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This is my last letter for the Record, and I write it with a mixture of emotions: pride, gratitude, pleasure, satisfaction, perhaps a small tincture of relief, and much sadness. So it would seem proper to begin the record of Wolfson College’s fifty-first year with our losses.

We were very sorry to lose Professor Glen Dudbridge, eminent sinologist and much-loved colleague, on 5 February 2017; and Dr Geoffrey Garton on 3 October 2016, who was College Bursar during his time as GBF. Dr Garton has left the College a generous legacy for our art, music and gardens. We also mourn two Honorary Fellows: Roger Goodenough, banker, chair of the Nuffield Trust and Governor of the Goodenough Trust for overseas graduates, on 19 February 2017; and Denis Mack Smith, the leading historian of modern Italy, on 11 July 2017.

We are saying goodbye at the end of this year, with regret and admiration, to Professor Harvey Brown and to Professor Nick Rawlins, who are retiring, but we will be welcoming them back as Emeritus Fellows, together with Professor Galligan. We are also welcoming, as a new Supernumerary Fellow, Mr Jonathan Paine, and will be meeting as new GB Fellows, Professor Alain George, who takes up the I.M. Pei Chair in Islamic Art and Architecture, and Yuhan Vevaina as the Bahari Associate Professorship in Sasanian Studies. Only at Wolfson, I think, would you see this remarkable combination of subjects. We were joined in July by Emily Eastham as our incoming Senior Tutor, who comes to us from Exeter College, where she’s just received the OUSU award for best support staff. We give our profound thanks to Professor Andrew Neil for holding the fort as Acting Senior Tutor with such generosity and efficiency.

Professor Anne Deighton is to be thanked for all her work as Governing Body Officer for Research Fellows. We welcome Professor Christina Redfield to that post in September 2017. And we give many thanks to Dr Dan Isaacson for his very active and continuing work with our Visiting Scholars. We currently have 21 Visiting Scholars and 45 Research Members of Common Room.

We were sorry that Professor Mathias Czaika is leaving Oxford and Wolfson, for a post at Danube University in Austria, and we congratulate him. And we have been sad to say goodbye to Gillian Hamnett as Senior Tutor, to take up the important post of Director of Student Welfare in the University. We also said goodbye this year,
after many years of service, to Therese Herbert as College Accountant and Heather Waring as Senior Battels Clerk. Among other departures we send good wishes for their future to Rachael Connelly from the Academic Office, and to Dianne Tonks from the nursery. We’ve been extremely pleased to welcome to Accounts, first, on a temporary basis, Caroline Hayter, and then as our new Accountant, Kathryn Pocock. We welcome Louise Scrivens as the new Admissions Officer. And we note with gratitude and awe that Jan Scriven, our invaluable Arts Administrator, and Sue Hales – the person without whom I could not have done my job – both celebrate 25 years of service to the College this year.

Many Wolfsonians received recognition and had significant academic successes this year. I never fail to list these achievements without a sense of wonder and delight at the astonishing range of Wolfsonian research activities. Sebastian Brock was recognized by the British Academy for his peerless contributions to Syriac language and literature. Andrew Briggs co-authored *The Penultimate Curiosity* for OUP, on the relation between science and religion. Ros Rickaby was awarded the Geological Society’s prestigious Lyell Medal. Elleke Boehmer was awarded a European Studies of English award for her book *Indian Arrivals 1870–1915* and received a major award from the Andrew Mellon Foundation. Jan Fellerer and Wolfgang de Melo are both on Leverhulme Research Fellowships. Jay Lewis is President of the Association for Korean Studies in Europe. Moritz Riede was elected co-chair to the Global Young Academy Council for young scientists, among them our Research Fellow Matthew Levy. Rick Schulting obtained two external research grants, one from the British Academy. Pamela Clemit was awarded the Keats-Shelley Distinguished Scholar Award for her work on Godwin. Mark Merrony published a book on *The Plight of Rome in the Fifth Century AD*. Samson Abramsky was co-recipient of the 2017 Alonzo Church Award for logic and computation.

In the Recognition of Distinction exercise for 2016, our Research Fellow Harish Bhaskaran became Professor of Applied Nanomaterials, Philomen Probert became Professor of Classical Philology and Linguistics, and Ulrike Roesler was made Professor of Tibetan and Himalayan Studies, and also won OUSU’s Outstanding Supervisor Award. Bettina Lange and our Research Fellow Omer Dushek were shortlisted for the Outstanding Graduate Supervisor Award.
Also among our Research Fellows, Claas Kirchhelle’s dissertation on antibiotics and food production received the University’s Dev Family Prize. Nicoletta Demetriou released her music-anthropology documentary *The Cypriot Fiddler*. Miles Pattenden’s book on *Electing the Pope in Early Modern Italy* is coming out with OUP. Kate Kennedy is one of the recipients of the Vice-Chancellor’s Public Engagement with Research Awards.

We are very glad of our Research and Junior Research Fellows’ successes. They are enormously important to us, and we are committed to giving them all the support and encouragement we can.

Inside Wolfson, our fifty-first year has been buzzing with activity. College lectures featured a vivid Sarfraz Lecture by William Dalrymple on the Koh-i-Noor, a hugely well-attended Syme Lecture by Mary Beard on images of Roman Emperors, a Haldane Lecture by Ray Pierrehumbert which covered a billion years of Earth History, and a Berlin Lecture by Galen Strawson which confined itself to a hundred years, of thinking about consciousness. The architect of our new buildings, Alan Berman, gave an exhilarating, richly illustrated series of Wolfson Lectures on modern architecture.
Cluster activities at Wolfson have continued to be varied, exciting, and multifarious, as readers of the Record will see in their reports, but are too numerous to be listed here. They have included the Ancient World’s workshop on London’s First Voices, the early Roman tablets deciphered and published by Roger Tomlin; the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society’s staging of the Putney Debates on the subject of the EU referendum; the Aris Lecture for the Tibetan and Himalayan Cluster, given by Charles Ramble on the dark side of Tibetan studies, and the annual Tibetan New Year party; the Digital Research Cluster’s day conference in honour of Sebastian Rahtz on his digital legacy; the South Asia Cluster’s day seminar for members of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and its conference for the seventieth anniversary of Indian Independence; and the Life-Writing Centre’s international day-conference on the Lives of Houses, and its Weinrebe Lecture series on Writing Global Lives, with Patrick French, Lyndal Roper, Roy Foster and Elleke Boehmer (the next director of OCLW).

We thank in particular the outgoing heads of the Ancient World Cluster, Peter Barber and Susan Walker, and Donna Kurtz of the Digital Cluster, which will now be led by David de Roure. I am very glad that two new science clusters are currently being created, one in Trauma, and one in Quantum Foundations, a major expansion of our current Quantum activities. And I am delighted that our Acting-President and President-Elect are committed to the continuation and expansion of the Clusters.

We have had a very active cultural year. The Fournier Trio, ever more dazzling, are working their way through the complete Beethoven string trios. Our choir is thriving. As a parting gift from me to the College, the world-renowned pianist Imogen Cooper gave us a superb piano recital of Haydn, Beethoven and Adès on 19 June. She warmly praised our Steinway and the acoustics of the Leonard Wolfson Auditorium. Our excellent Creative Arts Fellow, Nick Pierpan, had a new play on Wordsworth and Coleridge launched at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick. The Arts Society has run some excellent exhibitions, currently one of Wolfson College Portraits by New York photographer Mariana Cook. AMREF is doing splendidly. The President’s Seminars have been going strong, with seminars on Power, Space and – appropriately – Change. I am delighted to learn that the Acting President plans to continue them next year.
After its great successes in the fiftieth anniversary year, the Development Office is pursuing more scholarships, tripling the number of legacy intentions from former College members, creating new links in China, and planning for Isaiah Berlin’s legacy and for the future of Tibetan Studies. It organised the London Lecture, a brilliant exposition of Earth’s Thermostat by Ros Rickaby, and a very jolly Christmas party for alumni at the Athenaeum Club. I thank Bill Conner for his remarkable and dedicated work for the College in the ten years he has worked here; but I also want to thank in particular Kathie Mackay for all her gallant and dedicated work.

In sport, Wolfsonians have struggled, excelled, and conquered: we achieved a respectable draw on Darwin Day, we’ve been doing very well in croquet, and have gained a number of High Profile and Blues awards. On the river, Wolfson was as always outstanding. Our men’s first eight were third in Torpids, and in Eights Week they held their place at fifth on the river. Our women’s first crew reached sixth on the river in Eights Week for the first time in a quarter of a century, and our Women’s Second crew won blades in Torpids and are the highest women’s second boat. The Boat Club had a celebratory naming ceremony for two first boats, named after Cliff Sofield and Karl Davies. May those boats ride high on the river Thames for many years to come.

Our students are at the heart of Wolfson – this is their College – and as well as rowers, they are the scholars, teachers, writers, thinkers, entrepreneurs and inventors of the future. We currently have 615 students from all over the world, 227 of whom came in this year, and 473 of whom are DPhil students. We have 2 Rhodes scholars and 7 Wolfson Foundation Humanities scholars. We award 49 scholarships, with that number set to rise to 50 in 2017/18. We gave out 155 travel and conference awards and 18 academic bursaries this year, and our total expenditure on scholarships, travel awards and academic bursaries was just over £435,000.

I am saying farewell as your President as I write this letter. My future, I hope, will involve writing my books, doing some teaching and supervision for the English Faculty, and continuing as a Trustee of the Wolfson Foundation. And I am also hoping for a continuing relationship with the College. I am proud and delighted to have been elected an Honorary Fellow, and I shall be continuing as Advisory Director of the Life-Writing Centre. I will watch with interest the College’s progress.
under my brilliant and admirable immediate successor, Philomen Probert, and then under the President-Elect, Tim Hitchens, who I think is a magnificent choice for your next President.

I think of being the head of a College as rather like running a relay race, not that I was ever any good at that at school. You concentrate as much as you can and put as much energy and vigour and force and alertness into your bit of the race as you have, and then you pass on the baton. I apologize for the platitude. But it is heartfelt. To have been given the chance to be part of the team for these nine years, and to lead this College through to its fiftieth anniversary, has been one of the astonishing opportunities of my life. And in order to do it, I have relied completely on all those around me.

So my main emotion, in bidding you farewell, is gratitude. Gratitude to the wise heads of the College who came to an agreement with me when I arrived, that I should be able to take academic sabbatical terms and concentrate on my research in the vacations, which has enabled me to write one biography and make considerable headway on a second while I have been here. Gratitude to the staff of the College, whose dedication and loyalty and commitment to this institution is altogether remarkable. Gratitude to all those of my academic colleagues, whose achievements I enormously admire, who make Wolfson what it is and who have supported, advised and encouraged me in my work here. To the friends of Wolfson, far and near, who have been so generous to the College. To all the students and research fellows I have come to know, and who have made my life here exciting and interesting with their intellectual adventures. And to those Wolfsonians who are no longer with us, and to whose memories I am very attached. I name, in particular, our dear colleague, the poet, biographer and Professor of Literature, Jon Stallworthy, who was the person who first enticed me to Wolfson, and whose support, humour and friendship were of the utmost importance to me until his death in 2014. I am very grateful to the College for taking me on and for giving me this chance to be a leader, for a time, in Wolfson’s history, out of a life-time of writing and teaching and publishing. And I am also very grateful to the person who has given me wise advice and endless support, every day not just for the last nine years but for over forty years, the College’s Honorary Fellow John Barnard.
I am leaving my post at what is a very difficult and challenging time for Higher Education, for our international graduate community, and for the values inscribed in this College by our Founder Isaiah Berlin. We all believe in them: egalitarianism, tolerance, liberalism, pluralism, internationalism, intellectual openness and distinction. But we cannot be smug about these values, or take them for granted. They need to be guarded and maintained. I hope and believe that Wolfson will sustain its distinctive and remarkable ethos long into the future.
A tribute to Hermione Lee

Julie Curtis (GBF) spoke at the Foundation Dinner on 16 July

I’ve been a Fellow of Wolfson now for more than a quarter of a century. I’ve been lucky enough in that time to see the College flourish under Presidents such as Sir Bill Hoffenberg and Sir David Smith, and indeed Acting Presidents such as Jim Kennedy and Jon Stallworthy. But the last nine years have seen a remarkable enrichment and enhancing of their legacy.

The late Jon Stallworthy, with that fierce conviction of his about matters that he really cared about, was the person who first told me that Hermione Lee would be by far the best person we could find to fill the post of President, which had fallen vacant after the untimely death of Sir Gareth Roberts.

Many of us remember her interview by the Governing Body: why would someone give up the Goldsmiths Chair of English at New College, a position at the pinnacle of English studies, in a beautiful and very luxurious environment? A couple of things were striking that day: she talked convincingly about her passion for postgraduate education, dating back to her days at the University of York; and she said, clearly with utter sincerity, that she ‘just thought she had one more challenge in her’.

At the dinner after her interview she managed to draw everyone at the table into conversation, leaving us all with an impression of someone fascinating, who had contrived to make each one of us feel that she was equally interested in us. By the end of that day, the General Meeting representatives were quite clear that they wanted her; and the entire Porters’ Lodge, fine judges of character, had also backed her as the candidate Wolfson had to appoint.
It is not an easy task to sum up the very many things Hermione’s Presidency has brought to the College. Primary amongst these is strategic vision: showing the College that it could be something rather more again than the very nice place it had been previously, and helping it to develop a much more powerful identity within the collegiate university. She succeeded in drawing the Governing Body more closely together – not just through the creation of research clusters and the programming of a string of fascinating academic events, but also through encouraging us to recognize our collective responsibilities as trustees. She has also been responsible for a remarkable transformation in so many aspects of the College, including the beautiful new auditorium, porters’ lodge, café and Academic Wing. As our former Bursar Ed Jarron puts it: ‘That vision for the academic life of the College as well as its physical fabric never changed throughout her time in office, and it was that, linked to her tenacity, drive, fine judgement and good humour that made working with her such a pleasure. […] She has the charm to get people on-side, and the steel to ensure the right results when the going gets tough.’ Former Senior Tutor Andrew
Neil adds: ‘Working with Hermione has been a pleasure, and a privilege enriched by her charm, grace, insightful intellect and well-disguised steely determination. Above all it has been fun.’

But as well as these strategic and structural contributions, Hermione has a great gift for establishing good relations with individuals. She could be seen on many occasions coming into Hall with her lunch tray and seeking out the shy students sitting on their own, to chat and draw them out. Many, many colleagues and guests of the College have spoken to me of feeling noticed, welcomed and supported more than they could have expected.

The people who worked most closely with her on a day-to-day basis, her PA Sue Hales and the College Secretary Juliet Montgomery, combined forces to contribute the following comments: ‘We have found Hermione warm, enthusiastic, open and approachable; a delight to work for. She has wonderful powers of persuasion and she is succinct in chairing all types of meetings; with her subtle flick of the wrist to glance at her watch, you know when time is up! Where necessary, she applies humour to situations in order to dispel any possible conflicts and shows great understanding, sympathy and compassion to her colleagues and staff. […] She is greatly respected and admired and will be sorely missed by both of us.’

Louise Gordon, who runs the College’s very successful Conference Office adds: ‘One thing that comes through so strongly is the way that Hermione values every member of staff, and has extended Wolfson’s inclusive ethos to embrace us all. At the same time, she has immersed herself in the workforce of the College, really getting to grips with the "nuts and bolts" of how things work. Admittedly, it can be testing feeling her gaze directed in every corner (reinforced by her portrait keeping a close eye on proceedings!). There are many words to sum up Hermione: elegance, graciousness, incisiveness, clarity, wit and wisdom. But I think above all that she has been GENEROUS, in giving of herself to the wellbeing of the College and all of us within its community.’

