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From the Principal



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The new LMH academic year in 2017/18 starts with two hopeful straws in the wind.

The first is that, for the first time in some years, LMH shot up the Norrington Table. As I write the college stands at 14th place. Now the Norrington Table is not the be-all and end-all of Oxford life. Our own Professor of Physics, Todd Huffman, once wrote a learned paper warning that fluctuations of up to six places were probably nothing to write home about. But 2017 saw a leap of 12 places. Our Norrington score was 73.67 per cent, compared with a mean score over the last ten years of 66.88 per cent. The human story here is that, out of 101 students graduating 35 gained firsts and 60 gained upper seconds. That means around 95 per cent (with one appeal outstanding) of LMH finalists left with a 2.1 or better.

That's good news, as is the second straw in the wind: the fact that more students are now applying directly to

LMH - a jump of around 10 per cent in the past year. This makes us less reliant on taking open applications, or people pooled from other colleges. Some of that is down to better communications and outreach. We have built a new website, which does more justice to the life, teaching and community at LMH. Students, famously, use social media. We're doing the same. And we're refining our outreach work to have more effect on open days and in schools. As well as individual school visits, we've been working with Haringey Council in North London to have more regular and meaningful contact with potential Russell Group students.

So, more young people are becoming aware of LMH. When the undergraduates arrive at the start of the year I have asked each one of them where they applied, and why. Many of the ones who did put "LMH" on their UCAS form had visited the college - either on their own or on open days - and were stuck by its atmosphere. There's something we're doing right in terms of creating a warm, welcoming, informal "normal" feeling. That, along with the beauty of the grounds, counts for much and is down to the efforts of all, including students, support staff and tutors.

Physically, the college is settling into its new buildings, with the great majority of graduates now living at LMH. This also helps create a more cohesive sense of community. This year's intake of graduate students comes from nearly 30 different countries.

We also have a new Foundation year. Seven of the 10 pioneers who arrived for the very first Foundation Year are

now starting as full undergraduates. In their place have arrived 11 new students - all of them clever, interesting and resilient. With every one of them there is a striking potential to be academically excellent. With every one of them there are factors in their lives that have - so far - made the very highest conventional academic attainment difficult. The Foundation Year is there to help them make the progression to full undergraduate status. It's a project which is being officially evaluated and monitored. We were pleased when the Vice Chancellor marked the opening of the new buildings with a trip to LMH, pronouncing the Foundation Year "fantastic."

This year we've enjoyed a wide range of interesting speakers and have seen many visiting fellows meeting and inspiring students. We've had Charles Moore talking about his biography of Margaret Thatcher as well as former Labour leader Ed Miliband. The pianists Alfred Brendel, Imogen Cooper, Susan Tomes and James Rhodes have all visited as well as the young composer and clarinettist Mark Simpson. The sociologist Richard Sennett, the comedian Steve Coogan, the Nobel Laureate Mohammad Yunus and the authors Malorie Blackman and Philip Pullman have spoken. We were honoured to have fascinating legal talks by Lord Mance and (visiting fellow) Lord Justice Rabiner Singh. The former four minute miler, Sir Roger Bannister, presented the Foundation Year with their end of year certificates.

All these events contribute to a college that is open, lively, wide-ranging and eclectic. There's more to be done, but we're enjoying the journey.

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A review of our first Foundation Year

Foundation Year Team

Ten students who thought an Oxford education beyond their reach nervously sip tea in the Monson Room: LMH Foundation Year One. They unpack their luggage (and their dreams) between family and friends, tutors and staff. What now? What next? After all, nobody's done this before in Oxford.

Fast-forward nine months. Emphasis on fast. On one of the hottest days in June, the first cohort of the Foundation Year is back in the Monson Room receiving their graduation certificates from Sir Roger Bannister. All of us: family, friends, tutors and staff can scarcely believe how much has been achieved in the intervening time. From shy, nervous beginnings, the students have become scholars confident in their studies, comfortable in their surroundings, curious and engaging, in the many talks and visits from distinguished guests throughout the year. In October, seven of the ten students will return to LMH to start their undergraduate courses here. Three will go on to study at LSE, King's College London and Coventry University. We are sure they will all excel. As one of our students puts it, the year has 'allowed me really to make the best out of my university experience.'



Jumana Haque, Michael Clark and Vee Kativhu

Each student has received over a hundred hours of tuition, studying specially devised new curricula in their chosen subjects and honing their academic writing and critical thinking. They have attended court sessions, parliamentary debates and the National Theatre. They have written reviews,



Maah-Noor Ali and Saph Shoferpoor in the Library

opinion pieces and debated pressing contemporary issues alongside crafting essays and wrestling with scientific problems. Prominent politicians, artists, filmmakers, lawyers and journalists have been queuing up for a chance to come to LMH and meet our pioneers.

Ten young lives have been enriched, as has the experience of the LMH community. It has been a mutual learning process. Tutors have developed different teaching strategies and effective ways of helping new students adapt to an unfamiliar environment. All of us have learned about balancing the rigorous demands of academic study with a programme of cultural and personal enrichment while living in community together. In their first week, the students were set a cooking challenge. Finding they had cooked more macaroni cheese than they had intended, they took a piping hot dish over to the Porters to thank them for helping them to settle in. In April we visited Trinity College Dublin, our partner and inspiration for the Foundation Year. With varying degrees of clumsiness, but with huge enthusiasm, Trinity students and staff danced a ceilidh with their LMH counterparts. We built rickety contraptions out of bits of wood and rope and trusted them – and each other – to give us safe passage over a brook. It worked.

At the same time as running the course in LMH, we've been on the road. In the last nine months we have covered more than 2,000 miles to visit 45 state schools across the country that have limited, or zero, progression to Oxford. Raising awareness about the Foundation Year has helped to raise aspirations to an Oxbridge education in communities where the possibility of studying at Oxford was not even on the radar. Almost none of the students and teachers we talked with had ever met an Oxford tutor. Almost all were convinced

that Oxford was a place firmly out of their reach, academically and socially. Our visits have helped change their minds. We hope it will change Oxford: the bright and intelligent students that Oxford might otherwise have missed out on will now be encouraged to apply here. We are collaborating with TCD on a publicly-funded research project to evaluate effective strategies to create more inclusive student representation in higher education.

Our endeavours and achievements have been made possible through the generous support of alumni and friends. In addition to many donations, we have also received wonderful offers of help and expertise from alumni, a number of whom are recent graduates. Over the next year we will be broadening the opportunities for alumni to get involved with both Foundation Year students, outreach, and with undergraduate students.

At the graduation in June, the Principal reminded us all of the prevalent jokes regarding universities and their ability to change light bulbs. You probably know the Oxford answer: 'Change?' LMH may just have changed the punchline.



Graduation Day: David Howard-Baker with his family

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Uganda's unsung heroes of refugee protection

Dr Georgia Cole, Joyce Pearce Junior Research Fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre and LMH



As global responses to refugees and asylum-seekers become a multi-million dollar endeavour, everyday acts of kindness continue to keep refugees alive and maintain their dignity, even in the face of death.

