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THE WARDEN'S REPORT

DESPITE THE CLOUDS GATHERING OVER UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC FUNDING IN GENERAL, NEW COLLEGE HAS HAD A VERY GOOD YEAR.

The student experience remains the envy of Oxford. Our academic performance is once again excellent, all three common rooms remain very happy places, and the Commemoration Ball in July was the best in living memory.

The College endowment is recovering from the horrors of September 2008. Our investment strategy and prudent financial management have brought the budget deficit under control, and the Development Department has had an encouraging year, thanks mainly to the generosity of Old Members.

As many readers will know from other College publications, we have launched a major capital campaign, New College 2019, under the chairmanship of Charles Aldington. Its aim is to raise some £40 million over the next nine years. In the current economic climate, this does sound a staggering amount, until one considers that other Oxford colleges with smaller alumni bases have raised more with their capital appeals. The bulk of this money is likely to come from a small number of Old Members or trusts and foundations. But equally important for operating revenue is the annual fund, to which Old Members are being increasingly generous. The participation rate continues to rise and now stands at 20 percent, which is above the Oxford average. But please consider this: if the participation rate increased to 30 percent (in line with Univ and Exeter, for example) at the present average donation per OM, our deficit would be eliminated. We could then begin to tackle the nagging list of deferred maintenance work, such as the leaking chapel roof or crumbling walls along New College Lane.

But we have decided to put people before fabric. The highest priorities for both the capital campaign and the annual fund are student bursaries (both for undergraduates and graduates) and endowing tutorial fellowships. Since the coalition government is committed to continuing New Labour's policy of concentrating diminishing resources on STEM

(science, technology, engineering and mathematics), humanities is suffering deep cuts in public funding. Accordingly, we want to protect these subjects of undisputed international excellence at New College by endowing tutorial fellowships in music, ancient history and modern languages. We have made some progress on funding the posts currently held by Edward Higginbottom, Robin Lane Fox and Ann Jefferson, so when they retire in the next few years, their fellowships can be refilled regardless of whether the increasingly impecunious School of Humanities can afford to do so.

I am pleased to report that the fundraising *Telethon* raised in excess of £133,000. May I say again how very much we value and appreciate this essential support. Wadham College's 2009-10 *Telethon* exceeded others in Oxford but only because a Wadham alumnus matched the amount raised, pushing their total up. I know that many of you enjoy talking on the phone to current students about the College, whilst fully understanding that the other purpose of the call is to ask for your financial support. I'm also very aware that some of you do not like telephone solicitation. We appreciate this and are making every effort to ensure that you are not contacted in this way again. I apologise in advance if, this year, you somehow slip through the electronic net.

My first year as Warden seems, in retrospect, to have been a string of highlights, so it's rather invidious to single out any particular events or colleagues' and students' achievements. Yet Cuppers victories for both the rugby and tennis teams stand out in what was a generally good year for College sport. We are once again fifth in the Norrington league, as the other academically elite colleges bounce erratically above and below us near the top of the table. The performance of Bach's St John Passion in March by the choir under Professor Higginbottom's direction was the best I've ever heard, and I've heard quite a

few. Although my experience of *Gaudes* is admittedly limited, I doubt the one held in July for Old Members who matriculated before 1950 will ever be exceeded. Many of those who attended were up during the war and are the remarkable survivors of an austere but golden age, which Sir Jeremy Morse brought vividly to life in his brilliant after-dinner speech. It was a joyous and very moving day. The Commemoration Ball was exceedingly grand, highly civilised and professionally organised by finalist Rollo Hoare and his committee, who still managed to get first-class honours. I predict he will go far.

Bill Conner has stood down as Director of Development. Initially appointed as a consultant for a four-year term, he helped put College fundraising on a more professional footing, worked hard to improve Old Member participation, and was instrumental in designing and launching the capital campaign. My colleagues and I are very grateful for his invaluable contribution. The search has begun for his successor.

