Master’s Introduction

It has been one of the most heated debates about Cambridge and Oxford in the past year. Are the ancient universities now conspiring against independent schools, and lowering admissions standards for state school students as a way of doing some social engineering? The Daily Mail published a headline claiming there was “a war against private schools”, and the chairman of the Headmasters’ and Headmistresses’ Conference said “alarm bells should be ringing”.

It is frustrating watching these discussions because they are based on an entirely false premise – that we, and the other colleges, would turn down someone manifestly better qualified than another candidate because of their schooling; or that we would deliberately pick someone ill-qualified for the tripos just because it ticks a box with the regulators. But happily the past twelve months at Selwyn have given us the evidence that can counter the headlines.

For a start, we still take around 20% of our UK students from independent schools. They are as welcome here as anybody else. But we have also become one of the colleges with the highest percentage of students from state schools, and it won’t take a mathematician to calculate that figure as being roughly 80%. The biggest single contingent went to comprehensive schools. We are racially diverse – around 30% of our home undergraduates are from ethnic minorities – and we exceed the official government targets on students from lower socio-economic backgrounds. So, as one of the most diverse colleges in Cambridge, how do we fare academically?

The answer is that we have moved up the league tables and we are now second in the whole university for the percentage of students who get ‘good’ degrees, which are defined as firsts and 2:1s. We are therefore getting better exam results than the colleges with bigger proportions of independent school students; and increasing the representation of the whole of the contemporary UK has resulted in stronger competitive achievement.

This hasn’t happened by chance. It has been a plan, inspired by the founding commitment of this college in 1882 to be a place that would increase educational opportunities for the less well-off. In recent years we have become pioneers of school outreach – sharing the message about Cambridge and Selwyn to students who might have thought “it’s not for me” – and almost every day I see outside my window the latest school party coming to have a look at what we do. Our schools liaison officers, one now based full-time in the north of England, visit pupils on their home turf and also spread the word. It was a significant moment to sit next to a student at a first-year supper and to hear him say that he had been in care for some of his teenage years and at a school without an Oxbridge tradition. But he had seen the opportunities that Selwyn had available – and he had made it here entirely on his hard work and cleverness. That is how it should be.

So we are in good shape academically. Our students are also as keen as ever to take advantage of everything Cambridge has to offer in sport, music, drama, journalism and all the rest. But financially, as our new bursar will explain, it is a less happy picture. As with everyone else in the UK, we are suffering from the consequences of the pandemic and then the surge in inflation which has pushed up our energy bills to unimaginable levels and driven up our staff costs too. We are acutely conscious of our students who are buffeted by fees and loans in a way that my generation wasn’t, and this in turn means that there is more demand for hardship grants. I always use this annual report as a chance to thank our alumni and friends for the support they give the college and its community, but I want to underline this year that you are truly indispensable. Selwyn could not envisage a long-term future without philanthropy, and it is the gifts and the legacies of past generations that guarantee we can keep going. The difference you make is visible in the college every day, and we can only plan ahead on the basis that your care for future generations will continue.

I am always encouraged by the enthusiasm that is apparent when people return to Grange Road. Our new and refurbished buildings are greatly admired, but what is most important is the ‘feel’ of the place – the sense that our community is as strong as ever. This is achieved despite considerable change. Students come and go, of course, but so do our staff; and this year we have welcomed a new bursar in Jennifer Phillips and a new chaplain in Arabella Milbank Robinson, along with a number of new heads of department. They have taken to Selwyn like ducks to water, and when they’re out of earshot, we often say our new colleagues seem like

Cover photograph: Martin Bond
they’ve been here for years because they’re already part of the fabric. Again, this is a source of pride in how Selwyn exerts its emotional pull. As someone who had barely heard of the college ten years ago, it is now the institution that has meant the most to me in my life.

We are clear-sighted about the challenges ahead. Making the case for Cambridge and for the UK’s success in higher education remains vital. That means, in my view, fewer internal debates – however fascinating they are to the members of the university – and more focus on what we can do for the country. There is astonishing, ground-breaking research being done in Cambridge; a visit I made last autumn to the biomedical campus near Addenbrooke’s showed the potential there is for university, NHS and science researchers to work together on projects that will benefit people across the world. This is serious work for serious times, and there is a powerful Selwyn contribution to it – which we see in our academics and also in our PhD students who are consistently breaking new ground. I was proud, for instance, that MCR member Hassan Sheikh’s work on air pollution on the London Underground made international headlines with a credit for the contribution made by this college.