Twice a week, the flight tasked with carrying bodies back to Eritrea departs from Uganda's Entebbe airport. With tens of thousands of Eritreans in the country's capital, many in a relatively precarious position, this service is much in demand. Six weeks ago, it took a young man who had most likely been killed in a motorbike accident on the city's busy streets. The following Thursday, it carried the body of another young Eritrean, Kifilit Yemane.

Nobody knows exactly why a healthy 34-year-old like Kifilit died: there was no money available for a post-mortem. He'd complained of feeling ill early in the day and went to rest. Somebody brought him some hot milk which he vomited up, and then he lay down and died.

A week before this, I had entered a small sandal shop in Kampala to interview him. His story of how he found his way to Kampala was in no way exceptional. After defying an order from his manager at the construction firm he had worked at in Eritrea, life had become increasingly hard for him. Recast as a political dissident, he spoke of the security forces slowly honing in. Fearing indefinite imprisonment at best, Kifilit fled the country.

Leaving Eritrea, however, had never been his wish. He had fought in the 1998–2000 border conflict against Ethiopia and performed national service with no thoughts of exiting the country. His decision to flee arose from what he considered to be a direct threat to his life, not the understandable yearning

for an existence beyond the shackles of indefinite national service.

Afraid of what lay in Libya and the Mediterranean, he travelled to Uganda. This was a land that welcomed refugees, he had been told, allowing them to live, work and move freely. The country's openness towards refugees, particularly in comparison with its regional neighbours, has been widely noted. The latest statistics from the Ugandan Government suggest the country may host 865,000 refugees. With a total population of around 40 million, that constitutes over 13 times more refugees *per capita* than the UK. What has been less widely noted, however, is that the government's much-lauded openness comes with a price tag for some, with the protection of these refugees remaining a largely community-driven affair.

Cash-for-status

Only after three homeless months was Kifilit informed about where and how he could apply for refugee status in Uganda. He had secured lodgings in exchange for helping at a local bar, and a neighbour there took the time to explain to him how the system worked.

Several months later, his application was rejected. Unable to source the required documents from Eritrea as evidence for crucial parts of his claim, the Ugandan authorities deemed his case 'not acceptable'. As one staff member at the Ugandan government's refugee directorate flatly told me, 'they don't have reasons for leaving their country'; so how can they expect refugee status? This was used to explain the low recognition rates for Eritreans in Uganda, which the same individual mused could not exceed 10%. Kifilit had appealed against this decision, but was not optimistic.

The only other route to refugee status, acknowledged by multiple staff working at the refugee directorate, is through a well-timed payment to the right members of staff. The cheapest going rate for a registered acceptance letter and refugee ID card (\$700) was, however, well beyond his means.

While many working with refugees treated him with respect, he clearly stressed, the business minds of a few have turned the acquisition of a refugee ID card into a racket for Eritreans. From

registering for asylum through securing an appointment to discuss their claims to acquiring refugee status itself, all the Eritreans I spoke to in Uganda had been asked to part with cash at some point in the process. This takes place in offices peppered with signs reading 'refugees and asylum seekers are NOT supposed to pay for any service.' When I called the 'corruption hotline' recommended to affected refugees, the phone repeatedly went unanswered.

Without family members outside of Eritrea to send him remittances, refugee status and a secure, legal route to employment were largely foreclosed to Kifilit. It was nonetheless better to 'live with hope', he suggested, than to get another inevitable rejection letter too soon.

Communities as 'the first and last providers of protection'

Failed by Uganda's formal system, Kifilit spent his first three years in Kampala surviving off donations from fellow asylum seekers and Ugandans. The first few months were particularly hard. With no friends or relatives already in the city, and having exhausted his funds moving to Uganda overland from Asmara, he found himself sleeping rough. After he had passed three days without food, a Ugandan woman knowingly placed a bag next to him containing a fresh chapatti.

After some brief periods of casual labour, he found a job at the shoe shop where we met. His salary there was modest: his employers did not need additional labour, but had seen him struggling to find an income. They had also given him free lodgings in the workshop behind the shop.

Kifilit stressed his relief at having finally found some reliable work. Although he had been desperate to begin 'a real life', complete with education, a family and a home that was more than a friend's couch, he was aware that having found any employment without the legal right to work was a blessing.

This is especially so in a city like Kampala, where formal unemployment rates are high, especially among the youth. In 2016, the Ugandan Government estimated that one in six under the age of 30 were unemployed. Of the working age population with a job, 85% are in informal employment. When a distraught

Ugandan man with an amputation above the right elbow interrupted our interview to recount his struggle to pay his daughter's hospital fees, Kifilit and my Eritrean translator quickly dug around for some shillings. I commented that I was not confident that people would have responded that way at home in Britain. Everybody should be helped to survive today, they said; then tomorrow, you can start the struggle again together.

The next day, Kifilit died suddenly, a few hours after leaving the government's refugee directorate where he had been helping another Eritrean to process their claim. He left behind no family, no money and no way of confirming his Eritrean citizenship. The assurances of those he had befriended in Kampala, or those he had known back in Asmara, were not the documents needed to ensure his legal repatriation to Eritrea. For that, other friends – those with no pressing protection needs of their own – approached the Embassy of his government: a government seen by him as a one-man-show towards which he could only express immense disappointment and anger.

Beyond this, \$5000 had to be found to cover the costs of his return to Eritrea for burial. While his friends called the contacts off his retrieved mobile phone to ask if anyone could donate, his local Church held a collection and wealthy Eritreans anonymously came forward with more sizeable contributions. Even with Christmas approaching, and with Eritreans regularly called on by family members and friends to send money, it took under a week for the full sum to be found.

With formal systems of protection increasingly unaffordable and inaccessible, every part of Kifilit's experience in Uganda was shaped by the friends, strangers and local communities who went out of their way to assist and care for him. Whenever he could, he too had tried to reciprocate. While this is clearly not an experience shared by all, with anti-immigration rhetoric periodically surfacing in Ugandan politics, Kifilit's message had much wider applicability. As responses to refugees and asylum-seekers often become multi-million dollar endeavours, everyday acts of

kindness keep thousands alive and guard their dignity, even in the face of death.

Towards the end of our interview, I asked Kifilit what the best solution would be in his situation. While many might answer that resettlement would be only feasible option for them right now, he instantly replied that if the situation changed, he would return to Eritrea tomorrow. One week later, on a plane from Entebbe and in circumstances not of his choosing, he did. This was thanks to the unrequited acts of a diverse community in Uganda who clearly believed that charity must start wherever people are forced to make a home. In death, just as in life, they kept his dreams alive.

Georgia Cole recently completed her PhD on how, when and why refugee status is cancelled through the 'ceased circumstances' Cessation Clause, and is currently exploring how refugees and migrants understand the role and value of various protection frameworks.



View overlooking Kampala

© Georgia Cole

What Drives Motivation?

