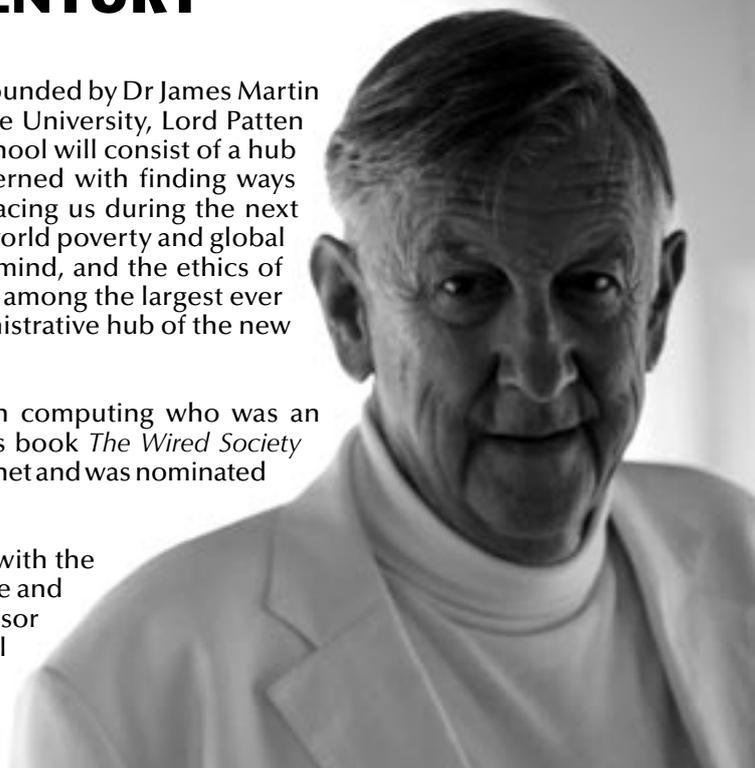


## KEBLE MAN FUNDS NEW SCHOOL OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

A new School of the 21 Century at the University of Oxford founded by Dr James Martin (Keble Physics, 1952) was launched by the Chancellor of the University, Lord Patten of Barnes, at the House of Commons on 1 June. The new School will consist of a hub surrounded by associated research institutes, and is concerned with finding ways to understand and cope with the huge global challenges facing us during the next century. Initial research topics will include climate change, world poverty and global epidemics, as well as questions of aging, the future of the mind, and the ethics of the new biosciences. Dr Martin's donation of \$100 million is among the largest ever received by the University and we are excited that the administrative hub of the new School will be based on Keble's Acland site.

James Martin, born in Ashby de la Zouch, is a pioneer in computing who was an undergraduate at Keble and holds a DLitt from Oxford. His book *The Wired Society* (1977) anticipated the rise of personal computers and the internet and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

A number of Keble's professorial fellows will be associated with the School, including Professor Steve Rayner (Institute of Science and Civilization), Dr Paul Jeffreys (e-Horizons Institute) and Professor Jonathan Zittrain (Oxford Internet Institute). An exceptional feature of the new School is its guarantee of new recurrent research funding in perpetuity for the leading researchers in these vital areas.



### The dustiest place on earth

Keble is already significantly involved in an area of research which will be undertaken by James Martin's School of the 21st Century. Richard Washington (1992), Fellow and Tutor in Geography has spent several years researching the climate of Africa and most recently the Sahara and how aerosols/dust may affect the climate and living conditions in the wider world.

Not many people would choose to go to the Bodélé, a low-lying region on the eastern fringe of the Sahara in Northern Chad. However, Richard was part of a team recently from Oxford University, together with Earth scientists from Salford and Birkbeck College, London, which set out to investigate how dust from this region affects storm formation and cloud cover and provides minerals that fertilize the oceans and jungles of the world thousands of miles away.

