Old Wolves
Thurs. 14 February 2019

Letters from America, 1865:
An English Quaker and the ‘emancipated negroes’
“Was there ever a grander field for our sympathy, and our active, personal, immediate help?”

talk by Ben Simpson
1.30 p.m. in the Leonard Wolfson Auditorium
Open to all – no charge – no booking needed

Ben has been a member of Wolfson since 1987. First employed as the College’s Alumni and Development Officer, his various roles included Head of IT, and Projects Manager. He retired in 2009 and is an honorary Member of Common Room. Ben was a magistrate for 40 years, and a member of Thames Valley Police Authority for 20 of them. His interests include building construction, policing, equality & human rights, poetry, and family history.

“The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) played a major role in the abolition movement against slavery in both the United Kingdom and in the United States of America. Quakers were among the first white people to denounce slavery in the American colonies and Europe, and the Society of Friends became the first organization to take a collective stand against both slavery and the slave trade, later spearheading the international and ecumenical campaigns against slavery.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quakers_in_the_abolition_movement