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Fellows’ list 2023-24

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    Fellow and Tutor in Politics
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    Cliff Davies Fellow and Tutor in Modern History and Keeper of the Gardens
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Hannah Bailey
English
Guido Bonsaver
Italian

WADHAM COLLEGE GAZETTE 2023
Beyond the headlines

The Editor Bernard O’Donoghue

IN RECENT ISSUES of the Gazette, we have celebrated the expertise of Wadham journalists who have been at the forefront in the television reporting of the main issues of the day, notably Helen Catt of the BBC and Tamara Cohen of Sky. As the attention of the world and the country has shifted from Covid to the international crises in Ukraine and Gaza, they have remained central figures in our understanding of what has been happening. There is a very distinguished list of Wadham journalists beyond these television reporters: Jonathan Freedland, Amelia Gentleman, Anne McElvoy and others. As several of the College Officers’ reports in this issue observe, it is increasingly difficult to see the situation of the College and the University in isolation from the troubled wider world, especially as our institutions are committed to taking responsibility for widely promoting education and understanding. It is our very raison d’être. Wadham continues to take an active interest in the significant public issues of our time: we are very proud of the role of Earth Observation graduate student Maral Baraya who earned her an award at COP28. She explains to Martin Dunkley-Smith the value of AI to understanding the green applications of mining. The matter of environmental responsibility arises at several points here: for example in the Domestic Bursar’s description of the movement towards biodiversity, aiming at zero carbon by 2035. The Warden in his report notes that Oxford has maintained its leading place amongst the world’s universities, but the Finance Bursar shows that other institutions are snapping at its heels as it strains for Higher Education is broken.’ Access is still a major principle as described by Hugh Munro and by Lynn Featherstone who introduces the University’s new Astrophoria scheme.

So there are causes for celebration and pride. In judging who the College’s most distinguished recent members were, as reflected in the portraits added to the great and the good from its history in the Hall, theatre has been represented by Rosamund Pike and Felicity Jones (again, that list could easily be extended). In this field we were delighted with the election of Michael Tweddle as Artistic Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Oxford Playhouse, surely one of the most important cultural roles in this university city, and we are delighted and grateful to him for writing a piece for this issue on the history that led him back to the Playhouse.

... Michael Rosen allowed us to print part of his haunting Covid memoir two years ago. In November 2023 he returned to the College where the Warden discussed some of his recent writings and experiences with him. His recent life has been a kind of private apotheosis of the difficulties of our times, from the sudden death of his son to the hugely destructive impact of Covid on his own health; his handling of it all has been an inspiring object lesson in how to handle such difficulties with courage, wisdom and creative wit.

Generally the traditions we mark are set well in the past, but of course new traditions are established too. In Wadham new traditions are often recognised as the creation of the current students (maybe because the Student Union has more influence and power than in most colleges). A notable such tradition was the singing of ‘Free Nelson Mandela’ at the end of College bops, a practice which was still faithfully observed when I began at Wadham in 1995, despite the fact that Mandela had been released from prison in 1990 and become President of South Africa in 1994. An influential local festivity was Queer Week which established itself firmly in the College calendar. This issue of the Gazette pays tribute to the 30 years of Wadstock, with an article written by Chris Warburton Brown, one of its inaugurators thirty years ago, and with recent pictures of Wadstock in action to show how well it has prospered.

And, as always, the outward reach of the Gazette reports based on College travel awards is an enrichment; this year to Bratislava and Vienna, to Lebanon (which of course is as topical as it always is), and to Azerbaijan which really is a serious education in the history, geography and language of an area of great cultural significance from the Silk Road and the Caucasus, to the post-Soviet era. This must be the first occurrence of the Azeri language in the Gazette, in support of the Neftçi Baku football team.

The Gazette always takes note of leavers and joiners in the College membership. A particularly grievous loss last year was David Edwards who is remembered here and for whom there was a memorial service in May. David as astronomer, musician and engineer spanned the cultural divide as well as anyone in the annals of Wadham, in the tradition of Christopher Wren, the tercentenary of whose death was in 2023. The Wadham Wren Symposium in celebration of that anniversary is described here by Rory Coogan. The question of what is Art and what is Science is powerfully raised by John Willkins, the Warden in Wren’s time in the great period when Wadham was a dominant part of the Royal Society, Kam Bhui, writing about the place of Psychiatry within sociology and science, is a major representative of that coalescence of the two cultures. As in previous years the skilled editorial work has been done by Salome Parker. I am deeply grateful to her.

Contributions for the 2024 Gazette should be submitted before 31 August.
Making an impact

The Warden Robert Hannigan CMG

IN A YEAR OF geopolitical instability and economic hardship, Oxford has maintained its position at the top of international university rankings by focusing relentlessly on its core purpose: excellence in research and teaching. Wadham has demonstrated both. World class research by our Fellows covers an extraordinary breadth of subjects. We have seen ground-breaking work on everything from the effects of sleep on memory and dementia in Roman Asia Minor to the economics of nature-based solutions for climate change, from the power of distraction in European literature to DNA repair in cancer treatment, and from adolescent mental health to societies.

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Our Tutorial Fellows and lecturers continue to deliver a form of individual teaching that is simply unavailable outside Oxford and Cambridge. This is a huge commitment of their time and expertise, but is core to nurturing and challenging talented young people, equipping them with critical thinking skills for life. It will be more important than ever in an age of intelligent machines. Our students continue to perform very well in Finals: the top two PPE Firsts in the whole University this summer were from Wadham.

And of course we remain deeply proud of our outstanding Access programme, which aims to make all of this available to the highest potential students, regardless of background. This ethos is not new: alumni often remind me that Bowra’s links to grammar schools were all about expanding opportunities after the War. In the modern era we pursue this mission through deep relationships with schools and teachers in the geographical areas assigned by the University to Wadham, and through our targeted summer schools, which were more successful than ever this year in helping students apply to Oxford and other top universities. Today’s students are actively involved in this outreach work: like our alumni, they realise that being at Wadham is a privilege and they feel an obligation to make an impact. None of this would be possible without the generosity of alumni and donors, for which I am extremely grateful.

The ‘community of scholars’ which our Founders envisaged is not of course immune from global and national events, even if at times Oxford can feel like a world apart. Many of our students and staff, and their families, have been directly affected by the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. One of the most inspiring aspects of the year for me has been the determination of undergraduates and graduates to emphasise the importance of mutual respect and support, even at times when passions are running high, and to make it clear that antisemitism and any other forms of hatred and prejudice are not tolerated in this community. More broadly, at University and College level, we continued in 2023 to uphold the importance of free speech, academic debate and civilised challenge, even in the most contentious areas of modern life.

While some of the omens for 2024 may seem bleak, for a university this should not be daunting: there are problems to solve, and our community can play its part in shaping the solutions over the coming years. There will be milestones too, most importantly the 50th anniversary of the first women matriculating at Wadham. The achievement of women as Fellows, staff, students and alumnae over the past five decades is something to celebrate.
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Celebrating success

The Domestic Bursar Frances Lloyd

One of the many highlights in our calendar is our collaboration with the Oxford Preservation Trust by participating in Oxford Open Doors. This spectacular weekend event in September welcomes more than 20,000 visitors to see many of Oxford’s historic buildings. Wadham’s Holywell Music Room, the oldest custom-built concert hall in Europe, the Hall, with its impressive hammer-beam roof, the Gothic style Chapel with its magnificent east window by Dutchman Bernard van Linge, and the enchanting gardens and quads were, once again, enjoyed by over 2,000 visitors during this special weekend. We also have visiting hours on most days when the public can see some areas of the College and we are open all the time to welcome back our alumni.

The end of Trinity term was a particularly busy period in the College’s diary with a number of distinguished events. In ninth week, Wadham was honoured to be the location of the University’s Encaenia garden party, which follows the Encaenia ceremony in the Sheldonian when the University awards honorary degrees to distinguished people and also commemorates its benefactors. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed around 1,500 guests in Wadham’s beautiful gardens and their day was treated to afternoon tea and music. The next day the Vice-Chancellor returned to Wadham to welcome over 1,200 University staff to the Professional Services Garden Party. A few days later we were delighted to hold the Wren 300 symposium event in the College to mark the 300th anniversary of the death of Sir Christopher Wren, one of Wadham’s most celebrated alumni, followed by the Benefactors’ Garden Party. In tenth week, we were honoured to be a part of the Rhodes Trust’s celebrations, marking the 120th anniversary of the Rhodes Scholarships, including events held in Wadham’s gardens and dinners in the Hall and Old Library. These wonderful and distinguished events in the College were a huge success and we are extremely grateful to everyone involved in supporting them, including our dedicated garden team led by Head Gardener Andrew Little.

We were pleased to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Investors in People accreditation and the renewal of the award for a further three years. The ‘We Invest in People’ framework is used to assess how the College leads, supports and develops its non-academic staff. The assessment is carried out by an independent assessor, all staff can contribute their views, and a final report provides recommendations on ways to further improve. Wadham is one of only three Oxford colleges to hold and celebrate this accreditation.

The cost of living crisis in the UK continues to put severe pressure on many households due to the fall in ‘real’ disposable incomes. The Government’s support packages are aimed at helping the most vulnerable but many households receive nothing because they fall outside the threshold. The College has continued to do what it can to support its staff during these exceptional times, whilst taking great care to operate within its limits due to the financial challenges it is also facing. In addition to adopting the Oxford Living Wage from June 2022, the College made a one-off payment to staff in January 2023 and part of the August pay rise was implemented five months early. As inflation and prices are predicted to remain high for some years, work continues in the College to find ways to support staff through this difficult period.

We are committed to looking after the natural environment. Wadham has joined the University of Oxford in setting an ambitious target to achieve net zero carbon and biodiversity net gain by 2035. To achieve this we will need to make significant changes to how we operate. We will also need huge investment over the next 12 years. We have a phased programme of works funded from a sustainability budget and have identified projects to be completed when further funding becomes available. After the successful trial of a new energy-saving heat battery in one area of the College, we have rolled out this new technology across two staircases on the main site and a flat at Merifield. The batteries efficiently store heat for hot water and have replaced the need for inefficient and costly hot water cylinders. We are aware that more than 25% of energy is wasted heating unoccupied space. After successfully trialling an innovative energy management solution designed by EyeSea Green Limited, a Cambridge-based start-up that has developed an energy management system specifically designed to manage energy usage in student accommodation, we have started to install the system across our main site and Merifield. This cutting-edge technology controls heating based on occupation sensors and monitors and manages electrical usage at each plug, providing a view of the room’s energy and environment state. This solution provides the flexibility to optimise energy usage on a room-by-room basis, improving comfort and lowering energy bills and carbon emissions. Alongside these new initiatives, we have commissioned sustainability fabric surveys across four areas on our main site, as well as a survey to establish the viability of installing solar panels at Merifield. We are using this information to develop ways to further improve. Wadham is one of only three Oxford colleges to hold and celebrate this accreditation.

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to develop and implement the College’s decarbonisation plan.

A biodiversity audit was conducted on the main site in summer 2022 with the support of the Department of Zoology. The audit provided interesting results. For example, they showed that our 163 trees cover over 0.83 hectares and currently store 172.13 tonnes of carbon in their vegetation biomass. Our mowed lawns cover a similar area, 0.82 hectares, and store 0.82 tonnes of carbon in their vegetation biomass. The report has highlighted how we could store further carbon with the addition of water, meadows and uncut grass. The methodologies used in the audit have been designed to be repeated so that the metrics can be re-measured in future years.

Engagement is a key part of our Sustainability Strategy. We are working closely with the Students Union, our staff and University on existing initiatives and developing new ones. For example, we set up a new sustainability stand during Freshers’ Week, introduced Sustainability Champions on each staircase, and have joined a small group of Oxford colleges piloting a scheme to deliver our parcels by cargo bike from a depot outside the city centre. We will continue to participate in Green Action Week and develop new ways to engage our community throughout the year.

We thank all colleagues who have left us in the last year for their much-appreciated contributions to the College. We came together in the Hall on two occasions during the year to show our appreciation and wish a fond farewell to two long-serving Lodge colleagues. In December, we warmly thanked Lodge Manager Mark Hogarth after 7 years’ service and, in May, we thanked Deputy Lodge Manager Tom Walter after 15 years’ service. We wish Mark, Tom and all former colleagues all the best in their future endeavours.

Next year will be another busy one. We are embarking on an important restoration project on the roof in the north range of the Front Quad, the oldest part of the College. The works, costing around £1.7m, will involve the erection of a scaffold around the entire perimeter and a site compound in the Warden’s garden. The re-roofing process will include the re-use of existing slate tiles wherever possible. We will also use the opportunity to upgrade the loft insulation to improve the building’s thermal properties. This project requires specialist expertise and we are pleased to have a great professional team on board to undertake this work.

My deepest and warmest thanks to all team members for their continued hard work, care and commitment to making Wadham such a thriving and wonderful community.

“Such a thriving and wonderful community”

Top: Wadham Rhodes Scholars dining in Hall, as part of the 120th Rhodes Anniversary celebrations.
Bottom: Encaenia guests queue to enter Wadham gardens to meet the Vice-Chancellor for afternoon tea.
Non-academic staff list as at July 2023

A big thank you to all team members in the following list, and, of course, our many casual members, for contributing to the College’s achievements over the past year.

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The challenge of priorities

The Finance Bursar Dr Peter Alsop

AN ALUMNUS RECENTLY ASKED me how Wadham was shaping up after Covid. I found myself unsure which of four perspectives to give. Whether to describe the recent academic and research successes, Oxford’s continued ranking among the world’s top universities, the strong applications and finals results, the wonderful new facilities, the fine hall, chapel, and gardens. Or whether to mention rising costs, compliance demands, crisis level energy prices, growing demands for welfare and hardship support, and the undergraduate fee cap still unchanged after eight years, and inflation eroding the endowment. Or possibly how UK academic salaries have fallen further behind inflation, the gap against other world-leading universities, and the ever-growing workload of an academic diverting great minds away from great problems. Or to highlight the student perspective: a widening gap between living costs and maintenance loans, and a burden of debt and interest for many years after graduating. In the end I touched on a bit of each, and noted how Oxford’s continued success seems to be hiding the fact that the UK’s system for Higher Education funding is broken. The tutorial system is a distinctive and ever-valued feature of an Oxford education, but capped fees do not cover the cost of intensive contact between students and academics. The UK media has reported sector-wide unsustainability, a dependence on overseas students, and projections of decline among universities. Yet, even when faced with these difficulties, I see how fortunate we are in Oxford and Wadham College. We inherit a legacy of academic excellence, world-class facilities and inspirational buildings, an unrivalled culture of respect for learning, and we have alumni and friends that really care about navigating an uncertain future.

Sustainability has been on my mind throughout the year. The term has different aspects, encompassing environmental, social, and financial, all of which matter. Our aspiration for environmental sustainability has been set out this year in a wide-ranging strategy. It includes the challenges on energy efficiency, reducing the carbon impact of our supply and food chains, and also the effect of long-distance travel to study here. Underlying this is the challenge of priorities for our limited funding. Socially, we continue the excellent work to widen access, while recognising the advantage from living adjacent to high performing state schools. With no specific government funding for Access, we rely on dedicated alumni support. Academically, there is the challenge of sustaining our position, with every other university in the world chasing at our heels. And financially, we have twin deficits from fees not covering the cost of education, and accommodation charges not covering the cost of student facilities. It is hard to appreciate the extent to which we subsidise most aspects of our students’ experience, or where the funding comes from: the benefit of charity tax exemptions, the annual draw-down from the endowment, the hard work to generate conference income, and the marvellous generosity of our valued donors. We are enormously grateful, for without these we could not continue as we are.

It may seem odd for a 400-year-old college, itself part of a much older university, to question its sustainability. To succeed for the long term, you consistently have to survive in the short term, and further existential questions cast their shadows. We have a war being fought in the east of Europe, terrible events in the Middle East, and increasingly clear fault lines being drawn in the Pacific, with rising tensions elsewhere. Whether these conflicts remain separate or join up, and whether we see them being conducted through direct, proxy, economic, cyber or other forms of war, it seems clear that a struggle between (and within) great powers to set the world order is playing out in front of us. As a college with an international community of alumni, students, academics, and staff, we have members from, and living in, all sides of these conflicts. They raise moral, ethical and humanitarian questions, as well as political and strategic. As an institution leading education and thought, we have to ask ourselves how best to help people understand what is happening and how to shape solutions. And as Finance Bursar, I have to ask how best to protect the future for the students and academics from all over the world that will come after us.

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A legacy of philanthropy

The Development Director Julie Hage

AS MEMBERS OF the Wadham community, we are frequently reminded of the illustrious students and scholars who have shaped this College over the centuries. Our President of the 1610 Society reports elsewhere in this Gazette from the Wren 300 Symposium, designed to shine a light on how one of Wadham’s pioneering academics, Sir Christopher Wren, has shaped this College and modern science and research for centuries. ‘If you seek my legacy, look around you’ is one of Wren’s memorable quotes, and when we look around us at Wadham, we have ample reason to be proud of his legacy, and the legacy of those towering scholars who followed in his footsteps.

We are also surrounded by the legacy and generosity of benefactors who for centuries made support for education and research their priority. Those of you who have visited recently will have seen how this tradition continues to the current day, where the new Back Quad buildings constitute a vibrant hub of student activity with study groups, seminars, Access school visits as well as teaching and talks. All thanks to the generosity of our most recent benefactors.

It has been a privilege this year to celebrate some of the newest additions to the fabric of the College with ceremonies in Oxford and overseas. Following the official opening of the Back Quad buildings in October 2022, it was a special honour to celebrate the Dr Lee Shau Kee Building and three decades of the Lee family’s munificence to the College at a long-overdue ceremony in Hong Kong. Hosted by Dr Lee’s daughter, Margaret Lee, alongside long-standing friends of the College, Colin Lam and John Yip, the Warden expressed his gratitude to the Lee family for their extraordinary generosity and the opportunities it continues to afford Wadham’s students. It was an honour too to celebrate the admission of some of our most generous donors to the Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors. At a festive ceremony in Convocation House, Lord Patten of Barnes welcomed William Doo Jr (Law, 1993) and Stephen Stow (Law, 1973) to his Court comprised of the University’s most munificent benefactors.

