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Bold Moves

When we bought the Acland Site in December 2004 we knew it was fundamental to Keble's long term future. We also knew that the task of redeveloping the site would be the biggest challenge the College had taken on since its foundation.

Four years on, we have made progress. There are 76 students and 4 fellows living on the site so it is paying its way in the short term. Our chosen architect, Rick Mather, has developed a fine design for the redevelopment and we are close to submitting a planning application. Meanwhile our thoughts have turned to the question of how to pay for it.

The more we thought about fundraising, the more obvious it became that we needed to place the Acland development in the context of the long-term ambitions of the College. Our buildings, splendid as they are, are a means to an academic end, not an end in themselves. And, as we thought about the long term, 2020 – the 150th anniversary of the founding of the College – loomed into view. The question became, what do we want Keble to be like by 2020? How many undergraduates? How many graduates? What should the fellowship look like? What should be the balance of teaching and research? How should Keble engage with the University, the wider academic community, the world beyond academia?



In May a group of fellows and Old Members spent a day addressing these questions and then presented their preliminary conclusions to a wider group. It was heady stuff!

The College was urged to be bold – very bold. Our aims: to admit the best students regardless of their means, to attract and retain the best academics, and to provide the best accommodation – both residential and communal – in Oxford. And that means we need to match fundraising for buildings with fundraising for academic and student support.



Towards the end of that memorable evening two Old Members, Robin Geffen and George Robinson, informed the Warden that together they would contribute a substantial sum to help fund the higher level of development activity that would be needed.

Few understand the power of leverage better than Robin and George: their extraordinary generosity gave the Governing Body the confidence to move forward. Advised by a firm of leading fundraising consultants, the College began to plan a major expansion of the Development Office.

It will come as a great surprise to the very many Old Members who know her to learn that Isla Smith, who joined the Development Office in 1997 and became its Director in 2000, is not quite as young as she looks. She is now a grandmother; her husband retired a couple of years ago and bought a boat and she has other family commitments in Edinburgh. All of these factors threaten to become more than weekend distractions. We have therefore, in the context of the consultant's recommendations, had to contemplate a development future without Isla at its centre.

To this problem we have found a Keble solution. Jenny Tudge came up to the College in 1986 to read Geography. She is currently the Development Director at Cheltenham Ladies' College. In a field gathered by headhunters she proved the outstanding candidate and will take up the new post of Director of Development at Keble next February. Isla will work with her during 2009 to ensure a seamless transition before finally being released to the pleasures of a life after fundraising. The development team – Camilla Matterson, Ruth Cowen and DB Lenck – will migrate to their positions in the new structure when Jenny arrives, and we shall also be recruiting an administrative assistant.

Realising our 2020 vision will be a huge challenge. But so was the creation of the College a hundred and fifty years earlier. Our founders progressed from the initial idea to the opening in just four years. We have twelve. Time enough, with such a talented development team, to match their achievement.

Roger Boden



Keble College Music Society - see www.keblemusic.co.uk for Hilary Term Events. Old Members Welcome

OAANY Young Alumni 2009 Kick Off Party

Wednesday January 14th - 7 - 9pm
University of Oxford North American Office,
500 Fifth Avenue, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10110

Come and join us for a free informal cocktail event with the opportunity to meet Young Alumni and learn more about OAANY as well as upcoming events.

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.



For Further information or to RSVP, please contact:

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Sunday 18 January

Hilary Term begins

Friday 30 January

73rd London Dinner Brooks's, 60 St James's Street, London.
Booking Form was enclosed with *The Record 2008*, also available on the College website:
www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni/events/73rd-london-dinner

Friday 20 February

Richardson Lecture
5.30pm Pusey Room - Dr Sophie Ratcliffe, British Academy Research Fellow will give a lecture on the idea of literary sympathy. The precise title will be announced in January on the Events page of the website.



