

Following ordination, Peter embarked on a career in the Church of England that combined parish ministry with teaching. He served curacies and incumbencies with commitment but was perhaps most widely known for his time as chaplain and teacher of divinity at Haileybury College and later Abingdon School. He was appreciated for his clarity of thought, pastoral care for students and ability to connect theological study with the ethical questions of modern life. His vocation was marked by seriousness of purpose but also by humour and approachability, qualities that won him the respect of colleagues and pupils alike.

Beyond his formal ministry, Peter contributed to the wider community through preaching, mentoring and pastoral support. While rector of St Andrew's, Narberth, he hosted a weekly programme on Radio Pembrokeshire. This followed earlier broadcasting work with Thames Television and London Weekend Television in the early 1980s, where he appeared as a guest presenter on the religious programmes *Night Thoughts* and *Sit Up & Listen*.

Peter is survived by his wife, Mary-Jo, and by his son, Nick, who cared for him through his final illness. He is remembered with affection and gratitude by family, friends, parishioners and former pupils.

Selwyn played a formative role in shaping his faith, friendships and outlook. He retained a lifelong loyalty to the College and spoke often of the opportunities it had given him.

(Nick Lewis, Peter's son)

Dr Paul Ayris (1975)

Paul Ayris was born in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, in 1957 and was educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School there. He came up to Selwyn to read Theological and Religious Studies and later completed a PhD on Thomas Cranmer at Gonville and Caius College. His lifelong engagement with Reformation history culminated in the publication in January 2026 of *Thomas Cranmer's Register*, which, tragically, he never lived to see. In 2019 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Paul's career as a librarian began in 1978, when he was appointed as a graduate trainee at Cambridge University Library. He obtained an MA in Information Studies at the University of Sheffield and returned to Cambridge to work in the Scientific Periodicals Library. He then joined the Automation Division at the University Library and embraced the world of information technology. He became the founding head of the IT Services Department in the University Library, and oversaw major shifts in automation and early adoption of web technologies, laying the foundations for systems that would support the University's large and complex network of libraries.

In 1997 Paul left Cambridge to become Deputy Librarian at University College London (UCL) and within a few months he was appointed Director of Library Services following the retirement of the Librarian. He immediately began to display the energy and vision that was to typify the rest of his career, leading a change-management programme for the UCL family of libraries. His portfolio of responsibilities gradually increased. He became UCL's Copyright Officer, having developed a copyright policy for student work which became a model of good practice for the UK. His major legacy to the world of scholarship is undoubtedly his championing of Open Access publishing. Like many academic librarians around the turn of the Millennium, Paul was concerned at the restrictions on access to research articles imposed by commercial publishers and pressed for a new approach.

At UCL he became Pro-Vice-Provost in 2018 with an expanded portfolio that included the University's libraries, museums and collections, public engagement, Open Access and Open Science activities. He developed the UCL Press, which is now recognised as a pioneer of Open Access publishing. Paul relished his expanded portfolio at UCL but his influence extended far beyond the confines of his university. He was elected President of LIBER (the Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche / Association of European Research Libraries) and through his work with LERU (League of European Research Universities) he travelled tirelessly and played a decisive role in shaping Europe's approach to Open Science.

No-one who knew Paul will ever forget his characteristically hearty laugh. Gregarious but also reflective, he loved discussing ideas, which were always future-orientated. He was decisive but he would readily bow to alternative ideas if he was convinced. He was a gifted communicator, able to combine intellectual clarity with warmth, humour and generosity. He was also a great friend, a witty conversationalist, a bon viveur and a skilled cook, serving superb dinners accompanied by well-chosen wines from the specially-built store in his garden.

Paul was undoubtedly one of the most influential figures in the library world of the present century and his untimely death, in December 2025, of cardiac failure at the age of sixty-eight, came when he was at the height of his career. He will be greatly missed.

Peter Fox (Fellow) and Benjamin Meunier

The Very Reverend David Richardson (1976)

David Richardson was born in Townsville, Australia, in March 1946, arriving into a world just emerging from the shadows of World War II. His English father, also David Richardson, met his wife-to-be while working in Queensland as a Bush Brother – a far cry from his previous life as a Cambridge graduate and rowing captain of Selwyn College.

David spent much of his early childhood in England with his father, a parish priest. When his father died, the family moved back to Brisbane, where David completed his schooling. After ordination and two curacies, he returned to England to undertake a postgraduate Diploma in Pastoral Theology in Birmingham. What followed from 1976 to 1979 – a curacy at Great St Mary's combined with the chaplaincy of Girton College – involved much zooming along the Huntingdon Road on a moped. Girton was admitting men during that time and David was granted full membership, but it meant a good deal to him that Owen Chadwick also invited him to become a member of Selwyn, his father's college.