Therefore our confidence in the future remains undimmed, and our mission becomes ever more important. Your contribution to that is apparent in the lives of a multitude of people and in countless different ways, so let me conclude by saying thank you again – and inviting you, as ever, to keep in close touch with us. Many of you will be coming to events at Selwyn, or otherwise my email address is rm725@cam.ac.uk and I would love to hear from you about any thoughts you have about the college past, present or future.

With every good wish,

Roger Mosey
Bursar’s Report

Introduction

Hello! I write this amidst all the excitement of the early months in a new job. This is tempered only by regret that my arrival signalled the departure of Martin Pierce, with whom I had worked in my prior role at another college. Martin retired early from Selwyn after steering the college through the pandemic and some major and innovative building projects, and I feel honoured to be stepping into his shoes.

I am delighted to have been chosen to join Selwyn in November 2022 as the new Bursar. I am writing this in the cold dark days of late January, and despite the biting winter winds which many of you may remember from your days in Cambridge, the beauty of Selwyn Old Court still takes my breath away daily. Even as temperatures have dropped I’ve been assured of a warm welcome from every meeting and event I’ve attended – from students, staff, Fellows and alumni. It’s clearly a great place to have landed.

Like Martin, my background is in business – accountancy at PwC, industry, then education (though a commercial variant owned by private equity – a very different experience). Following family priorities, I have most recently been ‘Domestic Bursar’ at Gonville & Caius – my own college in the 1990s – which I now like to think of as my apprenticeship years. It is hard to explain the byzantine structure of the University that Bursars have to learn to navigate to those not embedded within it – but what matters (as in most workplaces) is the community and support you find inside any organisation. As I’ve met first the Master, then members of Council and Fellows, and now more and more Selwynites in the form of students and alumni, I realise I have found a college that delivers on that promise. I look forward to meeting more of you over time.

The Finances

The college’s finances have of course taken a hit through the Covid years, with underlying deficits well beyond pre-Covid experience. Two things offer a cheerier interpretation of these unhappy results of recent years – firstly, that results are after over £2m of non-cash depreciation charges, where real cash spent on keeping our properties sound runs much closer to an average of £0.5m p.a. (excluding major projects). Secondly, that this followed nearly two decades of impressive endowment growth.
and investment in the college’s buildings, from donations and legacies not counted in the deficits on the page opposite. It is reassuring to feel that this cushion to the current economic challenges is in place. I’m grateful to the alumni and friends who, over time, have helped that happen.

The college’s investment portfolio was valued at £67.8m as at June 2022 (2021: £70.4m). The real drop in value was even greater – around £5.6m – reflecting the fall of global markets. The difference between those figures simply reflects cash destined to meet costs of the hostels projects being temporarily invested at the year end. The £1.766m transferred from endowment in 2021–22 (under our newly applied ‘total return’ accounting policy – which permits us to hold investments for long term growth rather than simply seek income generation) is an important contributor to the college’s stability.

My main challenge however still remains to move back towards the pre-Covid achievement of 2016 in which the college achieved an operational surplus, and to create a solid financial underpinning for an ambitious, forward-focused college. We have a long way to go and some structural issues to address.

In the short term, as elsewhere nationally, we are trying to balance the headwinds of cost inflation against constraints on our income. The government-funded undergraduate tuition fee has recently been frozen for another three years – and has already deflated by 15% in the last three years to December 2022 in real terms. Conference income is more within the college’s control – but staffing, especially in hospitality, is experiencing national shortfalls and significant wage inflation – which erodes financial returns, and forces prices upwards. Rents and meal costs for students are inexorably rising as a result and, like all of us, students are having to find inventive ways to make their funds go further.

