

THE TALBOT FUND

Report



I am very pleased and heartened to report that during the past year the Talbot Fund has seen a significant increase in the number of Old Members and Friends signing up to regular giving as a means of showing their support for College. As a consequence, the Fund has been able to help to shape many areas of College life. The following pages will show not only the up-to-date participation levels of individual years and how much Old Members have raised in financial terms but also how this money is spent.

We continue to stress the importance of participation: the involvement of a large number of Old Members contributing to the best of their ability, small or large, on a regular basis really does make a difference.

One of the many advantages of the Talbot Fund is that you decide how you would like Keble to use the funds you donate. Both undergraduate and graduate students benefit from every penny given to the area of your choice. Your donation is working hard for us and I hope that you will agree, having read the reports overleaf, how important this is for today's, increasingly, under-funded students.

Old Members may take great pride in what they are achieving through the Fund. It is vital that we can continue to build and grow on this achievement for the future. We rely heavily on our Year Group Reps to encourage contemporaries to keep in touch with each other. When it comes to supporting the Talbot Fund, they lead by example and encourage their cohort to follow that lead. Without their help, we simply could not record the levels of participation you see in this report.

If you have not already done so, please do sign up today by standing order and strengthen the efforts of your Year Group and, indeed, everyone at Keble who works so hard to make College life a truly enriching experience for students. I am very pleased to have so many Old Members involved in Keble's future and I hope that you will visit us, either for a Reunion or by just dropping in when you are in Oxford, so that you may see the fruits of this support. And please keep up the good work!