When you come into College these days you find a buzzing café and many attractive new spaces: the most elegant auditorium in Oxford, which has brought us a parade of major intellectual figures and fabulous musical events; the expanded, light-filled library; additional meeting rooms; and the tranquil Jon Stallworthy Grove, offering
benches for peaceful chats and a new location for summer pre-dinner drinks or ballet performances.

More than one person has observed that Hermione is the best ‘topper and tailer’ in the business. When it comes to introducing speakers at public lectures, Hermione has an enviable gift for welcoming them with warmth and humour and perfectly judged comments – and then she follows their talk with a laser-sharp first question, ‘whether it be on the economy of Pakistan or quantum physics’, as Governing Body Matthew McCartney notes. She extracts the key issues from any lecture with forensic skill.

But it is a surprisingly short step from this immensely erudite scholar to her reconfiguration at last summer’s fiftieth anniversary ball as Marilyn Monroe, in one of our students’ wonderfully apt reworking of the famous Andy Warhol portrait; and many of us will think of her always flicking her hair out of the eyes, and often on the brink of a giggle.

Her husband John Barnard’s presence here has been an extremely congenial gain for the College as well, and he has proved a very supportive consort to Hermione during these years.

Hermione will be very busy over the coming years completing her authorized biography of the playwright Sir Tom Stoppard. They are well matched, both of them outstanding intellectuals in contemporary British culture while both deriving from East European origins. Another reminder, if we need one, of what a huge benefit immigration brings us over the generations. Amongst the characters of Stoppard’s
plays, perhaps Hermione is ultimately most like the young mathematician Thomasina from Arcadia, and not just for her prodigious intelligence. We all know, as Thomasina memorably puts it, that once you’ve stirred the jam into the rice pudding you can’t stir it back out again. Hermione’s jammy fingerprints prints will mark Wolfson for decades to come …

It has been a privilege to belong to Wolfson during the golden Hermione era: she has boosted my academic confidence, she’s turned my much-loved Wolfson into an even livelier and more beautiful place, and I will personally miss her presence more than I can say.

Lucie Cluver (GBF) added this tribute:

At the end of this academic year, we will say a very sad goodbye to our President, Professor Dame Hermione Lee. When I arrived at Wolfson for the first time as a Governing Body Fellow in 2009, I was delighted (and a little intimidated) by Hermione’s graciousness, kindness and initiative. She has somehow managed to know every member of staff, student and fellow, whilst tirelessly raising money, spearheading our beautiful new buildings, inspiring colleagues to innovative life-story research, and writing award-winning books in her spare time. Hermione has been a role model for me, and for many others. We wish her all the very best for her retirement, and a heartfelt thank-you for her incredible hard work.

And at the President’s Summer Garden Party for the College staff ...

The College staff knew that one of the Governing Body’s fun gifts to the President was an Edward Bawden colouring book and gel pens. She is a great admirer of this famous artist and illustrator (1903–89), as they well knew, so naturally they decided to go one better (well, several better), by accompanying their handsome gift of flowers with a limited-edition copy of Bawden’s Lost Watercolours, the largest collection of his pre-War watercolours ever assembled. The necessary whip-round was instigated by Sue Hales and Juliet Montgomery. In presenting this beautiful volume, Sue said:
'Hermione, you will be sorely missed by all of us and undoubtedly a hard act to follow. It’s been a real pleasure working for you for the last nine years.’ And Juliet added: ‘We wish you all the very best in your future projects, and may you have a long and happy retirement thereafter.’

Photos by Clare Norton
Glen Dudbridge (1938–2017)

Glen Dudbridge, Shaw Professor of Chinese and Fellow of University College 1989–2005 (Emeritus 2005–17), died on 5 February 2017 aged 79. Glen was educated at Bristol Grammar School before going up to Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he remained as both an undergraduate and a postgraduate. In 1965 he moved to Oxford as Lecturer in Modern Chinese and Fellow of Wolfson College (1966–85, Emeritus 1985–2017), and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1984. In 1985, however, he returned to Cambridge and a Fellowship at Magdalene College when he was appointed Professor of Chinese there. In 1989 Oxford won out once more when it elected him to the Chinese chair, which he held until his retirement in 2005.

He also held Visiting Professorships at Yale and the University of California, Berkeley, and was elected an Honorary Member of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in 1996.

Glen’s major publications include The Hsi-yu chi (1970); The Legend of Miao-shan (1978; 2nd ed. 2004; Chinese edition, 1990); The Tale of Li Wa (1983); Religious experience and lay society in T’ang China (1995); Lost Books of Medieval China (2000); Books, Tales and Vernacular Culture (2005); and A Portrait of Five Dynasties China (2013). More recently he had become an important member of a group engaged in translating a major T’ang dynasty historical source.

Glen’s former colleague, Tao Tao Liu, Emeritus Fellow of Wadham College, writes: Glen led the Institute of Chinese Studies as its Director to our site in Walton street in the old Clarendon Press Institute, leaving the Oriental Institute where we had been since the founding of the faculty, and to which we were still attached for all faculty matters; indeed Glen had always played his part in faculty affairs and had been the Chairman of the Faculty Board.
Glen was very keen on making Walton Street the centre for Chinese Studies in all aspects of life. He felt very loyal to the staff at the new Institute of Chinese, and our offices were grouped round the Director’s in such a way that we ran into each other every day so there was a strong sense of community. He loved having long conversations with all of us – as he said, he was ‘a bit of a gasbag.’

Glen was very conscientious and hard working. He put the institution he worked in as well as his own work on the same high level. He was very interested in all aspects of Chinese studies, putting much effort for instance into students’ progress in learning the modern Chinese language. He insisted on the highest standards from his students, and strove hard to find it in them as well as in himself. One student remembers ‘the contortionist crossings of his long legs he used to manage in class’ which shows his attention to their utterances and his determination that they should produce their best.

His own spoken Chinese was excellent. His children noticed that their parents still communicated in Chinese. His wife Sylvia who is Chinese by birth gave him every support. According to his colleagues who were once students with him at Cambridge, Glen was very good at the language side of things especially in Classical Chinese from the beginning. Glen himself started his research in Chinese fiction, beginning with Journey to the West which had been composed in the vernacular. He diversified into all sorts of narrative, some in classical Chinese, from the T'ang dynasty onwards, using material that showed the development of fiction in his many publications.

He loved music, and one of his ‘treats’ for himself was to buy a baby grand piano for his retirement. We used to be quite surprised to find our professor playing in a band (in place of his son) on the street in Oxford at the weekend.

Glen’s successor but one, the current Shaw Professor, Barend ter Haar, adds:

For many decades since my doctoral studies, ‘Professor Dudbridge’ was mostly a much respected, somewhat intimidating presence in distant England. I worked in Leiden and Heidelberg, where I did meet him from time to time at conferences. As these things go in scholarly life one gets to know a person mostly through his articles and books, which were always a great joy to read and most of all to use in class and in doing research. When I came to Oxford in January 2013, it was as his
indirect successor and I have always considered it a great honour. He and Sylvia were very helpful in preparing our way into Oxford, making us feel really welcome. More importantly, I now got to know him quite well on a more personal level, since we both frequented the Chinese studies coffee mornings with great regularity. From ‘Professor Dudbridge’ he now became ‘Glen’. He sometimes mused on my very ‘different’ way of presenting information, and I suspect that had I been his student he would have tried to root my sloppiness out. Luckily, we could maintain a much more relaxed interaction, in which he would enjoy telling stories about his research as well as the slightly more distant sinological past of the field that we share. Through him British and Dutch Sinology came to life in very different ways from its published research, though always in a respectful way. I especially enjoyed his more recent reflections on the tensions between more empirical and more conceptual approaches to the past, which he called ‘Crunchy and fluid ways to think about Chinese history and literature.’

From the obituary compiled for the University College Record by Dr Robin Darwall-Smith, its Archivist, by his kind permission and that of Dr Tao Tao Liu and Professor Barend Ter Haar. Glen Dudbridge contributed ‘Some memories of the College’s early days’ to the fiftieth-anniversary Wolfson College Record in 2016.
Geoffrey Garton (1927–2016)

Geoff Garton, who died peacefully at home on 3 October 2016, exemplified the social mobility made possible for many an Oxford scientist by the post-war grammar school system. Born in Nottingham on 6 October 1927, Geoff was the son of a warehouseman. After attending the Henry Mellish Grammar School in Nottingham he entered St Catherine’s Society, Oxford (now St Catherine’s College), gaining a BA in Chemistry in 1950 and a DPhil in 1952. During 1952–55 he worked as a Research Assistant in the Department of Chemistry at Princeton University before returning to Oxford as an ICI Research Fellow, where in 1955 he was appointed a Research Assistant in the Clarendon Laboratory, progressing to the post of Senior Research Officer, which he combined with lectureships in Chemistry at Brasenose and Lady Margaret Hall. His interests were in the fields of crystal growth, crystal structures and phase equilibrium. When I pressed him for detail, all I could extract was: ‘Oh, I grow crystals for the physicists.’

As Wolfson developed, its need for Fellows in branches of science with a large graduate intake became increasingly pressing, and Geoff joined the Governing Body in 1967, remaining a Fellow for 25 years until his retirement in 1992. He was also a stalwart of the Grounds Sub-Committee for many decades, even after retirement. So much for the record. My acquaintance with Geoff arose via his first wife, Natalie, who was a senior technician in the then Department of Geology and Mineralogy, which I myself joined in January 1967, as a 23-year-old Departmental Demonstrator. Natalie was kindness itself: invitations to their home on Arnold’s Way, off Cumnor Hill, are well-remembered. By the late 1970s Geoff became pessimistic about the future of research funding, and agreed to take on the role of Bursar at Wolfson. To his affected dismay, funding for his Department did come through, and the following years were busy, to say the least. One of the conditions of the post of Bursar was that the Gartons occupied 14 Chadlington Road, which raised a number of opportunities.
Natalie, a passionate gardener, transformed the grounds, and a few of her plantings still survive. Also conspicuous was the appearance of Simba, their ginger cat of serious pedigree, who haunted the front car park, and was often spotted sniffing car exhausts, for reasons unclear to this day. The requirement to inhabit Number14 presented another opportunity: to acquire a country retreat. This was Shucklets, a cottage with large and rambling grounds close to the pub in the village of Ramsden, north of Witney. The previous owner had run a haulage business, and parts of the garden were a waste of rubble, the site of a lorry park. I spent many a weekend as voluntary labour (in exchange for suppers: Geoff was an excellent cook), and the grounds were transformed over the years into a much praised and admired estate. The lorry park revealed, after much digging, a rock garden with raised beds and pond; the orchard was cleared and restored to health, and at the top of the drive, Geoff’s pride and joy: a vineyard, producing (in some years at least) a very acceptable Chateau Garton, which was robustly fenced to deter the sheep in the adjacent field. Natalie’s premature death was a blow, but was lightened by his second marriage to Kay, a most charming widowed journalist neighbour.

Finally back to Ramsden. Amongst the spring carpets of snowdrops lurked a hybrid with semi-double flowers: *Galanthus elwesii* ‘Natalie Garton’.

Photo: Judy’s Snowdrops
He was a very, very nice man. Calm (but only on the surface, he said), gentle and kind, a man who served his friends and College well. He died peacefully where he wanted to, in his armchair at Shucklets.

His substantial bequest to the College will fund a Garton Garden Assistant (to increment our gardening staff), an increased bursary for the Creative Arts Fellowship (to be renamed the Geoffrey Garton Creative Arts Fellowship), and a sum for artwork for the College and to help fund College concerts. In addition, a beautiful birdbath in the Bishop’s House Garden will be renovated and inscribed with Geoff’s name.

Jim Kennedy

Postscript

A few years ago we cat-sat in a medieval torre in Trastevere, on the west bank of the Tiber in Rome. The owner, whom at that stage we had not met, returned after being on a field trip with students, and we dined together that night: ‘So what is your Oxford college?’ ‘Wolfson,’ we replied. ‘Do you know Geoff Garton?’ ‘Yes indeed.’ Then he told us: ‘Geoff was attached to my father’s lab in the States. My mother went into labour with me, and called my father to take her to the local maternity unit. He was too busy with an experiment, and asked Geoff to drive us there, which he duly did. I suppose he is a sort of honorary midwife to me. Dad got the Nobel Prize later ...’

To Ellen and myself, Dear Reader, it was a sort of Anthony Powell moment.
Denis Mack Smith
(1920–2017)


In 1954, Denis Mack Smith produced his first book – and his masterpiece – *Cavour and Garibaldi 1860: A Study in Political Conflict*. Written with verve and style, it unpicks a crucial year in Italian history, undercutting a series of accepted truths concerning Italy’s unification and, in Jonathan Steinberg’s words, telling Italians ‘what they did not want to hear’. Far from being a collaboration by great men, the Risorgimento for Denis had been riven by conflict, contradictions and debates over strategy. And while previous interpretations had depicted Giuseppe Garibaldi as a romantic and wild revolutionary, and Count Camillo di Cavour as a brilliant and serious tactician, Denis argued that things had often been the other way around. He had unwittingly walked straight into a fierce debate in Italy between followers of Antonio Gramsci, the Communist leader and theorist who died after imprisonment by Mussolini, with their conviction that the Risorgimento had been a failed revolution, and liberal historians, who defended the gains of the unification period.

His analysis fitted perfectly, at least on the surface, with the Gramscians, although he admitted that, at that point, he had not read any Gramsci. Not a man of the left but an anti-fascist liberal, he was often bundled into the left camp in Italy, where history has always been intensely politicised.

Denis was a rarity, a true populariser of history, who wrote in a clear, readable and engaging style. His writing was full of quotable lines. He wrote of Cavour that he had ‘managed to persuade people to back a revolution on the excuse that this was the way to prevent a revolution.’

He was also a master of the use of a crucial anecdote and the minor but telling detail. The public adored his output and his *History of Italy* (1959) became the bestselling text written by an academic of all time in Italy, shifting something like 200,000 copies. He was reluctant to have it translated into Italian, and was only persuaded to do so by the publisher Vito Laterza, who ‘didn’t change a line’. The book was also given out to subscribers of a Communist party periodical and thus proudly displayed in many Italian homes. Denis’s death has led to debates on Italian national radio and TV, and long articles about his career in the press.

Denis was born in London, the son of Wilfrid Mack Smith, a tax inspector in Bristol, and his wife, Altiora (née Gauntlett). From St Paul’s Cathedral choir school and Haileybury College, Denis went to Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he was the organ
scholar. He was the first in his family to go to university. His interest in Italy, he later claimed, was first sparked at school, but was also linked to a later encounter with the great liberal historian G M Trevelyan; however, his main reference point at Peterhouse was the historian Herbert Butterfield, a harsh critic of the Whig tradition represented by Trevelyan.

In 1946, Denis spent an extended period in Italy looking at archival material relating to Sicily in 1860. Later he remembered ‘the hunger and the silence of that period ... I passed entire months without talking to anyone.’ The country was still recovering from the trauma of the Second World War and people were throwing out books that had enjoyed favour during the Fascist period. Denis bought up vast amounts from street stalls and sent them back to the UK, thus forming the basis of a personal library that would aid his writing.