An early task for me this year is to review the college’s cost base, and see what we can forgo in order to live within our means. People costs represent around half of the £12m or so of annual outgoings, and whilst most rises have already been held at 3%, we do continue to seek to pay the Living Wage to staff. This has the strong support of our student body who recognise the value of the domestic support they get during the intense period of their studies here, and the importance of a fair wage for employees across the UK. In many ways we are simply a large household, exposed to rises in energy and food costs, and we will need to look at what we consume and how we live to find savings. One recent example of these small steps has been turning off the heating in Old Court over Christmas this past year and requiring students to cluster for the holidays in Cripps Court – something I’m told was once common practice. So it is good to remember there is nothing new under the sun…and we can learn from our own past very effectively.

How else is the college responding? Where we can, we are tapping into recent, generous, hardship funding from donors to support students whilst we wait for geopolitical events to settle down, inflation to return to more manageable levels and government packages for student finance to become

“Without these bursaries, I wouldn’t have been able to attend many social events, such as formals and balls, which are an important part of uni life.”

“The top up bursary really helped cover the cost of rent and enabled me to have a full college experience.”
more realistic. I am especially concerned for the roughly 25% of undergraduates each year who already receive Cambridge Bursary scheme support, as Selwyn keeps seeking to widen participation to the best and brightest, irrespective of parental resources. The Dennis Elgar legacy gift cited in previous years’ Annual Reports has been really helpful here, as have other gifts from generous alumni. Postgraduate opportunities continue to benefit from funded studentships, and the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) funding agency at least have recognised inflation and recommended a 10% increase in grant levels. For anyone wishing to help in this area, please do get in contact. Finally, confidence in the steady stream of regular giving from alumni – evidenced again in the Giving Day in December 2022 which raised over £140,000 – is part of what allows us some headroom to gently moderate the pace of cost rises for those most in need, giving students time to adjust their finances year on year. Thank you.

Medium term though, we will need to make some shifts in our costs to allow us to continue to operate with confidence. The generosity of past donors has built a much more substantial endowment than a decade earlier, and we need to continue to use that funding effectively to match our essential outgoings on buildings, teaching, research and welfare, and make sure anything beyond that is only committed when we are confident in donations to support it. We are adamant that we do not want to erode the endowment’s value in supporting the college’s charitable purposes – education, religion, learning and research – for future generations.

Buildings and Infrastructure

Despite these most recent economic woes, Selwyn has continued this year to innovate and deliver improvements for student experience. As I arrived in November, the contractors were in the final throes of completing the well-publicised Three Hostels project – in which two existing hostels (29 and 31 Grange Road) plus one new purchase (1 Selwyn Gardens) were given a thorough internal facelift from an environmental and aesthetic standpoint. The conversion of the Old Library was already complete. Fundraising for these projects delivered £2.5m of the c. £7.0m total eventual expected cost – a magnificent contribution for a transformational project.

I was hugely impressed at the quality of the work, and even more impressed at the commitment Selwyn has shown in proving that significant environmental improvements are realistic within the UK’s housing stock. Other Cambridge colleges have installed heat pumps on larger scale projects, but Selwyn is the first I know to apply ground source heat to convert 10 bed Victorian hostels – projects we need if national targets for sustainability
are to be more than aspirational. We look forward to measuring the savings in consumption in our first full student occupancy year in 2023–24, and to sharing our lessons learned with other colleges.

Even more importantly, the experience for our postgraduate students in these hostels will be a sea change. One post to Facebook cited a memory of days writing up wearing a sleeping bag for extra warmth – I can’t comment on that, but future occupants will be kept at a year-round steady 18 degrees centigrade, yet generate 60% less carbon emissions from their occupancy. Glazing, wall and roof insulation, waste water heat recovery and lighting have all been improved to achieve this.

The Old Library, including an area for visiting alumni, is another rejuvenated space – do visit! The five new rooms on the ground floor have already helped us deliver supervisions to one student with access needs that we could not previously have easily met.

And finally, in the background, wider college estate refurbishments continue – with rolling annual staircase upgrades and essential bathroom refurbishments. We continue to look for sustainability improvements where we can. We hope in 2023–24 to be installing more (donor-funded) solar panels on the roof of Cripps Court, to bring in waste water heat recovery (learning from the hostels project) as a standard for bathrooms and implement reseeding plans for the hostels garden and Old Court lawn, looking at more drought tolerant planting.

Outlook

So – what does the future look like, to a new Bursar?

