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Welcome...

THE WARDEN'S REPORT



In third week, I was asked to give the address in chapel during the College's Commemoration Service. The topic provided me was William of Wykeham. Poor old William of Wykeham! He has had a mixed press, lukewarm to frigid, at various points in history. Maybe my own point of view is irredeemably vested, but I believe much of the historiography is unfair, the application of adverse retrospective glosses to what was a glittering career, acquisitive certainly but, on the whole, one characterised by good rather than bad choices.

The whole exercise made me think a little bit about what a College is. After all, his foundation of us did tie up a number of loose strands, and then presented them in an original quadrangular form – a combination of hardware and software, of buildings and people, brought together in service of the tutorial relationship.

And, now, it seems to me that the idea of 'collegiality' has never been more important. So what does it mean, a College? I think it means a community, interdependent and sharing both values and experience. And that's how Wykeham saw it: the best kind of place to encourage, in his words, "maturity, discretion and knowledge".

The topical threats to the collegiate world are various and, frankly, daunting, and this is not the occasion or medium to record them in detail. Suffice it to say that, as colleges in Oxford, we do not "fit" naturally (or even at all) into top down government schemes or "frameworks". This will put an unprecedented burden on us to build financial independence

for our teaching fellowships. Your support for this has been heart-warming.

But we still have much more to do; and increasingly, if we value the tutorial system as much as we all seem to, then I am afraid we will have to ask our alumni for more support to save it for the future.

This all sounds rather sombre. But my first term here for exactly forty years convinces me of just what a happy, joyful place the College is – more diverse, more rounded and more relaxed than I remember it.

The Fellowship is vibrant, deeply committed and immensely hard working; in my view actually much harder working than the business world which I am used to! And the student today is impressive, stimulating and proactive. I have now met quite a large number through the lens of Warden's Collections. Their expressed satisfaction rate with the College experience is very high indeed: this reflects the teaching quality, but also a belief that New College is a particularly caring community with a difficult to define, but nonetheless evident, difference. Let's call it, for lack of a better phrase, "New College nice". This niceness is not vacuous, and I've been so impressed by the way it shows in a practical commitment to help others, most especially in many of our students working for and in setting up some highly entrepreneurial ventures (for instance Silo, a crowd-sourced service for assisting graduates to find funding or Project Access, an international mentoring system).

Meanwhile, the physical plant is about to see significant expansion, thanks to the generosity of Chris Gradel (1990). The new quadrangles in

Savile Road and Mansfield Road are now moving through the public consultation process prior to a planning application. Much work remains to be done, but so far we are confident that we are on the right track. The importance of providing these rooms cannot be overstressed: at the moment our third year has to live out (almost) in its entirety, something which puts us at a competitive disadvantage to our peer group, and which directly undermines the college experience.

And, at last, also in Mansfield Road, the Music Practice Rooms are beginning to rise above the mud. Enabled by generous benefactors, Anne Mann and the Clore Duffield Foundation, and envisioned by my predecessor, these will give us unrivalled facilities in Oxford, and support our enviable position of excellence in music.

This is the point to express my thanks to Sir Curtis Price, and to Rhian. No Warden could ever have hoped for a gentler transition. The equable and balanced leadership which Curtis gave New College is immediately apparent to the successor, and has created a legacy which I will do my very best to uphold.

Finally, I must thank all in the College for their welcome, and especially the amazing staff who make it such a special place for their warm welcome. The Lodgings feels like home, and their new canine inhabitants are enjoying the space (the first to do so since Warden Smith's dog, Peter). In case you are concerned, the Statutes do permit the Warden to keep hunting dogs and Réglisse has already earned her credentials in this respect in our garden.

MILES YOUNG



The Warden with a group of Scouts at his welcome drinks for College staff

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

MARK CURTIS, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Mark Curtis presides over an exhibition of the New Quad at the 1379 and Wykeham Society Day

MANY A MICKLE...

At the beginning of November, the College welcomed back nearly two hundred Old Members and their guests for our annual 1379 Society and Wykeham Society Lunch and the Warden's Club Concert. This is an opportunity for the College to say thank you both to our most generous supporters and to those who have chosen to support the College through a gift in their Will.

The Warden's Club recognises donors who contribute £500 or more in the year, either as a one-off gift or as a regular monthly contribution (so a minimum of just over £40 a month, or £33.33 for UK tax payers). The 1379 Society acknowledges those giving £1,379 or over, with lower entry levels for recent leavers and "young Old Members" as well. All are listed on a glass board in the Monk's Passage, which is refreshed annually (with a clever film on the rear of the glass, rather than a new plaque each year!).