Dr Sanjay Manohar, Junior Research Fellow at LMH and Clinician Scientist Fellow at the Nuffield Department of Cognitive Neurosciences



Whether or not you feel motivated can make a big difference for how productive you are. Motivation is a part of our everyday lives, but is remarkably hard to study, because we are each motivated by different things, to different extents. As a neuroscientist, I look for general principles that allow motivation to drive actions. Specifically, a common neural mechanism may be responsible whenever motivation – whatever it is directed towards – causes an action to be initiated and energised. Rewards are well known motivators. For example, the prospect of a gold medal might motivate an athlete to perform better in competition than in training.

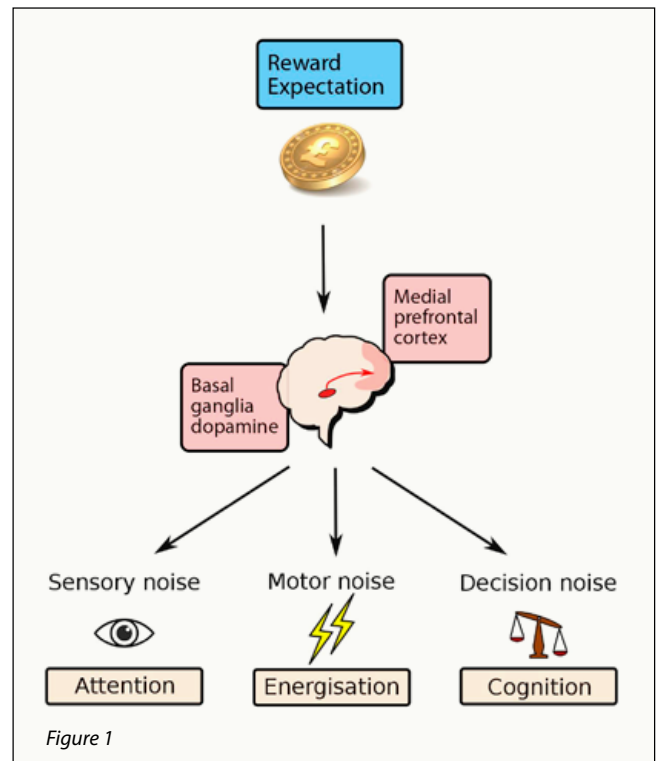
How do rewards motivate us, and do they always work in the same way? Recordings from human and nonhuman brains demonstrate that a group of brain areas calculate reward values in a carefully orchestrated way that can result in the activation of the whole brain (Fig1). The value computation occurs when the basal ganglia, deep within the brain, respond to signals from the prefrontal cortex. A large prefrontal cortex is one of the hallmarks of the human brain and is believed to generate a sophisticated understanding of which events and actions might bring about reward. The basal ganglia, in response to the cortex's estimates and predictions of reward value, release neurotransmitters such as dopamine, noradrenaline and acetylcholine to large areas of the rest of the brain. These chemicals alter the general sensitivity of many brain areas to their inputs. When we expect a reward, therefore, this expectation gets broadcast to many brain systems so that our perceptions, thoughts and actions can potentially become faster, more

sensitive or more precise. These diffuse chemical signals may act as a "rallying call" to make neural processing better, ready to engage maximal performance.

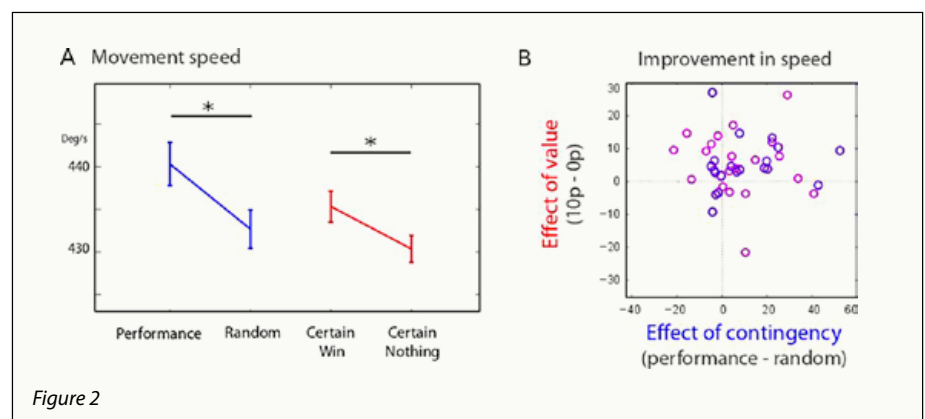
If our brains are capable of high performance, however, why do we not perform well all the time? I propose that there is a cost to improving the precision of brain representations. Under normal circumstances, random fluctuations in cell membranes result in neural noise: transmitting a signal between neurons is stochastic and results in small errors. These errors reflect a trade-off between the cost for holding information with high-fidelity, and the benefits we can reap by keeping a very accurate representation of the world. My research suggests that, to maintain information with fidelity, we require a mechanism for correcting errors and stabilising neurons that entails high firing rates in neurons. Neuronal firing is energetically costly, so this leads to a balance between the costs and benefits of spending neural resources on perception, cognition and action.

According to several research groups, human cognition is an intrinsically economical process. This novel 'neuroeconomic' view postulates that we have a sense of 'inner value' that is

perhaps like a bank ledger and lets us weigh up the costs and benefits of various options. This approach allows us to think of motivation in quantitative terms, and allows an explanation for why some things feel hard or effortful (such as paying attention, holding things in one's memory, self-restraint, or physical exertion) while other things do not.



Rewards improve our performance when our actions determine whether we get the reward, for example in an athletic race. In this case, it is the *contingency* of reward on our performance that motivates us to do better. But are rewards also motivating



in themselves? In a recent study, we asked participants to move their eyes as quickly as possible towards flashes of light as soon as they appeared. This allowed us to measure effort very precisely. Monetary rewards were given according to four possible rules. Sometimes, participants were told they would be given a reward depending on how quickly they moved their eyes. At other times, they were told they would be rewarded randomly. These two conditions were matched for the amount people could win, but differed only in whether outcomes depended on performance. In two other conditions, they were promised a reward independent of performance, or were guaranteed to win nothing. These two conditions were matched for being non-contingent on performance, but differed only in the amount people could win. As expected, the participants moved their eyes more quickly and more accurately when they knew a reward was dependent on their performance (Figure 1). A guaranteed reward in its own right, however, was also able to increase performance. In other words, sometimes even the mere prospect of a guaranteed reward can motivate us to do better. Interestingly, there was no correlation between the individuals who did better in the context of a reward dependent on performance versus those who were guaranteed a reward (Figure 2). This suggests two separable, independent types of motivation.

Both performance-dependent and guaranteed rewards coexist in our world. For example, in some cases we get paid according to our performance; in others, we receive a regular fixed salary. Our study suggests that this is because both factors are motivating, but different people might weight them differently and independently.