Selwyn, emerging from the pandemic, is full of enthusiasm and purpose. I went to the first Snowball in three years in my third week – and the students are as vibrant a community as ever. The short term financial challenges can be weathered, and the longer term questions are good ones – how big should we seek to become as a college to increase cost efficiencies? Are there welfare, sustainability or access support initiatives that need to move faster and further? What does the next evolution of the estate look like? Pleasingly, tripos results, admissions statistics and the high quality of research output from Fellows, reassure me that our core purposes – education and research – are being readily met.

As a counterpoint, we all recognise the impact of cost inflation in the last 18 months. Students, Fellows and staff are all affected personally. Making considered, but difficult, choices about what to focus on will be a major theme of my early years here. Seeking to regenerate collegiate conference income, which we use of course to offset the charges we have to make to students for accommodation and catering, is a high priority. I am grateful for the support of the college council and wider fellowship in considering these issues – and equally immensely grateful for the donations from alumni that help the college limit the impact to students from these challenges.

Overall, I come to the role feeling hugely positive about the future and Selwyn’s ability to continue to deliver on its promises to incoming students – “you will thrive here”. I hope to thrive alongside them – and enjoy watching their passage through this incredible place to become the wide, varied and successful alumni that we know the college generates.

Jennifer Phillips
A Year in Pictures
Having given a good deal of attention to Selwyn’s buildings in recent years, we thought it was time to see what might be done to improve the college gardens. Our beautiful grounds had been hugely appreciated during the pandemic, when marquees and gazebos were erected to accommodate all sorts of activities. Since then, the gardening team have been busy with the landscaping of Ann’s Court and embellishing the gardens in imaginative ways. Not least of these has been the provision of new trees and planting schemes, most of which seem to have survived last summer’s double whammy of drought and ultra-high temperatures. With the launch of Friends of Selwyn Gardens at the beginning of 2023, it’s now possible for anybody to contribute to the future care and growth of our green spaces and we look forward to welcoming many of you back to some of our garden-hosted events later in the year.

Some of you have already visited the new alumni parlour – a comfortable first floor ante-room next to the development office, which was created as part of the Old Library refurbishment. The ground floor of the Old Library has been given over to a suite of supervision and teaching rooms, together with a new home for the college’s rare books and archives, which are now much more accessible than was formerly the case. The alumni parlour is available for you to use during office hours and also on days when the college hosts alumni-facing events such as year group reunions. Here you can browse the growing collection of books written and donated by alumni or simply meet up with members of the alumni team and enjoy a chat over a cup of tea. This is your space, so please feel free to drop by – we’d be delighted to see you.

The Library and Auditorium Appeal, which closed in 2020, was by far the most successful appeal ever run by the college, raising more than £13m from over 1,000 donors. So it was with some nervousness that we took the decision to run another appeal through 2022 to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the founding of the college in 1882. Our expectations however were understandably modest and we focussed on securing some partial support for two important refurbishment projects; the Old Library and the Three Hostels. I thought if we could raise a million pounds over the year we would be doing very well. Once again however, the generosity of Selwyn alumni and friends confounded our expectations and by 31 December 2022 some 400 or so individuals had made a donation, contributing to a final appeal total of £2.5m – a tremendous result. Along the way we were helped by some unexpected legacy gifts, but overall, our fundraising success meant that alumni and friends paid for the entire refurbishment costs of the Old Library and a significant part of the Three Hostels project. A huge thank you to everybody involved. We’re pleased to record individually our 140th Anniversary supporters in the Our Supporters section.

What many of us had missed through the pandemic was the ability to meet up with friends and to attend live events. So throughout the year we made a concerted effort to encourage alumni and friends to join us at one of a wide range of gatherings. To this end, our smart and stylish Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium proved invaluable, providing a comfortable setting for a new range of hybrid events, where we were able to live-stream lectures and presentations to both in-person and online audiences simultaneously. I’m sure this will be the model for many future events and it’s a welcome development that, in addition to our students and the local Cambridge audience, we’re now able to regularly reach hundreds of alumni and friends throughout the UK and internationally who otherwise would not have been able to join us and participate in this enjoyable aspect of Selwyn life.