We have also said farewell to the Chaplain, the Reverend Canon Dr Jane Shaw, who was recently appointed Dean of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. This is one of the most important positions in the Episcopal Church in the United States. Jane has been a much loved and valued colleague, both as a modern historian and as Dean of Divinity. She has the gift of making everyone, whether communicants or not, feel welcome in chapel, and it is no accident that Evensong at New College is perhaps the best attended in all of Oxbridge. We wish her well in her new position. Until a successor can be appointed, we are pleased that the Reverend Lister Tonge will serve in Michaelmas, with the former Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Reverend David Stancliffe, joining us for Hilary and Trinity terms.

Finally, I'm pleased to report that many Old Members have accepted my invitation to return to College. I look forward to greeting many more of you in the near future.

GIVING AND GETTING

WILLIAM J CONNER, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

WITH A NEW WARDEN IN PLACE AND THE FAST-CHANGING FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT AS A RESULT OF EXPECTED CUTS TO GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF HIGHER EDUCATION, FUNDRAISING HAS TAKEN ON A NEW URGENCY IN THE COLLEGE.

As reported by the Warden, more Old Members than ever have responded to our requests for support, and the steady growth of Old Members returning to College to participate in events, concerts, lectures and other social activities has been heartening. Once again, a hearty thanks from the Development Office team for your continuing interest in and support of the College.

Last year saw the first London Lecture given by Dieter Helm at the Oxford and Cambridge Club to a full house. The City Networking event took place for a second year with the help of the New College Society and the Old Member Seminars in college continued to be popular. The alumni committee that decides on grants for the NCDF's Sporting and Cultural Awards met each term to award almost 100 small grants for students' non-academic activities. The events schedule sponsored by the College or the New College Society and managed by Susan and Jonathan in our office continued to grow.

Two important initiatives were launched in 2009/10. The first was to establish the Committee of 14 (C14). This is a student advisory body helping the alumni relations and development office think through new strategies and ideas to benefit students and alumni. They have also been an invaluable help in hosting OMs coming in to College for donor dinners. It has been a most thoughtful and helpful experience having the C14 on board where they bring a student sensibility to our planning and our activities.

The second group to be formed last year was the New College 2019 Committee under the leadership of Lord Aldington to plan and implement the capital campaign mentioned in the Warden's Report. We have spread our net far and wide to recruit OMs willing to step up and help with this important project and the response to the request to get involved has been outstanding.

Of particular note last year was the completion of the library box project. All manuscripts in the College's collections have a custom-made conservation-quality box in which they can be stored safely. Not one to rest on her laurels, the Librarian tells me the next project is to conserve the collection of incunabula held by the College. It is thought to be one of the most important collections of early books in any Oxford college library, so your continuing support and involvement will be much appreciated.



Some members of the Committee of 14

This is my last New College News. Having split my time between New College and Wolfson College for the past two years, it is time to raise the bar in both places and roll out the fundraising campaigns that we have planned in each College. Although I will continue at Wolfson in a larger capacity, I will keep a close eye on New College and look forward to keeping up with the many friends I have made through the College over the past few years. My team at New College has worked exceptionally hard, and I thank everyone for their diligence and good humor. Nick and Anne have helped to increase our higher level donor participation rates in the UK and US, and Jonathan and Susan continue to run a very successful annual fund and an ever-growing number of events. My PA Milly has moved over to be the Warden's PA and will be a great asset to him in his many responsibilities.