In my next research project, my team and I hope to continue using these methods to examine decreases in motivation in a disease setting. 60% of patients with Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease have clinically significant reductions in motivation. I will be studying whether clinical apathy in patients affects one or both subtypes of motivation.



A gift for future generations: A legacy to LMH

Eventually, the time will come when you need to re-write your will. When you do, and you've taken care of those closest to you, please consider a gift to LMH.

Leaving a legacy to LMH offers a unique and genuine opportunity to make a huge and long-lasting impact. It can help endow fellowships, establish scholarships and bursaries, provide new facilities and resources and help future students to flourish.

Please join the 245 alumni who have included LMH in their will. Since 1878 legacies – both large and small – have helped shape LMH and support our teaching and research. Your legacy gift will make a lasting contribution and ensure that subsequent generations can enjoy everything the college has to offer. For more details about leaving a future gift to LMH or to inform us of your intention, please contact Mrs Carrie Scott, Deputy Development Director: scott@lmh.ox.ac.uk or +44 (0)1865 611024



If you have already made provision for LMH's future in your will but we don't know about it, please do get in touch.

"The opportunity to study at LMH was invaluable - both for the formal education,

and for the social aspects of life in college with inspiring and supportive fellow students and tutors. I am grateful to all of the past donors who made my and others' education possible, and so I am very happy to include a legacy to LMH in my will, in addition to on-going contributions. My degree has helped me greatly in international business with most countries of the world."

Philip Harrison,
1980 Modern Language

Your News Please: Brown Book 2018

Do you have any news to share? Of work, family, publications, travels or any other interesting achievements?

Most alumni tend to turn immediately to the News section of the *Brown Book*, so we are always keen to include as many items as possible. Please email details of your news, together with your matriculation year, subject and your name at matriculation to the Development Office (development@lmh.ox.ac.uk). All News will be passed on for inclusion to the *Brown Book* editor, Carolyn Carr (Jones, 1977 Chemistry). We look forward to hearing from you.



Volunteering in the Calais and Dunkirk Refugee Camps

Frances Timberlake (2013 Modern Languages), recipient of the Maude Royden Travelling Exhibition



Frances (centre) with a fellow volunteer and a new camp resident

Over the summer of 2016 I spent two months volunteering at the refugee camps in Dunkirk and Calais in northern France. I co-managed the Dunkirk Women's Centre, an organisation established in the Dunkirk camp to provide a safe space for women and children, where we tried to ensure support was available. Such support ranged from coordinating, sorting and distributing donations, monitoring vulnerable families, helping with legal casework, and coordinating with other local medical and support organisations outside the camp.

It was a harrowing experience from which it took time to recover, but also an amazingly rewarding and eye-opening one. The relationships I was able to build with women living in the camp, as well as those volunteering, was one of the most profoundly inspiring aspects of the experience, and what I gained the most was, without a doubt, what I learned from them. As co-leader of the Women's Centre,



I learnt a great deal about the coordination of people working with me (in this case the shorter-term volunteers), as well as the importance of communication between different bodies and organisations. This was paramount in what was a tense and constantly changing environment, and too often broke down. I also learnt a lot about the country-wide policy and community response to welcoming refugees in France, particularly regarding the (lack of) provisions for women and unaccompanied children and the legal aspect of asylum claims. I have continued this work by supporting women and families who made it from the French camps to the UK, linking

them up to local support networks and helping with legal casework or finding legal representation.

My work in France, combined with continued work in England, has given me a much more informed perspective on European-wide policy to the 'refugee crisis', and how it is so intricately linked to political and economic agendas in member states. Economic factors, I have realised, play a greater role than expected in various policy developments, even within the domains of immigration and human rights.

I will be returning to Dunkirk this winter to do a research project with the



Women's Centre that it still working there, albeit under very different and more difficult circumstances. Afterwards, I still hope to study and work in the field of human rights or refugee support; my time in northern France has given me invaluable experience in how organisations function within these fields, as well as on the ground. The human experience I gained will, I believe, have the greatest impact on my future. Seeing human faces covered up by the frequently dehumanising media coverage and political discourse has made me much more critical of the ways in which such issues are represented, and has given me a different perspective on the responses to the crisis.



The Formal Opening of the Clore Graduate Centre, Donald Fothergill Building and Leatare Quadrangle



Wednesday 31st May 2017 saw the official opening of the Clore Graduate Centre, Donald Fothergill Building and the Leatare Quadrangle at Lady Margaret Hall by the Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Lord Patten of Barnes, CH. This marked the culmination of a building project that has provided improved facilities for undergraduates and graduates in the college, bringing together the various

buildings at LMH in a harmonious series of quads and with a beautiful and welcoming new entrance.

The New Era project started over 10 years ago under the leadership of LMH's previous Principal, Dame Frances Lannon, who said that "the inspiration was fundamentally a vision of what collegial education in Oxford in the 21st century should be". The college needed more and better facilities for undergraduates, a proportion of whom had to live offsite for a year of their degree course. This need was satisfied by the construction of the Pipe Partridge building, which includes our beautiful Simpkins Lee Theatre and seminar and function rooms, such as the now much-used Monson and Amanda Foreman rooms. Pipe Partridge was opened in April 2010 by Lord Patten.

The new buildings add to these excellent facilities. The Clore Graduate Centre provides graduate students at LMH with accommodation and new communal

areas; these are important aspects for allowing graduate students to participate fully in college life. The Graduate Centre opens onto the new Leatare Quadrangle, a beautiful and welcoming new entrance to the college. Running alongside the left hand side of the Leatare Quadrangle is the new Donald Fothergill building, housing a new Porters' Lodge, further graduate accommodation and a seminar room. The new quad is also a journey into the history of LMH and its buildings. At the back stands the formidable Wolfson North, Raymond Erith's former entrance to the college (built in the 1960s), and, to the right, Old Old Hall, the original house where, LMH was born in 1879. "Over time, the college buildings zig-zagged down to the river and, in the 1970s, zig-zagged back", explains current Principal, Alan Rusbridger. "Now, the original Old Old Hall stands proud in Oxford's latest quadrangle – a historical reminder of the bold imperative of LMH's founders."





Back of the Clore Graduate Centre



Donald Fothergill Building



The stage is set



Paul Oster Room



Faith Boardman Room



Buxton Terrace



Alumni News



LMH Advisory Council

Guy Monson (pictured above), 1981 PPE, has stepped down as Chairman of the LMH Advisory Council but remains on the Committee. Guy took on the chairmanship of the Advisory Council from June 2007 and stepped down in March 2017. Guy was presented with a gift by former Principal, Dame Frances Lannon, at the formal opening of the Clore Graduate Centre, Donald Fothergill building and Leatare quadrangle in May 2017.

We are delighted that Jenny Oughourlian (Banks), 1988 Modern Languages, has taken over as Chair. Jenny (pictured below) has had a career in marketing in Equity Derivatives with Société Générale, both in Paris and (later) in New York. She was very much involved with the Lycée Français de New York as a Trustee and in their fundraising. Now back in London with her husband and three children, Jenny is also on the board of governors of the new Lycée International de Londres.



