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THE WARDEN'S REPORT

AFTER LITTLE MORE THAN TWO MONTHS IN OFFICE, I FIND MYSELF STILL OVERWHELMED BY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF NEW COLLEGE BUT, PARADOXICALLY, FEELING LIKE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE.

This is a wonderful place - the medieval foundation, the Chapel and Choir, the setting at the heart of the University - but mainly the people: bright and committed students, loyal and dedicated staff, brilliant Fellows. Everyone has been incredibly kind in helping Rhian and me settle in.

My first official act as Warden was, ironically, to preside over graduation, being acutely aware that our leavers were expecting someone else. I did, however, convey Alan Ryan's greetings from Princeton, where he is now happily installed, sent his love to everyone, and extended my personal thanks for all the help and support he offered me during the long transition period. I also quickly discovered how popular College graduation is with both the former students and their families, who prefer it to the rather impersonal ceremonies in the Sheldonian.

Two days later I found myself in the splendour of the Chapel, standing amongst the Fellows, enveloped in the most beautiful music in the world, reciting William of Wykeham's 14th-century installation pledge which, if I may say so, is in need of a little updating. How much, for instance, ought I have to do with the election of scholars for Winchester School or how draconian need I be in punishing Fellows for their wrongdoings? Only once does the ancient declaration mention scholarship; all the rest is about property, buildings, assets and 'improvement' of College income. Some things never change and, with the Founder looking over my shoulder, I've got my work cut out.

I find myself head of a college in remarkably good shape, both spiritually and academically. My main aim as Warden is to keep it this way and to build on current strengths. Financially, the picture is not so rosy. Through the prudent and shrewd management of the Bursar and the Endowment Committee, New

College has been largely spared the recent financial ravages visited upon other colleges and universities, particularly Harvard and Yale. Nevertheless, we are still in deficit and belts will have to be tightened until our endowment and fundraising recover in a rising market. But greater difficulties lie ahead, as our teaching grant and other public funding is already being cut. Simply to stand still, New College will have to re-double its fundraising effort.

I am very pleased to report that Old Members are playing a significant part in this effort, as Development Director William Conner reports on the following pages. But we still need to work very hard to increase the participation rate to a level closer to that of our competitors. New College has a large alumni base, so this should not be too difficult to achieve.

Our highest, non-negotiable, priority is to maintain and improve academic excellence. The quality of the new undergraduate intake is, once again, outstanding. And, thanks mainly to the generosity of Old Members, this year we will be able to maintain bursary distribution to graduates, who are drawn from a highly competitive international market. But we need to do more to match the Harvards of this world, who are not letting their financial woes affect a widening needs-blind admissions policy. The other side of this coin of excellence, the Fellowship, continues to shine brightly. This year we welcomed Richard Dawkins's successor as Simonyi Professor of the Public Understanding of Science, mathematician Marcus du Sautoy, the organic chemist Professor John McGrady, and Professor of Engineering, David Limebeer, each being enormously distinguished in their respective fields. There are several significant retirements in the next few years, and it is unclear whether or not the University can or will afford to share in the cost of replacements. We need to fund endowments in

order to sustain the quality of the Fellowship. About this you will hear more in due course.

The middle of a deep recession is not perhaps the best time to be hatching big ideas, but the commissioning of a new master-plan for the College has suggested two building projects which are both exciting and, in my opinion, vital to the College's development. The first is to link the JRC in the Garden Quad with the Long Room. The JRC facilities have long needed improvement, and the plan is to create a weather-proof atrium to house a coffee shop/work station area, with a first-floor connection flying across to the Long Room. This would transform what is at the moment a rather dank yard leading to public toilets.

The other project is more ambitious: a major new building behind the façade of the Morris Garages in Long Wall Street. Many of you will remember the rather brutal 1970s accommodation block currently occupying the site, with a spacious and under-used courtyard outside the old city wall. The plan is to build a 200-seat lecture theatre partly underground, with breakout rooms nearby, and 15-20 en suite student rooms above. This multi-purpose building will mean a significant improvement in student accommodation on the main site, will provide up-to-date facilities for a burgeoning vacation conference trade, as well as a place for large lectures and student meetings. (Personally, I would like it to double as a concert room.)

Rhian and I look forward to welcoming you back to College over the next few years and to your personal involvement in continuing to make this the inspiring place we have come to know over the past few weeks.

