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WELCOME...

THE WARDEN'S REPORT



In my last report, I wrote that the end of the kitchen refurbishment project was in sight. That proved to be somewhat further over the horizon than I could see. No mere 'refurbishment', the

kitchen, buttery and bar were almost completely rebuilt within the existing ancient fabric, and the former lean-to sheds and out-buildings along the city wall were replaced and kitted out with new, sophisticated equipment: cold storage units, lifts, a bakery, conveyor belt, pot wash, etc. Snagging was a nightmare, and the finishes required to join the new bits to the old took much longer than expected.

But by the middle of Trinity Term, everything was truly finished and, judging by student reaction, the 'refurbishment' is an outstanding success. The new spaces have somewhat altered the character of the College. The bar is no longer a dark cavern but flooded with natural light, and the exterior wall of Hall can be seen towering above. One sign of changing times is that as many students use the internet café in the north undercroft as the bar and beer cellars themselves. Everything else looks much the same, but of course the new food preparation facilities are not open to the public or students,

which is a pity because the medieval kitchen with its hammer beams would add lustre to the 'Harry Potter Trail'.

I am pleased to report that construction of the music practice room building has begun. A seemingly modest, straightforward plan became much more costly and difficult to execute when Oxford City Council (OCC) planners ruled that the new building has to be moved away from the Civil War ramparts and attached to Savile House. And the super-soundproofing needed to insulate neighbours from late-night practicing does not come cheap either. But our musically inclined students will soon be benefitting from the only purpose-built facility of its kind in Oxbridge, which is entirely fitting for a college with such a rich musical heritage and harmonious future.

My last report also mentioned a much more ambitious plan for a new quadrangle on the Warham House site, noting that this was unlikely to happen unless another Harry Sacher or Garry Weston appeared. No sooner had that issue of *New College News* hit your doormats than I received an email from an Old Member who immediately saw the point of a new quad and added, rather parenthetically, that he would help pay for it. That email was from Chris Gradel (1990, Engineering, Economics and Management), who encouraged us to think



The Warden and Chris Gradel in the garden of Savile House

bigger, expressing the hope that, whilst providing badly needed extra student accommodation and better facilities for New College School, something of lasting beauty and architectural significance might be created.

For such an important project, it was felt necessary to hold an architectural competition. Several leading firms were invited to submit plans, designs, models and narratives to a selection panel. London-based David Kohn Architects were appointed to develop a scheme which, in the concept submitted for the competition, included not one but two new quads, incorporating the north wing of Savile House at one end and a new school hall at the other, complete with a large underground car park. How much of this will survive discussions with OCC planners is anybody's guess, but Chris Gradel has provided the vision and pledged much of the means to realise it. This will be the biggest development at New College since the Holywell Street buildings in the late 19th century.

Headington stone and mortar do not a college make, even one so beautiful as ours. More important are the students and their achievements. I have been amazed that during all the upheaval of buildings work, morale has remained high. Most affected have been the 2015 graduating class, who lived for more than two years in temporary hall and in the midst



The new Music Building from Mansfield Road

of a building site. Yet they came second in the Norrington Table, which rounds off a remarkable decade of consistently excellent academic results. Hard work and investment in rowing is also paying off, and the men's first boat won blades during Torpids with five bumps, and several other boats, particularly the women's, advanced then and during Summer Eights.

As I prepare to hand over to the next warden, I cannot believe how quickly the last seven years seem to have passed. Although an Oxford outsider, I quickly formed a deep affection for New College and realised that as warden the most important thing I could do was to try to maintain stability: to make no radical changes (except trying to improve facilities); and to increase and secure college finances in the long term. Time will tell if these strategies have worked. But one thing is already clear: whether or not I had anything to do with it, the College has been a happy place over the past few years. Fellows and students alike are aware of the importance I place on academic excellence, but I believe it is even more important to strike the right balance between the curricular and the improving extracurricular, always allowing for some 'down time'.

I am as delighted as the fellows are with the election of Miles Young (1973, History) as warden. A former JCR president, he has kept in touch with the College throughout his brilliant career in the world of marketing and communications. He brings vast experience in the Far East and the United States, with secondary education in this country, together with an in-built love for the College and legendary leadership skills. Incidentally, he also knows something about tall ships and cinnamon planting, transferable skills if ever there were. Although Miles will undoubtedly be his own warden, we share many aspirations for the College and certainly agree on the importance of keeping in touch with Old Members. It should be a seamless transition.