Support at this level is of course greatly appreciated. But so too are all donations that are received by the College, some for particular aspects of College life, but many unrestricted, allowing us to apply them to priority areas. It is extraordinary how quickly these gifts add up and last year the total given through regular donations from over 1,000 Old Members was over half a million pounds.

To help demonstrate the impact that this support has, we have decided to produce a new Donor Report, which will give examples of how philanthropy is contributing to opportunities for students and academics and to the College's fabric and facilities. The report will be sent out early next year, but in the meantime the College extends its sincerest gratitude to all those who choose to support us in this way.

THE ERA OF CONSENT

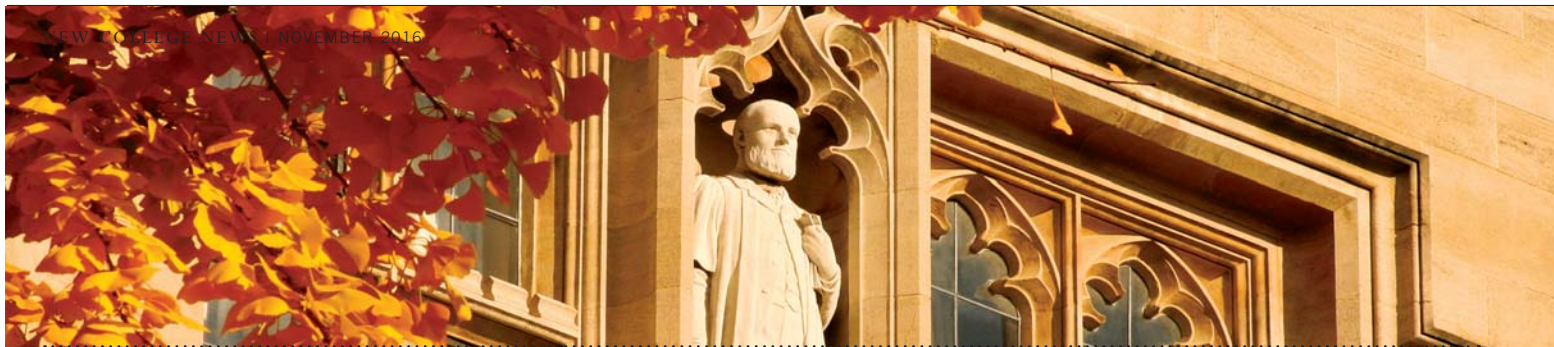
Any of you who have been closely following the twin issues of charity regulation and EU data protection laws (I hope you have had other things to occupy your mind too) will know that charities are to face much more stringent rules over whom they contact and how.

Taking these in order, the new Fundraising Preference Service (FPS) will for the first time allow members of the public to opt out of receiving any form of fundraising approach from all charities through one simple registration process. Old Members may be unaware that this would include New College, which became a registered charity in 2011, having previously been an exempt charity regulated by HEFCE. So if you are considering this option, do please consider making New College an exception, which can be done when registering with the FPS. (It may be

helpful to note the College's Registered Charity Number 1142701).

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new European Union law, created to regulate the way that personal data is processed within the European Union. It comes into force at the end of May 2018, so will still affect a "Brexiting" UK. Currently organisations can rely on people opting out of their data being used, but in future they will need to have given their explicit consent, or opt-in.

This means, for example, that New College will need to have your express permission to contact you by the ways that you wish to hear from us, whether by mail, phone, email, etc. Some of you have already made this clear to us, but we will need to do much more work to "collect consent" where we do not unequivocally have it. Without the necessary consent, we will not be able to contact you for any purpose. So if you receive something from us in the coming months, do please respond.



WHAT IS THE NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY?



Stephanie Frackowiak (1997) talks to a couple of students at the Careers Forum in November

For a society that every single New College member pays for (through a one-time payment of £19.50 for life membership upon joining the College), its purpose and activities remain a well kept secret for many – an issue we would like to rectify, starting with this article.

The New College Society is the body which represents all former and present students of the College, whether graduates or undergraduates. Its primary remit is to ensure that old members are able to remain in touch both with the College and with past College friends and acquaintances. Increasingly, it also seeks to provide connections between the current student body and past members, to the benefit (social, professional, academic – or any other) of both.

Given the mark that studying at New College leaves on most of its members, the enduring connections that are made, and the wide range of success across multiple fields enjoyed by past members through the generations, the Society's core purpose (building, reviving and encouraging connections) should lead to enjoyment and benefit in equal measure for those who take advantage of the various activities of the Society.