As the impact of the pandemic disruption recedes, we have made up for lost time this year with alumni reunions, networking events and gatherings in the UK and across the world. We were particularly happy to welcome the 1975-79 Gaudy group back in March 2023, the reunion which was cancelled in March 2020. In September, the pre-1960 alumni rallied in Hall and across the College for a festive reunion. Thanks to the hospitality of Brad and Lissa Muscatine (Politics, 1977), alumni in Washington, DC were exchanging Wadham memories on Brad and Lissa’s terrace on a beautiful summer’s evening, and alumni in New York City were generously welcomed by Ronnie Stewart (Law, 1962) at the University Club where we heard about responses to the mental health crisis from Spring Health founder Adam Chekroud (Psychology, 2010) and Professor of Psychiatry, Kam Bhu. Wadham friendships and engagement across generations and across continents bring much valued inspiration and new energy to the community and we are grateful to our resourceful hosts and facilitators for nurturing the dialogue.

Special thanks are due to our volunteer committees for their tireless and resourceful contributions to our fundraising and alumni engagement programmes, and particular thanks are owed to Warren East for presiding over the Development Council, to Colin Drummond for chairing the 1610 Society Committee, and to Sachin Patel for his continued leadership of the Wadham Alumni Society.

Without the contributions from all of you in our extended community, year on year, we simply could not deliver Wadham’s educational mission. This year again, we have a lot to be thankful for, and the donor report brings together some of the many examples of this vital generosity. We hope there will be a chance to thank many of you in person for your loyal support and encouragement, and we hope you will have an opportunity to visit Wadham in the not-too-distant future to enjoy the legacy of our historic and more recent benefactors. We also hope you will help us reflect on a central part of the College’s legacy when we celebrate the 50 years of women at Wadham in September 2024.
Giving Day, April 2023; as part of the ‘notable alumni’ series we welcomed (7) Emma Graham-Harrison (Oriental Studies, 1997) and (8) Lucy Lake (Human Sciences, 1991) back to speak to students. Other activities included (9) a student ‘thank you’ on Front Quad.

Honorary Fellow Verena Knaus (History, 1995), pictured here with Celia and Robert Hannigan, joined the Wadham Alumni Society Dinner in April 2023.

A long overdue gathering at the 1975-79 Gaudy in March 2023.
1 Alumni who matriculated in 1961 and earlier returned to Wadham for their Gaudy in September 2023.
2 Lissa Muscatine (PPE, 1977) welcomes the Warden and alumni guests to a reception generously hosted at her home in Washington, DC, May 2023.

4 Stephen Stow (Law, 1973) and 6 William Doo Jr (Law, 1993) are admitted to the Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors.
5 The Rhodes 120th Anniversary was celebrated in July 2023.
6 and 7 Michael Rosen (English, 1965) on stage in the Holywell Music Room with Zahra Grieve (Classics, 2018), as part of the Wadham in the World series, November 2023.
9 Peter Mancall (St Catz, 1979) as part of the Wadham in the World series, February 2023.
10 Norwegian Scholars’ Reunion, celebrating over 100 years of the scholarship in September 2023.
Supporting success

Senior Tutor
Lynn Featherstone

AT THE START of the 2022-23 academic year, we welcomed another talented cohort of undergraduate students to the College. This group comes from a diverse range of backgrounds and geographies, with the majority of UK-based students from state schools or colleges. It was wonderful to see our new students receive a warm, in-person welcome from the College tutors, support teams and SU freshers’ committee.

Wadham students are brought together by their love of learning and passion for their chosen course of study. Whilst lockdowns may seem a distant memory, it is nevertheless the case that the prior educational experiences and preparations for university study of this group have inevitably been disrupted by the pandemic. We have continued to provide additional support through our academic skills programme of one-to-one and group sessions to help students get the most out of their studies, especially in the first weeks and months.

Student mental health remains one of the most significant concerns for universities, and Michaelmas 2022 marked the arrival of our new Welfare Lead, Sarah O’Brien. The Welfare Lead is a new position in College, responsible for coordinating College welfare and wellbeing provision to create a supportive environment in which students can thrive academically. Sarah is also available to offer support to individual students in challenging circumstances.

Whilst the freshers experienced disruption at school or college, the pandemic shaped the university experience of this year’s finalists, most of whom started their courses in 2020. A variety of exam formats were in place this year. Most students either sat hand-written, closed book papers at Exam Schools or online, open book papers in their rooms. A small group of subjects trialled typed, closed book exams, and the University is considering this and other alternative formats of assessment in the coming years. Congratulations are due to all students for their individual achievements after such a challenging period.

Following the continued success of the University’s flagship admissions programme, Opportunity Oxford, we are excited to be one of the first colleges to participate in the University’s Astrophoria Foundation Year, a pioneering new initiative aimed at students with significant academic potential, but who have experienced severe personal disadvantage or disrupted education which has hindered their prior academic achievement. The admissions process for the inaugural foundation year cohort was undertaken in Hilary term 2023, and we are looking forward to working with the foundation year students at Wadham from October 2023.

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After a successful (if perhaps too eventful) period as Acting Senior Tutor, Mike Froggatt resumed his role overseeing the work of the team and supporting students with disabilities. Hugh Munro, Madeleine Williamson-Sarli, Molly Lockwood and Ellie Chen have worked enthusiastically and energetically on our Access programmes. Prospective and current students, academic staff and graduands have been exceptionally well supported by Catherine Boyle, Jo Thomson, April Gilling, Teo Rnjak, Katherine Allen, Alison Meakes and Matt Hurst. I am grateful to the Academic Office team for their dedication, hard work and good humour supporting the College’s academic activities – and me – in my first year in post.
Playing well with others

Acting Tutor for Access Dr Hugh Munro

LOOKING ACROSS the breadth of Access work, I was struck by our range of partners: University departments and colleges, schools, charities and corporate partners allow us to reach pupils from primary school through to sixth form and greatly enhance the impact of what we offer.

Our closest champions are Wadham’s community. This year we launched the Climate Change Summer School alongside the returning Classics, and Modern Languages programmes. Student ambassadors, many of whom came through similar programmes, are the most effective communicators of what it’s like to be at Wadham, and Oxford, now.

At Wadham, and Oxford, now. Our tutors and research graduates give an invaluable experience of the academic environment. Alumni support is invaluable, too, enabling us to provide a dedicated Access Centre and funding many of our programmes. The summer schools show impact: from 32 participants in 2022, 11 received Oxford offers.

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Harmony and heritage

Chaplain The Revd Dr Jane Baun

IN MICHAELMAS TERM 2022

Wadham Chapel took ‘Making Things Better’ as our theme for Sunday Choral Evensong, Sunday of 3rd week coinciding with the first evening of Diwali, prompting a luminous celebration of the triumph of good, knowledge, hope and friendship. The Ante-Chapel hosted an exhibition curated by Jacqueline Otagburuago, Photography as Participatory Politics: feminist anti-racism in Rhodes Must Fall. Remembrance Day 2022 was observed with due solemnity, and term concluded on a joyful note with standing-room only College and Alumni Carol Services.

In Hilary term 2023 Evensong speakers explored notions of ‘Keeping Faith’ … with a troubled world, silence, human rights in Palestine, wildlife and conservation, our true nature, and humanity. Term began with a supremely colourful Ante-Chapel Tea in celebration of the Chinese New Year of the Lunar Rabbit. Holocaust Memorial Day was observed on Friday of 2nd week with a remembrance space in the Ante-Chapel, enabling all to honour the memory of the six million European Jews who perished during the Holocaust, along with thousands of Roma, queer and disabled people, as well as modern victims of ethnic cleansing and genocide.

Trinity term concluded on a bittersweet note, as Dr Katharine Pardee’s two decades of faithful, inimitable service to Wadham Chapel and College as Director of Chapel Music drew to a close. A Festal Evensong in her honour in 6th week packed the Chapel with Katie’s many friends, former students, and colleagues, testimony to the love and high esteem in which she is held by so many. The spectacular sound of the 75-strong choir of alumni and current students still reverberates! In 10th week, we whisked Katie off on a week-long choir tour of Denmark, with the invaluable help of Julie Hage, Wadham’s Development Director. The Choir sang to packed churches in Copenhagen, Præstø, and Roskilde, and also across the strait in Lund Cathedral in Sweden. Weekly Tree Appreciation and monthly Full-Moon Tree Walks throughout the year introduced a new cohort of students to the splendour of Wadham’s extraordinary array of trees. An intrepid group of students met the Chaplain in early mornings to practise Qigong in the gardens. Students flocked to termly Odd Friday Teas in the Ante-Chapel in 1st and 7th weeks, with ‘museum teas’ (visits to local exhibitions) in 3rd and 5th weeks.

Alumni and friends of Wadham are always welcome to join us for Choral Evensong, every Sunday in term at 6pm!
Reflecting on 20 years of Wadham Chapel Choir

Director of Chapel Music (subsequently Director of Music), 2003-23
Dr Katharine Pardee

2022-23 WILL GO DOWN in my own personal history book as a momentous year: my last after 20 happy and rewarding ones in beautiful Wadham Chapel. In looking back, I am struck by the numbers of people with whom I have worked: not only eight Chaplains and four Wardens, but also hundreds of singers and other students, each one of whom it was an honour to know. A million memories have been made, and the richness of those stories will stay with me forever.

Many things stand out as I look back. ‘Welcome’, ‘openness’, ‘inclusivity’, and ‘warmth’ are some of the watchwords which come to mind: people from many backgrounds and of many faiths – or none – are welcome in the Chapel, and find solace, comfort, and simply relief from stress in the incomparable beauty of candlelit Evensong. The choir singers took these words very seriously, and I was proud that the group always provided such an actively and intentionally friendly space. The warmth of the singers toward newcomers in turn generated its own closeness, which was particularly evident in the number of couples that came out of the choir – something I loved to see.

The music we sang over 20 years also brought me profound joy; the choral music of the Anglican church is one of England’s greatest cultural gifts to the world. It is every bit as important as the paintings of Turner or Constable or, yes, the works of Shakespeare. 2022-23 for me was particularly gratifying since the choir was among the best I have had in my time at Wadham: committed, capable, hard-working, loyal, and talented. It was because of them that I was able to go out ‘on a high note’.

In Trinity term 2023, the Chaplain Jane Baun organised the services around the theme of ‘inheritance’. It was a theme that had particular resonance for me as I finished out my time in Wadham. The word carries a connotation of continuity with the hundreds of years that have gone before, and with the scores of people who have sat in the Chapel in the very same stalls, gazed at the windows, and listened to the organ. As different as these people may have been from us, we have a fundamental commonality, a connection, which those windows, the organ, the stalls, unite in us. Some readers may know the poem written by Nordahl Grieg, a Norwegian student in Wadham in the 1920s. Grieg’s poem about Wadham was translated into English by Ray Ockenden, and in the 400th anniversary year of the college – 2010 – it became the text of the Wadham Chapel Hymn. In the poem, Grieg talks about ‘The organ’s plangent peal, the candles flickering’, and later about ‘once again’ hearing ‘the organ roll’. That’s our organ, and our candles. When he talks about the ‘light blue flash of oars’ on the Cherwell, those are Wadham blades. This connection with the past and the future links us with the stream of humanity, raising us above the mundane concerns of essays and tutorials. It is a great gift.

Over the decades I have watched the role the Chapel has played in the many lives of the people who pass through the College. Early in my time here the College commissioned a survey of the usable space in College, in which the Chapel was labelled ‘underutilised’. But that’s the point of the Chapel. Knowing how many people have needed that ‘underutilised space’ over the centuries, watching people coming in and sitting quietly or lighting a candle has brought this firmly home to me. These people love the Chapel for the unutterable, nameless gifts it gives. The consultant saw it as underutilised, but he mistook the emptiness of the space for the magnificent sense of calm that it brings to people’s lives: in the words of the hymnist, it is the ‘still small voice of calm’.

I would like to thank a few specific people in closing. First, my colleague Julian Littlewood who as College Organist has been at Wadham for even longer than I. His is largely an unseen role, until he is needed to play for a wedding or baptism or memorial service in the Chapel. His faithful and expert work alongside me and the choir helped make the music in the Chapel as successful as it grew to be. Second, my thanks go to the Chaplain Jane Baun for her support of the choir and of me over the years she has been at Wadham. Jane has a uniquely creative outlook and approach to everything she does, which I think has been a wonderful match for Wadham and helped reach more students than ever. Third, but not least, I would like to thank the Warden Robert Hannigan, who understood the central role the Chapel plays in developing a strong community in the College, and who was so vocally and actively supportive of me and the choir throughout my last few years here.

It has been a huge privilege to be part of this College, and I am grateful and happy to have been given the opportunity. Music in College has a bright and exciting future, and I will rejoice in seeing how the continuum carries on.
WHEN I FIRST arrived at Oxford, I frequently found myself thinking ‘I have so much time left here, so much time to experience everything that an Oxford student must experience.’ As the weeks went by and I began to settle in, this train of thought did not waver. Despite time passing incrementally as it has been since the inception of the universe roughly 13 billion years ago, I was still under the impression that I had all the time in the world. Additionally, it was not as though I was simply sitting around doing nothing – I was doing the quintessential Oxford things whenever I could. From University societies to teatime at Wadham and more, I tried my best to take it all in amid the academic rigour of Oxford. Nonetheless, time still seemed to fly by.

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Why is it that humans perceive time passing faster when we are having a good time? As I am a scientist, I intend to answer this question as one. Literature suggests that our brains release more dopamine during enjoyable events as opposed to during less pleasurable events, which subsequently speeds up a person’s subjective sense of time. Additionally, people tend to allocate less attention to the intervals of time when they are enjoying themselves. This decreased awareness also makes time appear faster. This is known as the dopamine clock hypothesis (Meck, 1983). More cognitive theories of time perception posit that positive approach motivation (eg. feelings of desire or excitement) may cause our perception of time to shorten as well (Gable & Poole, 2012).

These findings suggest that my time at Wadham appeared to speed by because I was greatly looking forward to the experience, and thoroughly enjoyed every bit of it. As my positive affect continued, the less attention I paid to time itself and the faster it seemed to pass. My one semi-grounded sense of time came from only knowing what week number it was, as we know too well the particular days of the week cease to exist within the term (which probably did not help my already skewed sense of time). Only retrospectively did I realise how fast the time had gone by once it was nearly over.

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Welcome to our 2023/24 students

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SU Representative 2022/23
Leo Kalotihos (Psychology, 2022)
Over the summer we saw the successful launch across Oxford of the new behind-the-scenes library management software ‘Alma’. Unlike its predecessor Aleph, Alma is web-based and nicely intuitive. And at last you can increase the font size (hooray!).

In our reading room we introduced a new ‘Mindfulness Corner’ near our beanbag seating area, with stress-busting resources such as jigsaws, mindful colouring books and graphic novels.

In the summer we set up new satellite libraries at the Dorothy Wadham Building on the Iffley Road and at Merriefield in Summertown.

Over the last year we have received incredibly generous gifts: Wadham Honorary Fellow Sir Frank Berman KC (Law, 1961) donated some 300 international law titles and alumnus Christopher Saunders OBE (History, 1963) donated a complete 20-year back-run of the history journal Crusades, also arranging for us to receive future issues. Paddy Simpson gave us £10,000 in memory of her husband James Roger Simpson (English, 1957), allowing us to buy 22 books on Arthurian literature, James’s chief interest, selected by Wadham’s Dr Jane Griffiths and Dr Hannah Bailey. The family of John Chapple (Modern Languages, 1952) gave us his collection of over 200 Modern Greek books. 2023 saw two big anniversaries: 400 years since the publication of Shakespeare’s First Folio and 300 years since alumnus Sir Christopher Wren’s death. We exhibited our copy of the First Folio to the general public for the first time (attracting more than 350 visitors over five hours) and held a First Folio workshop for 20 ten-year-old local schoolchildren who were taking part in a Shakespeare reading competition the following day.

For the Wren anniversary we connected with schools in East Knoyle in Wiltshire – Wren’s birthplace – contributing images of items from our special collections to their exhibition in February. In June we put these items on display in the Holywell Music Room at Wadham’s one-day Wren symposium, including a 1681 letter in Wren’s own hand. We also displayed in Wadham’s Access Centre some of the Wren-inspired artwork of the East Knoyle schoolchildren, including a seven-foot recreation of the Monument.

We hosted a teaching session led by Dr Jane Griffiths for the second-year English students featuring a number of our early Shakespeare editions, and we hosted a session for astronomy students from Middle Tennessee State University when Dr Allan Chapman (History of Science, 1972) gave a talk on early science writing, alongside first editions including Copernicus and Newton.

Over the summer two eminent experts came to Wadham to present short films for our YouTube collection. Robert Douglas-Fairhurst of Magdalen discussed with Wadham’s Ankhi Mukherjee our Dickens first editions and Professor Robert Iffie of Linacre spoke about our Newton holdings, including our first editions of Principia (1687) and Opticks (1704).

In the Persian Section we have been the beneficiary of an incredibly generous gift from art collector and philanthropist Durjoy Rahman, who is sponsoring the conservation of 18 Qur’an manuscripts which will then be transferred to the Bodleian on long-term deposit, as part of a larger project to deposit the Minasian Collection of Persian manuscripts in the Bodleian (where they can be better accessed by researchers). We continue to receive substantial Persian-language donations, the most recent a collection of books on Babi and Baha’i history gifted to Wadham by the family of Aramesh Mahboubi.