CURTIS PRICE

RAISING MONEY RESPONSIBLY

MARK CURTIS, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



The 2015 team of student callers

Charities and their fundraising techniques have been in the press over the last few weeks for all the wrong reasons. "New Shame of the Charities" cried the Daily Mail in September, shortly followed by the BBC quoting a senior MP that "Charity fundraising tactics 'a scandal'". Allegations of aggressive fundraising calls, the public being overwhelmed by mounds of "begging letters" and the selling on of personal information have been rife, and in the tragic case of British Legion poppy seller Olive Cooke were blamed for her taking her own life (although her family firmly state that this is quite untrue).

Both New College and the New College Development Fund, the separate organisation to which most gifts and legacies are directed, are registered charities and, as I hope you know, engage in seeking funds from Old Members and friends. But I also hope we do so in a way in which we can be confident that none of the negative language seen elsewhere applies.

Two of the greatest grievances raised by the press, the public and now MPs revolve around the selling on of donors' details and the area of telephone fundraising.

To take the first, let all be reassured that New College will never allow a third party to use the data we hold for their gain. We do sometimes use mailing houses or other service providers to work on our behalf, but only once we have very clear and tight written agreements as to how the data is handled and for what purpose. This is to ensure that they have sufficient security in place to handle the data and that once they have carried out the required service (for example, mailing out the New College Record to all Old Members), they will delete all data files. Otherwise your information is held securely

within the Collegiate University and only released, even to another Old Member, with your express permission.

When it comes to telephone fundraising, the College has for many years carried out an annual programme, normally in either January or March. A team of current students spend two weeks contacting Old Members to update them on life at the College, to check the College has up to date contact information and to ask for financial support. Three things to note: firstly we will always contact you by post or email to let you know that we intend to try and phone; we hope that most will welcome a call, but will always ensure that those who do not wish to be phoned are removed from the programme; secondly, through the training we give the students, we make sure they understand that donations are very important for the College, but that it is always your decision whether or not to give; finally, students are, in the main, on the end of the phone because they enjoy speaking to Old Members and they want to help the College; we do pay them for the time they work, but at a fixed hourly rate and there is no notion of commission or bonuses for "successful" strong-arm tactics.

Donations and legacies have a huge impact on the life of the College and our students, from ensuring that no student is prevented from coming here due to financial constraints to helping secure the future of fellowships and the tutorial system; from preserving and enhancing the College's buildings and facilities to attracting the most able graduate scholars and researchers. But we fundraise in the knowledge that Old Members have a lifelong relationship with the College that manifests itself in many ways, and with a commitment to openness and integrity in all that we do.

THE NEW COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FUND



Mention is made on the previous page of the New College Development Fund (NCDF), established in 1989 as a separate charity “for the general educational purposes of New College or for the benefit of such other exclusively charitable objects and purposes in the United Kingdom or in any other part of the world as the Trustees shall in their discretion think fit”.

In recent years, NCDF has been the main vehicle for donations and legacies from Old Members and other friends of the College, with assets held as restricted or endowment funds and grants made to

New College and students, depending on the conditions under which gifts were made.

In addition, there is the New College Appeal Fund (NCAF) and the New College General Fund (NCGF). Both of these charities were established in 1960, the NCAF for the endowment of graduate studies at New College and the modernisation of its buildings, and the NCGF to support the general purposes of the College. These two charities are effectively part of the NCDF, with common Trustees.

Now that the College is itself a registered charity, with the same accounting standards as NCDF (having previously been an exempt charity and not registered with the Charity Commission), it has been proposed that the NCDF (including the NCAF and the NCGF) and their funds be merged into the College. The Trustees believe that this will achieve efficiencies in administration and in investment management.

In practice this would have little impact on Old Members; future gifts would be made out simply to “New College”, although in time any regular donations to NCDF would need to be switched over to the College; legacies in favour of NCDF would automatically be transferred over to New College through listing the merger in the Charity Commission’s Register of Merged Charities; and past or future donations given for a particular purpose (such as a specific fellowship endowment or for student bursaries) would continue to be ring-fenced through the appropriate funds being set up within the College’s accounts. Governing Body has no plans at present to alter the use of certain other funds as currently designated by the NCDF trustees for the support of particular aspects of College activity. All funds – permanent, restricted, designated - are listed within the Annual Report & Accounts for the NCDF as located at both the College and the Charity Commission websites.