The philosopher Benedetto Croce took Denis under his wing, giving him access to the library of his house in Naples, but only at night. Croce would occasionally join the young scholar, dressed in his night shirt. In 1949, Denis met one of Garibaldi’s daughters in Rome, and she invited him to visit the family home on the island in Caprera. He later said that it was one of the great regrets of his life that he had not been able to do so.

After being a Fellow of Peterhouse (1947–62), Denis was elected to a Research Fellowship at All Souls (1962–87). A tall, dashing, charming and elegant man, he was generous with his time and learning. In later years he entertained Italian scholars at his house near Oxford and gave them books from his extensive collection. His own other publications included a biography of Mussolini (1982), and further, separate studies of Garibaldi and Cavour were joined in 1994 by a biography of Giuseppe Mazzini, the other leading figure of the Risorgimento. Denis also edited *The Making of Italy, 1796-1866* (1988), and co-authored *A History of Sicily* (1986) with Moses Finley and Christopher Duggan. He had supervised Duggan’s doctorate, and one of the last times he was seen in public was at Duggan’s memorial service in 2015. Denis well into his 90s was still hosting lunch in Oxford and would insist on driving his guests back to the station afterwards at some speed.

Despite, or perhaps because of, his popularity in Italy, many mainstream historians there despised Denis, and wrote scathing reviews of his books. When the Italian historian Renzo De Felice published an explosive interview-book concerning his
interpretation of Italian fascism in 1975, Denis replied with his own interview, published as ‘A Monument for Il Duce’. A live, prime-time debate followed on national TV. It was a clash of styles and cultures. On one side there was De Felice the powerful academic, barely able to hide his contempt for Mack Smith, and on the other the perfect English gentleman, with a strong foreign accent and subtle point-scoring. Mack Smith started the debate by describing Mussolini as a ‘criminal’, something that undermined the entire basis of De Felice’s monumental biography. In one of his last academic pieces, Mack Smith picked this apart with meticulous care and forensic attention to detail. He began with this perfect understatement: ‘Renzo De Felice’s unfinished biography of Mussolini is not an easy read.’

Denis’s success set in train a whole host of British scholars working on modern and contemporary Italy. The Association for the Study of Modern Italy, which organises an annual conference and publishes the journal *Modern Italy*, was set up in 1982, and Denis followed Christopher Seton-Watson as its chair. He was made a Fellow of the British Academy (1976), Grande Ufficiale dell’Ordine di Merito della Repubblica Italiana (1984) and CBE (1990).

In 1963 he married Catherine Stevenson. She survives him, along with his daughters, Sophie and Jacinta, and his grandchildren, Stephanie, Tosca, Jonah and Theo.

John Foot (Professor of Modern Italian History, Bristol University)

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Alumni Relations and Development
by William Conner, the Development Director

After a very busy start to 2016 with the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary, 2016/17 was meant to be a bit calmer. That didn’t really happen and life at Wolfson continued apace.

Alumni engagement with the College remains very important to us. Over the past year we have held alumni events in Jerusalem, Singapore, London and Oxford. Many thanks go to our alumna in Jerusalem, Maren Niehoff, who hosted a visit by Martin Goodman; and to our Fellows Ben Sheldon and Vlatko Vedral, for participating in a drinks event for Wolfsonians during the University’s Singapore reunion. Our annual London Christmas party was hosted by the President at the Athenaeum with a record number of London-based alumni attending. In March the annual London Lecture was given by Ros Rickaby at the Old Hall, Lincoln’s Inn. The June Gaudy at the end of Trinity Term was an opportunity for local alumni to say farewell to the President.

Progress in fundraising continued, highlights including further commitments by the Augustus Trust to the Ancient World Cluster and by the Dorset Foundation to Life Writing. Expansion of the Harrison Physics scholarships was agreed and will begin in 2018/19. The Nicholas John Trust partially funded one of the fiftieth anniversary events celebrating Isaiah Berlin’s association with the Russian poet Anna Akhmatova. Gerald Chan’s commitment to support Wolfson Innovates was augmented by further funding from Oxford Sciences Innovation. The Berggruen Institute continued its funding for Philosophy post-docs into a second year. The new Quantum Physics Hub received its first funding from an anonymous American donor. Fundraising has begun in support of Indo-Iranian Philology and the Isaiah Berlin Legacy project.

Two new endowments were completed. The Aris Lectures endowment will fund an annual lecture in Tibetan and Himalayan Studies, and the year ended with a wonderful commitment by Lord Rothschild to endow the annual Berlin Lecture.

The Syme Legacy Society has tripled in size in the past couple of years, its members having formally or informally declared their intention to leave a legacy to the College. This fiscal year, the College has received legacies from two Emeritus Fellows, Glen Dudbridge and Geoffrey Garton. The Garton legacy will endow the Creative Arts Fellowship and an apprentice gardener.

In June the College was visited by His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa, spiritual leader of one of the eight lineages of Buddhism, who through his secular charity,
Live to Love, has supported scholarships and research at Wolfson. During his visit he viewed Drukpa treasures in the Bodleian and the Pitt Rivers Museum, met students in the subject area, participated in a seminar on the preservation of Tibetan and Himalayan cultural heritage, and received his fiftieth anniversary Honorary Fellowship.

We owe thanks to alumni and various volunteers who come forward to help the College and students in particular who are seeking advice about their careers. We owe special thanks to the Wolfson Strategy Group which meets annually under the leadership of Philip Kay to discuss the College’s strategy and initiatives. It has been a useful sounding-board for new ideas and for discussion about further fundraising and the activity of our research clusters.

It has been a good year. Exciting new projects and initiatives are underway, with scholarships still a priority after our success in the anniversary celebrations. The Governing Body has agreed to redevelop the old lodge and buttery: planning permission will be sought, followed by fundraising. We would like to build a new gym facility near the squash courts, and additional housing has been proposed.

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Afrough, Sara (2011–16) DPhil Musculoskeletal Sciences, ‘The Role of Tumour Necrosis Factor Alpha Stimulated Gene-6 on Bone’

Aleksandrowicz, Michal (2015–16) MBA

Alexeeva, Iana (2007–16) DPhil Experimental Psychology, ‘Information Processing in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: The Role of Cognitive Bias and Negative Illness Cognitions in the Perpetuation of Symptoms of Chronic Fatigue’

Battis, Matthias (2011–16) DPhil History, ‘Aleksandr A. Semenov (1873–1958) and his vision of Tajik identity – on the origins of Soviet nationalities policy in late imperial Russian Oriental Studies’

(2009–11) MPhil Russian and East European Studies

Bennett Manzano, Magdalena (2010–16) DPhil Zoology, ‘Climate and biodiversity in the Andean Dry Puna’

Bhatti, Shehroze (2015–16) MSc Computer Science

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Lari, Federica (2012–16) DPhil Clinical Medicine, ‘Resolution of Proteotoxic Stress in the Endoplasmic Reticulum by Ubiquitin Ligase Complexes’


Lewin, Thomas (2015–16) MSc Applied Statistics

Li, Meredith (2015–16) MSc Education (Child Development and Education)

Linton, Charlotte (2015–16) MSc Visual, Material and Museum Anthropology

Liu, Yifan (2011–16) DPhil Organic Chemistry, ‘Synthesis of the CDE and EFG Ring Systems of Pectenotoxin-4’


McArdle, David (2009–11) MPhil Russian and East European Studies

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**Michaelmas Term 2016 and Hilary Term 2017**
Bogaert, Pieter, (MSC Ghent, MA Cantab) [GS 2015–]
Falah, Maysa, MSc (BSC Jordan) [GS 2013–]
Hildebrandt Belmont, Luis
(MA Pontificia Univ Catolic, MA, MSc Essex) [GS 2015–]
Howe, Adam (BA Durham) [GS 2015–]
Levy, Matthew (BSc UCLA, MS, PhD Rice Univ) [JRF 2015–]
Naiman, Matthew, MPhil (BA, US Franklin and Marshall) [GS 2012–]

**Trinity Term 2017**
Hildebrandt Belmont, Luis
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Howe, Adam (BA Durham) [GS 2015–]
Kunnath, George (MA Univ Poona, MPhil Tata Inst, PhD SOAS, Lond) [RF 2013–]
Molteni, Marco (BA Milan) [GS 2013–] (*resigned in TT*)
Sharma, Amogh Dhar (BA Delhi) MPhil [GS 2013–] (*resigned in TT*)
Trivedi, Akash (MSc Imperial, PGCE Notts) [GS 2016–]

**Chairs of the General Meeting**

*Michaelmas Term 2016 and Hilary Term 2017*
Falah, Maysa

*Trinity Term 2017*
Hildebrandt Belmont, Luis
Clubs and Societies

AMREF Group

*Flying Doctors*

It is always encouraging for the College to learn about the activities of Amref Health Africa, and the sheer variety of its humanitarian work can be seen in the many different projects we at Wolfson have supported over the years. An important subsidiary is the Nairobi-based African Flying Doctors service which, among other tasks, provides for the emergency evacuation of urgent medical cases from all over East and Central Africa to hospitals in Nairobi and elsewhere.

The value of this service has recently been dramatically brought home to the Group. Last year Mwangala Lethbridge, the Zambian daughter-in-law of one of our longest-serving members, Christopher Lethbridge, was seriously hurt in a traffic accident in Lusaka. Her multiple injuries were life-threatening, and it was immediately clear that she needed to be evacuated to Nairobi, and thence to the UK, if doctors were to save her life. A call was made to the Flying Doctors service, which immediately provided a special air ambulance. This flew Mwangala, accompanied by trained medical staff, to Nairobi, and from there she reached London by a commercial flight. Her condition was stabilised at the John Radcliffe hospital in Oxford, but despite every effort by the surgeons, her right leg had to be amputated.

At the time of writing Mwangala is making good progress, and she has nothing but the highest praise for the wonderful work done by Amref: ‘The swift and professional support I received from everyone at Amref undoubtedly saved my life. Now my ambition is to recover my mobility sufficiently to enter the London Marathon to raise money for Amref!’ The Group wishes her a speedy and full recovery, and looks forward to supporting her in the London Marathon.

The Group liaises closely with Amref UK, and we have asked the Trusts and Foundations Officer at the London HQ, to give us a first hand account of working with, and for, Amref.

*Steph Mooney writes:*

‘Since joining Amref Health Africa last year I’ve had the opportunity to see our work close up, and meet many of our generous supporters who make it happen. Last summer I travelled to Kenya to visit a maternal health project in Makueni...
County. Makueni is a large and mostly rural county, about three hours' drive from Nairobi. The landscape varies wildly, from rolling hills to high altitude terraces. Amref is working across the region to bring better maternity services, facilities, and training to both the smallest village health centres and larger hospitals. In Kasikeu, I met a group of Community Health Volunteers who have received training in basic maternal health, ante-natal care, and early childhood development. In many rural communities in Kenya, the Volunteers provide a lifeline by bridging the gap between traditional services. Munini, who is one of fifty Volunteers based at the centre, told me how she walks for miles up and down the hills of Kasikeu visiting mothers’ houses. She walks so far because she feels her work is so important: she supplies women and young children with basic health information, and encourages them to access vital services at the Kasikeu facility. She was just one of the many incredible people I met on my trip.

‘Amref recently evaluated the project, and we were able to see the impact of our work. Over four years things have dramatically changed for mothers and their babies in Makueni. More than 90% of women in the region now give birth at their local health centre, with the assistance of a trained health worker, compared to just 37% in 2012. This means mothers are now able to give birth safely and with dignity. Wolfson continues to play a key role in supporting communities like Makueni, and I want to say a big thank you on behalf of all of us to all of you for your generosity and dedication in supporting Amref Health Africa over the years. This year, with Wolfson funds, we are helping more than 80,000 young people in Tanzania to learn about their sexual and reproductive health, and rights. We couldn’t do it without you.’

Mark Pottle

Photo c/o Stephanie Mooney, AMREF Group. Steph Mooney (far left) with Community Health Volunteers, including Munini (centre), at Amref’s Kasikeu facility, Kenya, August 2016
Arts Society

The Secret Staircase opened our exhibition programme in Michaelmas Term. It featured works by artist Caroline Isgar and writer Michèle Roberts inspired by the eighteenth-century tokens left by mothers with their babies at the Foundling Hospital, which included artefacts, an inscribed table used as a massive printing block, a print taken from this and the artist’s work book. The opening included an informal talk by Michèle Roberts. Organised in conjunction with the Oxford Centre for Life-Writing, and originally shown at the Foundling Museum in London, it was a poignant exploration of mother–child separation.

This was followed by Re-visiting China’s Silk Road, an exhibition of photographs by Jacob Ghazarian (MCR) taken in the winter of 2010 as he travelled through the towns and oases of the ancient Silk Road. In use for millennia, this ancient superhighway has never ceased to be important, recently inspiring a new Chinese initiative to develop a twenty-first century land-bound economic network that will re-connect China to Europe via its Central Asian neighbours.

The link between the ancient and contemporary worlds was also the theme of Welsh artist Susan Edwards in A Permanent Presence: Paintings and Original Prints of Neolithic Cromlechs in Pembrokeshire. Susan Edwards has spent several years visiting ancient burial grounds, cromlechs and standing stones scattered across Pembrokeshire, and recording them in her sketches, painting, collagraphs and etchings, one of which was bought for the College’s own collection.

At the beginning of Hilary Term, the College showed a selection of children’s work. This very popular exhibition was organised by Leanne Johannson (GS) and the Wolfson Families Society, and opened a window onto the wonderfully imaginative and creative world of the many younger people who live at Wolfson with their parents.
Plants were the focus of Helen Simpson’s *Traveller’s Poise*, a collection of pastels and oils of flowers. Not a botanical illustrator, she draws flowers much larger than life, but deliberately does not include whole plants in her highly colourful pictures: instead, to use her own words, her work is about recognition and realising a mystery. During the exhibition, the artist also ran a pastels day workshop.

Bold use of colour is also typical of Anna Freeman-Bentley’s work. Her exhibition *Chapters* depicted disconnected or overlooked interiors as well as reflective and mirrored spaces. Inspired by real spaces, these fabricated environments explored the emotive potential of space and its associations by extending the bounds of architectural possibility.

*Borderland*, an impressive series of abstract works by Arabella Hope, was the final exhibition of Hilary Term. They were created by this young Scottish artist during her Magdalen Road Studios Residency in 2016, who dramatically but effortlessly crossed the boundaries between painting and sculpture, and achieved a series of bold, three-dimensional works that both intrigued and delighted the eye. This Residency is sponsored by the Arts Society and developed in partnership with the Magdalen Road Studios, to provide support for young and emerging artists.
Wolfson’s contribution to Oxfordshire Artweeks was an exhibition of works by participants in the life drawing class curated by Kassandra Isaacson. As Wolfsonians will be aware, Kassandra has been involved with the life of Wolfson for many years, giving generously of both her time and expertise to support a whole host of artistic projects of which the drawing class is but one. However, this will be the last such show that she will organize as she has decided that the time has finally come to give up teaching a regular Life Drawing class in College. Her contribution to the artistic life in Wolfson during this time has been immense and her generosity unstinting: the College is forever in her debt.

The year closed with a stunning exhibition, *Wolfson College Portraits* by the acclaimed New York-based photographer Mariana Cook. The show includes a striking portrait of Isaiah Berlin, and portraits of outstanding figures who have links to Wolfson either as past Berlin, Haldane and Syme Lecturers, or because they have given major speeches and lectures at Wolfson.