'Features like the Bodélé turn out to be of planetary significance', said Richard and yet little is known about exactly how much dust is produced, by what mechanism and how much effect it has on the planet. Just what causes the Bodélé to pump out dust at such a phenomenal rate?

The Bodélé was not always like this: at one time Lake Megachad stretched across much of the country supporting numerous communities on its shores. Six thousand years ago, the lake receded taking the people with it.

Richard Washington will be featured in a future issue of *the brick* to discuss some of his findings.



Richard Washington and post-graduate, Sebastian Engelstaedter, release helium balloons for tracking.

# DIARY

Jul	Saturday 30		Sep	Fri 8 – Sun 11	
	<p><b>MA Degree Day</b> for 1997 matriculands. There are some places left to graduate in person. Contact Ruth Cowen. If you wish to have your MA conferred in absentia, return the form on the website with £10 to Ruth.</p> 			<p><b>Heritage Open Day</b> The College plans to be open to the public again under the 2005 Heritage Open Days scheme. If you are interested in taking part in a College tour, call the Development Office. <a href="http://www.visitoxford.org">www.visitoxford.org</a> <a href="http://www.heritageopendays.org">www.heritageopendays.org</a></p>	
Sep cont'd	Saturday 10	Friday 30			
	<p><b>Keble Law Society Dinner</b> Invitations have been sent out to Old Members who studied Law at Keble.  If you studied Law after you left and have not received an invitation, please contact Isla Smith.</p>	<p><b>50th Anniversary Lunch for 1955s</b> Invitations to all 1955s will be sent out in July.  Please contact Ruth Cowen if you do not receive an invitation.</p>			
Oct	Saturday 8	9	Saturday 22	Friday 11	<p><b>Reunion dates 2006</b></p> <p>1957–62 7–8 April</p> <p>1968–72 30 June – 1 July</p>
	<p><b>Ghosts Football Match</b></p> 	<p>Michaelmas Term Begins</p>	<p><b>Ghosts Rugby Match</b></p> 	<p><b>Richardson Lecture</b> Dr Theresa Burt de Perera  Fish in Space 5.30pm Pusey Room</p>	

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The O'Reilly Theatre	Oct	Nov	Dec
	<p><b>Tuesday 18 – Saturday 22</b></p> <p><b>Mary Stewart</b> by Friedrich Schiller a gritty historical satire</p> <p><b>Tuesday 25 – Saturday 29</b> Keble Drama Society <b>Travesties</b> by Tom Stoppard A mixture of Wildean wit and outrageous farce; possibly Stoppard's finest to date.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 1 – Saturday 5</b></p> <p><b>Oxford Theatre Guild</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 15 – Saturday 19</b></p> <p><b>Kiss Me Kate</b> by Cole Porter Musical of the Term. Porter's interpretation of Taming of the Shrew</p>	<p><b>Tue 29 Nov – Sat 3 Dec</b></p> <p><b>A Servant To Two Masters</b> by Carlo Goldoni Commedia dell'arte, a slick and precise physical comedy.</p> 
all begin 7:30pm	<p><b>Box Office (01865) 305305</b> <a href="http://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/life/theatre/">www.keble.ox.ac.uk/life/theatre/</a></p>		

# THE BRICK INTERVIEW: KEBLE TRIUMVIRATE OF MPs

Alex Keenan and Richard Bliault interviewed Keble's three MPs by email since the election in May: new to the House of Commons are Ed Balls (1985), for Normanton, Labour, and Philip Dunne (1977), for Ludlow, Conservative, and returned was Andrew Turner (1973), Isle of Wight, Conservative.

## Philip Dunne

## Ed Balls

## Andrew Turner

### What did you do before you went into politics?

After Keble, I spent 8 years with S G Warburg in London and New York. While there I co-founded Ottakar's a bookshop company. In 1990s, I worked for Phoenix, a banking business, running the Hong Kong office for three years straddling the political handover.

I studied and taught economics at Harvard and then spent four years as an economics leader writer and columnist at the Financial Times.