The society is run independently from the college, though it subscribes to all the values

and ethics of the college, especially in terms of diversity and inclusion. As such, the Society is run by a committee of various old members as well as ex-officio representatives (such as the Warden and the MCR and JCR Presidents), currently chaired by Jamie Dundas (1968), the President. The Society organises a range of events each year that are designed to appeal across the age groups. These include a biennial London dinner, and an annual summer Garden Party in College. In addition more bespoke trips are organised elsewhere, usually by an old member living or working in the area in question. Recent examples have included a weekend in York, a private view of an exhibition at the British Museum, and an opera and dinner held at the British Embassy in Paris. All these events are run at break-even, with charges just high enough to cover their costs.

A recent innovation that has proved very popular amongst old members and new has been the alumni networks established over the last five years, connecting members across the generations with professions they practice or are interested in.

This started with a City and Professional Network which now comprises some 500 old members and holds an annual drinks reception hosted by one of the members

at their offices. The Life Sciences network works in collaboration with the New College Haldane Society, and organises talks for its members given by distinguished alumni in the Life Sciences and Medical professions. The Government and Public Service Network helps bring together a variety of past students working in these areas with current students looking to enter the field at an annual gathering in Portcullis House next to the Houses of Parliament. Most recently we established a Media Network the inaugural drinks of which were hosted by our new Warden at the offices of Ogilvy & Mather by the Thames.

We have also sought to build connections between the Society and existing groups within College such as the New College Law Society. It is our intention to develop more of these networks over the coming years and to ensure they learn from each other to become as effective as possible in serving their members.

Recognising the experience past students can provide to current members of college, the Society supports an annual Careers event which offers guidance and advice across a wide range of career choices. This is held on a Saturday in November in College and we get the support of some 40 to 50 volunteer alumni who enjoy the opportunity to interact with the students informally during a lunch session in Hall over sandwiches, followed by tea in the Warden's Lodgings.

The Society is very keen to connect with as many old members as possible, and provide attractive and relevant events for them – and to encourage existing students to make use of the extraordinary connections that New College membership can bring with it across the years. If you would like to be included on any of the mailing lists for the networks or to support the Careers initiative, please do inform the Development office. In addition, if you have any ideas for new ways to improve our links then please do feel free to contact the Society either through the Development Office oldmembers@new.ox.ac.uk or directly to the secretary, Mark Byford at marksbyford@blueyonder.co.uk

DAN POWELL'S ACCESS REPORT



I began my role as Access and Admissions Administrator at New College on September 1st 2016. As the title of my job suggests, there are two distinct parts to my role. In short, I have responsibility for all aspects of the College undergraduate and Visiting Student admissions processes. In addition to this, I also oversee the development of the College's access and outreach programme. This involves working with school groups who visit New College, as well as providing me with the opportunity to visit schools in order to work with teachers and students.

To ensure that each part of the UK has a readily available contact, the University operates a regionalisation scheme in order to efficiently support schools. Along with St. Catherine's, New College holds responsibility for Northern Ireland. This means that I visit schools in this UK region several times throughout the academic year, informing students, teachers, and parents about the University and hopefully inspiring them to apply to Oxford. We also host a short summer school for Northern Irish students and teachers in the days prior to the June Open Days.

Before beginning at New College, I spent ten enjoyable years as a secondary school Geography teacher, working in three very different state schools in South Wales and West Oxfordshire. Prior to this, I studied Geography at Jesus College, Oxford. I am thoroughly enjoying my time in New College and am looking forward to drawing upon my experience when working with many more students, parents, and teachers in the future.

Should you wish to contact me, my email address is admissions@new.ox.ac.uk or you can follow the Access Twitter account on [@NewCollAccess](https://twitter.com/NewCollAccess).

OUT OF ITALY

You may have noticed that the choir's new CD and the 2016 College Christmas card feature the same painting. 'The Angel of the Annunciation' by Giovanni Speranza (c.1460-1530) has been part of New College's collection since 1945 and has a fascinating history.

The 'Angel of the Annunciation' (below left) and its companion the 'Virgin of the Annunciation' (below right) originally formed the outside shutters of the organ case in the Church of San Bartolomeo in the Italian city of Vicenza. They were once thought to be the work of Bartolomeo Montagna, but were later attributed to Speranza, who was a pupil of Montagna.

In the late 18th Century, work began to convert the monastery of San Bartolomeo into a hospital, and by the 1830s this work had also extended to the adjacent church; much of its artwork was sold in the years that followed. Sometime In the mid-19th Century, possibly

the 1840s, the two Speranza panels turned up at a sale in Padua, where they were bought by English collector Edward Cheney (1803-1884). Cheney took them home to Badger Hall in Shropshire, where they are believed to have hung on the staircase.