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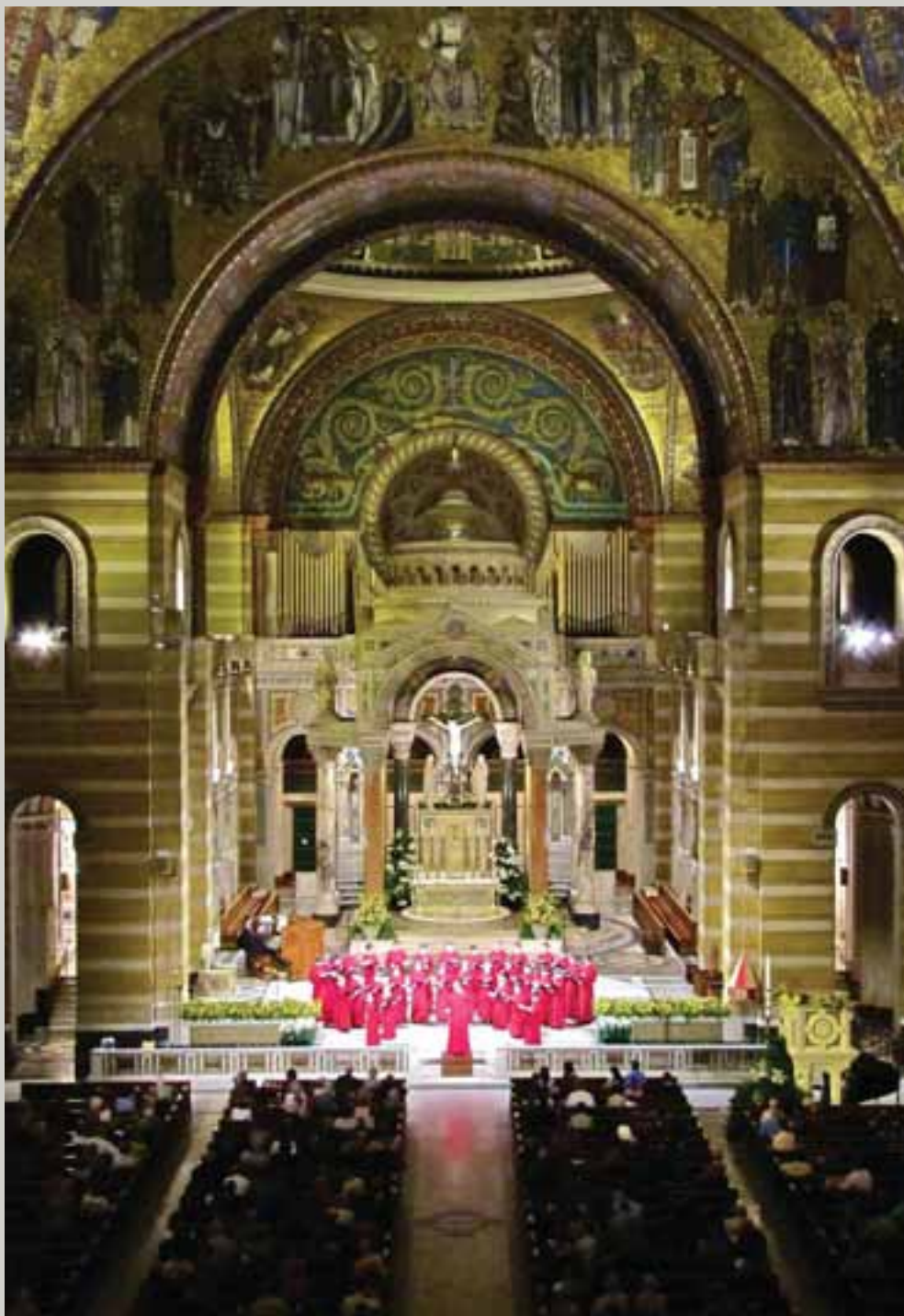
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THE CHAPEL ONLINE...

This Michaelmas the webcast project from the chapel comes to fruition as we launch weekly services for online listening. The process of fitting 21st technology into a 14th century building hasn't been without its challenges, and our potential online listeners have been very patient! There have been some extraordinary moments, watching the college maintenance team laying cables along the chapel roof (and enjoying the view of Oxford), and seeing the microphones descend from their nest high up in the roof to hover almost invisibly above the choir stalls.

The organ loft now has a recording desk and laptop nestling next to the volumes of Bach and scruffy shoes, and the readers at evensong have had to learn how to cope with microphone switches as well as negotiating the prose of the Old Testament. The most significant challenge however, has been perfecting an authentic New College sound which is recognizable to everyone who knows and loves the choir's 'live' evensong. Over the past two terms we have been experimenting across a wide variety of repertoire with the height of the microphones and different recording techniques in order to perfect the balance and sound quality. The Organ Scholar and one of the academical clerks have learnt state of the art editing techniques, and now act as the post-production editors of each service, so that the listener is presented not only with the appropriate sound, but the details of the music and readings for each service. The educational experience of those in New College Choir is constantly changing to respond to new challenges!