Averil Cameron

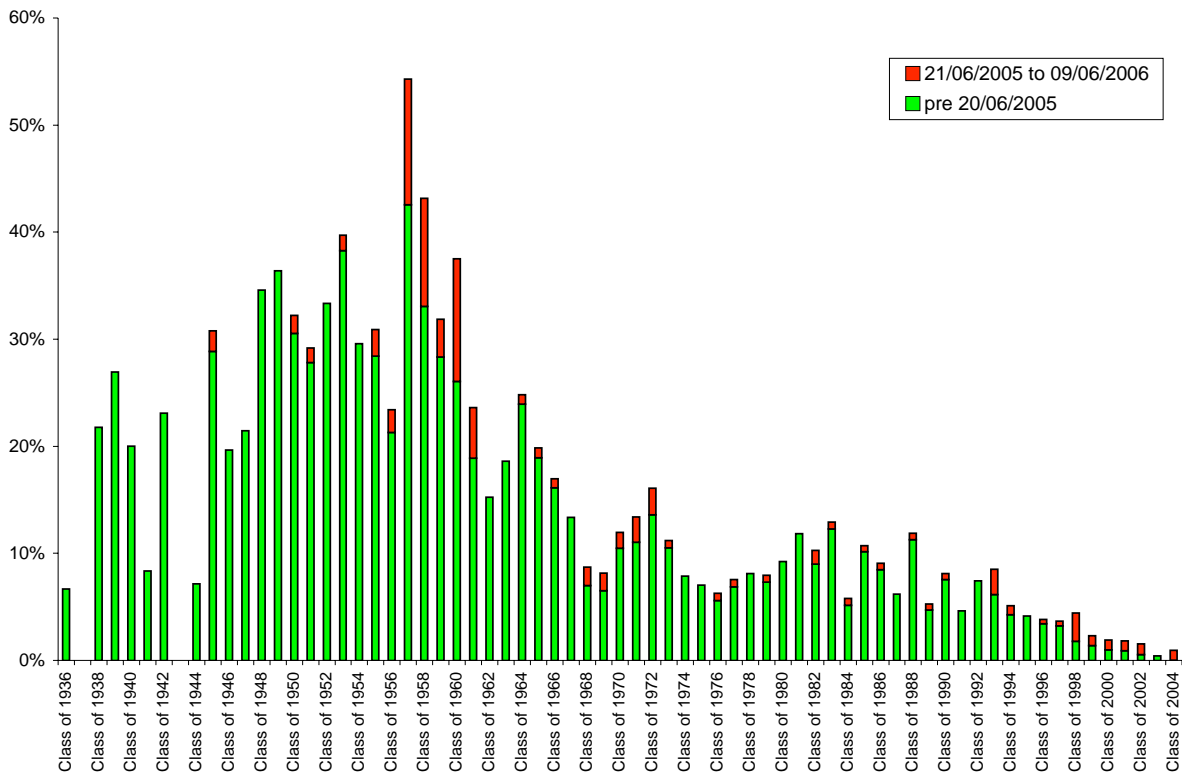
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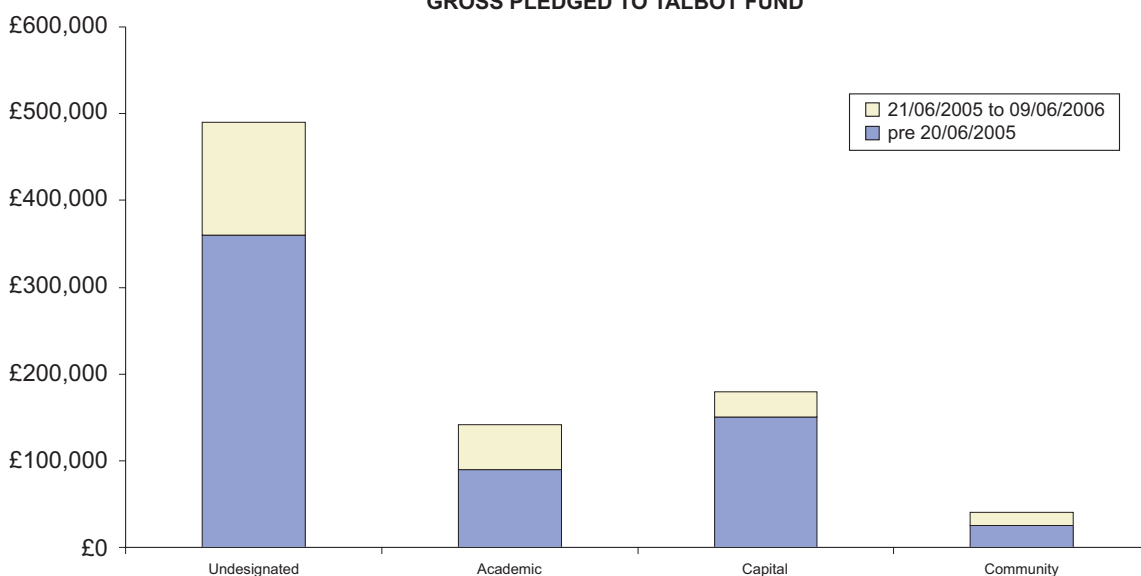
The Talbot Fund is closely linked to the Year Group initiative set up in 1999 and to the 5-year cycle of communications and events culminating in the Reunion weekends. All Old Members are encouraged to participate in the Talbot Fund – donation forms are included with *the brick* each term to enable Old Members to contribute at any time.

This year, 1957-62 and 1968-72, the two groups who have had their Reunion weekends during the course of this year, were approached by student telephone teams and asked to support the Talbot Fund. The chart below illustrates the current levels of participation across all Year Groups.

PERCENTAGE OF CURRENT CLASS PARTICIPATION



GROSS PLEDGED TO TALBOT FUND

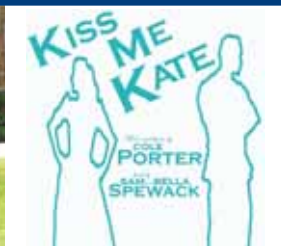


To date, a total of £852,555 has been pledged to the Fund (based on a 5-year commitment and including £136,388 in Gift Aid). Of this, £468k has been received. The bar chart above shows the fund preferences expressed by donors.

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Endowment Gifts

Funds are invested to build an income stream to support academic and community projects in perpetuity.



Academic Projects

(Bursaries and Scholarships)

£631,000 pledged; [£330,000 received]

Fundraising for student support remains the highest priority for the Talbot Fund. It is essential that the best students are attracted to Keble and that adequate financial help is available where necessary. All of the income from 'undesignated' donations is currently being directed to this cause.