Thanks to Bruce Mortimer in the Access Centre, we now have a custom-built display unit installed in the Persian Section to display our latest acquisitions, the majority of which are sourced directly from Iran by our Persian Section Co-ordinator Dr Mohammad Emami, in consultation with Fellow Librarian, Professor Dominic Parviz Brookshaw.

We have received incredibly generous gifts
CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS
The 1610 Society

"IF YOU SEEK MY LEGACY look around you" is an acceptable translation of the Latin epitaph of Wadham alumnus Sir Christopher Wren. Your Society celebrated the 300th anniversary of his birth in a programme of talks by distinguished speakers hosted by the Warden in the Holywell Music Room on 24 June, immediately preceding the Benefactors’ Garden Party. The speakers were Katherine Blundell OBE, Diana Darke (Arabic, 1974), Jane Garnett (Fellow and Tutor in Modern History), Eric Parry RA, and Matthew Walker (Ancient and Modern History, 2000). The event encouraged all present to think further about legacy (even though very few if any of us can aspire to a similar physical memorial) and what it means for Wadham.*

Wadham stands for excellence in teaching and research and in providing access for those from whatever background whose aspiration for such excellence would otherwise be blocked. It is about access to (and for) excellence. However financial constraints and the UK’s funding model mean that what we stand for is under threat. Our College (like many others) trades at a substantial operating loss. Revenues per student are totally insufficient to cover our access programme, our research or the University’s hugely valued tutorial system. This is not due to any lack of competitiveness on our part; in a “free market” Oxford as a world leader could readily stand toe to toe and prosper against the likes of Harvard whose student fees are two to three times as high; however I do not believe that is what many of us would want even if it were ever seriously mooted.

The corollary is that Wadham relies on annual giving (particularly legacies) and endowment income to preserve what it stands for. The 1610 Society is for those who include a legacy to the College in their wills and for significant lifetime donors; its members are key to the future of the College.

As ever in the nature of things, a number of our friends and colleagues sadly passed away during the year. We were able to commemorate them at Evensong preceding our annual dinner on 8 September; they are listed below:

- Julian Anderson 1957
- Michael Bishopp 1968
- Duncan Bythell 1959
- Shirley Green
- Tony Green 1961
- Clive Hildebrand 1960
- Anthony Perks 1964
- Michael Rich 1954

As ever their places have been taken by new members and your Society remains in good heart with total numbers well over 400. During the year legacies received by the College amounted to £1.35m; somewhat above the five year average of £766k and a key contribution to the preservation and growth of the College and all it stands for. It is wonderful to see the generous commitment of so many alumni for which I know the College and all its Fellows are deeply grateful.

If you will forgive an allusion by an old classicist to the Roman poet Horace, I believe our members are leaving a legacy more lasting than brass (‘perennius aere’), even though we cannot match Sir Christopher Wren’s legacy.

*Read more about the Wren celebrations on page 60.

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1610 Society Committee Members

Colin Drummond 1969, President
Diana Blease 1987
Rory Coonan 1973
Julie Curtis 1974
Jeremy Evans 1991
Tony Halmos 1969
Victoria Harper 1976

Ross Hutchison 1979
Sachin Patel 2001
Claudia Pendred 1977
Leon Pickering 2003
Joe Romig 1963
Jojo Sanders 1999
Andrew Smith 1967

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Wren Symposium, June 2023
Panel speakers (L-R) Katherine Blundell OBE, Matthew Walker, Jane Garnett
THE WADHAM ALUMNI SOCIETY (WAS) is a way for all members of Wadham – alumni and current students – to remain connected with each other and the College. We organise a wide range of formal and informal activities that anyone connected with Wadham is welcome to join.

In April, we were delighted to be back in Wadham for the annual Wadham Alumni Society Dinner. 2022’s event had fallen on the weekend following the late Queen’s death and had been cancelled as a mark of respect, so it was great to be connecting again across year groups and subjects with a delightful meal in Hall. Duncan Enright (Physics, 1982) was the guest speaker and gave us a fascinating insight into his recent spell in the global limelight, when local government policy to bring all city amenities in Oxford into a 15-minute walking range was reinterpreted as a sinister conspiracy. The next Dinner will be held in College on Saturday 16 March 2024, providing an excellent opportunity to reconnect with old friends. If you would like to get a group together, the Development Office would be very pleased to hear from you.

The tradition of Wadham Wednesdays also continued this past year. About 50 alumni spanning the generations met up at the Olde Bank of England, on Fleet Street, in February. History Fellow and Tutor, Jane Garnett, came along with colleagues from the Development team to meet many of her former students, and several alumni from the Wadham Entrepreneurs’ group coordinated to join through their WhatsApp channel. October’s Wadham Wednesday was also a great opportunity for alumni to meet up informally.

A few weeks later, Barbara and Nick Armstrong (Zoology, 1979) and Nick Armstrong (Zoology, 1979, respectively) organised an Edinburgh Wadham Wednesday for alumni and partners. William Parry from Wadham’s Development Office travelled up to join them for this and it was a thoroughly delightful gathering, held a stone’s throw from the city’s iconic castle. Many who turned up continued after drinks for a meal at a local restaurant. We are grateful to Barbara and Nick for organising this and for their plans to make these a termly event for alumni in the area. If alumni in other parts of the UK would like help with hosting a local Wadham Wednesday, please contact us through the Development Office (development.team@wadham.ox.ac.uk).

Members of the entrepreneurs’ network shared their knowledge and expertise with fledgling company founders on the Planet Positive Lab environmental accelerator programme hosted in Wadham over the summer, with many joining for the final demo day at Founders Factory HQ on the Strand. The committee welcomed two new members in 2023, electing Ian Dawson (History, 1981) and Alistair Baillie (Physics, 1994) to help set the course for the coming years. The committee always welcomes new recruits, and there will be a very brief meeting over drinks before the March dinner at which anyone interested can be appointed to join. If you are interested, please contact us through the Development Office (development.team@wadham.ox.ac.uk).

Notice is given of the next Annual General Meeting of the Wadham Alumni Society, to be held in association with a briefing on the activities of the College, currently planned for before the Alumni Dinner in College on Saturday 16 March 2024.
THE WADHAM COLLEGE Law Society had the pleasure of reviving some of the society’s fantastic traditions this year, as well as continuing the important work of previous years’ committees.

In Michaelmas, we were lucky enough to welcome Lord Dyson (Classics, 1961) back to Wadham to judge the 2022 College moot. His invaluable feedback contributed to a fantastic opportunity for students to gain some early advocacy experience. Another Michaelmas highlight was the pre-BOP subject social, the first of several cohort-wide events to take place over the year; other events included a pre-exam pizza night and the annual Finalists’ Garden Party in June. It was wonderful to see law students build connections and friendships outside of their year groups, helping to foster the tight-knit community which is cherished by so many.

Building on this strong sense of community, we were thrilled to bring alumni and students together so frequently this year. In February, we were able to invite alumni to the annual law dinner for the first time since before the pandemic. The evening began with an insightful talk from Lord Justice Tim Holroyde (Law, 1973) and Judge Michael Hopmeier (Law, 1970), followed by a three-course dinner in the Old Library which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

In Trinity term, we hosted the first annual trip to London since prior to the pandemic, visiting several highly esteemed alumni to hear about the variety of career options open to Wadham law graduates. Special thanks go (again) to Tim Holroyde, who hosted us at the Royal Courts of Justice, and Jo Otterburn (Law, 2004) and Sarah Smith (Law, 2006), who met us at the Law Commission’s office. The College’s annual moot then took place in the afternoon, very kindly hosted and judged by Helen Bell (Law, 1998) of 2 Temple Gardens. The day ended with a drinks reception in the gardens of the Middle Temple, booked with the help of Sarah Lee KC (Law, 1985). Once again, it was fantastic to see the Wadham law community at its best.

We’re incredibly grateful to all of the alumni who make these events, and the Wadham law community as a whole, so special. Particular thanks go to Ben Dulieu (Law, 1991) and Neil Mirchandani (Law, 1983), who continue to support the society tremendously as Treasurer and Chair.

ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2023, Huntercombe Golf Club again hosted Wadham alumni golfers for the 18th playing of the Whitby Cup. The promised gale force winds did not arrive and those choosing to wear shorts in the early autumn sun were pleased about that choice. As with all courses in this 2023 season, the playing conditions were superb and the Huntercombe course looked splendidly green.

On the day, Andy Bartlett (Chemistry, 1971) led the field with 38 Stableford points followed by Roger Devlin (Law, 1975) on 36 points and Haydn Gott (Chemistry, 1963) on 34 points. Afterwards, back at College, we reconvened on the Hall balcony where the Warden very kindly presented the prizes donated by the Development Office. Dinner in the Trapp Room on staircase 5 was as good as ever and a very convivial evening passed.

We welcome golfers of all abilities and value the camaraderie and surrounding activities as much as our golf.

Details of the 2024 event at Huntercombe will be posted on the website once the date in September is finalised. Before then, in March or April, the Wadham Alumni Golf Society will be playing a match against Keble (and possibly one more college). This fixture replaces the now defunct intercollegiate event.

If you wish to receive information about the WAGS activities and would like to join your fellow alumni golfers, please get in touch via the Development Office. We welcome golfers of all abilities and value the camaraderie and surrounding activities as much as our golf.
Lennard Bequest Reading Party

HARD WORK, outstanding dhal, toxic dolphins, unsolved Murders in the Dark, and exploration of the full capabilities of a small vehicle’s reverse gear characterised the 50th annual Wadham Cornwall Reading Party, one of the liveliest and most joyous reading parties in recent memory. Lamledra House, much-loved home to the reading party for many years, can seldom have seen intellectual labours of such intensity, late-night ceilidh-dancing of such frantic enthusiasm, or the unaccountable disappearance of quite so much olive oil.

Applications for the reading party were invited from all current Wadham undergraduates. The 15 successful applicants, selected by a process of uncompromising objectivity and rigour, were drawn from several different year groups and from subjects ranging from Law to Physics. Callum Long (Engineering, 2018) also attended.

This year’s reading party, facilitated by Peter Thonemann and Sarah Cullinan Herring, was tinged by a note of sadness: this was the first reading party in five decades to have taken place without Ray Ockenden, whose Mafia-narrating skills were greatly missed. Glasses were raised both to Ray and to the late Reggie Lennard, whose far-sighted bequest continues to fund many of the Reading Party’s costs.

Seven hours each day were set aside for quiet self-directed work on an extraordinary range of topics, from Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit to atmospheric physics and the archaeology of Achaemenid Persia. Leah Mitchell ingested dangerous amounts of Cicero, Asha Kiggins penetrated the darker sub-cultures of 1980s Sheffield, and Eli Rubies saw Helen as the sun saw her, with no Homeric shadow. In the brief intervals between downpours, we enjoyed a glorious cliff-top walk to the Mevagissey Hill of Terror and a picnic on Hemmick beach; Alex Orlov-Holmes braved the freezing waters off the Cornish coast, and Hannah Gardner showed off her mastery of the innovative beach-sport of frisball.

No recent reading party has matched this one for quality of cuisine. Particularly memorable were Cara Addleman and Amelia Hughes’ courgette and lemon orzo, Sav Sood’s extraordinary butter chicken, Karishma Khosla’s wholemeal bread and a mutant self-reproducing bulgur-wheat salad. With so large a houseful, washing and drying up was a major enterprise, but the A Team, if no other, proved up to the challenge. Particular highlights among the evening entertainments included Rosie Wiles unsuccessfully attempting to pick up a Jenga pile, Kate Shipley’s RADA-standard magic dolphin, and a treasure hunt of demoniacal complexity orchestrated by Eva Hayward and Ben Pery. Few of those privileged to witness it will be able to forget the sight of Betsy McGrath channelling Jeremy Corbyn impersonating a chicken.

An outstandingly enjoyable and hard-working week was had by all.
The Medical Society

THE SOCIETY has had a straightforward year (a pleasant change from recent times) under the excellent stewardship of our Student President, Daniel Maloney (2018), and Treasurer, Wesley Donaldson (2021). Daniel will have enjoyed spending the Society’s funds this year, having guarded them when he was Treasurer in 2018-19.

Our termly talks started with Dr. Hugh Davies, who has served as Research Ethics Advisor at the UK Health Research Authority and chaired the Oxford Clinical Research Ethics Committee; his title was ‘Confessions of a poacher turned gamekeeper – is the research ethicist a medical friend or foe?’ In Hilary term, Adam Handel (2003), Oxford consultant and our neurosciences tutor, talked about his work as a neurologist now seconded to work alongside our psychiatrists to look at the overlap between psychiatric disease and mental disorders with identifiable neurological causes, an area of importance for both diagnosis and treatment. Finally, in Trinity term, we turned to developments in medical treatment. Finally, in Trinity term, we turned to developments in medical treatment.

THE WADHAM MCR had an exceptionally active 2023/24 academic year. Following up on the brilliant work of the interim committee headed by Hannah Biddle during Michaelmas 2022, a new MCR committee was elected during Hilary 2023 and convened every two weeks during term, working tirelessly to provide the graduate body at Wadham with a vibrant, inclusive, and diverse social scene.

 Besides continuing to provide a regular break from studies every Sunday through a fully-catered brunch, MCR members got to enjoy an incredible variety of free or heavily subsidised social and welfare events. This included an open mic night and a folk music night, Easter and Ramadan celebrations, weekly movie nights, one wine tasting per term (as well as a whiskey tasting in Trinity), and, finally, big external events, such as ice-skating, paintball, and go-karting.

We also hosted incredibly successful parties in the MCR, with themes ranging from carnival celebration to rave night. Through these events, we sought to integrate Wadham students with other postgrads across the University, directly collaborating with over ten other colleges.

We are glad, through the generosity of our alumni, to have been able to give substantial support to four clinical students who took electives in Istanbul, Kerala, Nepal and Thailand, and Auckland and Melbourne. This support, which is in addition to the grants that the College makes for electives, is essential given the debt that students on a six-year course now build up. We also gave an undergraduate travel grant to help with a trip to visit historic and pre-historic sites in Asturias.

Last but not least, a word of thanks to the College staff who make the arrangements and provide all the service needed for our events, including our annual dinner and our termly buffets. Since Covid, colleges have been unavoidably short-staffed on the catering side (reflecting a widespread problem in hospitality). Our staff have done their utmost, and with great goodwill, to see that our events were delivered to the highest standard, for which we are truly grateful.

Wadham bops have become the talk of the graduate scene in Oxford

at Freud Café-Bar, had sold-out tickets despite many students still attending exams or having already left for the summer break.

Of course, none of this year’s accomplishments would have been possible without the active participation of various MCR members as well as the hard work of the MCR Committee’s vice presidents and officers: Lucy Banisch (Welfare VP), Alexia MJ (Welfare VP), Ludo Fraser-Taliente (Academic VP), Sophie Hanck (Communications VP), Anya Lintdström Battle (Financial VP), Irene Torregiani (Domestic VP), Yann Dréze (Bar Officer), Hank Wu (Exchange Dinners Officer), Isabella Gomes (Women’s Officer), and Amunet Boafo (Women’s Officer). I was privileged to work alongside them and cannot thank them enough for having diverted time from their academic and personal commitments to contribute their ideas and to ensure that all MCR activities ran smoothly.

Finally, I was also privileged to have welcomed the 2023/24 intake of graduate freshers and was pleased to see that the MCR will remain in good hands; Wadham’s graduate admissions office seems to have cracked the code on admitting only the most interesting, brightest, and kindest applicants possible.

I leave the committee in the capable hands of Lara Mudarra Barros, who is already doing an outstanding job of keeping energy and engagement levels at an all-time high.

Wesley Donaldson (2021). Daniel will

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Stephen Goss
Emeritus Fellow in Medicine

Marcelo Sampaio de Outo Melo
MCR President for 2022/23
PATRICK BRENNAN has just finished his highly successful and productive period as the Brookman Music Scholar, handing over to Olivia Gallup. These are his departing thoughts:

It has been a pleasure to be involved with College music for the past four years. Wadham has been a fantastic college not only in terms of resources and facilities, but also in terms of how open and eager everyone is to explore all different kinds of musical genres, practices and types of events. During my time here I’ve had a blast organising everything from the regular Wadham Music Exchanges, to concerts in the Holywell, gigs in the MCR, and workshops on various aspects of music technology.

A special thank you to everyone who has helped maintain the bands room and its equipment during my time at Wadham. It’s a brilliant resource that makes musical events possible – next time you’re watching DFO or Donut Kings or Lemon Soul, think how much harder it would be for them if they didn’t have places to rehearse with amps, kit, mics, etc all in working order. It’s thanks to everyone being vigilant and making sure stuff doesn’t go missing and any breakages are reported that this wonderful university band ecosystem can continue to flourish!

Thank you also to everyone I’ve had the pleasure of playing music with at Wadham, whether performing on stage at Wadstock, singing in the Ante-Chapel, playing violin in the Sheldonian, or just chilling and jamming in the bands room. Oxford has such a wealth of talented people, and the geography of the city makes fostering collaboration much less hassle than in other places. I now find myself living in Los Angeles for work, and it has a lot to live up to!

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the new John Brookman Scholar: Olivia Gallup (DPhil Engineering Science, 2021). I could not be happier to be leaving this role in such capable hands. As well as being a talented singer and saxophonist, Olivia was a key part of the OK Computer live performance that took place in the Holywell Music Room earlier this year.

I’m excited to hear what Olivia and Tom Hammond-Davies, our new Director of Music, have in store for Wadham over the coming months.