But the old and the new are now in perfect harmony: webcasts of services will appear weekly from the beginning of the Michaelmas term, as well as the termly Forum discussion, and the Christmas carol services. The new college website will feature a prominent link to the webcasts on the homepage, leading listeners to a designated section of the chapel



and choir pages, where they will find the playlist, introduction from the Chaplain and Organist, and downloads of service booklists, as well as a link to the music list. The facility

will also be available on the choir website.

The full story of the webcast will be written up in the next issue of the Record.

Events



2010 Gaude. Sir Jeremy Morse, KCMG (1949) with Peggy Frith (Consultant Ophthalmic Physician and Fellow in Clinical Medicine) at the Gaude for those matriculating up to and including 1950. Sir Jeremy gave a marvellous after-dinner speech to 115 Old Members and members of the Fellowship.



2010 Gaude. Werner Wolf, who made the journey from Connecticut, and Barrie Ricketson. Both came up to read Physics in 1948.



The biennial **New College Society Supper Party.** Roger West (1952) brought his son Paul and daughter-in-law Katrina to enjoy a sumptuous buffet in the Cloisters on 29 June, a perfect summer evening. Nick Latham, Associate Development Director, UK joined their table.



New College Society Supper Party. Penry Williams (Honorary Fellow) and Mark Byford (1980), Secretary NCS.



New College Society Supper Party. Jak Knightson, Head Chef with some of her team preparing to serve the buffet.



This year **New Chamber Opera** performed Francesco Cavalli's *Erismena* written for performance in Venice in 1655. This was a very special production for many reasons, but central to it was a new edition of the opera based on a manuscript newly purchased by the Bodleian Library in Oxford. The manuscript dated from about 1670, and was a key work in the history of English opera, having an underlying English singing translation and therefore the first surviving opera text in English.



The **New College Society** arranged a **private viewing** of Kate Giles' exhibition, *Antiphonal – Paintings from St Petersburg*. Kate (1981) is pictured here with Nigel Rich (1964), President of the Society.



Jennifer Thorp, College Archivist, arranged an exhibition for the **Open Day** for parents, family and friends of first-year students. Here she explains the collection of keys from the NCA collection: "The Founder laid great stress on security. These five keys are still attached to their adjustable leather belt, although the horn label noting which building required them has been torn away. Several locks required the presence of the Warden, Dean and Bursar to supervise locking and unlocking. Even today, if all its locks are in use, the Muniment Tower alone requires at least seventeen keys to open its four chambers."

REFLECTIONS ON BECOMING A TEMPORARY OXFORD STUDENT - (COMPLETE WITH BICYCLE!)

We first saw the bicycles, donated by Patrick Shea (1970) in memory of his tutor, Richard Dawkins, in a photograph in the December 2009 issue of New College News. The Old Member in receipt of this Newsletter is not me, but my husband Mike Green (1964).

I had never experienced the delights of Oxford until we met in 1968 and I fell in love with the city during a number of subsequent visits. On one of these visits last year, we discovered that we could stay in one of the College guest rooms, next door in fact to my husband's old room when he was an undergraduate.

We duly arrived, booked into our room and after settling in, went out to seek Joan Fraser, the Assistant to the Home Bursar (and Bike Monitor!). She was delighted that we wanted

to take up the offer as the bikes had hardly been used since they were donated in 2007.

The bikes are Dawes models with comfortable seats (very important when you're an Old Member!), locks, lights, bells and baskets. We managed to negotiate our way out of New College and hatched a plan to cycle to the Pitt Rivers Museum to see how it felt, keeping well out of the way of other cyclists and more threatening vehicles (or is that the other way round?). We decided to do a detour into St Catherine's, on the premise of looking at Arne Jacobsen's architecture 40 years on, but actually it served as good practice to become familiar with getting on and off our bikes, going round corners and riding in a straight line!

After we'd served our apprenticeship we set off with confidence to the Pitt Rivers, where

the biggest problem we encountered was where on earth to leave our chariots? We gradually got used to cuddling up to lamp posts, railings and bollards during the course of the day, which included a great ride to the Trout for a beer, getting lost across the flooded Port Meadow and train spotting on top of a strategically placed bridge. We even cycled out in the evening for our well earned supper.

It was such fun to be part of the life of the city for a short while, and it enabled us to visit places cars cannot reach – a great feeling!