LMH Association

Carol Oster Warriner (Gibson), 1981 Jurisprudence, has retired as President of the LMH Association; She was elected in 2011 and has served two terms. She was presented with flowers and thanked formally by the Principal, during the Annual General Meeting of the LMHA on Gaudy Sunday. Carol (above) has recently accepted a role as Governor of Headington Girls School, Oxford.



We are delighted that Harriet Kemp (above), 1979 Literae Humaniores, has been elected as the new President of the LMHA. Harriet joined the Committee in 2012 and recently retired from working in HR, where she specialised in remuneration and held several senior roles across a number of different industries in the UK, US and Switzerland. She is now developing a portfolio career, which could encompass consultancy, pensions trusteeship, voluntary work and potential non-exec positions.



Gwynneth Knowles QC, 1981 Modern History

Gwynneth Knowles QC has been appointed to be a Justice of the High Court with effect from 2nd October 2017 as a consequence of the elevation of Sir Peter Jackson to the Court of Appeal. The Lord Chief Justice will assign Gwynneth Knowles to the Family Division. Gwynneth Knowles will be known as The Honourable Mrs Justice Gwynneth Knowles. She was called to the Bar in 1993 and took silk in 2011. She was appointed as a fee-paid Tribunal Judge of the First-tier Tribunal, Health, Education and Social Care Chamber in 2007, as a salaried Judge of the Upper Tribunal, Administrative Appeals Chamber in 2014 and authorised to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge in 2016. She formerly practised from Atlantic Chambers.



Bobby Seagull, 2003 MSc (Res) Mathematics

Following an appearance on University Challenge, LMHA

Committee member and LMH alumnus Bobby Seagull has been given his own show on Radio 4 with Eric Monkman, another star of the last series of the BBC Two quiz show. The duo became friends during filming, despite being captains of rival teams. The pair presented Monkman and Seagull's Polymathic Adventure on BBC Radio 4 on 21st August, and explored whether being highly intelligent is actually a useful quality.



The Right Honourable The Baroness Warnock, 1942 Literae Humaniores

Many congratulations to Baroness Warnock, LMH Honorary Fellow, who became Companion of Honour in the 2017 New Year's Honours List for services to charity and children with special educational needs.



Professor Sally Wheeler, 1982 Jurisprudence

Professor Sally Wheeler was awarded an OBE for her services to Higher Education in Northern Ireland in the New Year's Honours List 2017.

College Activities



The Coombe Fund

Having secured a place at Oxford in 1971 (the first from her school to do so), Margaret Coombe (Mallaband) received a kind letter of welcome from a college buddy with a list of things she should bring with her. In addition to essentials such as subfusc, these included a bike and all the other kit necessary for college life. Her family, however, was poor and she was already making her own clothes and earning all she could with Saturday and holiday jobs. She knew her parents would do everything to make her attendance possible, but would have to go without essentials for themselves, so in the end she resolved that she could not go. As she was sitting morosely in the school gardens thinking about what might have been, a teacher came up to her and asked why she was so glum. Margaret told her.

The very next evening, that teacher drove to Margaret's home with her own daughter's bike to lend it to Margaret for the duration of her time at Oxford, and to encourage her to take up her place. Last year, Margaret and her husband Christopher (Keble, 1971) decided to do something similar for current financially disadvantaged Freshers. The Coombe Fund was born.

The modern-day list of Oxford essentials can be a huge barrier to entry and a cause of significant worry. About a third of LMH's students come from low income families, many earning less than £16,000 per year. Although there are Oxford Opportunity Bursaries, funded partly by the University and partly through the generosity of LMH alumni, these only go a little way towards securing financial peace of mind. Each year, the Coombe Fund will provide a minimum of £650 additional grant to each financially disadvantaged undergraduate Fresher prior to their arrival in

Oxford to help with buying the things they need at this important time of their lives. If you would like to contribute

to the Coombe Fund or to Bursaries, please contact the Development Office – development@lmh.ox.ac.uk

LMH wins Green Awards

LMH succeeded at the Oxford University and NUS Green Impact Awards. The awards are given annually, encouraging and supporting positive environmental changes in the workplace. In the Student Switch Off campaign, a student engagement driven college by college competition running all year, LMH came top with the most consistently high engagement by students in all areas. In the Green Impact awards, LMH's staff and student team chalked up more points during the year than any other college, making LMH the only college to win Gold for the second year running. Our Domestic Bursar Bart Ashton (right)

was also singled out for a Staff Award for his work with the other colleges and the local community in pushing forward and sharing ways to be a sustainable college in the 21st century. These awards recognise the continuing efforts of the college, and build on last year's success at the same awards.



Dr Sophie Ratcliffe wins University Public Engagement Award

Many congratulations to Dr Sophie Ratcliffe, Fellow and Tutor in English at LMH. Her project Unsilencing the Library won an award in this year's Vice-Chancellor's Public Engagement with Research Awards, which celebrate public engagement work across the University.

An Event to Celebrate Families at LMH

There have been many instances of members of the same family studying at LMH. To recognise these special inter-generational relationships with the college, Michael Clarke (1982 Mathematics) and Donald Fothergill (1980 Jurisprudence), would like to hold a celebration event at LMH for this group. It is believed that Michael and his daughter, Karen Clarke Taylor (Clarke, 2008 Theology), are the first father:daughter relationship, and that Donald and his son, Kiran (2012 Modern Languages), are the first father:son relationship. Michael and Donald hope to arrange an event in 2018 and hope that many LMH families will join them.

If you and your family have inter-generational relationships with the college and would like to be part of this celebration, please contact the Development Office – development@lmh.ox.ac.uk



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Student and Music Activities

MCR Activities

Béatrice Rea, 2015 DPhil Comparative Philology and General Linguistics, and Ria Kapoor, 2015 DPhil History



The highlight of the 2016/2017 academic year has certainly been the move into our new Middle Common Room(s): the Benazir Bhutto room, the Norah Campbell TV room and our new fully-equipped kitchen. With the new Richard Buxton terrace, MCR members are also able to really enjoy LMH's delightful gardens (when the weather permits!). We have been pleasantly surprised by the enthusiasm shown for furnishing this new MCR, whether by helping choose new cushions or by actually building patio chairs.

We hope this new MCR space will revitalise the graduate presence in college, and we believe it is a first step towards making graduate students feel like a more integral part of the college community. We are also working with College to explore new avenues concerning support, both academic and financial, for the graduate community, and are heartened by our positive progress.

Throughout the year, our Executive Committee has worked hard to create a healthy, happy, and academically-adventurous community. The Welfare Officers organised numerous Sunday brunches and surprises, our Social Secretaries have put together various social and cultural events, including exchange dinners and theatre trips, and our Academic Representatives have planned workshops and assisted College with the Research Fair.

As this academic year is coming to an end, we look forward to welcoming the new freshers of 2017/2018 and have already started to plan their exciting first few weeks in Oxford!