CURTIS PRICE

Left - The Installation of Professor Sir Curtis Price as the Warden of New College took place on Monday, 5 October. In this photograph he waits, as Warden-Elect, with the Chaplain, Revd Canon Dr Jane Shaw; the College Visitor, The Rt Revd Michael Scott-Joynt, Bishop of Winchester; and the Sub-Warden, Dr Ruth Harris.

Right - The Sub-Warden presents the Warden with a copy of the College Statutes, the key to the Front Gate and the Great Seal. | Photographs: Studio Edmark.

GIVING AND GETTING

WILLIAM J CONNER, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

ONCE AGAIN THE COLLEGE HAS MANY PEOPLE TO THANK IN WHAT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT YEAR FOR FUNDRAISING. IN SPITE OF THE CREDIT CRUNCH, RECESSION AND GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY MORE PEOPLE THAN EVER MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLLEGE.

There was a 22 per cent increase in donor households over the last year, raising the total participation rate to 18 per cent, above average for Oxford colleges. Another 15% have given something at some time in the past 20 years, but that leaves 67% of Old Members who have never contributed to the College. The total given by Old Members in 2008/09 was just under £1m, down sharply from the £3.4m of the previous year, but understandable in the circumstances.

Connections between current students and Old Members have become increasingly important. The students are aware of the extraordinary network of which they become a part as a result of attending New College. The generosity of OM's through the Law Society, career advisory dinners, informal visits with tutors and their students, support for sports, and much more is central to the agreeable culture the College has cultivated between current students and OM's.

The New College Development Fund, the vehicle through which all Old Members give to the College, now contributes about 6% to the Colleges operating budget.

Originally, the NCDF supported the Junior Research Fellowships. More recently, significant increases in annual giving have supported graduate scholarships to the point that we come close to offering needs



Michael Dunne (1960) with Joan Fraser, Assistant to the Home Bursar, taking possession of one of the two bicycles, available for Old Members to borrow when visiting Oxford.

Patrick Shea (1970) generously donated the money to buy and maintain these bicycles in honour of his tutor, Richard Dawkins.

blind admissions to graduate students. Other student needs come out of the fund like hardship bursaries, the Sporting and Cultural Awards scheme, supplemental sports funding, and the cost of maintaining the cost of our alumni relations programme. In addition to the contribution to the operating budget, the Development Fund also supports library, music and chattels needs and from time to time major fabric projects.

New College spends staggering sums on maintenance, repair and upgrading the College's Grade I Listed fabric. In the past decade over £20 million has been spent on the fabric of the College. A similar amount will be needed over the next 15 years to keep pace with the modern needs of the College. There are also several new building projects in the planning stages.

All giving to New College is counted toward the Collegiate University's Oxford Thinking Campaign. New College's contribution to the first five years of the campaign exceeds £7.5 million. Over the next five years, the College aspires to raise another significant amount to address a number of facilities and endowment priorities. Over the next year you will be hearing more about the College's plans as the new Warden and Fellows, in consultation with a new Capital Campaign Committee, agree on priorities and the interest among Old Members to support the College at ambitious new levels.

The College continually seeks new ways to engage with Old Members. We want more of you to come back to visit, to meet students and to learn about the important research and teaching by the Fellows. In the midst of our great buildings and traditions, the College is a very buzzy and exciting place. We want you feel free to have a regular look in on what goes on.

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THE LUDWIG FAMILY FOUNDATION SUPPORT FOR HUMANITIES RESEARCH

EUGENE A LUDWIG (1968) HAS CREATED A FUND IN HONOUR OF HIS TUTOR ALAN RYAN TO SUPPORT HUMANITIES RESEARCH PROJECTS INITIATED BY FELLOWS FROM THE COLLEGE. PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF FUNDING ARE LISTED BELOW. THE COLLEGE IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO GENE AND HIS WIFE CAROL FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF SO MANY PROJECTS.

FRÉDÉRIQUE AÏT-TOUATI:

for the translation of her first book.

MICHAEL BURDEN:

support for the *London Aria Project* to create an index of Italian opera arias performed in London, between the arrival of Italian opera in 1705 and 1800.

MARTIN CEADEL:

for research in North American archives leading to the publication of: *Living the Great Illusion: Sir Norman Angell, 1872-1967* (OUP, 2009).

TAK WING CHAN:

for research toward the book *Social Status and Cultural Consumption* (2010).

CATRIONA KELLY:

work for an article on the preservation in the Soviet era of Russian churches that were also official 'architectural monuments' (ie the equivalent of 'listed buildings' in Britain).

KAREN LEEDER:

an interdisciplinary New College Symposium on *Figuring Lateness: Late Style, Old Age and Belatedness*, 30 March 2009.