Sitters include mathematician Marcus de Sautoy, poet Simon Armitage, musician and writer Alfred Brendel, historian Mary Beard and Kwame Anthony Appiah, Reith Lecturer and cultural philosopher. Mariana also photographed Professor John Barnard for the series of portraits of presidential spouses displayed in College. The exhibition is on loan until the end of the year.

The display cases used in conjunction with exhibitions always provide a tempting visual distraction on the way to the Upper Common Room. This year they showed some of the very touching tokens that inspired *The Secret Staircase*, alongside the inscribed table that was used to make the woodblock print on display in the room nearby. Ceramics by the Korean artist Eunju Kim and the College’s own Tracy Fuzzard were also featured, as well as artefacts associated with the Wolfson Life Stories event in June.
I am sure that we, as well as visitors to Wolfson, are guilty of walking past many of the wonderful works on display in Wolfson without giving them a second thought, seemingly hidden in plain sight as they are. Mark Norman and Jan Scriven tried to address this problem by leading highlight tours of the works on display for visitors to Wolfson during the Fiftieth Anniversary weekend, and for colleagues from the Oxford Colleges Art Group and during a visit to the College by the Oxford Civic Society. These were deemed so successful that it is planned to offer a further series of tours for College members beginning in Michaelmas 2017.

Inevitably, this does not all happen as if by magic, so I would like to thank my colleagues for all the work that they have put into making the ASC such a success. There is a lot more to being a member than dutifully turning up for the meetings, and it is their contribution and support that ensures that each year is better than the last. However, people come and go: that is the nature of College life. This year Courtney Nimura left Wolfson, and the ASC, but not before she had contributed in a very practical way to the development of the Electronic Arts database of works in the College. Professor John Barnard (HF) also stood down after being a member ever since he came to Wolfson. His direct, but gently expressed, views and humour, coupled with a willingness to liaise with so many exhibiting artists over the years, will be sorely missed by the Committee.

However, I particularly wish to thank the President for her unparalleled interest and involvement in the ASC throughout her time in Wolfson. Despite all other commitments and when, as an ex officio member, she could so easily have found a myriad of other more important things to do, she has unfailingly attended every meeting that she could over the past nine years, so eclipsing the attendance record of many. During her tenure, the ASC has benefited enormously from her advocacy and wise counsel. More importantly, though, it has benefited from her wholehearted support for and commitment to its mission – the fostering and development of the visual arts in Wolfson.

My final thanks, and the College’s, are due to Jan Scriven: without our Arts Administrator, little of what I am so delighted to report would have happened.

Mark Norman (Chair, Arts Sub-Committee)
Badminton
The Club was founded in November 2015. We hold practice sessions throughout the year, the time depending on the availability of a court. New players are welcome, of whatever level, the aim being to improve our game while having fun. Our collaboration with St Anne’s in League and Cuppers has continued to be successful: we won Women’s Cuppers, and reached the semi-finals of Men’s Cuppers.
I am stepping down, and we are seeking a new captain. Do get in touch if you are interested.
Anqi Gao

BarCo
It has been an eventful year for the Cellar Bar. At the beginning of the academic year, we hosted most of the Fresher’s Week events in collaboration with the Fresher’s Week Committee, including whisky-tasting, beer pong tournament and a non-alcoholic cocktail night, which proved to be extremely popular. Throughout the year, we worked closely with other college organisations and committees such as Entz and the Conference team, and hosted various internal and external events, including bops, drinks receptions and external wedding events. BarCo’s newly formed social committee also organised some successful events, including the Mario Kart Tournament and Open Mic Night.

We have constantly revised our selection of drinks. As a highlight, we introduced new gins at a gin-tasting, which was very well-received. We have also introduced local guest ales, and we hope to continue to cater to our customers’ tastes by introducing fresh drinks to extend selection. With support from the College and the Social and Cultural Committee, most of the funding for our proposed bar refurbishment has now been secured, and we hope to bring a brand new bar to the Wolfson community very soon.
The year the issue of noise was raised. In dealing with this new issue, BarCo worked closely with the community and the College. We hope that with the revision of our Constitution, and by enforcing a clear disciplinary system with crucial support
from the College, we can continue to serve each and every member of our beloved community, and thus maintain the Cellar Bar as a friendly, social hub.

David Yuxin Wang

Board Games

The Wolfson Board Game Society is a new College club formed by Nicola Dotti and myself, who wanted to share our interest with other College members. With help from the College, we have formed a collection of games of varying difficulty, ranging from the social and interactive to the more strategic, which will give enjoyment to people who have no previous knowledge of board games.

The inaugural event at the beginning of Trinity Term was a great success, and ended with a pizza dinner. There were about twenty-five participants, which greatly increased our membership. Instead of weekly sessions, we now organize several meetings a week.

Michael Slota
Boat Club

The season started strong and early for the Club, which entered *eleven* senior crews into the Oxford City Royal Regatta in July 2016. Seven made it to the finals in their respective events, and two of these were victorious: the Intermediate Women’s 8+ 500m and the Intermediate Women’s 4+ 1000m. This presaged a strong year to come.

During Michaelmas Term our senior squads competed successfully in numerous races within Oxford and beyond, making a strong showing at such big-name events as Pairs Head of the River, Upper Thames Autumn Head, Head of the River Fours, Vesta Sculler’s Head and Wallingford Fours and Eights; and taking wins at Henley Town and Visitors Regatta, Isis Sculls, and Walton Small Boats Head, where our scullers stormed the novice categories, winning all four races entered.

Back home in Oxford, novice training was full steam ahead. One of our greatest strengths as a club is the dedication of our incoming rowers, and the immense time
and effort we put into their coaching. At Nephthys Regatta, the first all-novice rowing competition of the season, our novice men’s first boat (of two!) fought its way into the quarter-finals before being eliminated, and our women’s novice crew won the women’s event. Both the men’s and women’s crews would put on another excellent show in Christ Church Regatta the next week, each making it to the quarter-finals in their respective divisions.

As the months got colder our rowers got stronger, tediously preparing for Torpids, the first of Oxford’s two four-day bumps races. We entered six strong crews of men and women, and after the successes of Michaelmas, hopes were high. But this year’s campaign was marred by mishaps such as bank entanglements, sudden illnesses, broken riggers, dangerous crashes and one snapped-off rudder. But the rowers of WCBC do not go down without a fight, and duly overcame adversity and misfortune. M2 and M3 both maintained their highest-ever positions on the river, and M1 started and rowed over at third on the river (Men's Division 1) for the first time in Club history. W3 and W1 both had strong campaigns, just missing blades on the last day, W3 having been bumped and W1 crashing into the bank when their rudder failed in mid-race. Mishaps aside, W2 was gloriously victorious, bumping up +5 over four days and winning blades in the process. They are now the highest our W2 has ever been in Torpids, and maintain their W2 headship as the only second women’s boat in Division 2.

In the weeks following Torpids, WCBC trained hard and kept their blades wet. The women entered two crews to compete in Women’s Eights Head of the River in London, and even beat a few University squads, but the Men’s Head of the River was unfortunately cancelled because of high winds. The whole Club then mustered in the week before Trinity Term for our annual weekend training camp in Henley, and emerged ready for the final preparations for Summer Eights, the second of the Oxford bumps races. We also christened our two new first boats, Karl Davies II (M1) after Karl Davies the Steward, and Cliff (W1) after Clifford Sofield, the Club’s long-time member, committee member and stalwart supporter.

With boats freshly named and weather turned fair, the men and women of WCBC turned to Summer Eights with newfound enthusiasm, once again entering a total of six crews. The first boats continued to make history, with M1 maintaining station at fifth on the river amidst strong surrounding Division 1 crews, and W1 bumping up
+1 to sixth on the river in Women’s Division 1, their highest place in over a quarter of a century. W2 bumped up yet again into Women’s Division 2, easily remaining the highest women’s second boat on the river, and W3 bumped up three places overall. In the meantime, M2 was bumped down two places, and M3 managed to maintain its headship as the highest men’s third boat on the river, despite being bumped on all four days of competition and being duly awarded ‘spoons’.

2016–17 marked another spectacular year for the rowing Wolves. With many dedicated seniors remaining, and some novices to train, we look forward to sharing our successes with you in the coming season.

Jessica Dunham (President, WCBC)
Cherwell Day

On Cherwell Day we celebrate our relationship with summer and the River Cherwell by punting, playing croquet, drinking Pimm’s in the gardens and sharing a well-cooked dinner. Wolfson may not be very old, but already it has some traditions, Cherwell Day among the finest. It begins with a croquet tournament and punt regatta: competition is fierce but gentlemanly. These physical pursuits are followed by a drinks reception in the Harbour Quad and dinner punctuated by a speech from a senior Wolfsonian known as the Deipnosophist.

The Day is organized by the Admiral of Punts and the Master of Croquet, and marks a changing of the guard for both clubs. We look forward to the sun on the river and the scent of freshly mown grass. Please join us for another day of jovial sport next year.

Matthew Naiman
Choir

The Choir has grown significantly over the past year and now comprises a core group (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) of twenty-four, and a smaller consort of eight. We feel a duty to perform repertoire not often heard in Oxford, including music by female and other under-represented composers. We are also the only choir in Oxford to combine, by design, both experienced, semi-professional choral singers and people with no experience of choral singing, so that anyone can learn to sing to a high standard. About one-third of rehearsal time is devoted to the physical and vocal mechanics of singing, and as conductor I also offer free, individual sessions with singers who wish to improve further.

In our most recent concert, *Love Songs for a Small Planet*, we performed music which evokes nature, including works by Palestrina, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gunnar Eriksson and the celebrated Estonian composer Veljo Tormis (1930–2017), whose folk arrangements are not well known here. One of the singers, Annie Beliveau, also premiered her prize-winning composition *Leaves in the Wind* on the piano. Members contributed a slideshow of landscape photographs they had taken around the world,
linking sound to landscape as one image slowly merged into the next while the choir sang. An enthusiastic audience filled the Leonard Wolfson Auditorium, and brought the house down by clapping along to the last piece, an arrangement of *Loch Lomond* by the Canadian composer Jonathan Quick.

The Choir also gave a lunchtime Christmas / Winter concert in December, and performed at the Winter Ball. It is one of the handful of Oxford choirs taking part in a study by Sigrun Lilja Einarsdottir on the socio-economic, cultural, and political issues underpinning Oxford’s collegiate choirs, ours being one of only two to be conducted by a woman. Assured of our unique place among the ‘dreaming choirs’ of Oxford, we hope to further enrich its choral scene by introducing fresh repertoire, innovative programming and a radically inclusive approach.

Meghan Quinlan

**Cricket**

The Wolfson / St Cross team has lots of new players, and this year has won four matches and lost two. There is one left to play. We have high hopes for next year.

Sahil Kureshi

**Croquet**

Enthusiasm for croquet was at an all-time high in 2017, with two outstanding events. On Cherwell Day, a stylish crowd celebrated the most Oxfordesque of activities – drinking Pimm’s on the lawn and competing in a leisurely croquet tournament. In a highly anticipated final, Sabin Sulzer and Henrik Luetke-Stockdiek narrowly defeated Lucho Hildebrand and Kevin Fender, taking over the title from previous champions Jasper Barth and Jonas Pollex, and thus continuing the tradition of Teutonic excellence on the croquet lawn.

In Trinity Term, Wolfson fielded seven teams for Cuppers, Oxford’s intercollegiate croquet tournament and one of the largest of its kind. All teams fared well, but special mention goes to our premier team consisting of Sarah Schmidt, Josh Field, Yasser Khan and Edwin Dalmaijer, who made it to the quarter-finals, thus finishing
among the top eight teams out of more than five hundred competing. This is the second consecutive year in which Wolfson 1 has ended among the top eight, which means that next year’s top Wolfson team will take a special ‘seeded’ position during the tournament. Future generations will have some big shoes to fill.

Niels Schröter, Master of Croquet

Darwin Day

18 March was ‘Darwin Day’, when a large group of Wolfson students set off for Cambridge to visit our sister college, Darwin, and to participate in the set of fun competitions organised alternately by Wolfson and Darwin. This year saw the largest turnout ever by a visiting team, as our bus was full and we had to organise a ballot
in advance.

A hearty breakfast at Darwin gave us strength for the competitions ahead. After the dust settled, Wolfson emerged victorious in rowing, tennis and University Challenge, while Darwin bested us in volleyball, football, and field games. Squash ended in a draw, and games such as table tennis and pool were not contested by Darwin, whether from lack of volunteers or its awareness of Wolfson’s skill.

After the formal dinner, we realised it was a tie, and attempted a tie-break with a ‘boat race’ involving port (wine). However, once again we were evenly matched, and so Darwin Day ended in the first-ever tie. This was to Wolfson’s credit, since the Day’s organizers have always been the victors, but as a sign of friendship and affection, we nonetheless agreed to leave the Darwin Day trophy in Cambridge until next year. This gave everyone good reason to celebrate at the bop which followed.

Our hosts did a great job of organizing the events, which they complemented with arts and recreation sessions including a photographic tour of Cambridge, a pub crawl and punting along the River Cam. All in all, Wolfsonians enjoyed this away leg and the opportunity of getting to know the ‘Other Place’: we look forward to welcoming our friends to Oxford next year.

Sabini Sulzer
Entz (external)

Once again we started the year with three exchange dinners in Michaelmas. We organised a trip to the Cotswolds, one to Bath, and one to the musical Les Misérables in London. In Hilary three more exchange dinners were held, as well as a wine and cheese exchange. We made a trip to Stonehenge, and went to London for the musical The Book of Mormon and then to Aladdin. We took advantage of the good weather in Trinity to visit Alton Towers, and went to another musical in London, Matilda. There were two more exchange dinners, and another successful wine and cheese exchange.

It has been an amazing and enjoyable year for events; we look forward to an exciting summer and a still more fruitful year to come.

Maysa Falah

Entz (internal)

This brilliant year began in Fresher’s Week, on Saturday with the famed Alphabet BOP: guests were encouraged to wear fancy dress beginning with the initials of their name, which really helped to break the ice between new College members. Later
in Michaelmas Term, Wolfson hosted its annual Winter Ball, this year’s committee being chaired by Internal Entz. Hilary Term began with the apocalyptic Zombie Apocalypse BOP, with some excellent displays of creativity in fancy dress. Later in Hilary, we hosted the popular 90s Bop in the Hall, appropriately named MmmBOP after the 90s hit of that name. It was a sell-out, dancing the night away to the likes of the Spice Girls and the Backstreet Boys. The final bop of the year in Trinity Term featured 80s nostalgia with plenty of neon, lasers and throwback tunes, and was aptly named BOP to the Future in a nod to the 80s classic.

The year will be capped by the annual Wolfson Garden Party, featuring outdoor garden games, ice lollies and plenty of Pimm’s, for lots of family-friendly fun culminating in a BBQ. It will surely be a great end to a busy and exciting year for Internal Entz.

Wasim Akhtar
Family Society

Once again we started the year with tea in the Buttery: on a pleasant afternoon in early autumn, the children enjoyed racing around the Tree Quad while the adults chatted. Next we held two very well attended Halloween events: a pumpkin-carving night and trick-or-treating around College. A swarm of spooky children and adults collected sweets before heading to the Buttery for a pizza dinner.

As the weather cooled down, we retreated indoors for a Christmas disco party with music, disco lights, glow sticks and a whole lot of fun. During the winter we also had two movie afternoons, showing *Paddington* and *The BFG*.