Liberal-leaning at 12, Young Conservative at 16 and a JCR officer at 20, in 1997, I fought the Isle of Wight. I had been an Oxford City Councillor for 17 years. Before that, I worked to get Southwark Council Education department out of special measures.

### What did you take from you time at Keble into your later career, and did any of it inspire you to move into politics?

Although I read PPE at Keble, I did not get involved in student politics. I was busy with the University Air Squadron and acting. My tutors, Paul Hayes and Larry Siedentop, were influential in drawing international political themes to my attention.

My economics tutors had an important influence on me – they certainly persuaded me that economic policymakers should be able to do things better than in the late 1980s when we were studying the British economy.



The realisation that it was possible to 'move into politics'.

### If you could change one thing about Britain what would it be?

The Government.



The low levels of staying on rates at school at 16 in areas like my constituency.

Wasteful use of resources, in international travel, building land, or extravagant use of food, and bad urban design.

### Where do you see you see yourself in ten years time?

I would hope over 10 years to have restored the majority of Ludlow to over 10,000. This would be a major achievement in the modern political climate of voter apathy.

Ten years! A week is a long time in politics. With three children under six, I hope I see myself in ten years time able to help three teenagers with their homework!

Absolutely no idea!

### What do you do to relax (and is it the same as what you did to relax at Keble)?

I try to spend time with my four children. I like to take them to do things which are not part of our routine. We go to new places, try new food (not always successful), and play new games or sports, perhaps because Britain's Olympian bronze medal winner comes from Ludlow.

I probably find cooking for the family the most relaxing thing I do at weekends – not something I ever did at Keble as I lived in the College for all 3 years (I was JCR President in my final year) and went to dinner in Hall pretty much every night.

I used to do politics to relax – and as an alternative to eading. Now I read as an alternative to politics.

## New recruits to Development team

Camilla Matterson migrated from Magdalen College School to Keble in April and DB Lenck moved down the road from Wadham Development Office where she worked after 11 years in the Bank of England. As we look forward to the challenges of increasing support of the *Talbot Fund* and the development of the Acland site, we are delighted to have the team strengthened by Camilla and DB and they look forward to getting to know many Keble Old Members in the process.

Camilla  
▽ Matterson

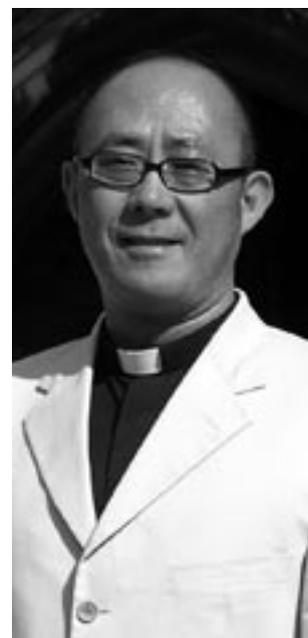


▽ DB Lenck



## Welcome to new College Chaplain

Allen Shin came to Keble in 2001 to do a D.Phil in Theology and since 2002 has been a Gosden Scholar. Most recently, he was Honorary Curate at All Saints' Margaret Street in London and previously served as a Priest at the Church of St Mary the Virgin in Times Square, New York.



His vision for the Chapel is that it should be the centre of prayer and spiritual life of the College community. He is very keen to develop programmes and projects in which all students can participate, such as inter-religious dialogues and services in the College, and social projects in which students can volunteer for a worthy cause, in the UK and abroad. He is working on a scheme to develop a building project in Africa, perhaps Kenya or South Africa, where student volunteers will help to build schools, homes and hospitals.

■ Marie Houghton

## Letter Home to Mexico

Current Physics DPhil student and former MCR President (2001–2), Salvador Venegas-Andraca, recently received a prestigious British Council International Student Award. This competition is open to international students studying in the UK. Salvador's entry was one of 2,340 from 142 nationalities.