Thursday 19 March

London Drinks Party
Clifford Chance, 10 Upper Bank Street, Canary Wharf
Booking Form enclosed also available on College website:
www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni/events

Sunday 26 April

Trinity Term Begins

St Mark's Dinner

St Mark's Day Service in Chapel is followed by Dinner for present members of the College, including all classes of Fellows.

Saturday 9 May

Degree Day for 2008 Finalists



Invitations will be sent out early in 2009. Please note that due to a reorganization of certain degree days by the University, only two guest tickets per graduand will be permitted at this ceremony.

2009 Neverland Ball - Save the Day

All Old Members welcome.

www.kebleball.com



Friday 15 May

Eric Symes Abbot Memorial Lecture
Chapel 5.30pm
Revd Professor Alister McGrath, Professor of Theology, King's College, London.
Darwinism and the Christian Faith

Saturday 30 May

Garden Party
Old Members can apply for tickets from The Warden's PA. Invitations will be extended to second year undergraduates and first year graduates to invite their families.



Rowing Society AGM and Dinner

Invitations are extended to all members of the Rowing Society.

REUNION DATES 2009:

26-27 June 2009 for 1994-9

25-26 September 2009 for 2000-4 to coincide with 2009 OU Alumni Weekend

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Interview with Tim Dutton QC

Harry Martin (2007 Law) and Natasha Vashisht (2006 PPE) interviewed Tim Dutton QC (1975 Law) as he nears the end of his year's tenure as Chairman of the Bar Council.

Why did you decide to study Law?

At school my main interest was actually music; I had a music scholarship and I was a choir boy at Durham Cathedral. I enjoyed performance and I found that I enjoyed presenting rational arguments: studying law seemed to satisfy both.

What made you decide to be a barrister?

At Keble I was taught law by Jim Harris (former Senior Law Tutor) who, at the time, was discouraging his students from going to the Bar. A job as a solicitor was seen as a much more stable option. But I was fortunate that Middle Temple offered me a scholarship and this encouraged me to begin a career as a barrister. One of the main differences between being a barrister and a solicitor is that the barrister is the one who puts his neck on the block and is responsible for whether the case succeeds or fails. This responsibility appealed to me. I also spent the summer working at Slaughter and May Solicitors where I attended a conference with Tom Bingham QC (later Lord Bingham) regarding a hovercraft case. I was very impressed with the way he presented the issues incisively and authoritatively.

How did your career at the Bar progress?

I began to develop my practice from 1980 and was given a commercial arbitration case by a friend I had known at Oxford. There was an appeal to the commercial court where Mr Justice Bingham, as he then was, presided over the case. Two-thirds of the claim was struck out. In the process, a new precedent relating to the appealing of arbitration proceedings was set and the case was reported in the Law Reports. This earned me some recognition and helped me to progress as a barrister. Later I became involved in establishing advocacy training for the Bar and I worked on creating the Advocacy Training Council. In 2004-6 I was the leader of the South Eastern Circuit. Through this work I was elected by the Bar Council as Chairman this year.

What are the most difficult aspects of being Chairman of the Bar Council?

Both the most important and the most difficult thing is ensuring that the government invests enough money in the justice system. It is very important that they do not cut Legal Aid, or the budget of the Crown Prosecution Service. The government squeezes each of these areas, and in doing so, they risk harming the system. What we need to do is foster confidence and a desire to invest in justice: the public must buy in to this.



What differences do you think there are between reading Law in your time and now?

The methodology for teaching Law seems to be the same now as it was when I was at Keble: it is based on constructing rigorous and logical arguments. The tutorial system is a very important part of this and this is perhaps what is lacking at some other universities where they tend to teach 'to you' rather than in the interactive tutorial style. Jim Harris especially focussed on ensuring that what we said was clear and logical. If he picked you up on something in the tutorial, you would try very hard not to make the same mistake again. Evidence of the success of Jim's teaching can be seen in the many fine lawyers he taught who are now at the forefront of their fields.

Have you had much association with Keble since you left?