In 2005/06 bursaries totalling £54K were awarded to Keble students, of which half was funded by the College. Income from academic and undesignated endowment gifts contributed £10K.

In October 2006 the new Oxford Opportunity Bursaries scheme, which aspires to a 'needs-blind' access, will be launched. This will offer substantially higher levels of support, reaching about 1 in 5 students, creating greater demand for bursary funding in the coming years.

Community Projects

(Drama, Music and Sport)

£41,000 pledged; [£18,000 received]

The Music Society, (annual budget £3k), has had a remarkable year highlighting the depth of talent within College. The quality of performances from Keble students and invited professional musicians such as Joerg Lingenberg (flute) and Melvyn Tan (Fortepiano) and a Piano Masterclass by Mario Papadopoulos (Oxford Philomusica Director) continues to attract large audiences throughout the year to the regular Tuesday concerts.

The Martin Esslin Society, (annual budget £4k), has produced a dazzling array of dramatic productions in the O'Reilly Theatre during the past year with at least 4 per term.

Sport at Keble (annual budget £25k) is well supported by the Talbot Fund which helps to provide new equipment and funding for training and competition entry fees. Keble can currently boast blues in Football, Golf, Hockey, Judo, Modern Pentathlon, Rowing and Sailing.

Capital Projects

Capital gifts are used to fund one-off fabric projects in the College
£180,000 pledged; [£120,000 received]



Hall

Our conservation architect is carrying out a detailed study in preparation for the repair and renovation of the Hall floor. Full restoration is likely to cost in the order of £100,000.



Gardens

Despite the current hosepipe ban, the College gardens have never looked better and now have 13 new named benches contributed by Old Members.



Butterfield Rooms and Corridors

We are planning a major rolling programme to refurbish all the Victorian rooms and corridors, commencing October 2007. The programme will cost in the order of £20,000 per room and there are 170 rooms!

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Other funds...

The Sloane Robinson Graduate Scholarships

In October 2006, the first of the newly established Sloane Robinson scholarships will be taken up. George Robinson (1975) and his business partner, Hugh Sloane (Lincoln 1978) have set up a trust to fund twenty of these graduate scholarships a year, ten each at Keble and Lincoln. The scholarships will be awarded to enable overseas students of outstanding academic ability (principally from Asia) to come to Oxford to pursue their graduate studies.



The Keble Association

The Keble Association, a charity in its own right, exists for the benefit of members of

Keble. Over the past year, it has continued to support junior members in a variety of ways. In particular, the KA assists students in financial need, giving one-off grants to ease financial strains or to cover the cost of study, travel or other costs. It has also continued its commitment to fund, jointly with the College, bursaries to undergraduates on partial fee remission.

In the 2005-6 academic year, the Keble Association has made grants and funds to support student and College activities amounting to over £44k.

Legacy Giving

The College has received five legacies totalling over £40,000 during the course of the 2005-6 financial year. The College is very grateful to Old Members who have included Keble in their wills and hopes that others will also choose to remember Keble in this way. The very positive response to the setting up of the Douglas Price Society has been heartening: the Society now has over 150 members.



The Victoria de Breyne Scholarships

The first recipients of the Victoria de Breyne scholarships have now reached the end of their term of study for their D.Phils at Keble;

Anastasia Nijnik (1998 Biochemistry) and Timothy Johnston (1998 Modern History) are 'home-grown', as they were both undergraduates at Keble before taking up their graduate studies. Anastasia obtained her D.Phil in Clinical Medicine in April and Tim is submitting his D.Phil thesis in Soviet History this summer before taking up a post as Stipendiary Lecturer at St Peter's.



Prizes

Academic prizes have been set up in memory of Denis Meakins (former Chemistry Fellow) and Michael Zola (1965) with contributions from Old Members and families.

The Rowing Society

The Keble Rowing Society continues to support the activities of the College Boat Club. Crews now benefit from the direction of a professional coach who is largely funded by the Keble Rowing Society through subscriptions collected throughout the year. The coach is able to structure appropriate training regimes and to help with crew selection and motivation. The updating and improvement of equipment is under constant review.



Thank you for your support