Returning to seminary and parish work in Australia, from 1988 David served for twenty years as the dean of two cathedrals, firstly St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, and then St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. In each, he developed strong congregations and led major appeals for the repair and restoration of buildings, opening up St Paul's to the newly built Federation Square. David's contribution to Anglican life was substantial. He served as Australia's clerical representative on the Anglican Consultative Council (1992-2002), spent twenty-five years on the National Liturgical Commission (including fifteen as its executive secretary), and was one of the principal authors of *A Prayer Book for Australia* (1995).

From 2008 to 2013, David returned to the northern hemisphere, serving as the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the Holy See and director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. During this time he was made an honorary canon of Canterbury Cathedral. He welcomed the then Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to the Anglican Centre in 2009, the first head of government to visit the centre, and played an important role in the planning of Pope Benedict XVI's State Visit to the UK in 2010. Just before his retirement, he was one of the Anglican delegates at the inauguration of Pope Francis in 2013. In his years after Rome, he took part in the Malines Conversations' ecumenical endeavours.

David touched the lives of many. He was warm and genuinely interested in people from all walks of life. His wicked sense of humour and skill at impersonations, the beauty of his language and preaching, the poetry brought forth so often from his prodigious memory, his faith and humility connected him to people.

He was a chaplain of the Order of St John from 1996. His services to ecumenism and the Anglican Communion were recognised with an OBE (2013) and the Order of Australia (2016). David died in Adelaide on 6 May 2026 surrounded by his family.

Margie Richardson (David's widow)

Anne Hill (née Blacow) (1977)

Anne Elizabeth Hill died on 26 March 2026 at the age of sixty-seven. A gifted pupil, she came up to Selwyn from Chatham Grammar School for Girls in 1977 with a scholarship to read History. Selwyn would leave an enduring mark on Anne's life in many ways. It was there that she met her future husband, Shaun Hill (SE 1976), beginning a marriage that would define the rest of their lives together.

After graduating, Anne considered a career in librarianship before discovering that her true calling lay in education. Following a Post Graduate Certificate of Education at the University of East Anglia, she embarked on a career that would define much of her life. She assumed her first full-time post at Bawdswell Primary School before spending many years teaching reception at Blakeney CE VA Primary School, where she inspired generations of children across north Norfolk.

Teaching was far more than a profession for Anne. She possessed a rare ability to recognise the potential in every child – always nurturing enthusiasm for learning and self-belief. Former pupils, colleagues and parents remember her positive energy and unwavering commitment. She believed deeply in the value of education and found joy in helping children discover their own abilities. She took the gifts she had – her natural empathy and love of learning – and devoted her life to helping others grow and flourish.

Her career was defined not by status or recognition but by the countless pupils she taught. A lifelong lover of books, she greatly admired George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, a novel whose central message that 'the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts' seems to capture much of how Anne lived her life: always offering more of herself than she ever asked in return.

Beyond the classroom, Anne gave much to her local communities. She led the Girl Guides as a volunteer, organising camps and helping young women develop confidence, independence and lifelong friendships. Whether as a teacher, friend or mentor, she enriched the lives of countless people through her compassion and selflessness.

Once their children, Emily and Alex, had flown the nest, Anne and Shaun settled in Upwell, Cambridgeshire. Here, Anne completed the last chapter of her teaching career at Hillcrest Primary School in Downham Market, continuing to teach with the same dedication and enthusiasm that had characterised her career. In retirement, they fulfilled a long-held dream of exploring Britain's canals aboard their beloved narrowboat, *Nouveau Lady*, enjoying countless adventures and creating treasured memories together.

Those who knew Anne remember a woman of remarkable strength and humility. Despite her academic gifts, she never used her talents to elevate herself; instead, she used them to help, encourage and serve those around her. She made the world a better place, and her legacy lives on in the lives she touched. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

Alex Hill (Anne's son)

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*.

1943	Laurence Hawkins
1944	Douglas Crook
1951	David Jones
1952	Alan Briscoe
1953	Ronald Fielder
1953	Anthony Latham
1954	Denis Flinn
1955	Edward James
1955	Philip Sulley
1956	Alistair Heppenstall
1956	Richard Otley
1957	Mike Barlow
1957	Tony Joyce
1957	Michael Lang
1958	Colin Boden
1958	Malcolm Lesiter
1959	Graham Grant-Whyte
1959	David Isaacs
1960	Nicholas Plumley
1961	Kenneth Lowe
1964	David Hays
1964	Thomas Lewis
1965	Surendra Agarwala
1976	Hilary Lade
1977	Michael Liptrot
1982	Malcolm Tyler
2004	James Watson
2007	Jonathan Riley



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