PATRICK BRENNAN

WELCOME TO TOM HAMMOND-DAVIES

The College has been hugely fortunate to have appointed as Director of Music in September 2023 Tom Hammond Davies, the Founder and Director of the Oxford Bach Soloists (OBS) since 2017 and regarded as one of the leading choral conductors in the world. The mission of the OBS was to perform the complete choral works of Johann Sebastian Bach chronologically by reproducing the original liturgical, ecclesiastical, instrumental and choral settings of the works. Beyond the OBS, Tom has appeared at the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, the Three Choirs Festival, and the Oxford International Song Festival. He has served as a Trustee of the Sir George Dyson Trust, as Director of Music at the City Church of St Michael at the North Gate, and as a Faculty member for the Oxford Cultural Leaders Programme. In the first months of his role at Wadham he has already brought great distinction to the musical life of the College.
Rowing

Conor McMahon  Engineering, 2021
2022–23 Men’s team captain

Georgina Remmer  Modern Languages, 2021
2022–23 Women’s team captain

THIS YEAR ON THE MEN’S SIDE, we have all had a great time training and racing and the commitment of the squad has given us a renewed team spirit. Despite starting Michaelmas without as many rowers as we would have liked, those who decided to stick with it have done a great job at representing Wadham as a top rowing college. We started the year with 12 novices making it to our first week of outings. What they lacked in numbers, they more than made up for in determination. NM1 especially showcased remarkable team spirit. They achieved a commendable feat, reaching the quarter-finals of the Novice Regatta. We also managed to pull together an NM2 crew with some female subs from St Hilda’s.

Our senior team started the year with eight members, but we quickly faced a decline in numbers, leaving us with only four senior men. Despite this setback, the remaining team members demonstrated great commitment and did some good work in the four.

Hilary term proved to be quite a trying period for us. Many of our novices chose to leave, and even after merging novice and senior crews, we still struggled to form an M2 team. Additionally, we were heavily impeded by flooding and red flag conditions, which prevented us from training on the water until 3rd week. Despite these challenges, our M1 crew raced Henley Head (a gruelling 3.5km). In Torpids in Hilary term, our M1 crew were unfortunately bumped a total of five times. Given the lack of training time for M2, we had to assemble a boat comprising the two most dedicated M2 members and six ex-rowers, several of whom had been part of our strong M1 crew from the previous year. They unsurprisingly dominated the competition in Division 3, achieving an impressive seven bumps, earning blades and M2 headship!

Trinity Term commenced with City Bumps, where M1 was bumped six times. This disappointing outcome revealed the significant work that needed to be done to prepare for Summer VIII’s. Unfortunately, river conditions once again stopped us from training during the start of term, and exam pressure or health issues meant that some of the Hilary crew couldn’t train. I stepped back from captancy for a few weeks to focus on exams, and my wonderful vice captains David, Phil and Devin took over and managed to recruit enough rowers from HMC to fill up M2! Summer VIII’s came and unfortunately, our impediment preparation resulted in both M1 and M2 getting bumped on every day before the gut, giving the men side enough spooons to open up a restaurant.

Despite numerous setbacks and low numbers throughout the year, our rowers exhibited commendable dedication, resilience, and team spirit. Thank you to all rowers and coxes for their efforts, and coaches Rod, Steph and Scott who have supported us in rebuilding the squad.

ON THE WOMEN’S SIDE, we once again found ourselves in a process of reestablishment due to many brilliant rowers graduating at the end of 2022, as well as the lasting effects of the pandemic. However, this year has most definitely been a success, with a high intake of new rowers and some brilliant achievements across the different crews.

Michaelmas started with a lot of excitement for the returning members ready to build on what the previous seniors achieved last year, and we had a high intake of freshers, with the majority never having rowed before. These girls were incredibly committed and hard-working, so we were able to put together three women’s crews for the Linacre Regatta in 7th week.

Hilary term was challenging due to the weather prohibiting many outings but the women trained incredibly hard on land to make up for it. We entered both W1 and W2 into Henley Head, which proved to be a difficult yet formative row for both teams, who had not rowed as a crew in a competition yet.

Torpids was also difficult but incredibly formative for all crews. W1 were overbumped on the first two days but we managed to hold off Trinity down the course on our third day, raising morale for our team. Our final day was exceedingly chaotic, as we caught up on Wolfson just as we exited the gut, finally making us win. W2 into Henley, meet WCBC alumni and see the competitive, and hard-working girls were Oxford bumps, racing four times in two-hour intervals. We went into Summer VIII’s humble but excited. On our first day starting 4th in Division One, we bumped Wolfson just as we exited the gut, finally claiming the win we lost out on at the end of Torpids! The rest of the week was a tough row but over all we ended up only moving down one position in Division One, setting us up wonderfully for next year. W2 once more was extremely cohesive and went into Summer VIII’s with a great attitude, but unfortunately were bumped every day. W3 began in Division Six and proved to be an incredibly strong crew!

The year ended with some really fun events, such as Oriel Regatta in mixed crews as well as working at Henley Royal Regatta at the Remenham Club. I and all the boat club are very thankful to have been given the opportunity to go to Henley, meet WCBC alumni and see the racing, which was very inspirational for us.

Finally, a very big thank you to our fantastic coaches: Rod Andrews, an incredible mentor, pushing us all to work for ourselves, our crew and WCBC as a whole; and Stephanie Hall, an inspiration for the women of Wadham, encouraging us all to attain the best we can and form strong bonds as a Women’s side. It would be impossible to run WCBC without these two, and we owe a lot to both of them. Another very important mention is Isabelle Legge, WCBC President 2022–23 and part-time coach; it’s been an honour to have rowed alongside her.
Football

Reuben Heffer  Physics, 2021
2022-23 Men's 1st team Football captain

The 2022-23 season for Wadham Football was defined by brilliance on the pitch, a roller coaster struggle for attendance and some spectacular victories. The season kicked off with high hopes and a tight 3-3 draw against Keble, a regular foe who would go on to win the Division 1 league. The season really picked up in the second game against a strong St Peter’s side. Goals galore from the previous captain, Tom Haggith (Economics and Management, 2020), saw Wadham cruise to an 8-2 victory.

The season needed a revival and it was found in a fantastically exciting game against Hertford. With no referee and neither side with any substitutes who could referee instead, the game featured a revolutionary new simultaneous referee and player role combination. This created the comical moment where designated first half player-referee, Adam Hegedus, received the ball in behind the defence and scored a fantastic goal. The opposition raised some shouts of Adam being offside, to which he responded with words to the effect of, 'I’m the referee, I was definitely onside, my goal counts'. The chaos continued as an angry, tall and evident gym-going Hertford winger, unable to tackle the small and lithe Emre Mutlu, resorted to constantly kicking him. Ever fiery and passionate, Emre stood up for himself and it took great work to prevent a fight breaking out. Tensions resolved and calm restored, the football was allowed to resume and there were goals flying back and forth. Eventually, Wadham came out on top to secure an 8-5 victory.

Another stand out win came against St Peter’s, a strong side with many players also playing for the University teams. Some late cancellations meant Wadham were only able to field 10 players. No matter, the renowned 4-4-1 formation saw Wadham dominate the game from start to finish with a resounding 6-1 victory. Wadham were playing very well in the league but were hampered by a struggle to get enough players to games, a few walkovers had to be conceded and Wadham ended up just outside the promotion spots. It was a tough way to lose out, but when they were able to get boot to grass, the players showed a brilliance and determination on the pitch that was fantastic to watch.

The John Harding Trophy was awarded to Emre Mutlu; his unwavering dedication to the football club (and refusal to buy a bike) saw him walk almost two hours to make every single game. An incredible player on the ball, Emre combines a fantastic ability to dribble around players with a fierce passion for the Football Club and has thoroughly deserved the recognition the award grants to him.

Hockey

Oliver Bean  Engineering, 2020
Jon Cheeseright  Physics, 2022

In Michaelmas 2022, the team entered the mixed college hockey leagues joint with Queen’s College. Despite an unusually high number of Saturday 9am games and a lack of a keeper for multiple matches, we had some impressive results, including a 6-0 win against Teddy Hall. We managed to finish 3rd place in the first division league – a huge success for the team.

In Hilary term, we also merged the team with Trinity College and became a Wadham-Trinity, Queen’s team, whilst captaincy also passed over to Jonathan Cheeseright for the remainder of the year.

Trinity term brought mixed cuppers, and despite many players having exams, we managed to field a nearly full team for the quarter-finals. The game was tough, with the whole team playing excellently against the eventual champions. The game ended with a tense penalty corner for us to draw the game, but we were beaten by the better team in the end.

Wadham had a mix of players, with Uni team regulars, College players and those that hadn’t played in a long time all getting involved. We’re looking forward to getting back to playing next season and hopefully having many more enjoyable games.
It was a good year for Christopher Wren (Classical Literature and Language, Logic, Mathematics and Philosophy, 1649/50). His panoramic scholarship led, famously, to polymathic practice. He always appears in polls of top ten famous Brits. The College was at the centre of national events marking the tercentenary of his death in 1723, aged 91. The Wadham Wren symposium was organised under the auspices of the 1610 Society. It was chaired ably by Jane Garnett, Fellow and Tutor in Modern History, and advised expertly by (amongst others) the former Rhodes Scholar Joe Romig (Physics, 1963). The admirable College Development team smoothed arrangements. Speakers included the astronomer Katherine Blundell, a professor of astrophysics at the University and lately Gresham Professor of Astronomy in direct line of succession to Wren himself.

It remains a source of immense pride that the first scientific revolution was fermented by Wren and others at Wadham in the informal group convened by the Warden, John Wilkins (1614-72). That story is well known. Less familiar are accounts of Wren's intellectual formation at Wadham (including his many notable discoveries when practising physiology, anatomy, phlebotomy, mechanics and meteorology), and the later emergence of our greatest architect and urban designer.

A persuasive argument for the precedence of strict geometry and mathematical exactness over style or external appearance in Wren’s architecture is made in The Mathematical Science of Christopher Wren, by Jim Bennett (Cambridge University Press, 1982). (Put simply, where ‘science’ contends with ‘art’ in Wren’s architecture, the aesthetic always takes a back seat.) Curiously, so far there has been no adequate scholarly account of how Wren survived politically for so long (other than the natural expedient of outliving everyone around him, including Newton). He appears to have followed assiduously Francis Bacon’s architectural precept that ‘rising to [a] great place is by a winding stair’. He took the precaution of keeping his office in Scotland Yard, close to the Court in Whitehall, even while he worked for 35 years on St Paul’s in the City.

Gazette readers who wish to know more about Wren at Wadham may consult The Youth and Education of Christopher Wren by C. S. L. Davies (1936-
This remarkable extended essay surely deserves a wider audience than fortunate readers of the *The English Historical Review* (Vol. 123, No 501; Oxford University Press, 2008). Admirers of Cliff Davies’ style will enjoy its waspish asides at the expense of those whom the author believed to have fallen short in Wren scholarship. (A particular target is Lisa Jardine (1944-2015).)

In addition, *Wadham College Books in the Age of John Wilkins* (Parts I and II), by William Poole of New College (Wadham College, 2014) is an invaluable guide to the intellectual milieu of the College when Wren arrived there from deepest Wiltshire, at a time when the lines of cut masonry in the quadrangle were still sharp to the touch. Another Symposium speaker, Matthew Walker (Ancient and Modern History, 2000), is co-editor of Wren’s letters. Their first publication (the last epistolary collection of members of the so-called ‘Royal Society’ group) is awaited eagerly by those who crave greater insight into Wren’s frustratingly inscrutable personality. (This is captured neatly by William Clerihew Bentley in the lines: ‘If anybody calls, / say I am designing St Paul’s.’)

Rather like the artist in James Joyce’s *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, Wren is so cemented in the Pantheon of great chaps that he remains ‘within or behind or beyond or above his handiwork, invisible, refined out of existence, indifferent, paring his fingernails’. Such unassailable, ineffable status as Wren enjoys today might help explain the curious paradox that if you seek a monument to Wren at Wadham, you will look around in vain. There is none. Could this omission be rectified by the quatercentenary of his birth, in 2032?

Rory Coonan  
English Language and Literature, 1973

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**Wadstock is thirty!**

Today Wadstock, Wadham’s annual celebration of outdoor live music, has 850 tickets on offer and sells out online in just a few minutes. But every great oak tree has to start with a little acorn...

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"Why we decided to stage such an ambitious event I don’t exactly remember"

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This modest announcement appeared in the student newsletter, *The Wadham Sound*, on Tuesday 26 April 1994. It was the first public mention of ‘Wadstock’. In the following week’s *Sound* a more detailed explanation appeared:

**WADSTOCK**

Will be held on Sat of 2nd wk

See posters or next week’s article for details

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"This event is somewhat bigger than the average bop, and I doubt that the usual team will manage without YOUR help... Wadstock will be free to Wadham"
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members... Admission will cost £3 per guest which goes to the Terrence Higgins Trust. If it rains, the main event will take place in the JCR. But it won’t. See you there.

Owen and Neil’

(Owen Maddock (1992) and Neil Downey (1992) were job-sharing the SU Entertainments role.)

As the article suggests, this was not the first outdoor live music event held at Wadham: the previous year had seen ‘Wadfest’. However, the length of Wadstock and the inclusion of non-musical attractions marked a new ambition and a new kind of event.

Why we decided to stage such an ambitious event I don’t exactly remember, but I think there were two key factors: one was a highly critical Sound article by Colin the Barman at the end of the previous term, which had concluded ‘Neil and Owen if you haven’t got the initiative [not the word he used] to do it yourselves then GET THE HELL OFF THE COMMITTEE’, and the other was the high bar being set by the upcoming College ball. Whatever the reasons, we decided that Wadham needed something bigger, better and louder than anything that had come before.

At that time I was the SU Charities Officer and took a considerable role in organising the event, focussing on the non-musical elements while Owen and Neil organised an impressive line-up of bands. I’d love to claim credit for coming up with the iconic ‘Wadstock’ name, but I think that honour goes to Owen and Neil.

I have three abiding memories of the day. The first was the heavy rain, which led to the event being held in the JCR rather than on the Quad and to the cancellation of the George and Davis ice cream wagon. At least, I think it was cancelled; in a pre-mobile phone age it simply didn’t turn up, for all I know it may still be stuck in traffic on the Banbury Road. The second was the wonderful performance of Fats Waller’s ‘Ain’t Misbehavin’ by Richard Hagan (1993) and his jazz band; it was the first time I noticed the curious lyric ‘Like Jack Horner, in the Corner, don’t go nowhere, what do I care?’ and every time I’ve heard the line since I’ve thought of that first Wadstock. The third memory is of Owen grinning like a Cheshire Cat as his band Tilt performed their debut gig; at Wadstock everyone gets to be a rock star for a day.

I am very proud to have been involved in launching one of Wadham’s long-term traditions, and delighted that 2024 will see the 30th birthday of the event, a festival that has survived torrential rain, demolition of the old JCR, lockdown, and even Owen’s guitar playing.

Chris Warburton Brown History, 1992

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From Wadham to COP28

Mining, satellites, and AI? Wadham DPhil student, Maral Bayaraa (Engineering Science, 2020) leads a team researching that unlikely intersection. She won a prize for the team at COP28 and here she catches up with our Communications Assistant to share more...

In the public imagination, mining is tied to fossil fuels. Yet Maral emphasises how mining is needed for green energy sources too. ‘Those sources need metals, which we get from mining,’ she explains.

Mining involves digging down into the earth. What would a satellite up in space have to do with that? And what would AI have to do with such an old school industry?

‘Mining has always been close to my heart,’ Maral shares. She grew up in Mongolia, one of the most resource-rich countries in the world, and she’s seen the economic and technological booms from the industry.

‘But I’ve also seen the really dark side of mining,’ Maral says. ‘That’s why I want to help make mining more sustainable.’

What are the dangers in not handling mining responsibly?

There’s an image Maral shares, showing the metal extracted from Palabora, a mine in South Africa. The shiny chunk is impressive but it’s a drop compared to the mounds of earth dug up to extract it. Maral explains that the excess earth is often stored in huge dams. ‘The problem is, sometimes they can fail.’ There are television clips of mining waste pouring from collapsed dams, sweeping up cars and people. And then there’s the lasting environmental damage...

‘There are up to 30,000 of these dams estimated worldwide, a quarter of which are not monitored,’ Maral says.

If there was a way to monitor them, they could be fixed before collapsing. This is where Maral says satellites and AI come in.

There are special earth-observation satellites that can detect millimetric ground movements from hundreds of kilometres in space. These satellites can be the eyes monitoring mining dams around the world.

But eyes aren’t enough. The earth around mining dams is always moving. How do we know which movements are dangerous?

Maral explains that we need a brain to interpret what the eyes are seeing. Her research develops machine learning algorithms that catch the dangerous movements. She’s training AI to be the brain that interprets what the satellite eyes are seeing.

She presented her solution at COP28, the 28th annual UN climate meeting, where governments discuss how to limit and prepare for climate change, and took home an award. Her team’s project won the Data Sciences & AI-Enabled Solutions prize under the Prototypes for Humanity initiative. It comes with a share of the $100,000 prize fund.

‘This award recognises the huge role that Earth Observation, our industry, plays in tackling some of today’s biggest challenges,’ Maral shared.

Maral also kindly thanks Wadham, ‘for helping me articulate my research ambitions within the bigger picture’. Wadham’s communications team worked with Maral to produce a video, which you can watch at https://bit.ly/maralvid (or you can watch the one-minute version at https://bit.ly/maralshort).

Martin Dunkley Smith  Communications Assistant
Spotlight on Psychiatry

Kam Bhui is University Professor of Psychiatry and a Senior Research Fellow of Wadham. He has been a practising psychiatrist who has advised the government on mental health policy, and is active in research.

To introduce Kam and his work to the Wadham community, we drew on his conversation on pioneering digital solutions to the mental health crisis with the Warden and the founder of Spring Health, Dr Adam Chekroud (MSc Neuroscience, 2013) in New York on 25 May. In conversation with Martin Dunkley Smith (for a Wadham podcast), Kam also spoke about taking psychiatry beyond merely medical approaches to promoting mental health and preventing mental illness; and then the challenges ethnic minorities face in accessing mental health care, and his own life and career. He introduced himself as a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford, affiliated both to the Department of Psychiatry and to the Nuffield Department of Primary Health Care Sciences.