Yes, since 1993 the Advanced Advocacy Course which I established and teach on has been held every year during the summer at Keble. My daughter, Pia, is also presently in her third year of studying Law at Keble.

Why did you theme this year's Bar conference 'Multiculturalism and Multinationalism'?

We live in a fragmented society that is becoming increasingly microcosmic. People are living in smaller family units and interacting with each other less. Our communities are also becoming more diverse, and arguably more secular. Given these factors, we need to look at how the law protects communities, faith, religious beliefs and faith groups so that we can ensure a cohesive society, especially during the current economic climate.

What advice would you give to an aspiring barrister?

The most important thing is to develop the stamina to drive your determination to succeed. It is also crucial to appreciate language; you can only be a good barrister if you enjoy language and can think carefully about the way you formulate an argument. It is a prerequisite that you need to be passionate about law, and have a desire to use it to help others.

Gibbs Family Picnic

Around 450 members of the Gibbs Family met for a picnic on an unseasonably cool Sunday afternoon at the end of August. This is a very extensive family and it was great fun to work out who belonged to which 'chart'. It was estimated that a similar number were unable to attend this occasion for one reason or another. Each family group brought their own food and drink as well as chairs, tables and gazebos – a very well organised lot! It was great to introduce so many members of the family to Keble and to inform them of the significant contribution made by William Gibbs and his two sons, Anthony and Henry, in the founding of the College in the 1870s; particularly the Chapel, Hall and Library respectively. Rachel Gibbs, wife of Denis (1948), was the moving spirit behind the day and deserves huge praise for the work done behind the scenes to make it such a resounding success.



Back row l to r: Jack Gibbs, Lord Wraxall, Christopher Purvis (1970), Lord Aldenham, Denis Gibbs (1948)
Front row: Rachel Gibbs and The Warden

Prestigious Prize

Susannah Fleming (2005 DPhil Engineering Science) has won this year's prestigious IET (Institute of Engineering and Technology) William James Award for her post-graduate work in Biomedical Signal Processing & e-



Susannah receives her prize from Jonathan Mitchener, a Futurologist at BT

Health research, supervised by Professor Lionel Tarassenko (1975 Engineering). The judging panel felt that her work on developing automatic monitoring systems which can detect serious illness in children was by far the strongest entry. Susannah collected her prize of a plaque, cheque and certificate of recognition in a ceremony at the Institute in Savoy Place, London in November.

For a recent article in *The Times* see:

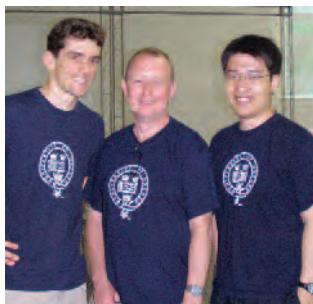
<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/science/article5289280.ece>



Professorial Pair

Congratulations to Tony Phelan, (above) Fellow and Tutor in German, who has been appointed Professor of German Romantic Literature and James Edelman, (below) Fellow and Tutor in Law, who has been appointed Professor of the Law of Obligations.

RoboCup



From l to r: Julian de Hoog (Exeter); Dr Stephen Cameron, Jie Ma (2006 Computer Science)

Dr Stephen Cameron, Tutorial Fellow in Computing, participated in the RoboCup 2008 competition in Suzhou, China. RoboCup's 'grand challenge problem' is to create a team of robots capable of beating the best professional football players by 2050. The challenge has far reaching implications beyond just the interest to football fans. Combining elements of team strategy, artificial intelligence, computer science, and engineering, teams compete in a variety of events from 2D robotic simulations to full scale humanoid robots.

The competition has grown in the past fifteen years and now includes RoboCupRescue, which develops search and rescue robots for use in large scale disaster scenarios, and RoboCup@Home, which develops real-world applications for human interaction with autonomous robots. Dr Cameron's team, comprising several of his students, achieved 7th place overall; they intend to compete again next year in Austria.