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“Once again, thank you to Selwyn and your team for the wonderful and stimulating events that you arrange for alumni. You have given us so much, especially in these past two years, and have helped us to stay alert and purposeful. So many of our friends envy us for what Selwyn does.”
you who continue to donate to the college year in and year out. This regular giving, often of modest amounts, is so helpful and increasingly important, especially currently when everybody is feeling the effects of a rise in the cost of living. A major source of the college’s income is student fees, and while the cost of teaching and looking after our students rises year on year, the college’s fee income remains the same – and is unlikely to change any time soon. This is a challenging business scenario with no easy solution. But your regular donations help us to meet the shortfall and ensures we have sufficient funds to provide the bursaries and additional hardship grants that at least 25% of our students require. In turn, they can get on with their education and make the most of their time.

One part of alumni life that seems to have fully recovered is the popularity of MA Dining which takes place termly as a guaranteed High Table evening but which can also happen on other evenings too. These evenings are always convivial and provide a relaxed setting for alumni and their guests to visit college and be amazed at how much Selwyn’s catering has improved since they were students. Although accommodation during term time is restricted, we do have some guest rooms that may be available should you need to stay over. Of course, dining in college and attending any of our events is only possible because of the support provided by staff in the other college teams and for which we’re most grateful. From the moment you arrive and receive a friendly welcome in the Porters’ Lodge, your visit will be enhanced by the hard work and care shown by our colleagues who look after the buildings, gardens, housekeeping, IT and catering. Their work often takes place behind the scenes and mostly you wouldn’t be aware of their contribution – but without their good humoured and helpful support, we simply wouldn’t be able to do what we do – and the college would be a very different place.

I mentioned previously the generous response from alumni and friends to our 140th Anniversary Appeal but I also wanted to thank a much larger group of

“I was in one of these hostels from 1966–68. My room was so small and cold, with a shared bathroom, minimal furniture, and a tiny electric fire. It was run by a Mr Witcher, so we called it the Witchery. It was still Selwyn though, so no complaints!”

Alumni, family and friends of all ages enjoyed perfect weather at the Family Day in July.
at Cambridge. In December 2022 we were able to raise extra funds for our students via the college’s first-ever Giving Day, and I would like to thank the 82 donors who in a little over 24 hours contributed almost £150,000 – nearly a third of who were supporting the college for the first time. Thank you.

One area that we hope to develop further is that of legacies, which have been very helpful in recent years. And while many of us may have little in the way of spare cash available for charitable purposes, it’s possible that we have assets, especially property, that could form part of a legacy gift to the college. All legacies to Selwyn are free of inheritance tax (normally 40%) and my colleague Sam Davis is more than happy to provide further information about our 1882 Society or discuss specific ways in which your legacy to Selwyn might eventually be used. Sam can be contacted at sjdd2@cam.ac.uk, or +44 (0) 1223 767845.

This is my ninth year as Development Director for Selwyn, and through that time we’ve had Brexit, Covid and now all the challenges thrown up by war in Ukraine. It’s certainly not been a quiet period, but despite the uncertainties manifest in the wider world, the college seems to be a stronger, more confident and successful place. This isn’t just my perception but a view I’ve heard expressed many times in conversation with alumni. Of course, Selwyn’s success is due to many different factors and the hard work of hundreds of people – but it’s also a fact that our alumni and other friends have stepped up to help in a myriad of ways. Cumulatively, your financial help, your friendship and engagement provide a bedrock of stability upon which we can continue to thrive and confidently plan an exciting future; and for that we are most grateful.

Mike Nicholson
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**SELWYN IN NUMBERS**

4250

The total number of alumni, friends and family that attended the 47 events arranged by the Alumni & Development Office. A range of events took place at Selwyn and across the country, including year group reunions, in-person talks, gallery visits, webinars and concerts.

270 Members of the 1882 Society.

1033

Total number of admissions interviews conducted by the admissions tutors for the 2023–2024 academic year.

766

Undergraduate applications received for the next academic year.

38

Number of countries represented by current postgraduate students.

750

Trees planted in the Selwyn grove on the Woodland Trust’s Smithills Estate, Lancashire.

£437,000

The amount paid out by the college for Selwyn bursaries in the 2021–22 financial year, up 48% on the previous year. Around a quarter of all students received some sort of bursary support.

6

Number of concerts performed by the Selwyn College Choir.