On a glorious spring afternoon, we held an Easter event with a chocolate egg hunt in the Bishop’s Garden followed by a leisurely tea in the sunshine.

It has been our pleasure to run the Society for the past two years. Many thanks to everyone for helping with the catering, setting up and cleaning up after events, and most of all just for coming and spending time with us, and contributing the family-friendly atmosphere that we love so much about the College.

Michael Clark (JRF) and Charlotte Clark

Meditation

The Meditation Society continued to run 8-week Mindfulness Meditation Courses that started in Michaelmas term and continued during Hilary and Trinity. Once again they were free of charge and designed for newcomers as well as regular meditators, the aim being to create a space in which to relax and practise mindfulness meditation in a friendly environment, sharing experiences, asking questions and getting to know ourselves in a non-judgemental manner. Sessions were based on MBCT (Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy) and supported by the techniques of the Tibetan Buddhist understanding of mindfulness. Each session consisted of an introduction to the week’s topic and technique, followed by a short meditation and then questions and answers.

On 10 January the Society invited Professor Mark Williams to discuss Mindfulness Theory and Practice. He is Emeritus Professor of Clinical Psychology and Honorary Research Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry, and until his retirement in 2013
directed the Oxford Mindfulness Centre where he developed MBCT as a means of preventing relapse and recurrence in major depression. The event was a great success and prompted lively discussion: we hope to invite him again next year.

On 30 September the Society helped to organize another Tibetan Chöd practice event with Chödpa Lama Rinpoche, a Tibetan Lama who specialises in this Tibetan technique of meditation. The Meditation Courses will continue next year.

Güzin Yener

**Music Society**

At our first concert of the academic year, Susana Gómez Vázquez performed Bach: Prelude and Fugue in F sharp minor; Albéniz: Iberia, Corpus Christi, Rondeña; Schubert: Impromptus D 935, Nos. 3 and 4; Ligeti: Opus 10 Étude, Der Zauberlehrling; and Ginastera: Sonata No. 1 (Opus 22). This was Susana’s third concert at Wolfson: she first played for us in 2009 when she was 15 years old, and it has been a pleasure to see her career flourish.

Maki Sekiya returned for a second time in November, in a piano recital featuring Chopin and Schumann. She played the first Chopin Impromptu, the Mazurka Opus 17, No. 4, and then the Ballades according to earlier performance practice, in which the four are played as four movements of one work. She continued with the Schumann Études Symphoniques, also played in the original form. Maki lives in Oxford and attracted a large local audience new to Wolfson.

Also in November, Glenn Wong (GS) (countertenor) and Pieter Bogeart (GS) (piano) performed vocal and piano music including opera arias by Händel, Lieder by Schubert, and a set of English songs by Britten, Quilter and Vaughan Williams.

Later in November, Pei-Jee Ng (cello) and Chiao-Ying Chang (piano) from the Fournier Trio performed Beethoven Cello Sonata No. 1 in F major, Opus 5, No. 1; Fauré Elegie, Opus 24; Ginastera Pampeana No. 2, Opus 21; and Franck’s Sonata in A major. The duo was very well received.

In Hilary Term, the Fournier Trio performed three Beethoven Trios, the first of three concerts in 2017 of the complete Piano Trios, which attracted our biggest audience so far.
Later in the term, we were delighted to host four young pianists, students of Patsy Toh at the Junior Royal Academy of Music and the Purcell School, aged from 13 to 16 years old. Proceeds from the concert were donated to AMREF, the College Charity.

In Trinity Term, the Fournier Trio returned to perform three more Beethoven Trios, including Piano Trio in B-flat Major ‘Archduke’ (Opus 97), at the special request of the President. Sulki Yu (violin) thanked Hermione Lee for her unstinting support of the Trio during their residency.

The College is deeply grateful to Douglas Abraham for his continued interest in music at Wolfson and for providing eloquently written programme notes. I should also like to thank Douglas and Barbara Abraham for their practical help at concerts, as well as Christina Redfield, Anna and Julia Zubek and Ola Sobon for help with ticket sales, the pouring of interval refreshments and moral support in general.

Jan Scriven (Arts Administrator)

Old Wolves and Archives

You may already be an ‘Old Wolf’ without knowing it. Old Wolves are anyone with memories of Wolfson in former times, whether as a graduate student, Fellow, Emeritus Fellow or member of staff, and whether or not a current Member of Common Room, who enjoys meeting other Old Wolves. Spouses, widow(er)s and partners are also welcome. We meet in College for lunch and, usually, a talk. New members are always welcome: do join us. There’s no charge, other than the cost of your lunch. A table is reserved in Hall, and lunch is on a self-serve, self-pay basis.
(cash or battels card at the till). Liquid refreshments, including water / wine, tea and coffee are provided at no charge. The Archives team will be there to welcome you back to College, and perhaps to eavesdrop on your stories.

Dates are normally advertised on the College website, in the College Newsheet, and in College itself. This year we put on displays to complement three of the College’s named lectures, the Syme Lecture in November, the Haldane Lecture in February and the Berlin Lecture in May.

Old Wolves’ events – all lunches followed by a talk by one of our members – were held in November 2016, and February and May 2017. We are most grateful to our speakers: Dr. Sebastian Brock (EF) spoke about the manuscripts of St Catherine’s Monastery; Professor Jim Kennedy (EF) about William Buckland, the ‘Father of Dinomania’; and Professor David Robey (EF) told us all we needed to know about Dante’s *Divine Comedy*.

On Saturday 24 June, we participated in the alumni weekend by opening the Archives to interested visitors, including several of the College’s first students.

Forthcoming events will be on Thursdays, with lunch at 12.30 in Hall followed by a talk at 1.30 in the Leonard Wolfson Auditorium. 2 November 2017: Professor Jacob
Ghazarian, ‘The ancient Silk Road: a journey in China.’ 15 February and 10 May 2018: lunch on both days, after one of which (date to be confirmed) the Revd Dr William Beaver, Hon. Editor of *The Heraldic Craftsman*, will speak on an aspect of heraldry. 1 November 2018: Dr Stephen Grounds, ‘Retracing Joseph Lycett: New South Wales 1818 to Birmingham 2017.’

Before making travel plans from outside Oxford, please check the date, for example in the College Newssheet. Booking is essential for the lunches: archives@wolfson.ox.ac.uk

Ellen Rice (Fellow Archivist) and Liz Baird (Archivist)

**Pilates**

Pop-up Pilates Oxford has continued its weekly class at Wolfson. Programmes run by experienced and knowledgeable physiotherapists combine strengthening, stretching and relaxation exercises to work on posture, core strength, muscle length and tone. Experience them to ease aches and pains from long periods of desk work, to improve strength and sports performance, and to enhance wellbeing.

Lauren McLeod

**Reading Group**

Now in its twelfth year, the Wolfson Reading Group continues to meet every couple of months to discuss a wide range of genre: contemporary and cross-cultural fiction, classics and biography.
We started the year by reading Lisa McInerney’s first novel *The Glorious Heresies*, described by the Irish Times as ‘a big, brassy, sexy beast of a book’ which was sometimes bleak but also funny and certainly sparked an interesting discussion at our meeting.

For our second book of the term it seemed appropriate, in the President’s final year, to read her most recent biography *Penelope Fitzgerald: A Life* which we all enjoyed very much – a fascinating and detailed insight into this writer’s life. The difficult circumstances which forced Penelope Fitzgerald to live in unconventional places led us to choose George Orwell’s *Down and Out in Paris and London* for discussion at the start of Hilary Term. Later in the term we read *All the light we cannot see* by Anthony Duerr. Set in Germany and France before and during the German occupation of France, this was quite a page-turner but stylistically not to everyone’s liking.

In Trinity Term, we read *Homegoing* by Ghanaian-American writer Yaa Gyasi. Through a series of interconnected stories, the novel portrays West Africa’s role in the transatlantic slave trade from the 18th to the 21st century.

For our final book this year, we have chosen to read *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry which we will be discussing later in the summer.

New members are always welcome to join the group. We normally meet in the Florey Room over a glass of wine.

Jan Scriven

**Running**

The Club continues to foster a vibrant running community within the College. Our group-runs are open to all abilities: they follow a variety of routes and promote a sociable, relaxed and inclusive running ethos. However, when the time comes, some of us are ready for competition and have achieved some great successes over the past year. In the Teddy Hall relays, our women’s team (Emma McIntosh, Karwei So and Katie Gardner) came fourth. The men’s team, despite a couple of late withdrawals, performed admirably, with an especially gutsy run by Anders Malthe Bach-Mortensen. Our other major event was the Oxford Town and Gown 10K, where we entered more than ten runners and achieved some fantastic times. We now look ahead to the Oxford half marathon in October.
We hope to maintain and build on our reputation as a sports club open to all abilities, which welcomes those not interested in competition, but also provides competitive opportunities for those who are.

Tom Carruthers

**Squash**

Another great year! In Michaelmas Term we built up a strong team for Division 1 of the League, finishing with 46 points. The Premiership League in Hilary Term was far tougher, as we expected, but we managed to stay in there. We were less lucky in Cuppers: after winning the first round, we had to face one of the strongest teams, and were knocked out.

We met twice a week for Club sessions, with the ‘older’ and more skilful players tutoring and introducing many newcomers to this wonderful sport. This year, for the first time, we also introduced coaching sessions with a professional coach, for beginners as well as the more experienced.

We succeeded in making the Club still more sociable by organizing a UV Squash event, first in Hilary Term and then again in Trinity. Playing squash by ultra-violet light was incredibly funny and exciting, and showed us off to guests from other colleges, who included Blues.
On 28 May we also held an inter-college tournament in collaboration with St Antony’s and Green Templeton, in which 18 competitors, in two leagues, played the day through and rounded it off with a Wolfson barbecue.

Next year we aim to make squash even more prominent among College activities, to make the most of our wonderful facilities.

**Tennis**

The Club has been successful in recruiting Freshers and is steadily increasing in numbers, using social media as its main channel of communication. It has encouraged players of every age and level to sign out and use equipment stored in the boathouse. Balls have been generously funded by the Social and Cultural Committee, and racquets have been donated by previous students. A racquet-stringing machine has even been purchased.

All members have been offered weekly coaching in term-time, whether to improve and refine their technique or simply to learn the basics. These sessions have laid the foundation for our participation in Cuppers and the University League. Despite being knocked out in the first round of Cuppers, we provided stiff opposition and displayed great moments of sportsmanship. The League matches every week in Trinity Term have been more relaxed.

At the end of Trinity Term, we organized the first-ever Wolfson College Tennis Championship, won by Marc Dämgen with a stunning record of five straight sets in scorching summer heat. Afterwards we celebrated the end of term with strawberries and Pimm’s, anticipating future sunshine and the more time for tennis. What a blessing to have tennis courts so accessible!

Our activities this year have shown the impact of quite a small investment of time and money in the welling energies and keenness of our members. This energy and enthusiasm will continue, we hope, in the years to come.

Amy Kao (Captain, Wolfson College Lawn Tennis Club)
Tibetan New Year (Losar)

Losar means ‘New Year’ in Tibetan, and 2017 according to the Tibetan Calendar is the ‘Female Fire Bird’ year of 2144. Losar was celebrated for the third time in Wolfson on 3 March, where it is growing into a popular multicultural event.

The Haldane Room was decorated as usual in traditional Tibetan and Buddhist style, giving our guests the opportunity to learn more about the paintings and their meaning. The event began with an auspicious chant by visiting monks from Tibet and Nepal, followed by traditional snacks (‘momo’ dumplings and ‘chang’ drinks) and more music and dancing, first by the professional Tibetan band and then by our very own Wolfsonians: students of Tibetan Studies showed their skills in singing and poetry, and the Indian Dance group gave an amazing show of traditional Indian dances. After the snacks, everyone joined in round dancing, singing and an open mic session. Many Wolfsonians brought their children to this family-friendly event.

May the Tibetan Female Fire Bird year be auspicious for all members of the College. Our thanks to everyone who joined us in celebration, and we hope to see you at the next Losar in 2018.

Güzin Yener

Wine Society

The Society continued to organize its popular and successful tastings, three in each term. They were booked up within hours, late-comers being turned away or held in waiting-lists. Each tasting had its theme, bottles being introduced by an account of the grape variety, region and quality. Typically there would be some ten carefully chosen wines, accompanied by cheese and nibbles, and food in special cases.

Michaelmas Term began with a Bordeaux tasting in mid-October. This was followed by a South American wine tasting, and the last in Michaelmas was fortified wines with a Christmas theme. In Hilary Term, we celebrated ‘Exploring Spain’ for Spanish wines, and Italian wines at a tasting served with pizza. On 4 November, the Society proudly presented the Wine Society Dinner 2016. This was an inaugural dinner, a great success which we hope will become a yearly tradition. After a champagne reception, we served seven wines with a three-course dinner, the catering being provided by Wolfson. Trinity Term began with a tasting of Riesling and Pinot Noir, continued with ‘Terroirs of Burgundy and Beaujolais’, and ended with a tasting of
fine wines to celebrate not only the year-ending but also Jackie’s graduation and long term as president.

Now that our long-term president has graduated, wine connoisseur Jackie will be succeeded by Güzin as president, with Vincent (Lee) joining the team. They will work together to promote more wine-tastings.

Güzin Yener, Vincent Lee and Jackie Ang

Winter Ball

The Winter Ball on 3 December 2016, which attracted four hundred guests, was a fitting finale to the fiftieth anniversary celebrations. Its theme was ‘Alpine’, and to judge by the positive feedback including a post-Ball survey, it was a huge success. To plan and execute such a ball within eight weeks was quite a challenge, but it was achieved by an enthusiastic and hard-working Committee. It was also fun. Our many thanks go to Tracy Fuzzard, Barry Coote and the College catering, maintenance and housekeeping staff, without whose help and guidance we could not have done it.

David Wang

Yoga

The Club is now almost five years old. Yoga is taught by the well-known Oxford teacher Kristine Homoki, whose style is designed to harness core strength for maximum benefit, including strength, stability, balance, focus and flexibility. Classes are held twice a week in term and vacation, on Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon, with the occasional outdoor session in Wolfson’s beautiful grounds. They provide a safe and friendly environment where everyone is welcome, whether experienced yogis or beginners, both from the Wolfson community and elsewhere in Oxford.

Kristine Homoki
Research Clusters

Ancient World

The celebration of Wolfson’s fiftieth birthday continued in Michaelmas Term with the Syme Lecture, given this year on perceptions of Roman portraits by Professor Mary Beard of Cambridge University. Also in November, Professor Martin Goodman hosted a lecture by Professor Emanuel Tov of Tel Aviv University on *A Jubilee of Dead Sea scrolls: research 1966-2016*, and Dr Susan Walker organized and chaired with Dr Peter Barber a day of papers presenting *London’s First Voices*, the recently discovered earliest evidence of writing in Britain, records largely of commercial transactions scratched in wax on wooden tablets found on the Bloomberg site in the City of London. Speakers included Dr Roger Tomlin, who deciphered and published the tablets. Their context and the challenge of conserving them was explained by archaeologists from Museum of London Archaeology who brought with them a fascinating range of finds, including the tablets themselves, with handling permitted for the more robust objects. Again in November, Dr Peter Barber organized and led another event with three speakers inspired by the date of Wolfson’s foundation: Maciej Wencel on *When was 1966 BCE? Problems with time and chronology*; Dr Christopher Metcalf on *Fantasy philology, ca. 1966 BCE*; and Dr Jacob Dahl on *By 1966 BC it was all over.*

In Hilary Term 2017 the Cluster organized lectures by Mathieu Ossendrijver of the Humboldt University, Berlin, on geometric methods in Babylonian astronomy; and on the afterlife of a Byzantine ivory by Georgy Parpulov, a leading member of the Empires of Faith project hosted jointly by Wolfson and the British Museum.