"I've been here for about two and a half years. At Wadham, I've been a Senior Research Fellow for the past year, and my role is really to bring research into Wadham but also mentor early career researchers and support the research environment and infrastructure. It's a very exciting place to be because of interdisciplinarity, which is central to all the work that I do. And there are so many brilliant people who work from Wadham in areas that I have no understanding of, but I enjoy listening to.

"Psychiatry is a branch of medicine. Often it’s seen only as a branch of medicine. But actually psychiatry is moving into the prevention of mental illness. We know that half of mental illness is already present by the age of 11, and three quarters by the age of 24. So really we should be preventing it early in the course of life rather than waiting until later when people are already in crisis. So it’s a combination of what’s been called a bio-psychosocial approach, but also linked closely to the social sciences, arts and humanities, and more recently to geography, ecology and a number of other disciplines.

"The shift from a more medical model to a broader engagement with humanities, social sciences and arts has meant that conventional psychiatric practice in the asylums, for example, which was very medicalised and focused very much on pharmacological treatments or ECT, has shifted so that people think more about the social world, what sort of adverse childhood experiences people have had, what sort of place they live in, whether they are facing poverty, whether eating well or not, whether they have friendships. And all of that is now part of the assessment process as well as part of the intervention and care process."

"Many of Kam's research projects involve adolescent mental health, promoting health and well-being using digital interventions and arts-based research methods. This matches the need to better understand creativity as a process that confers many benefits, including therapeutic ones for those in poor health.

"I love psychiatry because of its interface with so many other disciplines. Some of my projects are very much sociologically orientated, looking at patient experience. Others work with the creative arts, practitioners and other disciplines, including genetics and biological sciences. There’s a possibility to go into many areas of practice and then there are differences in terms of so many specialties within psychiatry.

"One of the jobs I did as a consultant involved working with street homeless people. And my main task there wasn’t to rush in and diagnose and treat, but to work with people to get them off the street and make them safe, make sure they had the right nutrition and the right welfare system around them, and then begin to provide appropriate mental health care. So psychiatry offers lots of opportunities for people who come from very different backgrounds and have different interests.

"And I think it’s still unfolding, that sense of awe and surprise in the world, constantly learning about yourself as well as the world we live in, finding new ways of thinking about mental illness, doing research that is revealing and empathic. It has always been a powerful motivator for me. And then being able to apply it in the real world...it helps you support people in the real world, increasingly through policy, systems change, and organisational change."
Returning to Oxford

Oxford Playhouse has appointed Mike Tweddle (Wadham, 1999) as Artistic Director and Chief Executive Officer of the organisation. Here he describes his experience of what theatre can offer and his pleasure at his return to Oxford and the Playhouse.

It’s been emotional coming back to Oxford. I completed my finals in 2003, at the end of four challenging years in the city. I’d lost my dad when I was 13, and then my mum fell ill just before I left for university. She died at the end of my first Michaelmas term. Wadham were incredibly supportive as I navigated it all, allowing me to drop out and return the following autumn. When – a year later – I was on the verge of dropping out again, the support of my College community helped me to persevere.

An hour after my final exam, my big sister and I stood together on Wadham’s lawn (under the big tree, close to the dining hall in the back quad). We hugged each other and cried. I’d somehow got to the end of my studies, and Mum and Dad would have been proud.

As soon as I arrived in Oxford I’d thrown myself into acting, auditioning for everything I could get wind of! In that first term I was in Wadham’s Cuppers show, a Playhouse production and an Old Fire Station play. Even after I dropped out, and could no longer live in College, I stayed in Oxford in order to perform in a Hilary term show. I’d been through a lot but going to rehearsals, connecting and creating with others, was a lifeline.

Doing theatre offered me friendship and solidarity, imaginative adventure and emotional release. Meanwhile it nurtured my curiosity and empathy, as I encountered and absorbed the different lives and worlds of my collaborators and the characters I was playing. From each new encounter, I kept something precious for myself.

In summary, being involved in the Oxford drama scene – with all its unique support and resources – was a major contributor to my recovery. I wouldn’t have got my degree without it, and it also clarified my determination to pursue a career in the arts.

My work since has been fuelled by the belief that theatre can change lives. I cherish countless memories of seeing this in evidence. From 2016-22 I was Artistic Director at Tobacco Factory Theatres in Bristol. A highlight there was to direct Jonathan Harvey’s stunning play Beautiful Thing 20 years after I acted in it aged 18. Set on London's Thamesmead Estate in the early 90s, the play depicts a tender and secretive romance between two teenage boys, and explores how community and compassion can overcome suffering and shame.

As part of the production process, we launched a weekly choir which took place at a community centre in a disadvantaged area of South Bristol. Many of the 50 people who signed up had not visited our theatre before. Over five months they rehearsed pop songs inspired by the play, and went on to join rehearsals and perform the songs in the show. The choir’s contribution heightened the play’s themes and atmospheres. At the end of the project, participants described improvements to their mental health, well-being and sense of belonging. One singer, in her late 60s, came up to me during rehearsals with tears in her eyes and said ‘when I was 20 I went to work in a factory. I was told I couldn’t have any dreams. Now finally I’m living my dreams.’

Another highlight was my small involvement as a co-producer of a show called Up Down Man, which was created by inclusivity experts Myrtle Theatre. The lead actor, who also danced beautifully in the piece, had Down’s Syndrome – just like his character ‘Matty’. Matty had recently lost his mum, and meanwhile was striving to convince his dad and siblings to treat him as an adult, with mature emotional needs. The piece was perfectly directed, written and performed, and it drew many learning disabled audiences, who took inspiration from watching a world class artist to whom they could relate.

Earlier this year, I felt privileged to work on a community show called Olive Jar, which took place in Paddington as part of London’s annual Shubbak Festival of Arabic culture. The project brought together people of Middle Eastern and North African heritage. Participants created and performed autobiographical stories of displacement, loss, home and belonging.

Most had never been on stage before, and here they were processing and distilling their most personal experiences and histories. Powerful memories found their way through careful creative and therapeutic processes, where
We want to support students on their creative, personal and professional journeys

Mike Tweddle  
French & Philosophy, 1999; English Finals, 2003

feelings could be aired and shared, leading to a place of safety, confidence and lightness in performance. I will never forget the courage and generosity of the actors, some of whom had endured the worst things imaginable. Through a theatrical lens, their families and friends saw them in new or enhanced light. The ensemble provided a supportive safety net for each individual, and we all found a new family through the project: eating Middle Eastern food together every week, and becoming connected through laughter, tears and WhatsApp-based daily kindness that continues to this day.

Alongside such projects, my career has also been peppered with the more obvious thrills: touring work to sell-out audiences in far-flung places; or delving into classic texts to discover something fresh and current. But as I take up the leadership of Oxford Playhouse, I feel particularly hopeful that through our work, we can create space for the profound moments of personal and social change to which theatre can give rise.

I hope that Wadham students reading this – and especially those who’ve not tried theatre before – might give it a go! The student drama provision in Oxford is remarkable. It was certainly a game-changer for me.

At the Playhouse we want to support students on their creative, personal and professional journeys, and we’re very open to ideas too; so please drop in and say hello!

Mike Tweddle took up his appointment in autumn 2023. He said: ‘I am thrilled to be joining Oxford Playhouse, a theatre I know well and care about deeply. The organisation played a major role in my professional development, and I’m inspired by its proud history, its recent achievements, and the vision to create a “Playhouse for everyone”.’

Mike Tweddle was Artistic Director and CEO of Tobacco Factory Theatres in Bristol from 2016-22, where he oversaw 20 in-house productions. He led a vision for life-long creative engagement, embedding community co-creation at the heart of the theatre’s work. He also oversaw a major redevelopment of the building, including a new performance and education space.

Previously, Mike was Joint Artistic Director of the touring ensemble Out of Chaos, creating award-winning shows that toured to 200 theatres around the world. From 2010-15, Mike was co-foundering director of Birmingham’s international theatre festival, BE Festival. As a freelance director and dramaturg, Mike has worked for Grand Junction, Shakespeare’s Globe, Ad Infinitum and National Youth Theatre among others.

After graduating from Oxford, Mike trained as an actor at the Jacques Lecoq school in Paris.

Travel reports

Each year, a number of travel grants are awarded to undergraduates and graduate students. Made possible by the generosity of Wadham alumni and benefactors, the grants are intended for travel and are not primarily related to the applicants’ academic work. We share a select few here.

Lebanon

Musa Ali (Arabic with Hebrew, 2020)

Over the summer, as a recipient of the Nick Jackson travel grant, I was fortunate enough to travel to Beirut, Lebanon, where I joined up with a Spanish NGO called 26 Letters School who provide lessons in different domains to Syrian refugees in East Beirut. Lebanon has witnessed an influx of refugees fleeing Syria over the past decade and, in conjunction with the stark economic situation currently afflicting Lebanon, it has meant that government schools are massively oversubscribed with the other option of fee-paying schools being wholly inaccessible to these families. As such, 26 Letters offers English, Maths and Arabic lessons alongside practical classes covering pertinent societal such as sexual harassment and inclusivity. The school is also unique in that students (whose ages range from 5-20) are strongly encouraged to contribute to the running of the school – they attend democratic meetings where they suggest amendments/improvements to the school’s running. I was lucky enough to spend a few weeks teaching English at 26 Letters where at times I would use my Arabic to explain certain grammar rules and terminologies to the students. The trip also allowed me to explore the country as a whole, embarking on day trips to Tripoli and Saida in which the artisanal soap industry still blooms and is a hallmark of both cities.
Brussels-Bratislava-Vienna
Zuzanna Lebek (Modern Languages and Linguistics, 2020)

The Wadham Travel grant has enabled me to finally achieve a goal I had had in mind for nine years and make a trip down memory lane.

At the beginning of June, I took a plane to Brussels Zaventem airport in the morning. I had never been to Belgium before and managed to squeeze in a few hours of sightseeing before my next plane from Brussels Charleroi. I saw the cute Tintin statues by the Royal Palace, ate delicious chips with mayonnaise and took a stroll through the old town. The capital of the EU welcomed me warmly and let me go with ease as I found very convenient means of transportation to and from both airports.

I had been planning to take a Slovak language proficiency exam ever since my family and I had come back from Bratislava in 2014 – I grew up there, made my first long-term friends there and, of course, learnt a language I used for the eight years we'd spent there. I arrived in Bratislava around 9pm and made my way to my unique hotel. It turned out that the most budget-friendly option was also the most surprising – I slept in a 'capsule', so basically a hole in the wall with all the amenities one could need. It was also close to the Old Town where my language exam took place. I decided to make my way to the examination centre by foot the next morning to see what had changed over the years in my favourite part of the city. It is still just as charming as when I was little, however everything seemed a little smaller than I had remembered it. I used to look up at the walls with wonder and now I did so with simple appreciation that they had kept me safe in my younger and more vulnerable years.

I then had the exam which I was not too confident about. It was, however, a very nostalgic experience to conduct full, complete conversations with other Slovak speakers, whereas for the last few years I could only do so with my own reflection in the mirror. I left the examination centre feeling relief – nine years after my return from Slovakia I finally took the steps to 'legitimise' my knowledge of the language and regardless of what the result would be, I planned and organised the entire trip myself. I spent the rest of the day giving myself a walking tour of the city memory by memory, stopping at my favourite restaurant at the bank of the Danube and taking ‘ten years later’ pictures at the most important landmarks for my family – Sad Janka Kráľa, where I learnt to rollerblade, a sweet shop where we'd drink hot chocolate during the coldest days of the year, and an ice cream shop where I saw the most impressive tricks. I believe that is the closest I have ever come to seeing magic in my life.

The next day I set out to Vienna. As a resident of Bratislava, I would often ‘pop down’ to Vienna or other parts of eastern Austria. I really loved those trips as a child, and when Bratislava seemed big, Vienna seemed huge. I left my bags at the hostel and hit the old town with the intention of eating an Apfelstrudel and walking around the monumental Stephansplatz. The cathedral, Stephansdom, was under construction but no less intimidating, for lack of a better term, than before – tall and menacing in its gothic beauty. I roamed around Vienna a little but definitely felt more like a tourist here, as I had not been fully aware of what I was experiencing while walking those streets hand-in-hand with my parents – back then I was more concerned with eating a Sachertorte at every café in sight. I walked all the way from the main train station to the Prater, an enormous theme park with, per my brother’s opinion, the best Bratwurst in Vienna. I came back to the hostel exhausted but feeling fulfilled. At 4am the next morning I took a shuttle bus from the train station to the airport and flew back to Porto for the last few weeks of my Year Abroad.

I am happy to report that a few weeks after the trip I received an email from the examination centre with my results. I am now officially a C1 Slovak certificate holder. I also realise just how much I want to show my friends and loved ones Bratislava and Vienna when I get the chance – the cities are wonderful, versatile, and very welcoming, and I believe talking about my childhood memories while walking the very streets where those memories were made would be a great bonding experience. I am thrilled to have had this opportunity and not having to worry about the financial side of things allowed me to really appreciate my short trip and make the most of it. Ďakujem!
Learning Azeri has proved one of the most rewarding parts of my time at university, giving me an appreciation of a completely different region and culture. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit this summer, and finally immerse in the language.

My trip started off in the capital, Baku. On first impressions, it seemed a very ‘new’ city. The imposing glass buildings and sleek, modernist architecture made it hard to picture the humble desert outpost described in Kurban Said’s classic, *Ali and Nino*. Traces of the city’s history were more evident exploring the Palace of the Shirvanshahs, and the winding, narrow streets of the old city. We also visited the House Museum of Jalil Mammadguluzadeh, the prominent literary figure and founder of the satirical magazine, *Molla Nasreddin*. It was a tiny museum, with an unassuming entrance; we had to ring the doorbell to get in and were met by the director who was the only person in the building. She was very happy showing us around the rooms, which included first editions of the periodical, before inviting us into the back for çay and fudge.

After a few days in Baku, we left for Quba, a small city in the north-east of the country. Five hours in a cramped marshrutka later, and we had arrived. It was a quiet, slightly run-down town, full of Soviet-era charm. Local kids stayed out late throwing balls around in the main square, old men drank çay and played backgammon; paxlava was sold from hole-in-the-wall stores, and old Ladas bumbled past every now and again. The next day we took a car up to Xinaliql, an isolated village right up in the Caucasus mountains, near the border with Dagestan. The route took about an hour and a half, winding through rocky gorges which would open into panoramic views of grassy mountains, dotted with cows, sheep, and beehives. Our driver, Mustafa, spoke with a thick accent, which took a while to understand, and talked to us the whole way – about his family, the area, and his impressions of Arab tourists, Lezgins and Dagestanis. At one point he violently veered off the road to stop for the view, and – not seeing the lay-by on the far side of the car – I thought we were about to fall into the gorge. The village itself was small, and compact. We walked up quite a steep path to the top, and then meandered our way back down, stopping on the steps of the ethnographic museum for lunch. We shared our crisps with two little boys who came over and chatted with them in Azeri (although Xinaliql has its own language) about football and the UK.

After Quba, we went on to Şeki, an old Silk Road town to the west. It was slightly more touristy but stunning nevertheless, with the dense green forests of the Greater Caucasus tumbling into the distance. We walked through the Karvansary and the Palace of the Şeki Khans, and tried the local specialty, Piti. The next day, we hiked up into the mountains. Slightly lost, we came across a woodsman smoking a cigarette on the side of the path, his donkey tied up a few yards away. He offered us a ride and led us back onto the right path; it was a surreal experience.

Returning to Baku, we saw Neftçi Baku’s 2-0 win over FK Željezničar Sarajevo, soaking up the atmosphere and joining in with the chants of ‘ağ... qara!’ (white, black – the colours of the home team). The final stop-off of the trip was a visit to the carpet museum. A carpet embroidered with the words ‘Karabakh is Azerbaijan’ was of particular note, and would have been more surprising had it not come after two weeks of seeing similar displays of state propaganda. Signs and posters about the President’s late father, Heydar Aliyev, and Azerbaijan’s brotherhood with Turkey were everywhere, but the Karabakh issue was the most pervasive, even outside the capital. It is all the more ominous, reflecting back now, with the ‘forced migration’ of ethnic Armenians from the region a tangible result of such corrosive political messaging.
A kick-start for climate tech

Supporting entrepreneurs in the field of environmental technology.

This summer saw an entrepreneurial spirit take hold at Wadham. As the College emptied for the long vacation, we opened our doors to a cohort of nine companies with 13 founders from the University of Oxford ecosystem, all focussed on creating viable, scalable commercial ventures in the field of environmental technology.

To join the programme, companies had to pass a rigorous selection process with just one in six applicants being accepted by the expert investment committee. Those companies that made it through experienced a carefully crafted programme of talks and workshops in the contemporary spaces of the new buildings, while enjoying the beautiful grounds and gardens at Wadham.

The summer programme was divided into three modules: a Business Module led by Founders Factory where participants learned the fundamentals of company formation; a Planet Module, where participants benefited from extensive networks of climate academics and professionals as they focused on the particular set of issues faced by founders in the climate space; and a People Module, led by top leaders in their fields, where they gained invaluable hands-on experience through interactive workshops.

Supported by Founders Factory (founded by Wadham alumnus, Henry Lane Fox (Classics, 1993)), Planet Fund, and Wadham College, Planet Positive Lab convened the best in the academic and venturing communities to create companies focused on building a more sustainable future for the planet. The programme brought together climate academic excellence, operational team support, and a vast corporate network to give founders the best possible start in their ventures.

The summer culminated in two demo days. Firstly, in the Holywell Music Room, where the fledgling companies pitched to a room full of investors and participants from across the Oxford innovation ecosystem. We were delighted to be joined by Pro-Vice Chancellor for innovation, Professor Chas Bountra, and by our own Professor Joe Bull (Fellow in Biology), who participated on the judging panel for the three £1k prizes available to the companies.

The final event was held at Founders Factory HQ on the Strand. It was with a sense of great pride that we watched the cohort pitch their ideas to some of the best investors in their field. We wish them all the very best of luck as they continue on their journeys.