Thank you to Patrick and Joan for making this possible, we shall be back again soon — well, as soon as the sores have healed!

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LEWIS ON LOCATION AT NEW COLLEGE

Filming in College for the next series of Lewis, **Laurence Fox** in the Cloisters with the Director take a break in filming (below) and **Kevin Whately** in Front Quad (right).





New College Old Boys AFC

New College Old Boys AFC, established in 2008, has undergone rapid success. The team comprises New College graduates living in and around London. Under captain Daniel Bamford, the side won The League of Gentlemen, Premier Division 2009/10. The team has made a strong start to their title defence this season, sweeping aside a recently promoted club 4-0. New star striker Tom Howell netted a brace on his club debut. The club continues to strengthen, welcoming new players (young and old!). They play in The League of Gentlemen based in Barnes, London.

The league comprises former UK university sides, and following New College's lead, now includes several other Oxford colleges. Old boys interested in playing should contact Daniel Bamford at dcrbamford@googlemail.com or Mike Heal at mheal@threadgreen.com.

BACK ROW (L-R): Mike Adamson (2000), Dave Nickless (2000), Mike Heal (1999), Adam Edwards, Si Noall, Mike Holmes (2004), Dave Jones (2001), Matt Renshaw (2000)

FRONT ROW (L-R): James Sutton (2005), James McIntyre (2005), Daniel Bamford (2004), Rob Nield (2004), Ali Kamaliddin, Charlie Taylor (1997). **VERY FRONT ROW:** Scott Hartman (2002)

DISTINGUISHED FRIEND OF OXFORD

Stewart Millman (1967) receiving his 'Distinguished Friend of Oxford Award' in May 2010 from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Andrew Hamilton. Jan Willis (1978) also received the award which 'recognises those who give Oxford what money can't buy'.



Jonathan Black, Professorial Fellow of New College and Head of the University Careers Service, met with Old College Members during his recent visit to Hong Kong and Shanghai for a China and Southeast Asia Careers Fair.



Dinner at M-on-the-Bund in Shanghai, **Jonathan Black** with **Oliver Ramsbottom** (1994).



In Hong Kong, **Chris Gradel** (1990) generously hosted a dinner in a private room at the Grand Hyatt.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY

Dinner at Barber Surgeons' Hall
Monday, 29 November 2010

Invitations have been posted.

OLD MEMBERS' CAROL SERVICE

Saturday, 11 December 2010

Old Members matriculating after 1969 are invited to apply for tickets.

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see below for telephone numbers

CITY & PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

February/March 2011

Date and Venue TBC.

ANNUAL INTER-COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, 8 April 2011

Frilford Heath, Oxford

Captain Mark Steers (1978) will contact you nearer the time.

OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS

Saturday, 21 May 2011

Family and Friends of first-year students.

Invitations will be posted to you.

NEW COLLEGE LAW SOCIETY DINNER

Monday, 7 February 2011

For more details about this event, please contact Bindia Parmar, President of the New College Law Society –

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GAUDE FOR MATRICULATION

YEARS 1984-1989

Friday, 8 July 2011

Invitations will be sent in March 2011. 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.

2000-2005 (2012); 1951-1960 (2013);
1976-1983 (2014); 1990-1994 (2015);
1961-1969 (2016)

OPERA IN THE WARDEN'S GARDEN

(July dates TBA)

Opera in the Warden's Garden (an order form is enclosed) Antonio Salieri's, *Falstaff*.

Please visit the Alumni area of the College website for more information. This is regularly updated as and when event details are confirmed. <http://www.new.ox.ac.uk/Alumni/Events.php>

If you have any queries, please contact the Development Office on: (0)1865 279337 or (0) 01865 279509 develop@new.ox.ac.uk

RE-LAUNCH OF THE OLD MEMBERS' ON-LINE DATABASE

The New College website has been re-designed and considerably updated. If you haven't already seen it go to www.new.ox.ac.uk. I think you will be impressed. The Alumni area is where you will find much useful information on events, merchandise, the needs of the college and the Update your Details form, to send us your news and any changes to your contact information.

The password protected on-line database used to contact friends and contemporaries, is also undergoing a re-design process and is temporarily out of service. Our new, user-friendly system will be available again before Christmas.