On behalf of the graduate community, we would like to thank College and all those who contribute to making our experience at LMH a fantastic one.

For further information about the graduate community, please visit lmhmcr.org.

JCR Activities

Akila Shakir, 2014 Medicine

In classic LMH fashion, we continued to lead by example in all areas: access, sports and the arts. The introduction of the Foundation Year provided a fresh wave of ideas and experiences alongside our already diverse JCR community. Our passion for increased diversity and equality was exemplified by our snapchat takeovers, hugely successful interfaith event, the introduction of gender neutral toilets in the bar and increased work against gender and social inequality.

In the sporting spheres, we placed a close second in athletics cuppers (with a nail-biting 7 points), broke numerous university sporting records and won blades. In the arts, LMHers directed, produced and acted in a huge variety of university and nation-wide plays, films, and concerts (yet, however, to compare with our karaoke nights). Our JCR was awarded the award for being the most 'green' in Oxford, although more crucially, we were the proud hosts of Alpacas for an afternoon in Hilary.

Further structural developments within the JCR include relocating to a new common room, providing a boost for the college's well-known sense of community and a new social study area



fondly named 'The Loft'. Commendable work by our exec collaborating with college, culminated in the implementation of the new welfare protocol, plans to renovate student kitchens in the upcoming years and an audit of academic life.

In keeping with our reputation, students within our JCR continue to be a force of nature, juggling both academia and extra-curriculars while providing a welcoming, fun and ever-evolving community for (as always) the most extraordinary of Oxford's students.

Music, Art and Drama (MAD) Activities

Donald Taylor, 2014 MMath Mathematics

The number of LMH students actively involved in the arts around Oxford never ceases to amaze me, and this year was no exception.

The Chapel Choir have had another very successful year under the guidance of Dr Nicholas Prozzillo (Director of Music) and Guy Steed (Senior Organ Scholar, 2015 Physics). In addition to regular services in college, the choir returned to sing evensong at Coventry Cathedral for a second year, and enjoyed their summer tour to Puglia (see article on p16).

We also saw the introduction of the LMH Chamber Choir under the diligent direction of Guy Steed. This smaller ensemble aims to tackle a wide variety of challenging repertoire and has performed exceptionally in several concerts throughout the year.

While the Orchestra of Wadham and LMH (OWL) has continued to go from

strength to strength since its launch in 2014, Michaelmas term sadly marked the last OWL concert under the baton of co-founder Zak Thomas Johnson (2014 Music). With an epic programme featuring two Beethoven symphonies, the passionate playing was testament to all the hard work put in, and a fitting finale to Zak's time at the podium. With Matthew Jackson (2016 Music) now at the helm, we look forward to seeing more great performances.



The LMH concert series has once again proved very popular, bringing all three common rooms together in music-making of various styles. Always a particular highlight, the termly Jazz Nights were a roaring success and the band now look forward to future masterclass and performance opportunities.

Over the course of the session, a small committee, led by myself, officially launched the LMH Spotlight Theatre Fund, further solidifying our commitment as a college to drama and the arts. The same committee also oversees use of the Simpkins Lee Theatre, which has recently hosted many student productions.

The Trinity Term LMH Art Show drew large crowds and enabled everyone to see the fantastic works by our art students displayed around college.

LMH students continue to dominate the Music and Drama scenes at a university-wide level, with this year seeing LMH representation in almost every student musical ensemble, play, musical, opera and film. In addition to having the presidents of TAFF (OU Theatre Technicians and Designers) and OU Filmmaking Foundation from LMH, our students also held various director/MD/producer/cast/crew roles and prominent positions on both the outgoing and incoming OUDS committees.

With exciting plans already in place for Michaelmas, we look forward to another eventful year.

Boat Club Activities

Oliver Watson, 2013 Medicine, Boat Club President 2016/17

The year began in fairly chaotic fashion as Boathouse Island was closed on the first Saturday of term. A police investigation was taking place just as our novices were due to have their first taster outings. Having overcome this hurdle, we got into Michaelmas rowing with the usual squads of enthusiastic novices preparing for Christ Church Regatta and the seniors preparing for other racing. W1 opted to target the Isis Winter League with resounding success. LMH has never won an individual IWL before, but the girls were fastest at three of the five league races. Ultimately the overall title was lost to Christ Church by virtue of the points they won with their lower boats. M1 instead went to Cambridge to take on the tabs on their own water at Fairbairn Regatta, a 4.5km head race. We quickly discovered the Cam has its own versions of the gut, and with our first attempts to navigate them being in the midst of racing, our time was not as competitive as we had hoped.

Onto Torpids, and we had six crews entered for the first time in a while. With only a single rowing on division, competition for places is high and neither M3 nor W3 was able to qualify. In the regatta itself, W1 won blades and made a return to div 2, although not

without the drama of an incredibly close row over ahead of Mansfield at the top of div 3 to start their campaign. M2 and W2 were both up three, denied blades by bumped out crews and a klaxon respectively. M1 held their own in the middle of div 2, bumping Worcester but being caught by Keble.

During Eights, M2 again missed out on blades due to bumped out crews, but finished up three and showed their guts by holding off Jesus at overlap from Long bridges to the head. W1 bumped quickly on days 1 and 2 but struggled with a large number of leaving finalists and ended the week up one, being bumped by Exeter on the final day. This still represented a great achievement for a crew largely composed of novices. W2 got spoons, but the regatta could have been dramatically different had the three boat sandwich they found themselves in the middle of on day 1 gone the other way. W3 qualified for Summer Eights for the first time in a number of years, and given all of them began rowing in Trinity, this was an achievement in its own right. Although they also ended with spoons, they could be proud of knowing what they'd achieved in the space of a few short weeks. M1 rowed in div 1 for the first time in their history. This was also the first time one of the women's colleges had rowed in div 1, showing our strength compared to the rest of the Oxford colleges. We couldn't bump firmly into div 1, denied a bump on Trinity by three feet on Friday and a

klaxon on Saturday, so will remain sandwich boat.

All in all, the Club remains a successful and well-populated contingent of the LMH community. With our dedicated erg facility now completed, we look forward to another year of rowing. We remain incredibly grateful for the donations alumni give towards rowing in the college.



Student and Music Activities Continued



Sports Activities

Laura Fenwick, 2013 MChem Chemistry, Sports Officer 2016/17

The 2016–17 sporting year began with celebration for LMH, when it was announced at the Sports Federation Awards Evening in Michaelmas that we had placed third overall in the Cuppers table for the previous year. This set the bar high for more sporting success, and our numerous, thriving college clubs and teams did not disappoint.

Highlights have included second place Cuppers finishes for our Cross Country, Athletics and Badminton teams, as well as a run to the quarter-finals for the men's rugby team. The tennis club has been one of the fastest growing this year and now holds weekly training open to all on the LMH courts, thanks to the hard work of team captain Nathalia Schomerus.