2

Selwyn’s place in the official collegiate university league table for good honours in the 2021–22 academic year.

1

New Bursar. Jennifer Phillips joined the college in November, taking over responsibility for finance, estates, hospitality and domestic services from the retiring Bursar, Martin Pierce. Jennifer’s background is finance, having trained in accountancy at PricewaterhouseCoopers, following graduation from Cambridge in 1999.

£142,000

The amount raised in the Giving Day. The money will go towards teaching and student support of both undergraduates and postgraduates.

3

Postgraduate hostels refurbished. The work included installing ground source heat pumps, underfloor heating and high-quality insulation to ensure that the properties are environmentally-friendly. They will provide more than 30 rooms for graduate students, and will be fully operational in the next academic year.

2

New VIII’s were launched, generously donated by Friends of Selwyn Boat Club. The ‘Ann D’ and the ‘Dave Matthews’ will benefit the women’s and men’s crews, respectively.

102

The number of schools visited by our school liaison officers. The college has two: Amelia Grigg based in Cambridge, and Dr Joe Stanley based in Yorkshire.
Our Supporters

We’ve been compiling a version of this Annual Report for a number of years now but it’s still a surprise to see the impressive number of individuals who donate to the college one way or another each year. 2022 was no exception and it’s with some pride and a greater amount of pleasure that we celebrate the nearly 1600 individuals who have been able to help. In recent years, every facet of student life has been improved by your philanthropy. Every single Selwyn undergraduate is helped thanks to your financial support – with those in greatest need receiving the greatest benefit. This ensures our students get the best possible start in their careers, whether that’s in AI, teaching, medicine, politics, finance, law or engineering – we know they will make a difference and hopefully help make the world a better place for all of us. If you would like to learn more about becoming a supporter, please scan the QR code opposite. We’re piloting them this year – feedback is always welcome.

As with past reports, the following pages record the names of those who have supported the college over the past year between 1 January 2022 and 31 January 2023. We are pleased to recognise those who support at Patron level and at the Master’s Circle level and above. Similarly, those who have informed us of their plans to leave a legacy to the college merit this symbol and those who have been able to donate to us for 10 years or more at any level are indicated by . May we also thank those of you who have chosen to remain anonymous but whose generous help is equally appreciated.

There’s a lot of data presented in the following pages and if, despite our best efforts, you spot a mistake, please accept our apologies but let us know and we’ll be happy to rectify it in the future.

The college particularly recognises the philanthropy of Sir David Harrison, our former Master who died in March and who had generously supported Selwyn over many decades. There will be a tribute to Sir David in the Selwyn Magazine, and a full obituary in the college Calendar.

On a hot summer’s day, we hosted a lunch for our regular givers.

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"I wanted to make a donation in my son's name to thank Selwyn for having been so fantastic. He had the best time, and we were bowled over by the warmth of everyone at the college."
Selwyn College was like family to me. I liked the friendly and welcoming atmosphere, as an undergraduate and also as a postgraduate.
“Thank you for arranging an excellent lunch. It was very enjoyable and it was pleasing to hear that the College was doing well. Three starred “A’s would have done for me in 1954!”

1974
Mr A Benson
His Honour Judge Booth
Mr A Brook31,1882
Mr N J Bucknell
Mr W S Cowell31,1882
His Excellency
Ambassador Professor
David Dabydeen
Mr J N Hirst
Professor J C R Jones
Mr M D Kettle
Mr A S Lake
Mr E B Lambourne31
Mr A E Macfarlane
Mr A R Manning-Cox
Mr J P Morgan10
Mr H A Rayment
Mr S N Seaton31,1882
Mr D N Tatlock31
Mr L Telford
Mr A Todd
Mr O J Traylor31,1882
Dr N J C Tyler
Mr D H Waters31
Mr F R Weston
Mr L N Wheeler
One Anonymous Donor