Barnaby Norman  Deputy Development Director

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In memoriam

Asterisked names indicate that an obituary can be found on the following pages.

1942 Granville-Jones, Terence C. (Mathematics and Philosophy) died 2021, aged 97
1943 Bamforth, John H. (History) died September 2023, aged 97
1943 Wason, Rigby (English) died 6 June 2016, aged 90
1946 McCartney-Figtree, Terence D.L. (PPE) died 11 July 2022, aged 98
1947 Wardle, J. Irving (English) died 23 February 2023, aged 93
1948 Roberts, John S. (Literae Humaniores) died 31 January 2023, aged 92
1949 Anderson, A. Keith J. (Literae Humaniores) died 2 January 2023, aged 93*
1949 Waters, Donovan W. M. (Jurisprudence) died 9 September 2023, aged 95
1949 Winter, Thomas A. (Theology) died 12 April 2020, aged 96
1950 Jones, Evan G. N. (English) died 18 April 2023, aged 96
1952 Keeley, Edmund L. (DPhil English) died 23 February 2022, aged 94
1952 Lammiman, Christopher N. (Chemistry) died 31 August 2021, aged 89
1952 Campbell, Colin J. (Geology) died 13 November 2022, aged 91
1953 Parker, Philip M. (Literae Humaniores) died 13 April 2023, aged 92
1954 Peters, William (DPhil Economics) died 26 January 2023, aged 93
1954 Warner, Anthony G. (Physics) died October 2023, aged 90*
1955 Bligh, Bernard R. (Chemistry) died 23 November 2022, aged 91
1955 Lawrence, Roy F. (Jurisprudence) died 23 March 2023, aged 92*
1956 Sheppey, Gerald C. (Mathematics) died 21 September 2023, aged 88
1956 Gamage, Colin S. (Modern Languages) died 19 August 2023, aged 90*
1956 Serck, Oscar N. (Physics) died 18 December 2022, aged 88
1956 Clayton, Tom S. (Literae Humaniores) died 9 August 2023, aged 90*
1957 Marshall, Paul P. (History) died 16 September 2023, aged 88
1957 Martin, John P. S. (Chemistry) died 18 September 2023, aged 89
1958 Rich KG, Michael S. (PPE) died 18 March 2023, aged 89*
1958 Brewer, W. David (Mathematics) died 3 April 2023, aged 86
1958 Reading, Brian (PPE) died 14 December 2022, aged 86
1959 Twigger, Anthony P. (History) died 21 October 2023, aged 86
1959 Tyack, Christopher H. (Literae Humaniores) died 12 January 2023, aged 86*
1959 Anderson, Julian A. (Geology) died 3 December 2022, aged 84*
1959 Putin, Michael (PPE) died 31 May 2023, aged 86
1960 Jones, Tudor B. (Literae Humaniores) died 31 October 2022, aged 83*
1960 Pitts, Charles (‘Archie’) G. C. (Mathematics) died 8 July 2023, aged 83*
1960 Bytheil, Duncan (History) died 24 October 2022, aged 81*
1960 Allen, Michael J. B. (English) died 25 February 2023, aged 81
1960 Hildebrand AM FAlIA, Clive P. (PPE) died 26 June 2023, aged 85*
1960 Parkes, John E. (Modern Languages) died 16 October 2023, aged 82
1960 Perse, Jonathan W. (PPE) died 19 September 2022, aged 88
1960 Segel, Edward B. (Visiting Student) died 30 September 2022, aged 82
1961 Green, Anthony E. (English) died 16 December 2022, aged 79*
1961 Kuennsberg, Nicholas C. (PPE) died 1 October 2023, aged 80
1961 Welsh, David J. (PPE) died 27 September 2023, aged 85
1962 Bagherzade, Iradj A. (Jurisprudence) died 8 January 2023, aged 80*
1962 Dyson MBE, George A. M. (Literae Humaniores) died 15 December 2022, aged 79
1963 Hopson, Roger (Mathematics) died 6 April 2023, aged 78*
1964 Dening, Richard D. L. (Jurisprudence) died 1 July 2023, aged 77
1964 Hibberd, Paul S. (History) died early 2022, aged 77
1964 Perks, Anthony M. (Physiological Sciences) died 9 March 2023, aged 91
1966 Kernthaler, John E. (Physics) died 2 December 2022, aged 75
1970 Hurley, P. William (PPE) died 1 September 2023, aged 72
1972 Whittaker, Philippa R. (History) died 28 November 2022, aged 68
1974 Lund, Timothy J. (Mathematics) died 19 June 2023, aged 66*
1975 Gregson, Justin J. E. (BLitt English) died 2023
1975 Needham, Caroline A. (BCL) died 4 December 2022, aged 70
1980 McConnell, Edward B. (MSc Education) died 30 December 2021, aged 78
1986 Edwards, Richard (‘Dick’) H. C. (Chemistry) died 23 March 2023, aged 64*
1990 Vile, Katharine J. (Philosophy and Modern Languages) died 2023, aged 62
1996 Gray, Thomas (Physics) died 2022, aged 44

FELLOWS AND FRIENDS

Edwards, David J. died 8 February 2022, aged 70*
Fellow and Tutor in Engineering from 1989 until his retirement in 2014.

Green, A. Shirley died 13 December 2022, aged 92
Friend of Wadham (1610 Society); wife of Foundation Fellow Alan Green* (Classical Chinese, 1948).

Webb, Veronica died 1 October 2023
Friend of Wadham (1610 Society); wife of alumnus John Webb* (Natural Sciences, 1949).
Obituaries

Professor David John Edwards | 1961–2022
Emeritus Fellow

What follows draws substantially on the address by Caroline Mawson at David's memorial in May 2022 in which she said 'No one knew the meaning of true fellowship, nor lived it out better, than David'.

David Edwards was elected to an Official Fellowship at Wadham, alongside a U.L. in Communication Systems from 1 October 1989. He came to Wadham, following study at Bristol and a successful career at British Telecoms. This included a period at the Earth Station Antenna Systems (Goonhilly), and as a lecturer at Bristol. In Oxford David was awarded Recognition of Distinction 1998. He was Chairman of the Faculty of Engineering 2009-11, and held multiple offices in Wadham, including Tutor for Admissions in the early 2000s and as Sub-Warden at the time of Ken Macdonald’s election. David retired in 2014, and was elected to an Emeritus Fellowship. No one could doubt how central David’s family was to his life, but his was not a college life thereby reduced in size, squeezed to fit in; rather, it was David's love for his family, and their clear love for him, that gave him the depth and infinite resource of patience, love and affection that he was thereby able to share with so many others: with students, with colleagues, with anyone in need.

We all knew David as the creative engineer, the man who fixes everything, whose oily fingers can’t keep him from anything mechanical, physically and metaphorically. Frustrated by a situation he could not solve, David had time for everyone, both individually and collectively. He set up his telescope in the Fellows’ Garden to view historical comets; he quietly explained the significance and limitations of Clementi’s sonnets in the Common Room. He expounded the changing mysteries of computing systems without making his inexpert colleagues feel or look foolish: a difficult thing for an expert systems engineer. There seemed to be no field of which he was not the master; the mastery was always expressed with quiet wit and good humour. The College has missed him very sorely.

Nobody valued and loved David more than his Wadham colleagues in Engineering, past and present. Former Fellow Yiannis Ventikos wrote this from Monash in Melbourne when he heard of David’s death: ‘Devastated hearing this. David was one of a kind, with a sense of duty, dignity and humour that are unmatched. I could not have had a better mentor, and I was immensely honoured to be an engineering tutor with him, and a friend. We are so much poorer without him.’
Keith Anderson, who has died aged 93 from pneumonia, was a writer, editor, performer, educator and broadcaster, working in the UK, Turkey and, most notably, Hong Kong.

Born in Wallasey in 1929, to Betty Anderson and Victor Ronald Anderson, an accountant and educator, Keith attended Mostyn House School in Parkgate from where he won a scholarship to Lancing College. He graduated in Classics from Wadham under the tutelage of Maurice Bowra. Keith took on a variety of roles – teaching in Madrid in 1963 and at the University in Ankara, with additional work as a broadcaster and translator. In Ankara he became tutor to the children of the then Prime Minister of Turkey, Adnan Menderes, an arrangement which abruptly came to an end with the 1960 coup d’etat.

Keith taught at Fort Augustus Abbey School, and then at Stonyhurst College. Lecturing positions in Leeds followed, firstly at James Graham College and then at the City’s College of Music.

In 1973 Keith was appointed to the staff of the music department at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, going on to become head of department the following year. Keith worked in Hong Kong in a number of teaching roles, while also broadcasting, performing (Hong Kong Philharmonic) and writing.

Working for Naxos Records, Keith produced many thousands of sleeve notes as well as key reference works including the popular A-Z of Classical Music and A-Z of Opera. He continued writing until shortly before his death.

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working-class communities in Britain and Australia during the Industrial Revolution. His second major work, The Sweated Trades (1978) developed the themes of outwork, factories and welfare. He was an active and perceptive reviewer of academic books. He excelled as a teacher; his lectures were popular, expertly delivered and models of clarity, and in seminars he was insipriational, wise and generous.

On retirement in 1996, Duncan settled in Swaledale and became the mainstay of the valley’s cultural and musical life. He continued to lecture locally and to write, including a book on the history of the Muker Show; but above all he conducted the Muker Band and the Swale Singers for four decades and played the organ every Sunday in various isolated chapels. These rich and fulfilling contributions to local life were on those early influences in Lancashire and Oxford. Gunnerside chapel was packed for his funeral, a fitting reminder of the influence of one person’s life can be.

By Mark Bailey (friend and former student)

Professor Thomas Swoverland Clayton 1932–2023

In the fall of 1963 the head of the Classics Department at the University of Minnesota said to Tom Clayton, ‘why don’t you apply for a Rhodes?’ He did and won, graduating summa cum laude with degrees in English and Latin before departing for Wadham College, where he read Classical Honour Moderations. Shortly after, Tom married Ruth Madison and served in the US Army in Germany before returning to Oxford in 1967 to work on his DPhil under the direction of Dame Helen Gardner. His thesis was eventually published as the Oxford Standard Text edition of Sir John Suckling’s non-dramatic works. Tom went on to teach at Yale, UCLA, and the University of Minnesota, where he retired as Regents Professor Emeritus of English in 2015.

A widely admired scholar, Tom wrote several books on Shakespeare and earlier 17th-century poetry, as well as numerous articles and book chapters. He also chaired the Classical Civilization Program at Minnesota for 20 years. Tom was a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher whose exceptional mind and wry sense of humour inspired generations of students, and he won several awards for graduate and undergraduate teaching.

Tom recently wrote that when he first arrived in Oxford and walked into the back garden at Wadham, ‘I suddenly had the intense conviction that I’d come home (I never lost that feeling).’ Wadham was also where he met four of his closest friends. Deeply grateful for his experience at Wadham, Tom was on the Rhodes Scholarship Interviewing Committee for nearly two decades, serving as chair for half that time. He returned to England annually, staying in London for several weeks, meeting up with mates, taking in a play (or two) a day, and reveling in the culture he loved.

All who knew Tom marvelled at how energetic he was, even into his tenth decade. He enjoyed music from jazz to The Clash, and was an avid fan of Minnesota Gopher basketball. Tom maintained a lively correspondence with friends around the world and was always up for a pint and conversation at his favorite local, which he did the week before his death.

Tom died from complications of prostate cancer on 9 August 2023 in St Paul, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth and is survived by their four children and his companion of 29 years, Janice Derksen.

By Pam Schultz (daughter)


Richard (or Dick) was born in 1968 in Bristol. He attended Clifton College before coming up to Oxford in 1986 to study Chemistry.

He won the Turbutt Prize in his first year for practical laboratory work. His priority, though, was increasingly being Wadham Entertainments Secretary. He revelled in a role that allowed him to use his technical skills and indulge his maverick streak. Organising the regular sweat-soaked JCR bops were a particular highlight for him.

The Wadwords prediction of a future career as an ‘international rockstar’ was to prove partly correct. Once he’d completed his degree in 1990, he worked as a sound engineer on tours around the world for a wide range of bands including CornerShop, Heavenly and the Egg. Oxford remained his base and when in town he worked at the Zodiac where he ran the cult easy listening night Disques Vogue.

In the early 2000s life took a different direction when he moved to Los Angeles, married and started a family. He turned himself into a visual effects creator in Hollywood and worked for the director Ridley Scott on films such as Robin Hood, Kingdom of Heaven and Prometheus.

Unfortunately, his personal life and health deteriorated as he increasingly succumbed to his long-term addictions, and he returned to the UK in 2017 to try to deal with them. Sadly, the battle proved too much for him and he passed away at home in Bristol in March 2023.

Richard loved his time at Wadham and it was undoubtedly one of the happiest periods in his life. I am grateful to his friends Hugo Deadman (English, 1988) and Chrys Meula (History and Modern Languages, 1988) for sharing with me their memories of him from that time. I would also like to thank the College for placing a Chemistry book dedicated to him in the College library.

By Oliver Edwards (brother)

Matthew Adam Frost 1961–2021

Matthew Frost died aged 60 on 2 September 2021, 18 months after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Matthew grew up in Dorset and went up to Wadham in 1979 to study Modern History and Economics. After graduating Matthew pursued a very successful career in IT sales and sales support. Throughout his life Matthew maintained a wide range of interests and in the later years of his life he had become an enthusiastic chorister and singer and very keen sailor; it was this latter interest that led to his meeting Jacqui, who became his closest friend, then partner and then his second wife. Their boat – renamed Frosticles – has been donated to the Lyme Regis Sea School to encourage others to embrace the love of sailing that Matthew and Jacqui had shared.

He retained links with many people from his time at Wadham. He had an enormous capacity for friendship; he enjoyed the company of other people, was always invested in his relationships and was immensely loyal to his friends and considerate of and attentive to their concerns even towards the end of his life when he was very ill. He was such good company: he was engaging and engaged, he had a lively and infectious sense of humour and had a marvellously understated self-deprecating humility. He was caring and compassionate; he was a much appreciated and committed supporter of Crisis and for many years volunteered his time to that charity’s valuable work over Christmas and New Year. His smile lit up wherever room he
was in and his infectious laugh would be heard across it.

He is sorely missed. He is survived by his much-loved widow Jacqui and their two adult children Alicia and Hamish from his first marriage.

By Richard Lake (History & Economics, 1979)

Colin Stanhope Gamage 1932–2023

Colin was born in Raynes Park, South West London on 29 September 1932. He attended Kingston Grammar School and then went up to Wadham in 1950 to read Modern Languages, focusing on French and Russian. He was the first member of his family to go to university.

After Oxford he did his National Service and entered the Intelligence Corps. He then began his career at Esso Petroleum, initially working in sales and then moving into public affairs.

In 1961, Colin married Christine, the cousin of his life-long Wadham friend, Michael Shave (Mathematics, 1953), and settled in Croydon where they had three children.

Colin took early retirement from Esso at the age of 54 and joined the Independent Schools Careers Organisation where he worked for the last 12 years of his career.

In retirement he became involved in local politics, as an ardent Conservative supporter. He loved spirited political discussions and even became a Councillor for Wallington in his 80s.

He volunteered for the Red Cross, providing transport for patients and delivering meals-on-wheels to the elderly around Croydon.

Colin was passionate about history, loved reading and enjoyed discussions about historical and current political figures as well as genealogical investigations into his own family history. Colin was a fanatical follower of cricket and in retirement spent time travelling round the country attending county games and then going further afield to the West Indies, Australia, South Africa, Sri Lanka and India to watch England test matches.

Colin was always very proud of his links to Wadham and attended many Garden Parties.

Colin died peacefully in Oxted, Surrey and will be sadly missed by his three children and eight grandchildren.

By Lucy Gamage (daughter)

Anthony (Tony) Edward Green 1943–2022

Tony was born in Birmingham on 25 June 1943 to Edward and Elizabeth Green (née Stokes) during the war when his father was stationed in India. Tony died at home in Leeds on 16 December 2022 after a long struggle with cancer over several years, aggravated by falls and pneumonia. He was wonderfully cared for by his wife Josie.

Lifelong schoolfriend Tim Austin delivered a heart-warming eulogy at his funeral which perhaps gained Tony’s instructive series of notes which included the words: ‘The point is I shudder to think I should be the subject of one of those undeserved encomiums. It can only be said that I tried my best and failed. I would sooner be remembered through the words and music of those who did much better.’

Tim met Tony as a contemporary scholar at King Edward’s Grammar School, Birmingham and remembers him with great affection and admiration. Tony demonstrated from the outset a character that was trusted, true, loyal, funny and intellectually brilliant with the capacity to argue, to be radical and anti-establishment. But he was kind in his argumentation and always with a twinkle in his eye and an infectious guffawing laugh.

These early abilities helped him win an English scholarship to Wadham in 1961. Here, he was recognised for his intellectual ability and desire to debate anything at any time of the day or night, often accompanied by his guitar. He was also active in local pubs and clubs enveloped in clouds of cigarette smoke and awash with real ale and in the college drama world, both acting and directing, and it was always clear to his contemporaries that he would follow a lively academic career.

He spent a year as a research assistant at the School of English at University College London before becoming a lecturer at Leeds University at the Institute of Dialect and Folk Life Studies. There he met Josephine Ryan and they married in August 1967 after which he took up a lecturing appointment at Memorial University, St John’s, Newfoundland, in Folklore and English. It was in Newfoundland in 1968 that their daughter Danny was born, before the family returned to Leeds. Here Tony taught at Roundhay School and at City of Leeds School for a short period prior to becoming a lecturer at Leeds University in the School of English, teaching drama and theatre arts to post-graduate students.