In Trinity term 2017, Professor Philomen Probert and Dr Stefanie Roussou presented their research in *Don’t talk about recursion: ancient Greek rules of thumb for getting enclitics roughly right* (22 May), and on 9 June Professor Richard Sorabji organized and led a day of papers investigating the spread of Greek philosophy to Persia, Syria, Baghdad, Spain and cross-cultural Mughal India. Two Ancient World lunches were followed by presentations. On 15 May, Dr Maria Kopsacheli, formerly of Wolfson College and now of Manchester University, spoke on *Mapping a ‘rough and pathless land’: a geospatial approach to the archaeology of Athamania in Classical Antiquity.*

On 6 June Dr Rachel Wood, Wolfson JRF and researcher in the Empires of Faith project at the Ashmolean Museum, brought a newly made replica of the Khosro Cup. This is a remarkable Sasanian shallow bowl with a central image of the enthroned
King Khosro I engraved in rock crystal, set in an openwork gold frame inlaid with engraved discs of garnets and rock-crystal, and green glass. The original was probably made in the sixth century AD in Sasanian Persia, and may have been taken to France after Constantinople was captured in the Fourth Crusade in 1204. Forming part of the St Denis treasure, the original is now in the Cabinet des Médailles, Paris. It is too fragile to travel to the forthcoming exhibition *Imagining the Divine*, curated by the Empires of Faith team and opening at the Ashmolean on 19 October, so the Lorne Thyssen Fund for Ancient World Studies supported the creation of the replica. Members of the audience were thrilled to see it, still damp from its final decoration.

Our Mougins Museum Junior Research Fellow Dr Diana Rodriguez Perez served as a member of the organizing committee of a conference celebrating the ninetieth birthday of the distinguished classical archaeologist Professor Sir John Boardman, with a major international conference in early May 2017 at the Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, in which Susan Walker presented a paper. Dr Rodriguez Perez was awarded an AWRC grant to assist with publication of a book, as were Penny Coombes, a DPhil student at Wolfson who played a major role in the administration.
of London’s First Voices, and Louise Calder of Wolfson. Other grants were awarded to Nina Schneider, a DPhil student of Homeric Greek, to make valuable academic contacts in the USA; to Michael Macdonald for the Badia Epigraphic Survey; to Dr Jacob Dahl for helping students attend a conference on the earliest cuneiform writing tablets in Teheran; to Dr Maria Kopsacheili for field survey in a little-known area of north-west Greece; to Adam Howe, DPhil student in cuneiform studies, to attend a conference in Beirut; to Parsa Daneshmand, DPhil student in cuneiform studies, to facilitate travel for overseas participants in the sixth annual Oxford Postgraduate Conference in Assyriology held at Wolfson in April 2017; to Professor Philomen Probert and Dr Stefanie Roussou for ground-breaking new research on the use of enclitics in ancient Greek; and to Professor Sir Richard Sorabji towards the cost of publishing future volumes in the series of English translations of documents illuminating the history of the Aristotelian tradition of philosophy in late antiquity and medieval times. We are still in the process of appointing a Lorne Thyssen Scholar, and in the early stages of developing a major initiative to strengthen existing academic exchanges with the Wiener-Anspach Foundation in Brussels, recently approved by the Academic Committee.

Susan Walker and Peter Barber
(Co-Directors, who stepped down at the end of Trinity Term)

Digital Research Cluster

On 27 September 2016 the Cluster, in collaboration with IT Services and the University’s e-Research Centre (OeRC), held a day-long event to celebrate the life and work of one of its founder members, Sebastian Rahtz. SPQR a digital legacy: what Sebastian Patrick Quintus Rahtz did for us attracted a large audience from Oxford and further afield, and is now available in podcasts (https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/sebastian-rahtz-celebration-his-work).

In Hilary Term on 28 February, Supercomputers: what are they and what can they do for research brought together members of the College with staff of the University’s Advanced Research Computing unit and OeRC, and the Head of Scientific Computing at Diamond Light Source. Collaboration between the College and OeRC was strengthened by electing three of its staff, Dr Ian Bush, Dr Kevin Page and Dr Sarah Sparrow, to Research Membership of Common Room.
The Cluster supported the Ancient World Cluster’s workshop *Artefact imaging: aims, methods, and access* on 23 May 2017, and is in the process of arranging an initial meeting with other clusters to explore ways in which digital technologies can facilitate and enhance their work. We shall also be exploring ways of engaging students more in our activities, including alternatives to the 5.00 p.m. workshop model that we have mostly followed.

Donna Kurtz, who first conceived the Cluster, established it in 2010 and has directed it since, has now handed over as Director to David De Roure, Professor of e-Research, the outgoing Director of the OeRC and a leading national and international figure in the e-Research World. David Robey will continue to act in a support role.

**South Asia Research Cluster**

The Cluster continues to aim at stimulating three kinds of people: scholars of South Asia, scholars from South Asia, and others in the Oxford community interested in the subcontinent. We are by definition internationalist; our activity crosses generations and involves senior and junior members of the College. We hold conferences, workshops, public lectures, Work in Progress seminars, book launches, film screenings, and organize exchange programmes. This year we have reached out to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), to other universities in the UK, the EU (Denmark and Poland) and South Asia (Pakistan, the Lahore School of Economics).

Let me report – selectively because of space – on the relations between SARC and disciplines, for the ideal of ‘inter-disciplinarity’ is held in high public esteem but often faces obstacles. Events grounded in disciplines included William Dalrymple’s history of the Koh-i-Noor diamond. Intra-disciplinary sub-fields featured Owen Bennett-Jones on military politics in Pakistan. Then Jan Breman integrated history and social policy in his inter-disciplinary lecture on the ‘social question’. Cross-disciplinary research – X from the perspective of Y – was exemplified by lectures on migration from the perspective of feminist anthropology (Attiya Ahmad) and on gender from the perspective of judicial politics (Pakistan MP and Wolfson alumna Nafisa Shah). Additive multidisciplinary scholarship was showcased in the Wolfson-FCO’s South Asia Day by Matthew McCartney (Economics), George Kunnath (Anthropology), Indrajit Roy (Politics) and Kate Sullivan de Estrada (International
Relations). A great example of trans-disciplinary scholarship synthesising several disciplines was British Academy Newton Fellow Dr Karuna’s conference on ‘India at Seventy’, where both acclaimed and early career researchers from Europe and South Asia examined, not the schisms in 1947, but rather a wide range of state–society relations during the decades around Independence.

SARC is co-ordinated rather than directed and, over and above the Wolfson scholars already mentioned, has also involved the energies of Leverhulme Fellow Ina Zarkevich (in her workshop on Migration and Debt). SARC is grateful to the College for its support for a year of exciting experiments in the meeting and integration of disciplines. We are grateful to our President for bringing SARC into being in 2011.

Barbara Harriss-White (Co-ordinator)

**Tibetan and Himalayan Studies**

The Cluster has had a busy and productive year. It has grown and diversified, with events including conferences, the annual Aris Lecture, various guest lectures, a film screening, and the annual Tibetan New Year party to which the whole College is always invited.

The Cluster hosted a workshop on Law and Legalism in Tibet, organized by Professor Nanda Pirie (January 2017), and a conference in collaboration with OCLW on *Global Lives and Local Perspectives: New Approaches to Tibetan Life-Writing*, organized by Lucia Galli (DPhil) and Xaver Erhard (JRF, Wolfson).

In 2015 we were able to create an endowment for the annual Aris Lecture in Tibetan and Himalayan Studies, and the second lecture was on 1 December 2016. Professor Charles Ramble (EPHE, Paris) spoke about *Vampires and Social History: The Dark Continents of Tibetan Studies* to a good turnout including colleagues and students, members of the College, and friends and members of the Aris family.

We also hosted guest lectures on a wide range of topics, including *Rupture and Revelation: Indian Themes in Early Tibetan Writings on Empire* by Dr Lewis Doney (British Museum); *Tibet, Politics, and Pop Music: subversion, co-option, and commonality* by Professor Anna Morcom (Royal Holloway); *Guoshang Trading Houses and Tibetan Middlemen in Dartsedo, the ‘Shanghai of Tibet’* by Professor Yudru Tsomo (Sichuan University); *Transcendence of the Senses? Examples from*
Tantric Ritual Manuals by Professor Carmen Meinert (Bochum, Germany); and The Organisation of the Sacred Landscape of Sikkim: Between Tradition and Modernity by Dr Olivier Chiron (Bordeaux).

In Hilary term 2017 we had Gakar Rinpoche, a Buddhist lama from Nepal, staying with us as the So-Wide Visitor in Buddhist Studies. He offered a weekly reading class in Tibetan Buddhist literature and was available for individual interviews. He also gave a talk at Wolfson, organised by the Centre for Buddhist Studies. In the same term we showed A Gesar Bard’s Tale, a poetic documentary telling the story of a traditional Tibetan epic bard and his life in contemporary China. The Losar (Tibetan New Year Party) has become a fixed item in our calendar, and it is getting better every year: there is a report under ‘Clubs and Societies’.

All in all, it has been a good year, and we hope to maintain this pace and diversity. For information on future events, go to www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/clusters/tibetan-himalayan.

Ulrike Roesler

Research Fellows’ activities
by Anne Deighton (EF), Research Fellows’ Liaison Officer

The College numbers almost 120 Research Fellows and Junior Research Fellows, who range across the academic piste at very different stages in their professional lives. It has arranged lunches for them every fortnight in term and vacation, and speakers who included most recently the University’s Head of Brexit Strategy, an issue which confronts us all. As Research Fellows’ Liaison Officer, I have been available to individual Fellows to discuss issues which concern them, but there is much much more to be done with regard to support, interaction, networking and forging links with the relevant Members of Common Room. I have only been able to scratch the surface of a project so important to the College: the post-doctoral world lies on the cusp between research, specialisation and future employment, which may sometimes entail refocusing one’s professional life.
Visiting Scholars
by Dan Isaacson (EF), Visiting Scholars’ Liaison Officer

In the past year the College has had 53 Visiting Scholars and 70 Research Members of Common Room. Current numbers are 21 and 45 respectively. In each term I have organized three events for Visiting Scholars, to which I have also invited the proposers and seconders of current Scholars and the Research Members of Common Room. Two events consisted of drinks followed by lunch in Hall, the other has been an evening of short talks by three Visiting Scholars and Research Members of Common on their current research; this was publicised and open to anyone in College. Here are the nine presentations, arranged in sequence.

*Michaelmas Term*

Chulhee Lee (Visiting Scholar from the Department of Economics, Seoul National University), ‘U.S. Civil War Soldiers in War and Peace: Military Experiences and Post-Service Socio-economic Mobility.’

Georgi Parpulov (Research Member of Common Room and member of the Empires of Faith research project based in the British Museum), ‘The Afterlife of a Byzantine Ivory Relief.’

Tara Hurst (recent Research Member of Common Room, now Visiting Academic in the Department of Zoology, Oxford), ‘Human endogenous retroviruses and the immune response.’

*Hilary Term*

Peter Ackers (Visiting Scholar and Professor in the Faculty of Business and Law, De Montfort University), ‘Alternatives to State-Socialism in Britain: Other Worlds of Labour in the Twentieth Century.’

Theresa Hofer (Research Member of Common Room, and Wellcome Fellow, University of Oxford Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology), ‘Tibetan Sign Language and Professional Identities among Deaf Tibetans in Contemporary Lhasa.’

Masue Yamagata (Visiting Scholar, and Professor in the College of Arts, Graduate School of Christian Studies, Rikkyo University), ‘The Transformation of Garden Painting in Late Antiquity (For people who love the rich natural garden of Wolfson College as locus amoenus!).’
Trinity Term

Karuna Dietrich Wielenga (Visiting Scholar and British Academy Newton International Fellow), ‘Labour, law and politics: a historical understanding of the informal sector in India.’

Andreza Aruska de Souza Santos (Research Member of Common Room and Post-Doctoral Researcher in Urban Transformations, University of Oxford Centre on Migration, Policy and Society), ‘City aesthetics in informal settlements in Ouro Preto, Brasil.’

Antonio-Miguel Nogues-Pedregal (Visiting Scholar and Associate Professor of Social Anthropology, Department of Social and Human Sciences, Universitas Miguel Hernández), ‘Five conclusions on the socio-anthropological study of tourism.’

The Foundation for Law, Justice and Society

The Foundation marked its second decade of bridging the gap between academia and policymaking with a series of high-impact events and publications, the highlight of which was a restaging of the Putney Debates (1647) in February 2017 at St Mary’s Church, Putney, to address the constitutional challenges raised by the EU Referendum. They were conceived by Professor Denis Galligan (EF 2017–), Director of Programmes at the Foundation, who was struck by the parallels between the constitutional uncertainties posed by the result of the Referendum and those faced in 1647, when the original Putney Debates were convened in the wake of the English Civil War and gave rise to many of the civil liberties we value today.

The new Debates were convened in association with the Faculty of Law, the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and Wolfson College, and saw more than thirty speakers debate the issues over four sessions, chaired by Joshua Rozenberg, the UK’s leading legal commentator, by Baroness Onora O’Neill, Cambridge philosopher and cross-bench Peer, and by members of the Law Faculty including Professor Galligan, Alison Young and Paul Craig. Debaters included the renowned philosopher and prominent Brexit critic A C Grayling; the former Lord Justice of Appeal Sir Stephen Sedley; Rob Murray, representing Gina Miller in the Article 50 case; constitutional expert (and tutor to David Cameron) Vernon Bogdanor; prominent human rights lawyer Michael Mansfield QC; political economist Will Hutton; the historian and Guardian
columnist Timothy Garton Ash; and Robert Hazell CBE, founder of the Constitution Unit at UCL.

Themes included the tension between the will of the people and representative government; the need for greater civic education to confront political apathy and misinformation; the importance of preserving free speech and the popular voice in a post-truth society; the widespread ignorance of constitutional principles, even within Parliament itself, and the case for a written constitution for the UK. The debates can be watched again on the Law Faculty YouTube channel, and a collected volume of the speakers’ contributions (Constitution in Crisis: The New Putney Debates, with an introduction by Professor Galligan) will be published at the end of August. Copies will be distributed to every MP and higher court judge in the land, and will be available to buy online and in bookshops.

The Foundation also organized a colloquium in collaboration with Oxford Transitional Justice Research on the book East West Street: On the Origins of ‘Genocide’ and ‘Crimes against Humanity’. This memoir, which tells the personal histories of the key legal protagonists at the Nuremberg trials, won the Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction in 2016. Its author, the highly respected international lawyer Philippe Sands QC, gave a moving account of the origins of the human rights movement, in discussion with Professor Dapo Akande of the Faculty of Law and Professor Stephen Humphreys of LSE.

Two other notable lectures were the third Max Watson Annual Lecture, delivered by the Professor of Justice Systems, Chris Hodges, who announced government-endorsed proposals to transform business ethics through a trust-based approach to regulation; and a keynote lecture on Free Speech by Timothy Garton Ash, who presented his ten principles for a connected world.