ZOE NORRIDGE:

support for fieldwork in Rwanda examining narratives of pain and empathy at genocide memorial sites (2009).

ROBIN LANE FOX:

for research at the Greek archaeological site of Lefkandi in Euboea used in this book *Travelling Heroes* (2008, pbk 2009). The BBC has now made a film for 2010 from the book, including a long sequence on Lefkandi.

ROBERT PARKER:

international workshop/conference on *Changing Habits: the impact of cultural encounters in the ancient Greek world*, 30-31 March 2009.

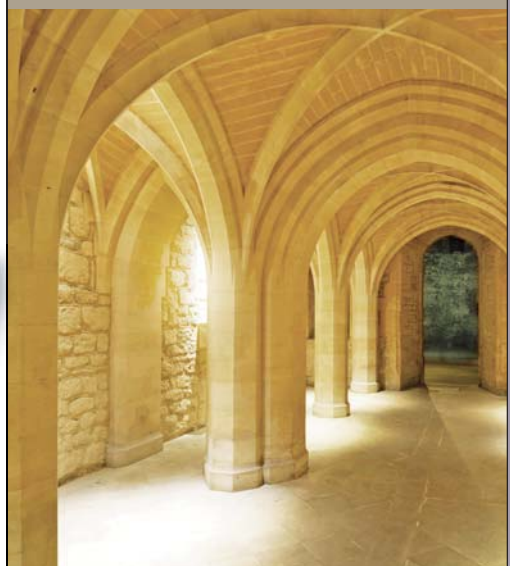
DAVID PARROTT:

support for illustrations in *The Business of War: Military Enterprise and Military Revolution in Early Modern Europe* (2010 or 2011).



DONOR RECOGNITION WALL

The Monks' Passage has become the location to honour those who have been generous to the College. Permanent recognition is being given to all donors to the College since 1945 who have given the equivalent of a DPhil scholarship. The value of that endowment is currently £600,000. Annually, a second plaque is installed to recognise all legacies received the previous year, and for all donors to the Warden's Club (£500 annually) and the 1379 Society (£1379 or more). For the fiscal year 2008/9, 215 people have been listed.



TELEPHONE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2009 | 10

You may be lucky enough to have been chosen to receive a phone call from one of our students. The campaign was started with 2 days of calling in late November which has raised £21,515 with 51% of the Old Members spoken to making a donation to the Development Fund.



EVENTS

WYKEHAM SOCIETY LUNCH



Patrick (1954) and Margaret Stables viewing their entry in the Benefactors' Book following the **Wykeham Society Lunch** on 1 November.

WARDEN'S CLUB CONCERT



Paul (1962) and Margaret Bongers de Rath with Anna Sideris (2008) who sang Schubert's *Der Hirt auf dem Felsen*, D965/op.post.129 at the **Warden's Club Concert** on 1 November.

OPEN DAY



Three generations at the **Open Day** for family and friends of first-year students on 16 May, Jessica Tait (2008)

GRADUATION DAY



Graduation Day 2009, Tom Karacs (2006). 'Got the certificate to prove it!'

JAZZ EVENING



A summer evening of Jazz in the College garden. New College students playing and enjoying.

GAUDE



TOP | Gaudé, 3 July. Gathering for dinner at the foot of Hall steps with Edward Higginbottom in the foreground about to lead the Choir in the call to dinner.
BOTTOM | Dressed for the occasion. The Gaudé for those matriculating between 1995 and 1999.

GARDEN PARTY



TOP | The **Garden Party** to follow the Gaudé, 4 July – a final farewell to Alan Ryan. Those attending the Gaudé were joined by family and friends and more Old Members' joined the party.
MIDDLE | Helen Macmullen brought her daughters, Lydia (2) and Anna (10 months). Helen matriculated at New College in 1998 and read PPE. She then returned in 2007 and is reading Medicine.
BOTTOM | Will Poole, Fellow and Tutor in English, keeping the sun off.

CITYNET

As part of New College's ongoing commitment to provide more opportunities for Old Members to engage with Fellows and students outside Oxford, 2009 saw the launch of three major initiatives for New College Old Members in London.

The first of these was the New College City and Professional Network. The Network was set up to enable Old Members and students of New College to benefit from the wealth of contacts we have in the City. It is hoped that a strong group will form which will grow each year. The first event, hosted by Charles Williams at Hawkpoint Partners in February, was a great success: over 90 Old Members from a wide variety of city institutions and from matriculation years ranging from the early 1960s to 2002 attended.