In 1945 the contents of Badger Hall were sold and the annunciation panels bought by G.R.Y. Radcliffe, whose wife was a descendant of Cheney. Radcliffe was a Fellow and Tutor in Law at New College from 1920-24, and Bursar from 1924-56. On acquiring the annunciation panels, he presented them to the College. Badger Hall was demolished in 1953.

You can see the Angel and Virgin of the Annunciation today in New College Hall, hanging above the doors and the gallery. For more information on the Christmas Card please see the back page, and for the CD the accompanying flyer.



EVENTS



TOP:
7 MAY 2016

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY GARDEN PARTY AND BBQ

A lovely day was had in College by Old Members and their family and friends. A jazz band entertained whilst a balloon modeller, a face painter and a Bouncy Castle proved to be a great hit with the children.

MIDDLE:
16 SEPTEMBER 2016

RHODES SCHOLARS 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Warden, Miles Young, and Rhodes Scholars from the 1966 cohort enjoying a stroll in the Warden's Garden. **Left to right:** Richard Joseph, Michael Martin, Warden, Robert Rawson, and Frank White.



BOTTOM:
3 MAY 2016

NEW COLLEGE MEDIA NETWORK

The Network's inaugural meeting at the offices of Ogilvy & Mather in London. The gathering brought together Old Members now working in the media industry.





ABOVE LEFT:
9 APRIL 2016

WASHINGTON DC RECEPTION

Gene Ludwig (1968) hosting a New College Reception at his home in Washington DC, with Patrick Norton (1969) and his wife, Mary Jane.

ABOVE RIGHT:
11 APRIL 2016

CHICAGO DINNER

Middle: Maarten de Jeu (2004) and guest, **Left:** Ms Smita Shah, and **Right:** Allan Bulley (1990) at the New College Dinner in Chicago.



ABOVE AND LEFT :
24 SEPTEMBER 2016

GAUDE 1988-1991

Above: Fellow 1989ers Delia Coggan, Tony Baston-Hall, Nick Heaton, and Jonathan Burton. **Left:** Alison Cavadino (1989) and contemporaries during the reception.



LEFT:
12 NOVEMBER 2016

CAREERS FORUM

Over thirty Old Members returned to College to share their experiences of life after New College. This year the event took place in Hall over a 2½ hour session. This provided a natural break over lunch for current undergraduate and graduate students and Old Members, to engage in career discussions. **Left:** Rupert Negus (1980) and **Centre:** Grace Ofori-Attah (2005) discuss careers in Medicine with a student. **If you would like to be added to the Careers Network and invited to participate in future events, please email jonathan.rubery@new.ox.ac.uk**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2016/17

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

NEW COLLEGE LAW SOCIETY DINNER

Thursday 7 February 2017

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

NEW COLLEGE BOAT CLUB DRINKS

at the Oxford and Cambridge Club

Friday 24 February 2017

CITY AND PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

February/March 2017 Date/Venue TBC

MEETING MINDS:

ALUMI WEEKEND IN ASIA, Singapore

24 - 26 March 2017

As part of the Asia Reunion New College will have two dinners. Invitations to be sent.

HONG KONG DINNER

Tuesday 21 March 2017

SINGAPORE DINNER

Friday 24 March 2017

ANNUAL INTER-COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday 21 April 2017

Frilford 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

MEDIA NETWORK

Date and Venue TBC

OPEN DAY AND LUNCH

FOR THE PARENTS, FAMILY AND

FRIENDS OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Saturday 20 May 2017

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY

GARDEN PARTY AND BBQ LUNCH

Saturday 24 June 2017

OPERA IN THE WARDEN'S GARDEN

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

Saturday 8 July 2017

Friday 14 July 2017

A booking form is enclosed

GAUDE FOR MATRICULATION YEARS

1971-1975

Saturday 2 September 2017

Invitations to be sent in Hilary term 2017

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI WEEKEND

15-17 September 2017

Please visit the Alumni area of the College website for more information.

GAUDE FOR MATRICULATION YEARS

2003-2005

Saturday 23 September 2017

Invitations to be sent in Hilary term 2017

WYKEHAM SOCIETY AND 1379 SOCIETY LUNCH AND WARDEN'S CLUB CONCERT

November 2017

Date and Venue TBC

GAUDE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2017 1971 - 1975, Sat 2 September

2003 - 2005, Sat 23 September

2018 1944 - 1951, Sat 8 September

1960 - 1965, Sat 22 September

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www.flickr.com/photos/new-college-development/

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CHRISTMAS CARDS 2016

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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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