He chose to 'write home' about how his experiences of

life at Keble, where he has taken a very active part in all aspects of College life, have enhanced his personal development and helped him achieve his ambitions. The judges looked for 'enthusiastic and proactive involvement in academic, business, professional or social areas' and found all these in Salvador. He was President of the Oxford University Mexican Society from 2002–4 and President of the Mexican Society UK in 2003–4 and he has worked tirelessly to bring together the scientific communities of Mexico and the UK, co-organizing a summer school on Quantum Computation.

■ Samantha Grey

## Oxford Women in Politics

Oxford Women in Politics is an Oxford University student society, founded in Hilary Term 2004, and to date boasts members from 38 Oxford colleges as well as a wider global membership. The Society aims to connect women who share a common interest in promoting a greater rôle for women in the public sphere and tackling gender disparity in professional sectors. The Society is dedicated to recognizing the professional contributions that Oxford Women have made, and will make, in the political world and aims to inspire women to become leaders.

# AROUND THE COLLEGE

## Trip to Cambodia

*Charlotte Partridge writes:*

With support from the Keble Association, I volunteered to help in an orphanage for children with HIV in Cambodia. The spread of HIV and AIDS is a major problem there, mainly due to a lack of funds for treatment and a lack of education about the means of transmission and effective avoidance. I was working with the Mary Knoll Sisters who are the only provider of medicine for victims and over the last 4 years have set up 8 orphanages.

I was involved in the care of 20 children, 4 months to 4 years old, and helped in the daily tasks of feeding and washing them. It was very rewarding to see

these children who had been deprived of attention for most of their lives responding to our singing and playing with them.

On occasion, I went with field workers to visit affected children who were living at home. To witness the true poverty first hand was eye-opening and very distressing. The lack of basic hygiene means that these children are more likely to succumb to disease more readily in spite of the best efforts of the field workers to educate their guardians.

I am so grateful to the Keble Association for enabling me to have this experience and



provide a little comfort in the children's joyless lives

## Focus on Keble Societies — The Hursley Society

The Hursley Society is named after the village near Winchester where John Keble was Vicar for 30 years. The Keble Theological Society adopted the name of The Hursley Society following a visit there in 1996.

The Society is open to anyone interested in theology from within, or from outside Keble. It meets several times a term to discuss and explore in an open and critical way some of the issues associated with religious belief. Discussions have taken place on the role of religion in politics, the problems of suffering and reflections on the work of John Keble.

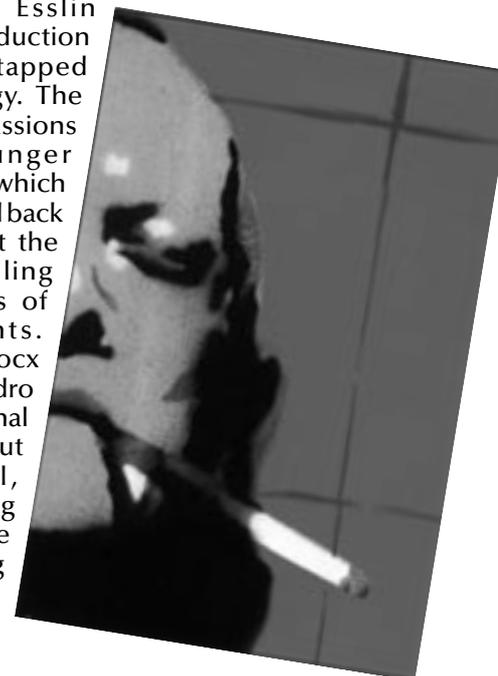


The Society is currently overseen by the Chaplain, Allen Shin and Senior Tutor in Theology, Dr Catrin Williams who have exciting plans for its future with wider scope of topics for debate.

## East

*East* by Stephen Berkoff (an elegy for London's East End and its energetic waste)

As 'an outburst of revolt against the sloth of my youth' in *East* Stephen Berkoff created a challenging and vital play. The Martin Esslin Society's production had clearly tapped into its energy. The undirected passions of the younger characters, in which nothing is held back paired against the pointless railing and fantasies of their parents. Keble's Gus Docx and Alex Shandro were exceptional in bringing out the primal, arresting energy of Mike and Les among a very strong cast.