1975
Mr S F Adams10
Mr C J Barnett
Dr W J Bevan
Mr M J Brearley31,1882
Professor P M Brickell10
Mr A P Chandler
Mr N H Coates
Mr G J Croydon1882
Mr R W L Edwards
Mr S Ellis10,1882
Professor Sir D R Fish10
Mr J K Ford10
Mr M E Garbett10
Dr B P Henwood
Mr F P Herzig10
Mr B J Hornsby
Mr R J E Nicholson
Mr N Paknadel-Glessman
The Revd Canon Dr
M W S Parsons10
Mr J N Roberts10
Mr A B Rose10
Mr M J Scott
Mr N Spenceley
Mr S H W Spencer
Mr S P Summers10,1882
Mr R S Tromans1882
Mr M Weston-Smith
Mr A R Witkowski
Two Anonymous Donors

1976
Mr A C Wade31,1882
Mr P J A’ D Willis
Mr R H R Wilson10
Mr M N Wingfield
Dr P A G Winson10
Mr P A Wood
Dr P G Wood1882
Three Anonymous Donors

1977
Dr D R Andrews
Mrs K E Bensaid
Mrs R A Boyle10
Mr S K Butcher
Mr J H Cross &
Mrs S M Cross
Mr P Dickson
Mr P J Fox10
Mr J A C Greaves &
Mr P Howard
Mr C S Hyatt10
Mr I K Jackson10
Dr G E Jones & Mrs A
Stephens-Jones10,1882
Dr J D Kantorowicz
Mr P W Lake1882
Mr R Macfarlane31
Mrs C C Matts &
Mr J W Matts
Dr A S McNelly &
Mr N McNelly
The Revd R C Mills10
Mr A P Miskin
Miss J F Morrison10,1882
Mr P New
Mr S C Phillips &
Mrs S J Phillips10
Dr W R Pitt &
Mrs H E Pitt
Mrs R M Rowland
Dr R W G Scarlett
Mr M D Struckott10
Mr C Swift
Mr N A Swinnerton
Mr N J Wall
Mrs & Mr D Webe10
Mr H E Weston
Mrs R J Wilshaw &
Dr P R Wilshaw
Ms S M Wilson

1978
Miss B A R Allen10
Miss S Ashley10,1882
Mr R A Baron1882
Mr D J Beeley10
Mr S Broadbent10
The Revd D M Brooke10
Mr B Chesterfield
Mrs S E M Collins
Professor J S Dennis
Miss L H Dupré10
Mr N M Evans
Mrs R F Fogg10
Ms H J Gibbons31
Dr A J R Hudson10
Mr M S Hutchinson10
Mr G W Latham10
The Revd M F Manley
Mr J D Marsden10
Ms R E O’Connell10,1882
Dr T R Perrior10
Ms G E Phillips10
Mr D Potts10
Mr T J Ridyard
Professor N M Slepe10
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I greatly enjoyed the convivial drinks and the carols. I've been greatly heartened by the way Selwyn has 're-presented' itself over the last 25 years or so, and completely changed its image in the best possible way. I have never been more proud to tell people that Selwyn was and indeed is my College. Thank you so much to you, all your colleagues, and the magnificent choir.
“Thank you for a most convivial reception and an absolutely marvellous concert yesterday in Bristol. A memorable evening indeed, and a happy reconnection with the Selwyn community.”

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“I want to express my sincere thanks for everything you and your team did to make the Family Day so enjoyable. My wife and daughter were impressed with the hospitality (especially the entertainment and the catering). As a part-time (MSt History) student it was a real pleasure to be able to partake of College life.”
“Many thanks to you and to the team involved in organising such a very splendid and enjoyable occasion. I enjoyed myself hugely as did everybody present. I so appreciated the opportunity of catching up with old Selwyn friends and meeting younger graduates and undergraduates. How encouraging it was to see and hear about the flourishing state of Selwyn and its success in producing so many very distinguished lawyers.”
Over the past year the cost of living has increased for everybody and inevitably this has impacted on what many of us feel we can afford by way of supporting charities such as Selwyn. We are therefore doubly grateful to those individuals who have been able to make higher than average gifts to the college. The Master’s Circle identifies those who have given £10,000 or more; Patrons have made gifts of between £1,500 or over; Fellow Benefactors are those who have made outstanding gifts, usually of seven figures or more.