Subsequently in the 1980s he moved on to Bretton Hall College (which merged into the University of Leeds in 2001) where he remained until retirement in 2007. He taught Theatre Studies in the Faculty of Performing Arts, specialising among other areas in Elizabethan theatre and music and in this capacity was consulted on the reconstruction of the Globe Theatre in London. Among his students were the talented team behind the BBC’s surreal comedy The League of Gentlemen and a number of other celebrities.

Tony and Josie spent more than 40 years visiting first Jugoslavia (as it was) then Croatia where they had, and still have, many close friends. They continued to visit regularly during the Balkan War of the 1990s and were active in the relief effort, helping students gain refuge in the UK.

Tony took a principled stand on every issue that came across his desk, and was a regular thorn in the side of the academic authorities, a victim of his own integrity and radical thought.

He was a fine teacher and a man of great honesty, fun and insight.

By Nick Kuenssberg (PPE, 1961)

Clive Perry Hildebrand AM FAIIA 1937–2023

Clive was born in Gladstone, Queensland, and spent his early years on Facing Island, where his father served as the harbour master. His academic journey began at Yeronga Infants School, and later he excelled at Brisbane Grammar School (BGS).

Moving on to the University of Queensland (UQ), Clive combined academic excellence with a passion for sports and he was a leading rugby player. Clive earned a Rhodes Scholarship while studying Engineering at UQ and came up to Wadham in 1960 where he ended up taking a degree in PPE. His sporting prowess continued at Oxford and he became involved with the College and University rugby, cricket and squash clubs. He enjoyed his three years here and was elected as President of Wadham JCR.

He maintained close ties with Wadham in later life and was a loyal friend of the College, also serving on the Development Council.

Following graduation from Oxford, Clive returned to Australia in 1963 and started his mineral industry career as a miner at Mount Isa. He worked his way up through the ranks and went on to have an illustrious career, including Managing Director positions at Anglo American Australia and coal company QCT Resources, from which he retired in 1994.

In retirement, he held a number of board...
Rogers was born on 23 October 1944 in a village just outside Wolverhampton, where his parents ran the local post office and grocery store. He was the middle son in a loving, musical family. He passed his 11+ and attended Wolverhampton Grammar School before being awarded a scholarship to read Maths at Wadham. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at Wadham and was especially proud to have been in the 1964 Torpid Eight which bumped St Catz, SNC, Pembridge, St Peter’s and Hertford.

Leaving Oxford, Roger joined English Electric in their computing department before moving to London when offered a position as a trainee management consultant by Coopers and Lybrand. Working with clients in the City introduced him to the notoriously complex reinsurance recoveries industry. He was fascinated by the potential it offered for computing systems. Eventually he was able to form his own company to develop and implement a highly innovative computer system for Lloyds underwriters and reinsurance companies.

He was a talented pianist and loved giving informal recitals for friends and colleagues. He also enjoyed shooting. He was an excellent shot and took great pride in training his own dogs.

Roger’s membership of Round Table, Rotary and then Probus (where he was the long time secretary and a keen member of two of the walking groups) gave him a wide circle of friends. He was also honorary treasurer of the local RNLI branch.

He was married to Dawn for 54 years and they had two children, Piers (who died in 2010) and Abigail, and two grandchildren. Seemingly fit and well (Dawn and he had only ten days previously returned from a holiday in the Caribbean), he suffered a massive stroke and died on 6 April 2023.

At Wadham Roger said he came into contact with people from widely different backgrounds and was introduced to ideas and beliefs that challenged his own: “Wadham made me think.”

By Dawn Hopson (widow)

Tudor Barry Jones
1939–2022

Born in Bethnal Green on 8 May 1939, Tudor was the first-born child of former Welsh miner Ebenezer Jones and his wife, Sylvia. During World War 2 he was evacuated from London to Welsh relatives in Rhymney, South Wales, where he attended primary school for a short time. He returned to the family home in Southgate, London at the age of six, attending Osidge Primary School. He passed the 11-plus exam and went on to Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Barnet, where he studied Greek, Ancient History and Latin to A level, gaining distinction in Latin.

Tudor went up to Wadham in 1958 to read Greats. During his first year he shared Room 2.2 with a medical student from Manchester, Garry Hambleton. A successful mix of south and north, classics and science, they remained good friends throughout his life. After graduating BA Hons in 1962 he moved back to London to obtain an Academic Diploma in Education. He then taught for a short time, before moving to Regent Street Polytechnic, later the Polytechnic of Central London, now the University of Westminster, where he lectured in Media Studies, later becoming Dean of the Faculty.

Tudor was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in his 40s and eventually took early retirement on health grounds. Not ready to put his feet up he spent a year with the NHS setting up a project for people with a learning disability. He then joined the Hertfordshire Registration and Inspection Unit, inspecting residential care homes for the elderly and people with special, complex needs.

Tudor was a kind and generous man who made many friends throughout his long and busy life, always a man of letters, good humour and sharp intellect. He is survived by his second wife Rosemary, three daughters by his first wife, Joan, who pre-deceased him, and two younger sisters.

By Rosemary Jones (widow) and Garry Hambleton (Physiological Sciences, 1958)

The Hon Roy Frederick Lawrence
1930–2023

Roy passed away peacefully on 23 March 2023 in Fitchburg, Wisconsin, after a long illness.

Born in upstate New York, he spent most of his life living in and around Chicago and the Indiana Dunes together with his one and only love of 61 years, the late Dr Ann M. Lawrence (née Miller) of Boston, their sons Mark and Andrew, and several dogs (many named Sam).

Of limitless intellect, Roy was awarded an AB in Philosophy from the Special Honors Program in the Humanities at Princeton University with secondary concentrations in History and English (1952), a BLitt. in Philosophy as Woodrow Wilson Fellow and Kinsman Trust Fellow at Oxford University (1954), a PhD in Philosophy at the University of California at Berkeley (1966), and a JD at the University of Chicago Law School where he was a Law and Humanities Fellow (1974). He taught Philosophy at Berkeley and Chicago and was later admitted to the Illinois Bar, going on to serve in the Illinois State’s Attorney’s office before becoming an Associate Judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois in DuPage County.
An inveterate lover of anagrams and crossword puzzles (which, always, were only to be completed in ink), Roy wrote for the Nassau Literary Review, performed radio theater in his college days, and sang with the Downers Grove Oratorio Society for a quarter of a century (and at home without needing prompting for much longer than that). Descended of blacksmiths and laundrymen, he collected ancient coins and learned medieval languages and encouraged his sons and grandchildren (Dein, Alaanya, Alexander, and Alia) to stretch their journeys as far afield as Europe, Africa, and Central America. A master of the most elaborate storytelling, he also had a habit of penning the briefest but most absurdly funny notes to family members, and these together with so many other irreplaceably special qualities of his character will be sorely missed.

By Mark Lawrence (son)

Timothy John Lund
1957–2023

Tim was born in Binsey, across the river from Port Meadow, and remained attached to the family home there throughout his life. After reading Maths at Wadham, he completed a master’s degree in economics at Sussex and later an MBA at INSEAD in France. Tim’s working life was largely spent in various roles for investment banks and asset managers, however he ‘dropped out’ a couple of times to enjoy looking after his two young daughters and join in local public transport activism. Tim’s guiding principle was that we are put on this earth to make the world a better place. To Tim, communities – but also individual people – were supremely important and he maintained life-long contact with friends from school, university, work and many other aspects of his life. It’s no surprise then, that after quitting the world of paid work relatively early, Tim threw his intellectual weight and physical energy into doing all he could to improve the life of the area where he lived in southeast London. This was through enthusiastic involvement in local party politics but also through his network of contacts in which he delighted. Just some of the issues that Tim felt were worth fighting for were advocating house building as a YMIBY (‘yes, in my backyard’), making the area more beautiful through community gardening and helping others in practical ways by being a joyful member of GoodGym both in London and in Oxford. Towards the end of his life, Tim indulged his love of history by turning his thoughts to the history of Binsey. He revelled in scouring the Christ Church archives for sources of information about his native village and hoped that the data he assembled would form a legacy others might benefit from in future.

By Vivien Lund (widow)

Charles George Clarke
(‘Archie’) Pitts
1939–2023

Archie died of aspirate pneumonia in Warwick Hospital on 8 July 2023.

He was educated at Exeter School where he won a Scholarship to Wadham and came up in 1958 to read Mathematics. I arrived at Wadham at the same time, also to read Mathematics. Our tutors were George Paechter, Jack Thompson and Bryce McLeod. He graduated in 1961 and stayed on to work for a DPhil, supervised by E. C. Titchmarsh in topics in the theory of eigenfunction expansions. He was awarded his DPhil in 1964.

As an undergraduate he was an enthusiastic member of the Boat Club, as was I. We rowed in the 2nd Eight in Summer Eights 1959 and in the 1st Eight in Summer Eights 1960. We got four Bumps in 1959 and were proud to be awarded our oars. We were also quite successful in 1960, getting one Bump and missing a second by just a canvas. After an afternoon of rowing, a great pleasure was tea and sandwiches in the JCR bar where everybody was looked after supremely well by the wonderful Eddie, the bar superintendent. Archie was also a poker player and spent midnight hours supplementing his finances.

In 1964 he married Marianne and they moved to Norwich for his first post as a lecturer in Mathematics at the University of East Anglia. Marianne also began her career there, teaching Mathematics, 1989-92. He leaves a wife, Marianne (St Hilda’s, 1960) and two other children, Isabel and Clarke.

By David Mannion (Mathematics, 1968)

Michael Putin
1937–2023

Michael read PPE at Wadham from 1957-60. It was an experience and a privilege that he cherished. While at school he had aspired to be an engineer, but for various reasons decided to study humanities for A level. He then saw in PPE an opportunity to nurture his interests in how societies function politically, economically and socially. Michael thoroughly enjoyed the intellectual challenge, as well as having a great deal of fun and establishing many lifelong friendships. He also fenced for the College and played the French horn in orchestras and ensembles.

After Oxford, he joined the graduate programme at Davy Powergas, a contract engineering firm in Sheffield. His role was in corporate communications, but it also enabled him, tangentially, to fulfil the engineering ambition he hadn’t pursued academically. He developed expertise in contracting for engineering assignments, travelling frequently all over the world. Latin America was a regular destination and a region he loved. He learned Spanish and Portuguese, and established...
many business contacts and friendships. He also cultivated a taste for caipirinha and on a Sunday liked to treat himself to a cocktail.

For the latter part of his career, Michael transitioned to a role with Lazard where he applied his engineering sector experience to corporate finance. He believed that the City played an important role in investing in businesses that created job and skill-development opportunities, and in supporting communities and economies. After Lazard, he continued to be involved in corporate finance, working as an independent consultant with business contacts (and friends) he had cultivated over the years.

Although Michael’s career absorbed him substantially, he also knew how to enjoy himself. His enthusiasms were wide-ranging – travel, music, art (particularly photography), literature and film, gardening and comedy.

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His Honour Michael Samuel Rich KC 1933–2023

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By Jenny Putin (Oriental Studies, 1982) (daughter)

Christopher Hugh Tyack 1936–2023

Christopher took Greats at Wadham after serving two years of national service in Cyprus and Egypt. He spent his working life in education, first teaching Ancient Greek and Latin, and then instructing student teachers in the Philosophy of Education at the West London Institute.

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He had three children. With his first wife, Wendy Perriam, he had a daughter, Pauline, who moved to Seattle where she died tragically early at the age of 42, leaving two small boys, with whom Chris maintained very close ties. With Renée, his second wife, he had two sons, Silas and Sebastian. It is to his great credit that his relationship with all his family was always close.

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By Angela Tyack (widow)

Anthony Grahame Warner 1933–2023

Our father came to Wadham in 1961 to read Physics, later studying for a DPhil at the Clarendon Laboratory. He spoke fondly of his time at Wadham and often shared memories of his life in Oxford with us.

Most of his working life was spent at the Berkley Nuclear Laboratories in Gloucestershire, but his greater delights were all outside his work. He was deeply involved in the life of Almondsbury, the village that our parents moved to in 1960. Over the years, he was variously churchwarden, school governor, editor of the parish magazine and on a variety of other local committees. He greatly enjoyed the extramural courses offered by Bristol University and became fascinated by the history of south Gloucestershire and Bristol. He founded the Almondsbury Local History Society and served as both Chair and Secretary for many years, leaving a vigorous and flourishing society.

His other consuming interest was his garden; our parents moved to a house with a large garden outside Bristol in 1977 and they worked together endlessly to create a wonderful mixture of carefully curated herbaceous planting, as they carved out new borders and chose unusual plants. The larger part of the garden was planted with a profusion of trees, bulbs and woodland shrubs. It became a haven for wildlife and a fascinating playground for their grandchildren. On their retirement, he and our mother took much joy from their garden, enjoying the constant pleasures of working alongside each other throughout the hours of daylight. He never wanted to leave the peaceful environment they had created together and managed to achieve this wish, dying peacefully after a short illness.

Tony was a loving and supportive husband, father, and grandfather, and we will all miss his unassuming wisdom and kindness.

By Richard Warner (Medicine, 1979) (son)

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Fellows' news

Philip Ross Bullock
Professor of Russian Literature and Music | Fellow and Tutor in Russian

2023 saw the 150th anniversary of the birth of Sergei Rachmaninoff, and I found myself spending much of the academic year talking about his life and works, including my debut on live radio introducing his choral symphony, The Bells, as part of the BBC Proms. A slightly calmer experience was a series of podcasts on Rachmaninoff’s vocal works produced for Thomas Hampson’s song foundation, as well as a feature on the composer’s years of exile commissioned by Gramophone magazine. Other composers have got a look-in too, and in July 2023, I returned to my home county of Yorkshire to give three lectures about Rachmaninoff’s vocal works produced for the Oxford Lieder Festival. It was a pleasure to provide the notes to accompany Beethoven and the Romantics, a year-long series of concerts given by the Nash Ensemble at London’s Wigmore Hall, as well as to write about Shostakovich’s operetta, Cherry Orchard, at London’s Wigmore Hall. This fellowship has allowed me to spend time working with the renowned pianist, lain Burnside, who has put together a series of recitals featuring songs by Rachmaninoff and his contemporaries at Wigmore Hall in 2023-24. Many of the works to be performed will not have been heard for more than a century – I am greatly looking forward to discovering how Iain and his singers bring this repertoire to life again.

Darren Dixon
Knowles-Williams Fellow in Organic Chemistry

Darren has been awarded the Tilden Prize by the Royal Society of Chemistry. The Royal Society of Chemistry’s annual Research and Innovation Prizes are among the most prestigious research awards in the world, recognising achievements by individuals, teams and organisations undertaking excellent work in the chemical sciences. Professor Dixon’s research group strives to invent new molecular tools, catalysts, and reactions that enable scientists in academia and industry to make valuable molecules for the first time, or much more quickly than was possible previously. One major theme of their work is to discover and develop new strategic bond-forming reactions from functional groups (groups of atoms bonded in a specific way) that are ubiquitous in the natural world but had previously been considered inert or highly resistant to bond formation. Enabling new reactivity from these abundant molecules can unlock applications that were previously considered impossible. Darren says: “I am humbled to join the list of distinguished chemists that have previously been awarded the Tilden prize. It is recognition of the skills, dedication, and commitment of my research group, both past and present. It has been a pleasure to work with so many talented researchers over the years and I am proud of their many contributions to the field of organic synthesis.”

Alexander Paseau
Professor of Mathematical Philosophy | Tutorial Fellow

Keen readers of the Gazette will remember that in 2022 I published the first of three books to emerge from a collaboration with a former Wadham colleague. That was One True Logic (Oxford University Press), written with Owen Griffiths, who taught at Wadham in 2014–15. In 2023, I published a short monograph called Indispensability (Cambridge University Press). My co-author this time was Alan Baker, who taught at Wadham in 2020–21. Also this year, I was honoured to be invited by the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy to give a series of seminars on my research. This so-called masterclass was an intensive three-day, five-hour-a-day affair, in which I presented some of my published and unpublished work to preselected students, all of whom who had taken a preliminary course on my research to qualify for the masterclass. The students came from all over Europe and ‘teaching’ them – actually, I learned just as much from them as they did from me – was hugely enjoyable and rewarding. On the college side, this year sees the official end of the Physics & Philosophy course at Wadham. Past Phys. and Phil. students have been extremely able, but we’ve had too few of them over the years to justify continuing the course. The exciting news, however, is that it will be replaced by Computer Science & Philosophy, with the first intake set to join the college in a few years’ time.
Peter Thonemann
Forrest-Derow Fellow and Tutor in Ancient History

In the interstices between teaching (as enjoyable as ever) and college and faculty administration (endured with stoicism) I have published two books this year, Teos and Abdera: Two Cities in Peace and War (with Mustafa Adak; OUP, 2022) and The Lives of Ancient Villages: Rural Society in Roman Anatolia (CUP, 2022). The first is about one of the largest and most important Greek inscriptions to have been discovered this century, published here for the first time; the inscription records, in thrilling and moving detail, the assistance provided by the people of Teos in western Asia Minor in the repopulation and rebuilding of their daughter-city, Abdera in Thrace, after its sack by the Romans in 170 BC during the Third Macedonian War. The second is a historical ethnography of rural life in a remote upland part of western Turkey in the Roman imperial period, and it explores, in a bit of a roundabout fashion, the role of pigs, donkeys, and witches. My 2020 book on ancient dream-interpretation, An Ancient Dream Manual: Artemidorus on the Interpretation of Dreams has been translated into Japanese and German. I’m currently spending too much time playing melodeon in folk sessions around Oxford rather than getting on with a new Loeb edition of the satires of Lucian of Samosata.

Congratulations to...

J.C. Séamus Davis, Senior Research Fellow, for winning The American Physical Society’s 2023 Buckley Prize. The award recognises and encourages outstanding theoretical or experimental contributions to condensed matter physics.

Carolin Duttlinger, Fellow and Tutor in German, who has been awarded over £1m by the Arts & Humanities Research Council for a project she is leading, titled ‘Kafka’s Transformative Communities’.