On the football side of things, it was a fantastic year for all three men's teams as they finished third, second and second in their respective divisions. Thomas McQuillin broke the all-time university record for most goals in a season and also became LMH's all-time top scorer throughout his time in Oxford. Not to be outdone, newcomer Callum Coleman finished the season with more assists to his name than any other player in the university. On the women's side, LMH students Maddie Hooper and Elena Backhouse both represented the winning Oxford Blues team at the first women's football Varsity Match to be played alongside the men's.

Laura Venables and Miles Weatherseed were the winners of the annual LMH Sports Awards for female and male sportsperson of the year, following their achievements in Blues Netball and Athletics respectively. Elsewhere on the

university scene, Tilly Gilbert captained the women's water polo team, Laura Fenwick was part of a record breaking women's Blues Triathlon team, and Miles Chandler took a Varsity victory for the cross country seconds.

Music Activities

Dr Nicholas Prozzillo, Director of Music

Music at LMH continues to develop! With the assistance of Music Society President, Hannah Culver, Organ Scholar Guy Steed, Choral award holders, and other musical enthusiasts, LMH witnessed a varied programme of music-making. The Freshers' Family Day concert officially opened the year with a varied programme demonstrating LMH talent, encouraging freshers to participate in college music. The reworked 'Music at LMH' concert has proved popular, with the first in the new series attracting a good number of JCR, MCR, and SCR listeners. These concerts take place at 20:30 on Tuesday of 5th week, followed by refreshments in the SCR. Our new SCR President, Professor Anna Abulafia, is keen to develop this termly event.

Our music programme closed with another successful choir tour, which this year saw the LMH choir in Puglia. Based in Polignano a Mare and Lecce (the so-called Florence of the south), the group delighted clergy, congregations, and audiences with the sounds of the English Choral Tradition – the grateful clergy ever-ready to reward the choir with gelato! The clergy were very welcoming, and ecumenicalism was ever



present: Allan Doig was invited to officiate in a service, and (without any notice) the parish priest asked that his sermon be translated 'live' for the choir. The itinerary also allowed the group to sample the delights of the local culture, traditions, and geography, which ranged from cooling down in the Adriatic Sea, imagining what life was like for the inhabitants of Matera, to admiring the Grotte di Castellana.

The choir tour brought the academic year to a joyful close, and I wish to thank all those members whose enthusiasm for music making has allowed us to continue developing music at LMH. We thank Guy Steed, Kaifeng Senior Organ Scholar, whose varied role saw him accompanying services, playing piano duets in concerts, conducting the choir, playing a major role in the formation of the LMH Chamber Choir, and many other musical and non-musical tasks that organ scholars undertake during their management, people skills, and musical course (popularly known as the organ scholarship).



The LMH choir on tour in Puglia

Heron-Allen Travel Report

**Christopher Woodham (2014 Biological Sciences),
recipient of the Heron-Allen Scholarship**



Heron-Allen Scholarships are named in memory of Armored Daphne Heron-Allen, who graduated from LMH in 1930 with a First in Zoology and soon afterwards died tragically in a car accident. The Travel Scholarship of up to £500 is awarded to undergraduates reading Life Sciences.

Christopher Woodham writes about his research, made possible through the award of the scholarship.

An Investigation into the Effect of Oil Palm Clearance and Replanting on Ecosystem Functions

Introduction

Oil palm is a major land use and is of great socioeconomic importance in South East Asia. The initial expansion of oil palm agriculture in South East Asia began in the mid-1980s, driving widespread deforestation, with a strong negative impact on biodiversity in the region and a deleterious impact on ecosystem functions and ecosystem services within these landscapes. The productive lifespan of oil palm plants is between 25 and 30 years. As a result, the coming decade will see large areas of oil palm plantation in South East Asia being replanted. This large-scale replanting could have major impacts on biodiversity, ecosystem functions and ecosystem services within these landscapes. There have been very few studies of these impacts, and developing our understanding of them is critically important for managing oil



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palm landscapes to meet production and conservation management targets.

Project Aims

My research project has two main aims, both related to developing our understanding of the impacts of oil palm replanting on ecosystem functions (and therefore ecosystem services) in oil palm dominated landscapes:

- To understand the effects of replanting oil palm on both individual ecosystem functions and ecosystem multi-functionality; and
- To investigate whether or not riparian reserves can conserve ecosystem functions within areas of replanted oil palm.

Fieldwork

I spent five weeks in Riau, Sumatra at the SMART Research Institute collecting data on five ecosystem functions: dung removal, soil mesofauna feeding activity, herbivory, mealworm predation and seed predation. I worked alongside the SMARTRI researchers, research assistants and local oil palm workers during my fieldwork.

Results

I have not fully finished analysing my data, but have completed most parts of the data analysis. My results suggest there is no significant difference in ecosystem multi-functionality, or in the levels of individual ecosystem functions, between mature oil palm and recently replanted oil palm. Further to this, my results suggest that, while riparian reserves are effective at conserving biodiversity within oil palm landscapes, they are of limited use for conserving ecosystem functions. It is important to note that my fieldwork took



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place within a lowland area dominated by oil palm, in which there is a heterogeneous landscape of both mature and recently replanted oil palm plantations of a variety of ages. This environmental context is likely to have had an influence on my findings.

Conclusions

The findings of my research are an important start for understanding the impacts of oil palm clearance on ecosystem functions and the provision of ecosystem services. Developing this understanding is crucial if we are to effectively manage the large-scale replanting of oil palm that will occur in the next decade, and minimise any deleterious impacts of this replanting on the provision of ecosystem services.

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A comparison of mature oil palm (A) with recently replanted oil palm (B). Oil palm replanting occurs on a very large scale, as is partly evidenced in image (B).

Book Club, Exhibition and Poets: A Year in the Library

James Fishwick, Librarian



Guests and poet Jamie McKendrick at the exhibition launch for *Literary Treasures of LMH*

It's been a busy year in LMH Library. We've added more books to the collections than ever in the past ten years, provided hugely popular study spaces for the students, conducted a stock check of the entire Library to find our missing and mis-shelved books, and undertaken many other projects. We've also adapted to reflect changing study habits, withdrawing printed journals if they are available online (unless Fellows ask us to keep them). We're using the freed-up space to allow our book collection to grow. While students are using online materials more and more, many books aren't available online and those are still very much in demand. Even when books are available online, students often prefer using a physical copy: Blundell's *Concepts in thermal physics* was the third most borrowed title this year, despite the fact that it is digitally available. Demand for books is rising so much that the college has agreed to increase our book purchasing budget, allowing us to fulfil all requests.

Scientists tend to use multiple copies of the core textbooks, while humanities students use a large number of different texts, so humanities books rarely get into the lists of our most popular titles. However, LMH Visiting Fellow Emma Watson's generous donation of eight copies of each book featured in her online feminist book club, *Our Shared Shelf*, has proved very popular. Walker's *The Color Purple* and Satrapi's *Persepolis* both appeared in the top 20 most popular titles – the first humanities books to do so. Our students have organised a series of book club evenings, where they get together to discuss them, and they even got to meet Emma when she visited college recently.