Zain Talyarkhan



Keble Matters

Keble Past and Present



Tom Brett

The history of Keble has finally been published and the editors, the Warden and Dr Ian Archer, should feel justly proud of their efforts over the last two years. The appointment of Robert Petre as College Archivist was also a crucial factor in realising this project as original material had been collected over many years. An academic study of the College it certainly is but the superb illustrations complement the text to great effect. It is probably an understatement to say that this has been quite a journey for the two editors but at the book launches at the British Academy in London on Thursday 27 November and in College on 1 December, they confessed their satisfaction in discovering just how much fascinating material they had viewed during their research. Indeed, there

was so much material that some of it could not be included – much of this has been uploaded onto the College website, and it is the intention that this resource will be expanded over time. They described the pain of editing 18,000 words a few days before the final deadline.

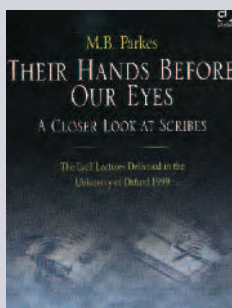
Advance subscribers should have received their copy – please contact Isla Smith in the Development Office if it has not arrived. Anyone who would like a signed bookplate, please send a request with a stamped addressed envelope to the Development Office.

Old Members and staff may purchase copies from the Development Office for £39.99 plus postage and packing.

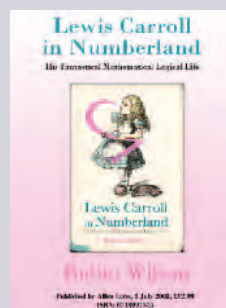


Warden in Hong Kong

In November, the Warden made her first visit to Hong Kong. It was timed to coincide with the University's launch of its fundraising campaign, Oxford Thinking. She was pleased to meet with many Old Members, enjoyed very generous hospitality and was touched at the warmth of the reception she received throughout her visit. It was an excellent opportunity to tell people face to face of the College's ongoing plans and to learn from our friends in Hong Kong about their lives, their education system and their links with the UK. She has plans for another trip in 2009.



Malcolm Parkes, Emeritus Fellow has published 'Their Hands Before our Eyes', a study of scribes and their handwriting from late antiquity to the late sixteenth century and identifies their contributions to the art of handwriting. It charts the development of handwriting and is based on his 1999 Lyell Lectures. Published by Ashgate, 2008. ISBN: 9780754663379



Lewis Carroll (Charles Dodgson) is best remembered for writing the Alice books. But his day job was as an Oxford mathematician. What maths did he do? How good was he? In Lewis Carroll in Numberland, written for the general reader, Mathematics Fellow, Robin Wilson explores this side of his activities. Published by Allen Lane, 2008. ISBN: 0713997575



Romeo and Juliet at the 'O

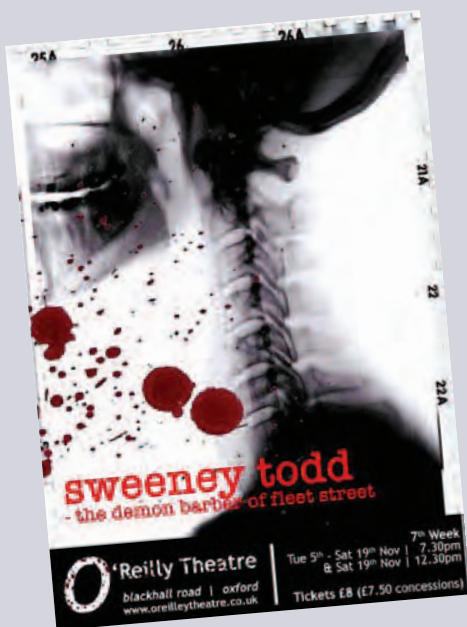
This was the hottest ticket in town with every performance sold out! Asia Osborne (2006 English) made original and intelligent use of the space as the audience stood to watch the performance, and followed the actors through each scene around the stage. The show was a roaring success due to innovative direction and a truly talented cast.