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In addition to the regular schedule of choral contributions to services in Chapel throughout the year, 2022 saw the choir finally able to give concerts in Winchester, Bristol and London which had been postponed since 2020. A new summer choral event, ‘Singing in the Gardens’, was also established when the choir gave a memorable mid-summer performance in Selwyn’s gardens. Look out for a similar concert this year on 27 June. Additionally, the public carol services in college and at St James’s Piccadilly attracted large audiences comparable with pre-pandemic days. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly a triumphant visit to Sweden, where our choristers gave a series of well-received concerts. All of these activities and ongoing training were facilitated by the support of the Friends; thank you. If you want to become a Friend and support the choir’s activities and ongoing training, please scan the QR code below.

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“The thank you for a most lovely evening in the college gardens. The choir were brilliant. The College and the gardens looked wonderful. It was good to hear of a return to normality for Selwyn – a great tribute to you all.”

The choir perform in the Rikssalen, Stockholm.
Friends of Selwyn Gardens

Planted at the beginning of 2023, this new scheme has attracted a healthy crop of early flowering supporters, which we hope will turn out to be perennials. The Friends have already been responsible for the planting of ten new trees in the gardens and our Head Gardener has all sorts of wonderful horticultural plans waiting to be fertilised by your donations and goodwill. So whether you enjoyed the gardens as a student or still use them today, please consider helping the gardens to grow yet more lovely by becoming a Friend today. For more information, scan the QR code below. Alternatively, please contact Sam Davis on sjdd2@cam.ac.uk or by telephone on + 44 (0) 1223 767845.

The Victorian Border, in the centre of the main garden, always looks its best in the height of summer.
A growing number of individuals are letting the college know that their legacy plans include provision for the college, which is much appreciated. Our Legacy Manager, Sam Davis, will be able to answer a wide range of queries and discuss how you might wish to see your legacy eventually used. Do remember that he would be more than happy to pay you a visit or to chat with you via a private Zoom or telephone call.

As a charity, the college can’t offer you advice about the writing of your will but we can help you find an independent solicitor to do that. And with inheritance tax unlikely to change in the near future, it’s worth remembering that all gifts to charities are 100% free of inheritance tax. This year’s 1882 lunch will be taking place on Saturday 2 September – please save the date and join us if you can. Sam Davis can be contacted by email at sjdd2@cam.ac.uk or by telephone on + 44 (0) 1223 767845.
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The recent purchase of two new VIIIs by the Friends of Selwyn Boat Club, the Ann D for the women’s crews and the Dave Matthews for the men, inspired some great rowing earlier in the year. The Friends have also been helping with training costs and the upgrading of equipment; thank you! If you used to row at Selwyn, and we know that many of you did give it a go, but have not yet joined the Friends, please consider helping. It’s inevitably a more expensive sport than many others and we want to keep club membership fees affordable for everybody, whatever their financial means. For more information about the Friends, feel free to contact the Chair, Brian Hornsby, at brianjhornsby@gmail.com.
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Staying well in mind and body has never been more important and the links between health, sport and an active life are widely acknowledged. Your support of our sports bursary programme means that many of our students are able to pursue the sports they have always loved – or to try new ones. Whether it’s table tennis, speed-climbing, pilates or rugby, we’re happy to encourage our students to lead an active life and to pursue their sporting dreams alongside their academic aspirations. To make a donation to college sports, please select ‘Make a gift’ on the alumni section of the Selwyn website and select ‘sports bursary scheme’ from the drop down menu.

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Matthew Fall (2020, Natural Sciences) is a member of the GB speed climbing squad.

Sport climbing has three different elements – lead, bouldering and speed climbing – and they were contested as one sport for the first time in the Olympics in 2021, before becoming separate entities in Paris in 2024.

Matthew is a specialist in speed climbing and has been taking part in the discipline for the past decade. He says “I have always found that academic attainment and high-level sport complement each other wonderfully. Going into the Olympic qualifying season, it is a true privilege to be supported by the college and the wider university in what I do.”
We are delighted to be able to list the names of the 365 individuals who, together with anonymous donors, kindly supported the college’s anniversary appeal. In recognition of their generosity, nearly 30 individuals will have rooms named after them – both in the Old Library and in the new hostels. Others will have named shelves in the new archives, rare books and special collections wing of the Old Library – and most will have trees planted in their name as part of the Selwyn Grove on the Woodland Trust’s Smithills Estate, Lancashire.
Students using the college’s Anatomage Table purchased with the support of alumni and friends, as part of the 140th Anniversary Appeal.