This year we took on a Graduate Trainee Library Assistant, a one-year full-time position intended for a recent

graduate to get hands-on experience of librarianship before going on to study for their librarianship masters. We feel that this scheme fits nicely with the college's *Investors In People* ethos and it has proved extremely popular, with a large number of very strong applications. Our 2016–17 Trainee was Tom Cook, a keen poet who came to us after studying at Hull and St Catherine's. One of the projects he's worked on was the creation of exhibitions, giving him experience of handling and presenting antiquarian collections. Tom and I co-curated a Michaelmas 2016 exhibition *Demonology*, showcasing our books on witchcraft, Milton and Dante. He then set to work making an exhibition on a topic of his choice, rising to the challenge enthusiastically. The result, *Literary Treasures of LMH*, shows off some of the Library's rarest and most interesting books of poetry, drama and prose, from Samuel Johnson's *Dictionary* to signed copies of Tennyson, Robert Graves and Stevie Smith. Tom will be heading off to UCL to study for his Librarianship masters, and our 2017–18 Trainee will be Martyna Grzesiak, and we're looking forward to seeing what exhibitions she will create.

As well as curating the exhibition, Tom also worked alongside Dr Sophie Ratcliffe to organise a launch party for it, at the start of Trinity Term. This was a great success, with the Professor of Poetry Simon Armitage coming to talk to our English students about his experiences using libraries, alongside Tom discussing the exhibition and Noreen Masud of Linacre exploring the poet Stevie Smith's relationship with our former principal Sally Chilver. Unfortunately it was almost too popular, with all tickets going very soon after we opened bookings!

Our other current project in the Library is the replacement of a number of the original chairs – with new chairs better designed



Noreen Masud discusses Stevie Smith's friendship with LMH principal Sally Chilver

for prolonged working. The most common student complaints are about the lack of back support and hard wooden seats of the original chairs. With students working longer and longer hours in the Library, which is open 24 hours a day, we want to ensure that new chairs are wooden, attractive and long-lasting like the originals, but provide more comfort and support with padded seats and ergonomic back support. The current chairs are, however, beautiful and, as they were designed and made specifically for our Library, will be accommodated elsewhere in and around the Library and the college. We are most grateful for the generosity of alumni who have already contributed towards this project, and we look forward to raising further funds in the coming year. Anyone wishing to make a gift should contact the Development Office.



Our Shared Shelf



Emma Watson and members of our book club



Events 2016/17

A broad variety of events was organised during the last academic year for all members of the LMH community. In spring we were delighted to welcome international classical pianists Imogen Cooper CBE and James Rhodes to perform piano recitals. We also held our annual Ockenden International Prize Awards Ceremony and Rory Stewart OBE MP gave our annual Heron-Allen lecture. In addition to the annual summer Gaudy weekend, the Development Office organised a reception for the Law Society at the Supreme Court, which included a guided tour, and a London Dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London, with guest speaker Guy Browning (1983, Modern History).





Dates for your Diary 2017/18

Please find below the programme of events planned for Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity terms. Additional events for Oxford, London and overseas are being planned all the time and you will be notified of them by email, on the LMH website, our Facebook page Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford – Alumni and on Twitter @lmhalumni.

Beaufort Circle Lunch for Legators

Saturday 14th October 2017
11.00am to 3.00pm

By invitation only.

LMH Conversations: Charlie Brooker in conversation with Alan Rusbridger

Friday 20th October 2017

LMH Conversations: Gary Lineker in conversation with Alan Rusbridger

Thursday 2nd November 2017

5.45pm to 7.00pm
Lady Margaret Hall

Limited number of seats available at £50 per person. One guest welcome. Online booking available.

Canada Seminar

Tuesday 21st November 2017

5.45pm to 7.00pm
Lady Margaret Hall

With Janice Charette, High Commissioner for Canada to the UK. No charge. Online Booking available.

LMHA at RADA: Sam West in conversation with Alan Rusbridger

Thursday 23rd November 2017
6.30pm to 8.30pm

RADA, 62-64 Gower St, London WC1E 6ED

£30.00 per person. Online booking available.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 26th November 2017
5.30pm

Lady Margaret Hall

No charge and booking not required.

Varsity Rugby

Thursday 7th December 2017

11.30am and 2.30pm
Twickenham Stadium

The 31st Women's Varsity Match and the 136th Men's Varsity Match. More information available online.

LMH Law Society: Philippe Sands in conversation with Alan Rusbridger

Saturday 13th January 2018

6.00 pm to 9.30 pm
Lady Margaret Hall

£45.00 per person. Guests welcome. Online booking available.

London Drinks

Thursday 22nd February 2018

6.30pm to 8.30pm

Location and booking TBC

Heron-Allen Lecture

Friday 2nd March 2018

5.45pm to 7.00pm

Lady Margaret Hall

With Professor John Vucetich, School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science, Michigan Technological University, Houghton. No charge. Online registration available.

Oxford Alumni Weekend in Europe (Rome)

Friday 16th to

Sunday 18th March 2018

LMHBC at the Boat Race

Saturday 24th March 2018

4.20pm and 5.20pm

The Dove, Furnival Gardens

Current and former LMHBC members meet at The Dove 3.30pm.

No booking required, alumni just to turn up. Organised by the Boat Club President.

Oxford Alumni Weekend in North America (San Francisco)

Friday 6th and

Saturday 7th April 2018

Founders and Benefactors Dinner

Friday 20th April 2018

7.00pm

Lady Margaret Hall

By invitation only.

London Dinner

May 2018

6.30pm to 9.30pm

Full details and booking TBC.

MA Ceremony and Reunion

Saturday 12th May 2018

5.30pm to 7.00pm

For alumni who matriculated in 2010.

LMHBC Dinner

Saturday 26th May 2018

7.00pm

Lady Margaret Hall

Cost to be confirmed. Places to be booked via Boat Club President, Esther Rollinson, esther.rollinson@lmh.ox.ac.uk

Gaudy Dinner

Saturday 23rd June 2018

7.00pm: drinks reception in the gala tent with student string quartet

7.45pm: three-course dinner in Deneke Dining Hall

Lady Margaret Hall

For matriculation years 1997-2001 inclusive and the 50th anniversary of 1968.

One guest welcome

Black tie

£45pp drinks reception and dinner; £40 single en-suite; £70 twin en-suite.

Gaudy Sunday

Sunday 24th June 2018

10.00am to 5.00pm

Lady Margaret Hall

Full details and booking available in January 2018.

When's my Gaudy Dinner and Anniversary celebration?

22 June 2019

Matriculation years 2003 to 2007 inclusive, plus 1959 (60th) and 1969 (50th)

20 June 2020

Matriculation years 1971 and prior, including 1960 (60th) and 1970 (50th)

For more information and bookings, visit the Lmh website at www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/alumni/events, or contact us by telephone on +44 (0) 1865 274362 or by email: development@lmh.ox.ac.uk