It was Kafka’s engagement with community that acts as the springboard for the project’s distinctive approach, structured around three themes: community, worldliness and transformation. Carolin and colleagues are planning an ambitious programme of conferences and exhibitions in 2024. Find out more at www.kafka-research.ox.ac.uk

Francesco Licausi, Fellow and Tutor in Plant Sciences, who has been conferred with the title ‘Professor’ following Oxford University’s 2023 Recognition of Distinction awards.

Paolo Radaelli, Professorial Fellow in Physics, for winning the 2023 Giuseppe Occhialini Medal and Prize from the Institute of Physics and the Italian Physical Society. For his seminal contributions to understanding functional and magnetic oxides, particularly through the use and development of techniques using neutron and synchrotron facilities and the promotion of UK-Italian bilateral activities.

New Fellows

Alice Baldock
Alice joins Wadham on a three-year term as Okinaga Junior Research Fellow in Japanese Studies. Her research interests include 20th century Japanese history, gender in postwar Japan and the transnational circulation of ideas around ‘the body’.

Her doctoral research at Wolfson College, Oxford, focused on the intellectual views of a group of dancers in the mid-20th century regarding the body (especially nikutai, or flesh body) and movement. In this research she also showed how dancers reframed post-war Japanese society in a way that allowed them to live more authentically in a world that was becoming increasingly codified and consumerist.

Aside from her research, Alice also has a creative practice, with recent work including an appearance in Nakajima Natsu’s Yume no yume, oku no oku, nokori no hi (April 2022) and a solo piece in butoh company Mutekisha’s Kokkyounaki Karada (July 2022), and participation in several artist residencies in the UK. She is also interested in integrating performing arts and humanities into a useful dialogue, most recently by co-organising the international conference ‘Missing Bodies, Missing Voices: Ordinary Lives and the Reframing of Postwar Japan’ at St Antony’s College, Oxford (March 2023), which brought scholars, practitioners, and scholar-practitioners from around the world into conversation.

Arran Davis
Arran joins Wadham as Junior Research Fellow in Social Sciences. He is broadly interested in using evolutionary theory to understand the human experience and his research uses methods from the psychological, computer, and network sciences to understand how social relationships affect human behaviour, health, and well-being.

Arran also works as a Postdoctoral Researcher on a James S. McDonnell Foundation funded project, headed by Professor Emma Cohen, that is investigating how early life social adversity influences the buffering effects of perceived social support on fatigue. In addition to this research, he is also working on a ‘big data’ study that examines the effects of social integration on physical exercise adherence and performance at parkrun; a free, weekly, community-based 5 km run that occurs at over 700 different locations across the UK.

Arran’s academic interests in the relationships amongst sociality, physical activity, and public health are informed by his experiences as a student-athlete. He competed in track and field (javelin throw) for both the University of Oxford and South Dakota State University, where he was an NCAA Division I Track & Field Academic All-American.
Alessio Lerose

Alessio joins Wadham as Junior Research Fellow in Physics. He is a theoretical physicist specialised in quantum many-body physics out of equilibrium. His interests include thermalization and its violations, universal non-equilibrium phenomena, the development of computational techniques, and the design of quantum simulation strategies with ultracold atoms.

Alessio obtained his PhD in Statistical Physics at SISSA Trieste (Italy) in 2019, before moving to a postdoctoral position in the group of Professor Dmitry Abanin at the University of Geneva (Switzerland). Within the University of Oxford, he also currently holds a Leverhulme-Peierls fellowship at the Rudolf Peierls Centre for Theoretical Physics (RPC).

Shumiao Ouyang

Shumiao Ouyang is an Associate Professor of Finance (without tenure) at Said Business School, University of Oxford and a Tutorial Fellow in Management at Wadham College.

Shumiao earned his PhD in Economics from Tsinghua University. Since 2018, he has been collaborating with prominent BigTech firms such as Ant Group and Alibaba, leveraging his expertise to further understand the evolving landscape of finance and technology.

Shumiao’s research is primarily focused on FinTech, Household Finance, Data Privacy, and Financial Intermediation, with a particular interest in the emerging field of BigTech Finance. As an economist, he strives to examine the complex relationships between finance and technology, shedding light on the far-reaching economic consequences of our rapidly digitizing world.

Isaac Wong

Isaac joins Wadham as Junior Research Fellow in Medical Sciences and is currently studying the biogenesis and biophysical properties of non-membrane bound organelles at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology. Isaac earned a DPhil in Molecular Cell Biology in Health and Disease under the supervision of Jordan Raff, focusing primarily on understanding the mechanisms behind centriole and centrosome biogenesis.

Johan Runeson

Johan is a Junior Research Fellow in Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences, and a post-doctoral researcher at the Physical and Theoretical Chemistry Laboratory.

His research focuses on developing mixed quantum-classical models for molecular dynamics. The aim is to describe charge and energy transfer coupled to vibrational motion, which is crucial for modelling photosynthesis and related light-harvesting applications.

Robert Yee

Robert joins Wadham as the third David Richards Junior Research Fellow in Economic History. His research focuses on the economic and political history of modern Europe. He is particularly interested in the history of central banking, finance, and international relations. His main research project traces the rise of economic expertise in interwar Britain, while a second project explores the history of financial-sector regulation in Germany. Along with his past publications, his research aims to alter our understanding of modern economic governance in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Marta Zboralska

Marta is a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the Ruskin School of Art and Bowra Junior Research Fellow at Wadham.

Marta’s current research project, Art After Witold Gombrowicz, maps responses to the Polish writer across the field of visual art. Demonstrating the author’s wide-ranging, transnational influence on artists – which has thus far escaped recognition – she uses art-historical methodologies to study how Gombrowicz’s prose has been transformed into a variety of materials and mediums, traversing geographical contexts.

Marta completed her PhD at UCL in 2020, with a thesis titled The Art of Being Together: Inside the Studio of Henryk Stażewski and Edward Krasiński. The final chapter of her doctorate won the Association for Women in Slavic Studies 2020 Graduate Essay Prize. She was an Arts and Humanities Research Council Fellow at the Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, in 2017, and Project Assistant on the Getty Foundation-funded initiative Confrontations: Sessions in East European Art History in 2019-20. In 2022, her Art Journal article ‘Living Color: Henryk Stażewski’s Interior Models’ was shortlisted for the Royal Historical Society’s Alexander Prize. Her latest article, ‘Henryk Stażewski’s Art in America’, was published in the Spring 2023 issue of Archives of American Art Journal. Before commencing her fellowship, Marta lectured at Oxford’s Department of History of Art, UCL, and the University of Essex.
Books received

We are grateful to have received a copy of the following books from alumni. In lieu of a full review, we are delighted to feature them here.

**BEYOND EMPIRE: THE END OF BRITAIN’S COLONIAL ENCOUNTER**

*John T. Ducker*  
Geography, 1956

Published by Bloomsbury, 2020. Beyond Empire looks at three decades of British colonial administration to assess the capacity of the independent governments of Africa to achieve independence. A wealth of archival material and a unique review of British press over those decades brings to life the dynamic and the tension of the process of decolonisation.

**THE CIVIC BARGAIN: HOW DEMOCRACY SURVIVES**

*P. Brook Manville*  
Classics, 1972

Published by Princeton University Press, 2023. Polls show that most Americans believe that their country’s system of governance is being ‘tested’ or is ‘under attack.’ But in The Civic Bargain, Brook Manville and Josiah Ober push back against the prevailing pessimism about the fate of democracy around the world; they offer a guide for democratic renewal, calling on citizens to recommit to a ‘civic bargain’ with one another to guarantee civic rights of freedom, equality, and dignity.

**A MAN AND HIS HOME: RALPH DUTTON OF HINTON AMPNER, 8TH BARON SHERBORNE**

*John M. Holden*  
Law, 1973

Published by Pallas Athene, 2023. Ralph Dutton was one of the leading taste-makers of his generation. He helped create the perception that the apogee of English architecture and design was the 18th century; and in his own house and garden at Hinton Ampner (National Trust), he showed how to make that taste supremely effective in our own time. This biography explores how his achievements took shape, and how they were rooted in his circle of friends and fellow enthusiasts and scholars.

Alumni news

**1953  Mason, E. Walter**

won the Stockport Bowl Trophy for Public Speaking for a record 4th time. In the 39 competitions since inauguration, only 3 other speakers have won the trophy more than once.

**1954  Bryan, Christopher J.**


**1964  Levin, Michael H.**


**1965  Rosen, Michael W.**

has written a memoir, *Getting Better*, published by Ebury, February 2023. He also won the 2023 PEN Pinter Prize, which is awarded to writers of ‘outstanding literary merit’ who take an ‘unflinching’ look at the world.

**1972  Parker, Richard J.**

was awarded a PhD by Bath Spa University in January 2023 for his thesis “Teacher perceptions of attachment aware approaches in schools – normative or transformative?”  
His book *‘Attachment Aware Schools: A Critical Perspective’* will be published by Palgrave Macmillan later in 2024.
1973  Coonan, Rory J.
As chair of VIVAT, Rory was a member of the UK Government Pavilion at the international ReBuild Ukraine conference in Warsaw. VIVAT Foundation and sister company Coral Projects forge supply chains to re-house young adults with learning disabilities, including those deported unlawfully to the Russian Federation and Belarus. www.vivatfoundation.com; www.coralprojects.co.uk

1975  Williams, Simon R.
was awarded OBE in the 2023 King's Birthday Honours, for services to Care.

1981  Ashley, Phillipa J.
A story full of unexpected romance, second chances, snowflakes and starlight!

1982  Graydon, Charalee F. E.
has been appointed as a trustee of the Oxford Climate Alumni Network: www.oxfordclimatealumni.com/connect

1983  Marber, Patrick A. C.
won a Tony Award for best direction of a play for his work on Tom Stoppard’s Leopoldstadt.

1984  Sidhu KC, Navjot (Jo)
was awarded ‘Criminal Lawyer of the Year’ at the Asian Legal Awards 2022 and won ‘Outstanding Achievement of the Year’ at the Modern Law Awards 2023. Jo was also elected to the 2023 Bar Council of England and Wales, for a three-year term beginning January 2023.

1986  Crouch, Julia C.
was awarded OBE in the 2023 King’s Birthday Honours, for services to British Foreign Policy.

1986  Freedland Jonathan S.
Shortlisted For The Baillie Gifford Prize (2022), Rathbones Folio Prize (2023), Waterstones Book Of The Year (2022) and Longlisted For The Wingate Literary Prize (2022).

1993  Chaudry, M. Asif
has edited the fourth edition of ‘Clinical Surgery’, published by Elsevier, November 2022. This major textbook provides a complete overview of all surgical specialties and is suitable for advanced undergraduates through to surgical trainees.

1994  Franklin, Emily

1994  Skevington, Alexandra (née Sarsby)
was awarded third place in FFM’s international film scoring competition in December 2022, and, in collaboration with filmmaker Kish Daniels, had a work selected for live performance at the Minnesotan Film Score Fest in June 2023. Two of her works for piano also feature in the piano syllabus for Trinity College London’s exam board which comes out in autumn 2023.

1994  Southworth, Ingrid M. (née Clifford-Jones)
was awarded OBE in the 2023 King’s Birthday Honours, for Public Service, particularly for services to British Foreign Policy.

1999  Tweddle, Mike J.
has been appointed as Artistic Director and CEO of Oxford Playhouse. Read more on pages 70-72.

2004  Wright, Emma L. (née Sturtivant)
has been awarded an MSc with Distinction in Spatial Planning and Development at the University of Reading.

2005  Ilnyckyj, Milan P.
was awarded a PhD by the University of Toronto. Milan’s thesis is entitled Persuasion Strategies: Canadian Campus Fossil Fuel Divestment Campaigns and the Development of Activists, 2012–20.

2011  Rodrigues Fowler, Yara L.
was named one of Granta’s best young British writers in their once-in-a-decade list.

2012  Ivanova, Mirela
has co-edited a new book, Is Byzantine Studies a Colonialist Discipline?: Toward a Critical Historiography. Published by Penn State University Press / ICMA, August 2023.

2014  Ansell, T. Bertie
has been awarded a Schmidt Science Fellowship. Having completed their Wadham DPhil in December 2022, Bertie plans to pivot from structural biology to microbiology to study plant-fungal-bacterial symbioses via combined computational and imaging methods.

2016  Mather, Keir A.
became the youngest member of UK parliament at age 25, winning the Selby and Ainsty (North Yorkshire) by-election for Labour in July 2023.

2017  Woolley, Reuben
Reuben’s translation of Jimi Hendrix Live in Lviv by Andrey Kurkov has been longlisted for The International Booker Prize 2023.
Degrees

Wadham has always welcomed undergraduate students who wish to take their degrees in person (it is also possible to take them in absentia); degree days are occasions to meet former College contemporaries and to share a day of celebration with family and friends. All degree ceremonies are held in the Sheldonian Theatre.

The University invites students in their final year to book a place at a degree ceremony. Dates are available for ceremonies taking place between July and the following June after the completion of studies. This automatic invitation is sent to most undergraduate and graduate students in the November/December of their final year. DPhil students will receive their invitation once they have been granted leave to supplicate. Alternatively, students may prefer to graduate at a slightly later stage, taking the opportunity to revisit the College; in that case they should apply to admin@wadham.ox.ac.uk to see what dates are available. The College is happy to welcome back as graduands any of its former students – there is no time limit involved.

Wadham is pleased to host graduands and their families for drinks and lunch on the day of their degree ceremony. Guest tickets for the Sheldonian ceremony are now limited to two per graduand. One a graduand has a confirmed date for a ceremony, the Academic Office will write, giving further details. Graduands will also be asked to provide information about any special requirements for the day. Following the ceremony, degree certificates will be handed personally to graduands or, in the case of in absentia conferrals, College will post out degree certificates to graduands shortly after the ceremony.

Former students who hold an Oxford BA degree (but not a BA from elsewhere) may apply to take their MA degree in the 21st term from their matriculation. Former students who matriculated in or before Michaelmas term 2017 (for those who had Senior Status, in or before Michaelmas 2016) may take the MA as from Trinity term 2024.

It is possible only to take one degree in person at the same ceremony. If a graduand wishes to take two or more degrees (for example a BA and an MA), one of the degrees will be conferred in person (usually the higher degree); the other degree(s) will then be conferred in absentia, at the same ceremony.

Dress Code: Current graduates will be aware that the dress code (‘sub-fusc’) has been relaxed in some respects in order to avoid causing stress to those taking Final Examinations. Since graduation is anything but a stressful event, but retains a reasonable measure of formality, graduands will be expected to present themselves in the traditional ‘sub-fusc’ dress.

Those not wishing to graduate in person can opt to do so in absentia. Current final year students will be able to indicate this in responding to the University’s invitation sent out during their final year of study. Former students should contact the Academic Office for guidance on applying via the ‘Historic Graduands’ route. Further details are on www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/students/graduation.

All graduands are reminded that it is essential for any outstanding tuition fees with the College and/or the University to be cleared before they will be presented for a degree.

When a former student has taken his or her degree in person or in absentia (including BA or undergraduate Master’s degrees), they are automatically admitted to Membership of Convocation and thus become life members of the University. As Members of Convocation, graduates may vote for the Professor of Poetry and for the next Chancellor of the University. They are also accorded special privileges in College; in particular, dining rights at High Table (at normal cost) and they will also be invited at regular intervals to Gaudies.

Further information can be obtained by writing to the Dean of Degrees c/o Teodora Rnjak, Academic Office, on 01865 277947, by email at admin@wadham.ox.ac.uk or by going to the College website at www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/students/graduation.

Ray Ockenden
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With grateful thanks for all those below who have supported the College so generously over the last year, as well as those who have given anonymously. All these donations have been received between the dates of 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023.

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1963
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Ian Boag
Andrew Boyd
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Richard Dening
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Ian Cooper  
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John Gilbert  
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Richard Hobson  
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Michael Foster  
William Gatens  
John Holden  
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Sir Tim Holroyde  
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Ian Mackinnon  
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John Moore  
Andrew Naime  
Martin Rutledge  
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Fred Wiener  
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Jim Adams  
Peter Bolwell  
Justin Crawford  
Julie Curtis  
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Paul Daniels  
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Mark Conway  
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Sarah Gibbs  
Alex Guest  
Lisa Hall  
Sophie Hambleton  
Bethan Harris  
Martin Harris  
Margaret Haynes  
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John Legge  
Mauro Marangelo  
Frances McLeod  
Ben Meinse  
Simon Milner  
Liz Morony  
Catherine Moss  
Judith Murray  
Erol Mustafa  
Richard Neill  
Swee Kee Ng  
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Paul Sanders  
Sarah Sharp  
Gill Shepherd  
Adam Steinhouse  
Jonathan Teasdale  
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Lindsay Middleton-Scarr  
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John Patterson  
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Michael Shukov  
Phil Smyth  
Paul Snape  
Mark Taylor  
Ella Wong  
Lara Wood  
Yasmeen Zafar |
| 1987 | Camilla Barry  
Jill Brown  
Luke Browne  
Philip Crispin  
Lynne Davies  
Mark Davies  
Helen Gower  
Catherine Grout  
Laura Hammond  
Andrew Hui  
Katherine Ilbotson  
Carole-Ann Jones  
Rupert Lewis  
Tapas Maiti  
Ashley Mitchell  
Anna Myat  
Nicole Neal  
James Peggie  
Lucy Pitman  
Nick South  
Jonathan Spottiswoode |
| 1988 | Brian McKenna  
Helen Mungeam  
Stephanie Pearl  
Sarah Perman  
Juliet Pickering  
Richard Plaskett  
Jonathan Pownall  
Martin Reid  
David Rymill  
Heidi Slater  
Steve Smith  
Adrian Whittington |
| 1989 | Anonymous  
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Georgina Birri  
John Buckley  
Ike Chioke  
James Clark  
Gervase Clifton-Bligh  
Chris Dettmar  
Manoj Durasingh  
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