The merger, if it goes ahead, is expected to be completed by next summer. If you have any questions or comments on the proposal, please contact Mark Curtis by the end of November by email to mark.curtis@new.ox.ac.uk or by phone on 01865 279261.

SIR DAVID DAVIES (1959)

Chairman of Trustees, New College Development Fund

1998 YEAR GROUP BURSARY

This year saw a number of Old Members who matriculated in 1998 establish a bursary fund for one New College student. Fittingly, and not surprisingly, this bursary has been called the 1998 Year Group Bursary. Thank you to all those who are supporting this initiative.

It is the College’s hope that other year groups may wish to follow suit and fully fund a bursary for a New College student. A full

bursary for students from the lowest income backgrounds amounts to £4,500 a year, helping to ensure that no student should be prevented from coming here because of financial constraints.

If you would like to help set up and support a year group bursary, please contact the **Development Office** on **01865 279491** or email edward.margetson@new.ox.ac.uk.

A FAMILY VISIT

Kevin Stack (third from the left) returned to college for the first time since his studies for an MLitt in Philosophy (1992). He was delighted to show the college to his wife, Josephine Robins, son, Henry, daughters, Sarah and Isabel, and father, John. ‘There was something particularly meaningful in seeing my wife, children and father as enchanted by the college as I was’ Kevin remarked. He fielded a stream of questions from his children about the city wall and mound, many of which he had never pondered. ‘The visit brought back those many packed days of study and conversation in College – and the extent to which they are still with me today’. Kevin is Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University Law School.



Old Members are of course always welcome back to College. If you are planning a visit, we do just suggest you call ahead to the Development Office (01865 279509) to check the College is not going to be closed for any reason. On arrival please make yourself known to the Porters at the Holywell Street Lodge, or at the New College Lane entrance from March to mid-October (11am - 5pm).

THE 1379 SOCIETY



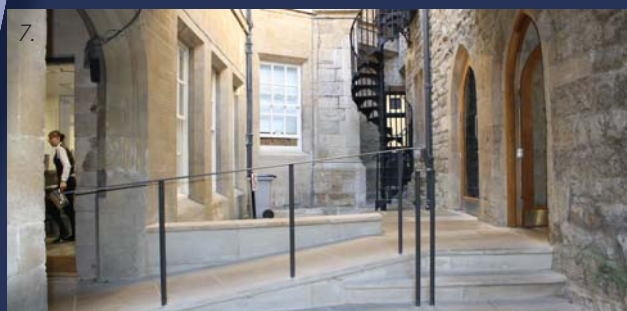
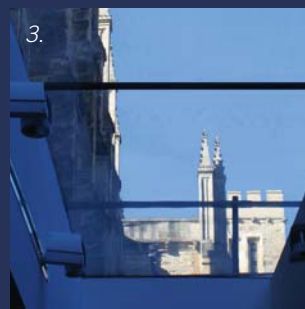
All donations, no matter their size, when combined together have a significant and lasting impact on the College and students. Old Members and Friends of the College who are members of the 1379 Society make a particular difference. The 1379 Society recognises those donors who give £1,379 or more (or £1,103 with gift aid) over the course of the year. The support of 1379 Society members has a significant effect on numerous aspects of College life, and we are hugely grateful to those benefactors who choose to show their support for New College in this way.

The College recognises 1379 Society members in a number of ways: by including their names on our Donor Wall, situated in the Monks Passage, and in the College Benefactors Book. Each year a lunch takes place for all members of the Society, and for those who have pledged a bequest to the College in their Wills, known as the Wykeham Society and 1379 Society Lunch.

Whether funding a bursary for a New College student, helping to provide sporting and cultural awards, or ensuring the standards of teaching remain at the very highest level, 1379 Society members play a crucial part in helping to enrich student life and in maintaining the excellence of our teaching and research.



THE RESULTS OF THE KITCHEN PROJECT



1. The new kitchen
2. Happy Chefs at work!
3. The top of Hall seen through the new Bar skylight
4. The new Bar
5. The refurbished Beer Cellar
6. The North Undercroft Café and Study Space
7. New accessible entrance to the Bar area

EVENTS



8 NOVEMBER 2014

CAREERS DAY

Over fifty Old Members returned to College to share with students their experiences of life after New College. Discussion groups in the early afternoon explored topics such as where a Humanities degree can lead you, and the temporary hall then formed the base in which students could quiz Old Members on their career paths and decisions since leaving.