Wilson Cotton (1974) is very kindly hosting the 2010 event at the offices of Smith & Williamson on 10 March. If you were not included in the 2009 event and would like to be in future, or if you know others who should be included, please get in touch with Camilla Gray in the Development Office and we will update our records (**01865 279317** or camilla.gray@new.ox.ac.uk).

Building on some of the links made in the City Network, we set up a new initiative for New College students interested in a career in the City. Thanks to Lord (Charles) Aldington (1967) and Mark Batten (1975), we were able to hold two City Career Dinners at Deutsche Bank and PricewaterhouseCoopers respectively. For May 2010, our aim is to hold six of these events in a variety of fields. Please contact Camilla Gray if you would be interested in hosting or attending one of these dinners.

In October, Professor Dieter Helm gave the first New College Annual London Lecture, Energy Security and Energy Policy – where will our energy come from, which brought around 85 Old Members together for the evening. Please visit the 'Services to Old Members' area of the website to view Dieter's slides of the lecture. Marcus Du Sautoy's lecture, *A Mathematician's Journey Through Symmetry* will take place on 20 October 2010.

For further information on these initiatives and other Old Member events, please visit the alumni pages of the website.

NICK LATHAM

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY COMMITTEE?

We organise the Society's events, which include: a biennial Supper Party held in College alternating with a Garden Party; London drinks for recent graduates; a biennial dinner in London; periodic regional events and the second opera staged at the Paris Embassy is in the planning stages for next year. The Committee is also driving a number of initiatives to improve networking across the alumni/ae. These include the recent creation of a London City Network and plans to provide graduating students with access to careers advice from other alumni/ae. The committee is listed below. As you will see, we do not have any representatives for the 1970s matriculation years and few for the 1980s. We would also welcome more women members. The committee meets twice a year, once in London and once in College. Places on the Committee are limited, but if you would like to be considered, please contact the Secretary, Mark Byford (marksbyford@blueyonder.co.uk).

Current Committee Members: Nigel Rich (1964) President; Mark Byford (1980) Secretary; John Bach (1956); Richard Compton-Miller (1963); Allen Warren (1964); Jack Quitter (1964); Charles Williams (1981); Matthew Armstrong (1989); Nicola Perrin (1992); Will Straw (1999); Andrew MacLennan (2002); William Lord (2003)



MOVEMBER FUNDRAISER

The MCR and JCR raised £1,200 for *Movember*, a charity to raise awareness of prostate cancer. The challenge was to grow (or try to grow) the best moustache. Andrew Boggis (2009) captained the MCR team and Matthew Locke (2007) the JCR.

HELP WITH A HISTORY OF THE CHERWELL NEWSPAPER

Are you a former editor of Cherwell? Did you work for the newspaper when you were a student? If so, I would be grateful if you would consider getting in touch with me as I'm writing a book about Cherwell's ninety-year history. I'm looking for interview subjects and compiling a 'Cherwell alumni' database. You may reach me by email: cherwellhistory@gmail.com; telephone: **07825 294037** or less preferably by post: Chris Baraniuk, Cherwell, 7 St Aldates, Oxford OX1 3BS.

CHRIS BARANIUK

BANG GOES THE THEORY

The BBC's new science programme, **Bang Goes the Theory**, 'the programme that puts science to the test' is making the most of New College's talented graduates. Yan Wong (1992) is one of the four presenters with Davina Bristow (1998), Giles Harrison (1993) and Alex Freeman (1992) on the production team. Giles has now moved on to work on *Science Story – a history of science* which is presented by another New College alumnus, Michael Mosley (1975).





CHAPEL WINDOW RESTORATION

The first section has been returned from the restorers. The lower half was taken away and will be returned in summer 2010. These windows date from the mid-18th century; and this particular window was designed by Biagio Rebecca, who had been employed as a decorative artist at Windsor Castle. It will take 20 years to complete the project. Early funding has been provided by the Pilgrim Trust. Donors are being sought to continue the project.



Tom (1969) and Barbara Morris seated on the bench they kindly donated for the Cloisters with Robin Lane Fox (Garden Fellow), David Palfreyman (Bursar) and Curtis Price (Warden).



The Men's 1st VIII about to bump Exeter College on the Saturday of Torpids 2009 to win Blades.



It was a great pleasure to welcome Winston J Churchill (1962) to the College in the summer to meet with William Conner, Development Director. We owe our grateful thanks to Win for his considerable efforts over many years with *The American Friends of New College*.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALUMNI AREA OF THE COLLEGE WEBSITE?