The Foundation also publishes Policy Briefs and Opinion Pieces, which in the past year have covered subjects including the EU Referendum, the French presidential elections, the Turkish constitutional referendum, modern slavery, ethical business regulation, and the political and constitutional situation in West Papua, which was presented to policymakers at the House of Parliament in October 2016. Events in Michaelmas term will begin with a free film-screening at the end of October, followed on 6 November by our next colloquium, on Ivan Krastev’s new book After Europe, which provocatively interrogates the future of the European Union.
Oxford Centre for Life-Writing

The Centre organizes public events and currently hosts ten Visiting Scholars and four DPhil students, match-funding one studentship with the AHRC and covering College Fees and maintenance for another. The Director, Dame Hermione Lee, will retire the end of this academic year, but will remain intimately involved in the new capacity of Advisory Director. She will meet weekly with Dr Kate Kennedy, the Assistant Director, who will be replaced during maternity leave in June–September 2017 by Dr Sandra Mayer (VS).

This year we have developed ‘strands’ to reflect the work of individual Visiting Scholars. Dr Katie Collins has built up ‘Life-writing as Enquiry’, which links life-writing to the social sciences. She has devised an afternoon colloquium on Self-Knowledge to bring together graphic artists, biographers, psychiatrists and medieval scholars, and is exploring the possibility of a collection of essays edited by the Centre, entitled Self-Knowledge: Scholarship and Subjectivity.

Dr Sandra Mayer has developed ‘Celebrity and Life-writing’, and is applying for a major AHRC grant to continue her work with the Centre. She is proposing a publication endorsed by us, entitled Art and Action: The Intersections of Literary Celebrity and Politics. She has also organized a day colloquium on ‘Cele-biography’, an evening panel dedicated to the ‘Celebrity Interview’, and a day of speakers (27 May) on the ‘Lives of Houses’. Hermione Lee, Kate Kennedy and Sandra Mayer are now working on a major OCLW book to be entitled The Lives of Houses, which will include essays, poems and miscellaneous contributions from scholars and writers looking at the ways in which the houses of famous artists, musicians and writers are preserved and presented to the public, and how these spaces reflect and tell the stories of the lives of their owners.

The ‘strand’ theme will continue next year with a ‘Fame and Shame’ season of events. Other ‘strands’ being developed include ‘Letters and Lives’ by John Francis Davies (VS) and ‘Working-Class Biography’ by Professor Peter Ackers (VS).

The Centre now has a mailing list of 1,500, and advertises widely. Most of its events are free and open to all, with regular attendees ranging from professional writers to local residents. We also attract schoolchildren: Magdalen College School, for example, sends groups of sixth-formers to our lectures. These are podcast on our website, and are heard by thousands across the world. We receive many enquiries about lectures that people cannot attend but want to hear, so the podcast archive has become a valuable resource.
We are preparing a funding bid to run workshops in state schools in deprived areas of Oxford. In collaboration with the Story Museum, we will help schools create their own collectively-written biographies, which will receive a book launch and reading (led by the children) at Wolfson, and become a permanent display at the Story Museum. This is scheduled for January 2018.

In the academic year 2016/17, the Centre (co)hosted one two-day conference, four one-day colloquia, one half-day workshop, two life-writing lunches, one masterclass, and two Oxford Dictionary of National Biography discussion panels, as well as a wide range of evening lectures and seminars. The highlights included, in Michaelmas Term, an exhibition and reading (14 October), ‘The Secret Staircase’ (Michèle Roberts and Caroline Isgar); a one-day colloquium (5 November), ‘Biography Beyond Borders: American and European Biography’ in collaboration with Biographers International Organisation; a life-writing lunch (8 November) with Sally Bayley, ‘The Private Life of the Diary’; and a lecture (also 8 November) by Gary Sheffield, ‘The Chief: Douglas Haig and the British Army.’

In Hilary Term 2017, there was a discussion panel (17 January), ‘The Celebrity Interview: History, Aesthetics, Method’ with Anneleen Masschelein, Rebecca Roach, Hermione Lee; and a half-day colloquium (25 February), ‘Self-Knowledge: Autobiography and Research.’ The annual Weinrebe Lectures also continued to attract widespread interest and support. This year’s theme was ‘Writing Global Lives’, and speakers were Patrick French, Elleke Boehmer, Lyndal Roper and Roy Foster. Next year’s projected theme is ‘Real Lives into Fiction and Other Media.’

In Trinity Term 2017, there was a masterclass and interview (26 April) with Roddy Williams in collaboration with the Oxford Lieder Festival; a film screening (2 May) of Cypriot Fiddlers (Nicoletta Demetriou); a lecture (9 May) by Richard Holmes, ‘Pursuer or Pursued: Reflections on Biography’, in memory of Richard Ellmann to mark the thirtieth anniversary of his death and the publication of his Oscar Wilde biography; a poetry reading (15 May) by Simon Armitage and Bernard O’Donoghue, ‘Poems of Life and Death’; another life-writing lunch (23 May) with Heather Walton and Peter Ackers, ‘Faith Biographies’; an interview (30 May) with Clio Barnard and discussion of her film The Selfish Giant; Mark Lawson and Hermione Lee in conversation (6 May) on ‘The Celebrity Interview’; a conference (8 July) on ‘Dancing Lives’ in collaboration with Dance Scholarship Oxford (DANSOX).
We run a series of discussion panels in collaboration with the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. This year’s topics have included ‘Beyond the Book’ (9 March), ways of presenting biography in non-traditional formats, with Susan Walker, Rachel Cooke and Donald Mcleod; and ‘Constructing Lives’ (29 November), with Alexander Masters, Victoria Van Hyning and Philip Carter. Also in conjunction with ODNB, we appoint a Visiting Scholar for one year with funding from Oxford University Press, to work on any aspect of the Dictionary’s collection of life-stories.

We work with the Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH) to give DPhil students and post-docs the opportunity of organizing a major conference. We offer funds, administrative support and advice, and the possibility of hosting the event at Wolfson. This year’s conference was two days on Tibetan Life-writing, ‘Global Lives and Local Perspectives’ (12–13 May). We are also working with the Oxford Story Museum on a writing biography education project for 2018; with Oxford Arts Consultants to apply for Arts Council funding for a Performing Lives festival of staged biography at Wolfson in 2018; and with Oxford Lieder Festival to host baritone Roderick Williams for a masterclass, talk and recital in May 2017.

We are keen to build links with other Centres for Life-writing, and are in the preliminary stages of developing a proposal for a Network Grant with the Sussex Centre for Life-writing and the Centre for life-writing at King’s College, London. We have invited both their Directors to speak here in the past year.

The Centre has now been operating successfully for five years, thanks to the generous support of the Dorset Foundation. At the current rate of spending, we expect it to continue until 2021. This year we were delighted to attract two donations, £3,000 from Jacek Mostwin, a previous Visiting Scholar, which we will use to invite high-profile speakers from the medical humanities; and £1,000 a year from the Wolfson alumnus and editor, Tony Gray. This will fund a Gray Visiting Scholarship in Life-writing for a DPhil student or post-doc resident here, giving them research expenses of £500 and a further £500 for speakers’ expenses in an event to be organized by them with our support.
Life Stories

On 5 June we celebrated Life-Stories Day in the Haldane Room, an event traditional in College since it was last celebrated in 2012, which has been revived at the President’s suggestion. It is an opportunity for College members to share stories that represent, or relate to, aspects of their lives. Contributions take varied forms, from theatrical performances to music or the spoken word, but they all have this in common: they must be presented in no more than four minutes.

This year we had twelve speakers and an audience of more than thirty. The speakers were Ben Simpson (MCR), Taha Yasseri (RF), Quanlong Wang (GS), Louise Gordon (Staff), Judith Okely (MCR), Frances Bell (GS), Elena Draghici-Vasilescu (MCR), Valentina Olivieri (GS), Ciaran Chillingworth (GS), Rebecca Andrews (GS), Constanta Burlacu (GS) and Alison McDonald (MCR). For an hour we heard a variety of stories, some light-hearted and funny, others touching and grave. They were followed in the Hall by an enjoyable international buffet dinner sponsored by the President.

The Day was complemented by an exhibition, *A Day in the Life of a College: Wolfson* through its Objects, which was displayed on the Upper Landing during June. Its aim
was to explore the lives of Wolfsonians through objects that relate to their work and life in College, which for various reasons have gained a special value in their owners’ eyes. They included a mortar and pestle, a chestnut, a model of a gypsy match-caravan, a name badge, a lamp and a USB-stick.

The Day and exhibition were organized by Diana Rodríguez Pérez (JRF in Classical Art and Material Culture) with the help of Frances Bell (GS), Valentina Olivieri (GS), Zhen Zheng (GS), Ivan Konoplev (RF), Federica Infantino (JRF) and Katherine Collins (RF). Special thanks go to Louise Gordon (Events and Conference Manager) for her help with logistics, to the President for her encouragement and support, and especially to the twelve contributors who kindly shared with us some meaningful episode in their lives, thus making the whole event possible.

Diana Rodríguez Pérez.
The President’s Seminars

Speakers and Sessions 2016–17

**Michaelmas Term: ‘Power’**
- Jonathan Wolff (GBF): ‘Power and Motivated Ignorance’
- Ray Sebastian Bonilla (JRF): ‘The power of the Sun’
- Mr Benjamin Savill (GS): ‘Angular England and the Papal Bosom: Power, Distance and Documentary Culture, c. 600 – c. 1100’

**Hilary Term: ‘Space’**
- Mathias Czaika (GBF): ‘Academic Mobility across Space and Time’
- Lola San Martín Arbide (JRF): ‘Rhythm and Space in the French Avant-Garde’
- Jennifer Dodsworth (GS): ‘Where Natural Spaces meet Cultural Places’

**Trinity Term: ‘Change’**
- Philomen Probert (GBF): ‘Semantic Change in Linguistic Terminology: or Why Linguists Can’t Agree on What Their Technical Terms Mean’
- Rafal Stepien (JRF): ‘Impermanence as Emptiness: A Buddhist Approach to Change’

Joshua Broggi, Luis Hildebrandt, Corina Gurau
Opening the Gardens

On 28 May the College was proud to open its gardens to the public, for a small fee of £3 in support of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS). With the help of many supporters on the day and the hard work of the Grounds team, we welcomed 118 visitors to enjoy the sunshine in our glorious gardens. This year’s opening coincided with the NGS celebrating its ninetieth anniversary: it raises money for a number of nursing charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust and Parkinson’s Care. Last year it raised £2,700,000, mainly by persuading some very grand gardens to open their doors. This year we are immensely proud to have contributed £354 to the NGS from ticket sales and just over £115 to AMREF from our plant sale. Our thanks go to Mike, Ellie, Maurice and Ryan for preparing the gardens for this special event. Here are three of the comments from our Visitor’s Book:

*Beautiful gardens – thank you for opening especially for charity.*

*Amazing garden, beautiful planting, lovely relaxed atmosphere.*

*Wonderful garden full of stimulating views. A really interesting display.*

Nepeta Walk

Photo by Robert Pople
Our visitors were able to find their way around the gardens easily thanks to Theo Sundh’s marvellous map and guide. The refreshments served by Bernie, Cynthia, Ken and Victor were excellent, as I know from my own experience (tea and cake). Many thanks too to our friends from the Grounds Committee, Walter Sawyer and Tim King, who came to help on our big day. Walter also supplied many lovely plants for the plant sale.

My father Robert and step-mum Annie came to help with the plant stall, which was very much appreciated.
I know that I should thank countless other people too, because it’s not only the gardens people see on an Open Day – it’s the whole College. I am very proud to work somewhere that opens its doors to the public, because I hear other people say how fantastic our gardens are. Next to our amazing support staff at Wolfson, I think the gardens are our greatest asset, but then I may be biased.

Mel Constantino (gardener).

Photo by Sue Hales
Do you remember…?
Twenty-five years of working together
by Sue Hales and Jan Scriven

JS: It’s amazing to think that we’ve worked together for over twenty-five years now. I arrived in March 1992 and you in September of the same year. Of course you were already an ‘old hand’, having worked here for nine years in the 1970s. But in the years we’ve been here together, we’ve shared a few memorable moments!

SH: Bill Hoffenberg was just starting his final year as President when I started as President’s PA, and it was a very enjoyable time.

JS: Yes, they were good times. Do you remember that Margaret Hoffenberg used to invite all the female office staff to a delicious three-course lunch in the Lodgings which she cooked herself?

SH: In fact, she cooked two lunches as there were too many staff to get round the table in one sitting.

JS: At that time I was Administrative Secretary (i.e. Common Room Administrator) with an office far down the corridor beyond the General Office (now part of the new library extension), and Janet Walker was College Secretary.

SH: Yes, I remember that a week after I started, having had no handover, Janet went
off sick for two or three weeks with shingles, so I was really in at the deep end! The best way to get to know a job …

JS: There’s one particular incident I remember from Janet Walker’s time. The Syme Lecturer was staying in College and decided to go for a swim at the Ferry Pool before the lecture. Janet got a call from the pool staff to say that he was stranded in the changing rooms in a towel as his bag had been stolen from his locker. So it was Janet to the rescue!

SH: It was me that persuaded you to apply for the College Secretary post when Janet retired and I never regretted it.

JS: Oh, thanks, Sue.

SH: From then on we were partners in crime. David Smith was President by then (Jim Kennedy having held the fort for a couple of terms before he arrived). David was wonderful to work for – calm, kind and with a great sense of humour.

JS: And Lesley Smith chaired the Arts Society during that time. She was very keen on art and crafts and made an excellent chair. One of her initiatives was an exhibition about the building of the College which the architect Philip Powell attended.

SH: And Lesley and David, with a lot of help from us, organised Halloween parties for Wolfson children in the Buttery. My son Nick, then about 15, was the ‘entertainer’ riding his unicycle and juggling with various items including squash rackets and fire balls – wouldn’t be allowed now with Health and Safety restrictions.

JS: I also remember the children’s Christmas parties in Bill and Margaret Hoffenberg’s time – they were held in Hall. Jim Kennedy was a very convincing Father Christmas and Bill Bradshaw organised the party games. But you mentioned Health and Safety – that wasn’t such an issue twenty years ago: I remember when my boys (then about 9 and 12 years old) used to come and help Ian Purvis (College Engineer) set up the fireworks ready for the evening display. They loved that.

SH: Talking of Ian Purvis, I remember the time a duck hatched her ducklings – all twelve of them – in the front quad and the doors of the Lodge were opened for her to lead them through to the harbour, down the steps and into the gutter in front of A Block. But every one of them fell down the drainholes, and Ian had to go into the bowels of the College to retrieve them and reunite them with their mum.
JS: Ian knew every nook and cranny of the College building as he’d been here since the very beginning.

SH: When David retired in 2000, Jon Stallworthy became Acting President for a term while we waited for the arrival of Gareth Roberts. During that term, while Gareth was still Vice-Chancellor at Sheffield, he invited Jon, Alan Gordon (Bursar) and me to the university ‘to show us how it was done in Sheffield.’ We had lunch at his residence ‘The Croft’, which involved the waiting staff wearing white gloves! Needless to say it wasn’t a tradition he was able to introduce to Wolfson. However, he did bring his love of party games to dinners at the Lodgings.

JS: Yes, you spent quite a bit of your time working out anagrams for him and typing up the question sheets. It was during Gareth’s time that Chris had his major stroke, so it was very difficult for you coping with that and continuing to work full-time. I don’t know how you did it.

SH: You just had to do it.

JS: In fact we shouldn’t forget that during the twenty-five years we’ve worked together we’ve supported each other through many challenges – our children growing up, taking exams, going to university, leaving home, and the death of both our mothers. Life-changing events.