■ Richard Bliault

## Dance Sport Cuppers



Samantha Roberts

Lots of hair gel and makeup for the girls, some rather tight shirts donned by the guys — St Anthony's played host to dance sport cuppers this term. For the first time a joint Keble & Wycliffe Hall team was entered, comprising 9 couples dancing the waltz, cha-cha, quickstep or the jive. All at least reached the quarter finals, with 5 couples reaching the finals. Special mention should go to Joanna Neilly and Alex Hobbs who won the cha-cha competition, the routine for which Joanna learnt in a week. Sadly, Keble lost out, coming a close second to Trinity, but hopefully, the trophy will be reclaimed next year.

■ Marie Houghton

## Keble Triumph in Canoe Polo Cuppers

After defeat in the final last year, Keble fielded a stronger team in this year's Canoe Polo Cuppers and paddled their way to a resounding victory. Although enthusiastic teams from Worcester and Oriel put up a valiant fight, Keble dominated from the outset with outstanding individual performances from Richard Tuley and Gareth Uglow. Keble maintains a strong link with the University Kayaking Club and three undergraduates have competed at Varsity level this year.

■ Alexander Keenan



The Oxford Student

## Football Blues



Keble undergraduates Nik Baker (pictured right) and Ricardo Tavares (Club Secretary) got football Blues this year. They beat Cambridge 1–0 and Nik was named Man of the Match. Both students played for professional clubs before joining Keble; Nik for Fulham and Ricardo for QPR. The University team has played and beaten some semi-professional sides, including Oxford City.

■ Tessa Stanley-Price

## Keble Blue in Record Breaking Crew

Jason Flickinger (2004), 6'7" Princeton graduate and MBA student, rowed at number 7 in the 151st Boat Race. The Oxford Crew, all over 6'3" in

height, with an average weight of over 15st, had the distinction of being the heaviest crew on record. With a time of 16 minutes 41 seconds, they came creditably close to the 1998 record of 16.19. Jason was ecstatic to find that many hours and, indeed, years of training had culminated in an easy victory over Cambridge. Well done to the crew and to Jason in particular!

■ Julianna Barnaby



## The Future of Kurdistan in Iraq



Brendan O'Leary (1977), Lauder Professor of Political Science and Director of the Solomon Asch Centre at the University of Pennsylvania, is currently acting as a constitutional advisor to the Kurdistan Regional Government.

When Iraq was invaded by 'a coalition of the willing' in 2003, one part of Iraq, Kurdistan, was already free from Saddam's B'athists. It was autonomous but not formally independent.

*The Future of Kurdistan* collects expert contributions on the consequences of the overthrow of Saddam's regime for the Kurds and the other peoples of Kurdistan. ISBN 0-8122-3870-2

## Marathon des Sables

The Norris and Nunn duo did it! What did they do? They walked or ran 150 miles across the Sahara desert with an intriguing collection of lion tamers, writers, teachers, archaeologists, economists and ex-Foreign Legion close protection bodyguards.

High temperatures, frequent sandstorms, many repulsive blisters and 6 stages over a single week, it wasn't that hard, really. They were raising money for the Daneford Trust. [www.danefordtrust.org.uk](http://www.danefordtrust.org.uk)

## Ivor Roberts to head Trinity



Trinity has announced that Sir Ivor Roberts KCMG (1964), Honorary Fellow of Keble, is to succeed the Honourable Michael Beloff QC as President from September 2006. He is currently Britain's Ambassador in Rome following postings most recently to Dublin and Belgrade.

Keble will be delighted to have Ivor and Elizabeth as friends 'down the road' and for his part, Sir Ivor said that 'To return to Oxford to head one of its finest and most beautiful colleges is an unalloyed privilege and pleasure. I look forward to working with Trinity's Fellowship at a time of important challenge and opportunity for the collegiate University.'