Above left: Mark Byford (1980) discussing the life of a recruitment consultant. **Above right:** The world of finance is debated with Jane French (1981) and Charles Williams (1982)

If you would like to be added to the Careers Network and invited to participate in future events, please email Madeleine Hammond on madeleine.hammond@new.ox.ac.uk.

3 MAY 2015

SOMERVILLE CHORISTERSHIP CELEBRATION

Right: Murray Somerville (1967) with the Organist, Robert Quinney, having presented the first Murray Forbes Somerville Chorister with a specially commissioned medal.



16 MAY 2015 OPEN DAY FOR FRESHERS' PARENTS

The College opened its doors to the families of first year students for a reception and lunch, followed by the chance to view an exhibition of archive materials and the JCR art collection.

Right: The archive exhibition in the Conduit Room, kindly prepared by the College Archivist, Jennifer Thorp





11 & 26 SEPTEMBER 2015

GAUDES FOR 1952-59 AND 2000-02 MATRICULATION YEARS

After a break of two years, due to the constraints of the temporary kitchens, the College was very pleased to put on two Gaudes this year. The September sun shone on both events, which between them saw 331 Old Members return to College.

Above left and right: Drinks in Front Quad before dinner. **Right:** The Warden bends an ear. **Far Right:** Tea in the Cloisters.



27 SEPTEMBER 2015

RETIREMENT LUNCH FOR MARTIN CEADEL

Former PPE students, current fellows and colleagues gathered in Hall to say farewell and thanks to Professor **Martin Ceadel** after his 36 years as Fellow and Tutor in Politics at New College. **Right:** Martin Ceadel (at the end of the table) with his earliest cohort of students, from left to right, Sir Suma Chakrabarti (1978), Russell Julius (1978), Micky Sacher (1979)



2 OCTOBER 2015
PARIS OPERA

Sir Peter Ricketts, HM Ambassador to France was the generous host of an evening of opera and dinner at the British Ambassador's Residence in Paris. The New College Society evening started with drinks in the beautiful gardens of the Residence, followed by performances of *Il Maestro di Capella* and *La Zingarella* by New Chamber Opera.

Far left: Dominic Bowe sings the part of *Il Maestro* in the Ballroom. **Left:** Jamie Dundas (1968), President of the New College Society, with Sanches Lam (2000)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2015/2016

Please visit the **Old Members** area of the college website for regularly updated information:
www.alumniweb.ox.ac.uk/new/events

OLD MEMBERS' CAROL SERVICE Saturday 12 December 2015

Old Members' matriculating up to and including 1969 are invited to apply for up to four tickets. Please contact jonathan.rubery@new.ox.ac.uk

NEW COLLEGE LAW SOCIETY DINNER

Thursday 11 February 2016

For more information and to book your place please contact the New College Law Society President: james.dickinson@new.ox.ac.uk

CITY AND PROFESSIONAL NETWORK February/March 2016

Date and Venue TBC.
Invitations will be sent later in the year.

OXFORD ALUMNI WEEKEND IN NORTH AMERICA

Friday 8 and Saturday 9 April 2016
Washington, DC.

ANNUAL INTER-COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday 15 April 2016

Frlford Heath Golf Club, Oxford.
Please email the New College Golf Team Captain, Jim Reeve (1979), to register your interest. jetreeve@uk2.net

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY GARDEN PARTY AND BBQ LUNCH

Saturday 7 May 2016

A booking form is enclosed.

OPEN DAY AND LUNCH Saturday 14 May 2016

For the Parents, Family and Friends of First Year Students.

OPERA IN THE WARDEN'S GARDEN

At the time of going to press, the opera is still to be decided.

Saturday 9 and Friday 15 July 2016

A booking form is enclosed.

GAUDE FOR MATRICULATION YEARS 1966-1970

Saturday 10 September 2016

Invitations will be sent in early 2016.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI WEEKEND 16-18 September 2016

Please see www.alumni.ox.ac.uk for more information.

GAUDE FOR MATRICULATION YEARS 1988-1991

Saturday 24 September 2016

Invitations will be sent in early 2016.

WYKEHAM SOCIETY AND 1379 LUNCH AND WARDEN'S CLUB CONCERT

More details to follow

GAUDE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2016	1966-1970 Sat 10 September 1988-1991 Sat 24 September
2017	1971-1975 Sat 2 September 2003-2005 Sat 23 September
2018	Pre-1952 (i.e. 1951 and earlier) Sat 8 September 1960-1965 Sat 22 September

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CHRISTMAS CARDS 2015

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If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Development Office **(01865 279317)** to make your order.

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