SH: Yes. And it was sad when Gareth Roberts was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Jon Stallworthy returned as Acting President and to oversee the election of his successor.

JS: Yes, that was a difficult time in many ways and Jon was wonderfully supportive and guided the College through this very rough patch. We had a special dinner in Hall when his term of office ended – Richard Sorabji played the guitar and sang, and Louise Calder, you and I performed some songs in Maori in his honour (as Jon was a Kiwi).

SH: One of Jon’s best moves was persuading Hermione Lee to apply for the Presidency – and the rest is history. Working with Hermione has been a privilege and a delight and she has achieved so much for Wolfson. We will miss her.

JS: Yes, we certainly will.
Thirty-three years at Wolfson
Harvey Brown (GBF 1984–) spoke at this year’s Iffley Dinner which celebrates the origins of Wolfson

1984 marked the tenth anniversary of the College’s move from Banbury Road to its present site, and the eighteenth anniversary of the rebirth of Iffley College as Wolfson College. It was also the year I received an invitation from Oxford to be interviewed for the New Blood university lectureship in philosophy of physics. At the time I was in the sixth year of a permanent teaching post at a Brazilian university. My Brazilian wife Maita was working as an architect, and we were expecting our first baby.

During the interview itself, the then President of Wolfson, Sir Harry Fisher, asked me if I wanted to be a Fellow of the College. The question surprised me. Didn’t the lectureship come with an official attachment to the College, and hadn’t I been invited to visit the College the day before? What choice did I have? In hindsight I suppose that Sir Harry was simply being ultra-courteous, a facet of his personality I was to get to know later. In fact there were a lot of things about the College I was unaware of when Maita and I finally arrived in Oxford in late 1984.

These things have to do with luck.

We moved directly into college accommodation, and when our daughter Frances was born some months later we were in H block, surrounded by other families, some of them actually Brazilian. We did not appreciate initially that Wolfson at that time was one of the few colleges in Oxford that offered rented accommodation to families, including and especially those of graduate students. And Maita was amazed to discover that the Wolfson crèche was one of the very few in the University.

We did not realise initially how lucky we were in having Sir Harry Fisher and his wife Felicity to welcome us to College life. They could not have been kinder to us. Their role in making the cultural transition from Brazil to the UK as soft a landing as possible is something we will never forget. We also did not appreciate initially how different Wolfson was from the traditional Oxbridge college. After the informality of the Brazilian campus, and Brazilian life in general, I often wonder how easy it would have been for us to parachute into one of the old colleges. There was the informal
atmosphere of Wolfson, and the fact, as Maita later put it, that all the tables in Hall
were at the same height and spouses were not transparent. The architecture of the
place was also very congenial to someone like Maita, trained in Brazilian modernity
in the tradition of Oscar Niemeyer and others of his generation. A few years ago, we
found ourselves staying with friends a short distance from Portofino in Italy and just
a few yards from Isaiah Berlin’s summer house. It meant a lot to Maita to see the
beautiful curved bay of Portofino, which inspired our first President to suggest to the
architects Powell and Moya that they adopt a curved layout for our iconic B block
leading to the bridge over the Cherwell – the ‘Berlin curve’.

Nor did I initially understand what Wolfson meant within the wider University
system.

I was aware early on that Iffley College was founded in 1965 as part of a solution
to the University problem of entitlement. It was designed to absorb many of the
academics who, for one reason or another, had no college attachment. Once a
building on Banbury Road was secured, the intake of graduate students started in
1968, by which time the college was renamed Wolfson. It is easy to forget now just
how radical the creation of graduate colleges was in the 1960s. This was brought
home to me by reading Michael Brock’s 2003 account of the early days of the
College reproduced in the delightful book about its first fifty years, compiled and
edited by John Penney and Roger Tomlin. Michael Brock characterises Oxford’s
attitude towards the development of graduate colleges as ‘a mixture of disdain and
alarm’. Disdain because the prevailing view, particularly in the humanities and social
sciences, was that teaching undergraduates is what really matters in a university.
Alarm because graduate colleges would make possible the implementation of a
rather unpopular recommendation in the 1966 Franks Report, namely that students
going on to graduate studies be released by their undergraduate colleges to seek
more graduate-friendly institutions. Brock himself admits that when he came to
Wolfson after 16 years of a tutorial fellowship in Oxford, he was slow to grasp the
awkward truth, espoused by Isaiah Berlin, that ‘for good or ill a place among the
world’s leading universities no longer depended, to any great degree, on excellence
in undergraduate teaching.’

That was then and this is now.
And the ‘now’ brings me to a delicate matter. Michael Brock correctly noted that an Oxford college which contains undergraduates is forever bound to regard them as having first claim on its Fellows’ attention. But he conceded that already by 2003 these colleges had improved their provisions for graduate students. Indeed, it is rather sobering for me to see how many of my own graduate students who are in traditional colleges seem to be happily ensconced there. As for the entitlement issue for academics, this is also no longer a problem in Oxford.

So one might be forgiven for thinking that the early raison d’être of the College has been largely overtaken by events. After all, if graduate teaching is supposed to have such importance in a leading university, in Oxford it is the University, not the graduate colleges, that provides it. Of course whether the University yet attributes sufficient importance to its graduate programmes is debatable.

Be that as it may, I confess that there have been times when I wondered what the purpose of a modern graduate college really should be. Despite Wolfson’s friendly, informal atmosphere, I have at times been tempted to describe the College as a wonderful answer in search of a question. It is heretical of course to say that Wolfson is a hall of residence. But the much lauded features of the College, its egalitarianism and cosmopolitan spirit, only went so far for me in addressing this conundrum.

Well, I have come to see that a graduate college is in a constant process of reinventing itself. And how well it does this depends in good part on the vision of its President. Everyone knows how Dame Hermione’s introduction and support of the research clusters in Wolfson have revitalised the academic life of the College. Her President’s Seminar series, which brings together Governing Body Fellows, post-doctoral members and graduate students to speak on different aspects of a central theme, has also been an inspired addition to College life. But less well known perhaps amongst Dame Hermione’s many initiatives is one more closely linked with the early purpose of the College related to the entitlement issue. The post-doctoral community in Oxford, which barely existed in the 1960s, is today not only an essential source of the University’s research output; it is the new disenfranchised sector of the University. Dame Hermione has actively supported the College’s unique open-door policy towards post-doctoral researchers, and in 2011 proposed the creation of a remunerated college post in the service of its Research Fellows, many of them post-
docs. I was lucky to become the first Research Fellows' Liaison Officer, and was replaced by Anne Deighton in 2013. I want to pay tribute here also to Anne, who has brought so much devotion and innovation to the post. We both agree it is a wonderful job, but she has redefined it for the better.

We have been extraordinarily lucky to have Dame Hermione as our President, who has done so much to make Wolfson make sense. Her husband John Barnard has also contributed much to the College by way of his regular charming presence and support. In the year of Hermione’s retirement as President, I wish them both every happiness in the next phase of their lives. I also want to extend my best wishes to our President-elect, Tim Hitchens. May he, in his own way, continue to make Wolfson make sense in the turbulent years to come.

Let me finish by returning to the historical book compiled by John Penney and Roger Tomlin, in which they wrote: ‘… the main thing that emerges from all the issues of the College magazines and the College Record that we have perused is that people are happy here, and that is perhaps the College’s greatest achievement.’

In the same book, Roger Hausheer recalls an incident in the days of the College while still at its 60 Banbury Road site. This incident involved Godfrey Lienhardt, whom some of you here will remember as one of the truly notable characters of the young College. Lienhardt recalled Isaiah Berlin saying to him: ‘Do you realise, Lienhardt, this is possibly the only college in Oxford where there is absolutely no one you could possibly dislike?’

That was then and this is now.

How much this idyllic condition remained true over the years will depend on the view of the individual Fellow. What I can say is that in my experience, exceptions to the Berlin principle, if I may call it that, have been very few and far between. I have watched the Fellowship change over the years, but I have always enjoyed it. I have gained an insight into areas of research and academic life that are far from my own — and of course this is one of the great blessings of belonging to an Oxbridge college of any kind. Over the years, Maita and I have been treated kindly by the College staff and we have made life-long friends from both the Fellowship and the graduate student body. For this alone we will be forever grateful.
I have been a Fellow of Wolfson for nearly three-quarters of the life of its oldest current buildings. I defy any fellow from one of the traditional colleges in Oxford to claim the same honour. I ask you to join me in making a toast, to the memory of Iffley and to the future of Wolfson.
Education and Offenders
by James Crabbe (SF), JP

I would argue that the shortage in skills in the United Kingdom is as wide as it was in the 1960s. Addressing this requires novel approaches to learning and skills, not least for those people in prison, and for those young people brought before the Youth Courts. I believe that there is an opportunity emerging for new groups of actors to play a significant role in improving outcomes; these include magistrates and the University and Further Education (FE) sectors.

The ‘classic’ view of education, at least in the UK, is of a unilinear mode of progression, from nursery / kindergarten to prep / primary school, to secondary, to university / conservatoire / art school, to post graduate-research or the professions. Further Education (skills and vocational training) features as a ‘second class’ alternative to University and its potential is neglected, particularly when it comes to those whose early experiences of learning have been disrupted, distant or difficult.

The Coates Review on Education in Prison, published in May 2016, highlighted the poor quality of much existing provision and advocated ‘high-quality vocational training and employability skills that prepare individuals for jobs on release’ (e.g. through industrial work and training designed with and for employers). In my view, this should open the door to many further education colleges and universities working with those in prison, on release and serving sentences in the community, at the local level. The review proposed that, from August 2017, all governors be given the freedom to choose which education providers they want to work with; the recent replacement of the National Offender Management Service by Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, and within this the new Youth Custody Service, may give exciting scope for new provision. In addition to providing a potential new market for college and university recruitment and partnership working in a financially beleaguered sector, tertiary education institutions could deliver innovative programmes to recruit and support students who have been involved in the criminal justice system, to turn their lives around. This has the potential to open up new ways of improving employability in local communities, and help to decrease skills gaps and shortages so important in our economy. There are already excellent examples of both universities and FE colleges who have provided programmes – including doctoral programmes – for offenders and ex-offenders.
The Taylor Review of the Youth Justice System, published in December 2016, suggested that ‘the role of the court should be enhanced so that youth magistrates can play a much more active role in designing tailored plans for children, co-ordinating the contributions of partner agencies and holding the child, their parents and these agencies to account’ (p. 5). This would include education, involving schools, FE colleges or other providers as a key element in developing a tailored Plan for any individual. The Taylor Review goes further in suggesting a new system of Children’s Panels made up of three lay magistrates which would monitor progress in delivering the Plan as appropriate (p. 32). The same Panel members would oversee the Plan until its completion.

The government have welcomed both the Coates and Taylor Reviews, and while many details still need to be worked out, there will be openings in provision, monitoring of outcomes that will engage more players in society, including magistrates themselves. In addition the government’s justice reform agenda should open up discussion about quality and good governance in the education of offenders.

I feel that we can all play an important part in those discussions, and help to ensure new ways in which people of any age can develop their full potential, and at the same time lowering skills shortages in the country.

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Personal News

Births
Jarvis To Paul (GBF 2013–) and Shila, a son, Samuel Robert, on 18 September 2016.
Franchy Afonso To Nuria (Staff 2016–17) and James Peter Unwin, a daughter, Lila Nieves Unwin Franchy on 11 June 2017.

Marriages
Crawley / Moriarty Michaela Crawley (GS 2015–, Staff 2016–) to Mark Moriarty on 1 May 2017.
Kail / Pengelly Margit Kail (Staff 2009–) to Mark Pengelly on 3 September 2017.

Deaths
Kidd Helen Margaret (GS 1984–95) on 16 April 2017.

**Professional News**

Abramsky, Samson (GBF 2000–) Awarded jointly the 2017 Alonzo Church Award for Outstanding Contributions to Logic and Computation.

Al Lily, Abdul (GS 2008–12, MCR 2015–) Initiated and mediated a ‘crowd-authoring’ project where 99 academics from around the world worked together to compose the first manuscript in the Social Sciences to be written by such a large group.

Banks, Marcus (RF 1988–95, GBF 1995–) May 2017 gave the keynote address at an international conference ‘Visual South Asia’ in Dhaka, Bangladesh, organized jointly by the University of Dhaka and SA University, Delhi.

Boehmer, Elleke (GBF 2007–) Successfully applied for £500k award from the Andrew W Mellon Foundation, on behalf of The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH). Launched the ‘Humanities and Identities’ headline theme funded by this grant.


Dalley, Stephanie  (MCR 2010–) Delivered several lectures on the ‘Hanging Garden of Babylon’, including one at an Arts Festival in Trondheim. Writing a History of Babylon for CUP. Visited Basra in southern Iraq for the opening of a new Museum of Antiquities.

Draghici-Vasilescu, Elena  (RMCR 2012–14, MCR 2014–) Awarded the Order of St Antimos the Iberian from the Romanian Academy of Art and Sciences and Patriarchate of Romania, January 2017.

Dushek, Omer  (RF 2010–16) Shortlisted for OUSU ‘Outstanding Graduate Supervisor Award’.

Eastham, Emily  (GBF 2017–) Shortlisted for OUSU ‘Best Support Staff Award’

Fellerer, Jan  (GBF 1999–) Awarded a Leverhulme Research Fellowship for calendar year 2017.


Geraldes, Carlos  (GS 1972–76, MCR 2009–) Elected a member of the Portuguese Academy of Sciences in Chemistry. Awarded a SRF from April-July 2017 at the Chemistry Dept, Trevelyan College, Durham University.
Han, Chris Hyungseop  (GS 2016–) Received an Award of Excellence from the International Magnesium Association in June 2017.


Lange, Bettina  (GBF 2007–) Shortlisted for OUSU ‘Outstanding Graduate Supervisor Award’.

Levy, Matthew  (JRF 2015–17) Elected a member of the Global Young Academy (GYA).


Meinck, Franziska  (JRF 2013–19) Awarded an ESRC Future Research Leader Grant.


Okely, Judith  (MCR 2004–) Delivered the third JJ Bachofen lecture at the Institute of Anthropology, Basel, Switzerland entitled ‘Anthropologists Writing down and Writing up: through Fieldwork to Publication’, May 2017.
Piotrowicz, Wojciech (MCR 2011–13, MCR 2013–) Appointed Associate Professor in Sustainable Supply Chain, Social Responsibility and Humanitarian Logistics at Hanken Business School and the HUMLOG Institute, National Defence University of Finland.

Rahardjo, Jessica (GS 2016–) Awarded the Postgraduate Research and Impact Award by the Association of Southeast Asian Studies in the UK.

Riede, Moritz (GBF 2013–) Appointed Co-Chair of the Global Young Academy.

Roesler, Ulrike (GBF 2010–) Appointed Professor of Tibetan and Himalayan Studies. Awarded an ‘Outstanding Supervisor Award’ by OUSU.

Schulting, Rick (GBF 2007–) Awarded a Wenner-Gren Research Grant ‘Sourcing the ancient canoes of Florida’s wetlands’. Awarded a British Academy research grant for ‘The darker angels of our nature: a butchered prehistoric human bone assemblage from Charterhouse Warren, Somerset, UK.’


Books published by Wolfsonians


Ferry, Georgina  (MCR 20019–) Neural Architects: The Sainsbury Wellcome Centre from Idea to Reality. Unicorn Publishing, 2017