## Chad's return



In June, Dr Chad Varah, CH, CBE (1930, and Honorary Fellow) returned to Wren's church of St Stephen Walbrook, City of London, for the first time since 2003, when he retired from a post he had held for 50 years. Chad returned to solemnize the marriage of his granddaughter, Kate Varah (1994) to Matthew Booth.

## John Gittins Retirement Lunch

Former Keble mathematicians were invited to a retirement lunch for John Gittins. John was delighted that 70 former students, 17 current students and 7 maths and computer science Fellows attended. Musical entertainment by John and Robin Wilson with David Acheson on electric guitar included Offenbach's *Gendarmes' duet* were sung to the words 'We're mathematics dons from Keble'.

## Andrew Adonis

The College would like to offer its congratulations to Andrew Adonis (1981) who was recently made a life peer, Baron Adonis of Camden Town in the London Borough of Camden. Following a career in journalism, most notably with *The Financial Times* and *The Observer* in the 1990s, he has been a member of the Prime Minister's Office since 1998. He was Education Advisor, Policy Unit from 1998–2001; Head of Policy from 2001–3; Senior Education and Public Services Adviser in the Policy Directorate from 2003–4 and then Senior Policy Adviser 2004–5. In the most recent government reshuffle, he was made Minister for Schools in the Department of Education and Skills.



# AND FINALLY...

## Gardeners' Delight 40 Years On

Once there was a shabby shed in Hayward Quad, now the gardener team has a 'palace' in the corner of Pusey. There is a

room for tools and lawn mowers and a staff common room for tea and occasional shelter from the rain. Tucked away in the corner and not visible from the Quad is a greenhouse for plant propagation. The replanting of the borders

abutting the wall with Parks Road will eventually screen the 'shoe box'.



Steve Beasley will have been at Keble for 40 years in August and is, by far, the longest serving member of staff. Steve joined the College straight from school and worked firstly at the Woodstock Road Sports Ground, before coming to work in the College 13 years ago. He is a familiar figure in the quads – usually tending the lawns in all seasons. Over a cup of tea, in the new gardeners' staff room in Pusey Quad, he spoke of his love for his job and the College. Mowing and watering are his preferred tasks and, without hesitation, he said that summer is his favourite season. Steve's life outside College revolves around his parrot, Rocky, and his interests in Speedway and Oxford City FC.



## Award for Sloane Robinson Building



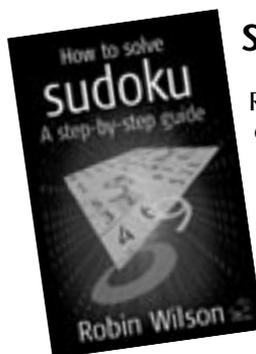
The Sloane Robinson Building received a Commendation at 2005 Civic Trust Awards. The Awards recognize projects that demonstrate the highest quality of design, whilst also benefiting the local environment. The building, designed by Rick Mather Architects, uses innovative technology, including a ground water heating/cooling exchange system, massively reducing energy consumption and running costs. It is estimated that the cost of heating and air conditioning the building is a third of what it would be if a conventional air based system was used.

■ Marie Houghton

## Benches benamed

As part of the landscaping of Keble's gardens, ten sites for new benches have been identified around the College. In several places, the planting has been arranged to integrate the benches into the border scheme.

The new benches will cost £600 and anyone wishing to sponsor one of them and have their name (or the names of family members) on one of the benches should contact Isla Smith in the Development Office.



## Su Doku Solver

Robin Wilson, Fellow in Mathematics, has just completed a step-by-step guide on how to solve Su Doku. The book was commissioned, written, copy-edited and proof-read in just nineteen days, and was published in late June.

Details of Robin's Gresham Lectures can be found at [www.gresham.ac.uk](http://www.gresham.ac.uk).