Christmas Greetings from New College

Click on the link

Services to Old Members

- Events
- Dining Privileges
- List of the Lost
- Professor Dieter Helm's London Lecture, *Energy security and energy policy - where will our energy come from?*, lecture slides.
- A link to New College choir tour dates
- Professor Alan Ryan's Lecture, *The Future of Higher Education, Hopes and Fears* – both script and audio recording
- College Merchandise link
- New College Book link

- Greetings Cards
- Clothing
- Alumni Card
- Alumni Web Database
- Update your details

New College Accounts

To view the College and Development Fund accounts, go to: http://www.new.ox.ac.uk/Published_accounts/Introduction.php

Giving to New College

- Questions answered
- Make a donation – including a UK and Overseas donation form
- Online giving to New College through the University

New College News

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New College Choir CDs

If you would like to order New College Choir CDs, go to: http://www.new.ox.ac.uk/The_Chapel_and_Choir/The_Choir/index.php

Prints of the College

available at: www.virtual-archive.co.uk



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CITY AND PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Wednesday, 10 March

To be hosted by Wilson Cotton (1974) at the offices of Smith & Williamson.

APRIL IN THE US

The Warden, Curtis Price, will be hosting his first series of dinners for our East Coast, US Old Members, as usual around the University Reunion in New York. Please watch your mail for further information and your invitation. There will also be a Choir tour to the US in April. See the website for further information.

A SERIES OF SEMINARS

Featuring Research at New College:

You are invited to apply to Jonathan Rubery in the Development Office for tickets: jonathan.rubery@new.ox.ac.uk or 01865 279337

ST PETERSBURG:

SHADOWS OF THE PAST

Wednesday, 5 May

Professor Catriona Kelly, Fellow and Tutor in Russian

More seminar subjects will be posted on the Alumni - Events area of the website as we arrange them.

1379 DINNERS

An invitation will be sent to all eligible members for the following Fridays in 2010:

5 February; 12 February; 19 February; 26 February

INTER-COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, 26 March

Inter-College Golf Tournament at Frilford – New College Captain, Mark Steers (1978) will contact you nearer the time

OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS

Saturday, 1 May

Open Day for the parents, family and friends of first year students. Invitations will be posted to you.

NEW COLLEGE LAW SOCIETY DINNER

Saturday, 8 May

For more details about this event, please contact Benedict West, President of the New College Law Society – benedict.west@new.ox.ac.uk

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY SUPPER PARTY

Tuesday, 29 June

Please keep this date free and ask your friends and family to join you for supper in the Cloisters. We hope to arrange an afternoon visit to the *new* Ashmolean. A booking form will be sent to you with the New College Record.

GAUDE

FOR MATRICULATION YEARS
UP TO AND INCLUDING 1950

Friday, 2 July

Invitations will be sent in early March 2010. As previously reported, the Warden and Fellows have reserved the same Friday each year (Friday of 10th week) to hold a Summer Gaudé. We have planned a schedule and list below the matriculation dates of those to be invited over the next five years.
1984-1989 (2011); 2000-2005 (2012);
1951-1960 (2013); 1976-1983 (2014);
1990-1994 (2015)

OPERA IN THE WARDEN'S GARDEN

Friday, 9 & 16 July

Opera in the Warden's Garden (an order form is enclosed) Francesco Cavalli's, *Erismena*, written for performance in Venice in 1655.

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SOCIETY OPERA IN PARIS 11 September

The Society Opera in Paris, followed by dinner at the Embassy, with support from Sir Peter Westmacott, KCMG, LVO (1969), HM Ambassador to France. Following the success of this event in 2006, Michael Burden, Director of the New Chamber Opera will be staging the production. Places are limited so we urge you to complete the enclosed booking reservation to secure your place.

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GOLF SOCIETY DINNER

Friday, 24 September

Please contact the captain, Mark Steers (1978) for more information. mark.a.steers@gtuk.com

A MATHEMATICIAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH SYMMETRY

A LECTURE BY MARCUS DU SAUTOY

Wednesday, 20 October

A Lecture by Marcus du Sautoy (Fellow and Tutor, Charles Simonyi Professor for the Public Understanding of Science, Professor of Mathematics), to be held in London. You will be sent an invitation.

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY DINNER

Monday, 29 November

New College Society Dinner at Barber Surgeons' Hall.

Kindly arranged by John Bach (1956). Invitations will be sent to you with the New College Record

If you have any queries, please contact the Development Office on: **(0)1865 279337** or **(0)1865 279509**