Toni Evans

Bleedin' Brilliant

Blood-curdling screams emanated from the O'Reilly Theatre this term when Sondheim's gruesome musical Sweeney Todd came to College. Rather than following in the footsteps of Tim Burton's recent film adaptation, director Emily Lim chose to turn the piece's Victorian setting on its head by dressing her cast in modern-day surgical scrubs and experimenting with an operating table for the all-important barber's chair. The cast worked well with Lim's conceptual innovations, delivering co-ordinated and convincing performances all round. Traditionalists will be pleased to note, however, that many an infamous 'delicious' pie still made it into the production!

Cordelia Hay



Keble's **Martin Esslin Society** would like to invite you to the Gala evening performance of

THE ENTERTAINER

By John Osborne

We will take you to the days of the traditional music hall, with champagne reception, themed refreshments, and vaudevillian entertainment.

Dress code: 1920s or black tie

Saturday 14th February 2009
At
The O'Reilly Theatre
Keble College

Email sophie.macclancy@keble.ox.ac.uk for tickets and more information



Keble exchange students who went to Dartmouth this summer, back: Simon Schoenbuchner (2006), Julian Bubb-Humfries (2007); front Rose Robson (2007) and Adam Pimperton (2007)

Dartmouth Exchange

Keble has had an exchange programme with Dartmouth College, the smallest of the Ivy League schools, since 1994. Four Dartmouth students study Politics and Economics here every term, then four Keble students can read any three courses at Dartmouth during the summer semester;

an experience somewhat akin to an academic sweetshop. The courses ranged from the mediocre to the truly life-changing and I relished the opportunity to broaden my studies. We threw ourselves into co-curricular activities; as Dartmouth is in the middle of nowhere, these are rather outdoors-y. I have fond memories of swimming in the gorgeous Connecticut river and more painful ones of 'the Fifty' – a non-stop, day-and-night route march in the Appalachian Mountains that left me psychologically scarred, unable to walk and missing a few toenails. On top of this, we were totally immersed in a small American college town for two months, which was a truly unique experience. We got the sort of cultural understanding that only this sort of exposure can bring and I'd like to thank the College for making it possible. For more (hopefully humorous) details about the trip, please see: http://dartreview.com/archives/2008/08/11/an_innocent_abroad.php http://dartreview.com/archives/2008/08/11/barretts_mixology.php

Julian Bubb-Humfries (2007)



Student life

Strictly Come Keble



6th week of Trinity is when the annual Dancesport Cupper's Competition is fiercely battled out. Keble had a lot riding on the 2008 competition as they returned to defend their title as champions for the third year running. With 24 couples competing they were again the biggest team with skill to match their size. Two of the couples danced their way into individual finals with both couples coming second – Dave Cole and Zöe Wright in the Waltz and Ivans Lubenko and Nadia Singh in Cha Cha. It was a close fought contest and when it came to results Keble were bitterly disappointed to see the trophy handed to Lincoln. After a quick recount of points, it was evident that a mistake had been made and the trophy was duly awarded to Keble. "It was a rather inglorious victory," said Sam Aldred, team captain, "but a victory nevertheless and a very well deserved one at that."

Samantha Hall

Michaelmas Music



Julie Rogers and Julia Coucheron

Keble has enjoyed yet another musically vibrant term, this time under a new KCMS Committee, with President Tom Hooker (2007). Beginning with a conducting masterclass by Colin Touchin (1971), former Head of Music at Warwick University, the KCMS then presented an organ recital of French music and an improvisation on the theme of Thunderbirds given by Neil Wright. Keble's own musicians

featured in the traditional Warden's Recital and the Freshers' Concert with Ed Symington, Matthias Kahk, Amelie Chan and Graham Thornton (piano), Aidan Brierley (drums), Richard Yates (trombone), Laura Huang and Benedict Vanderspar (violin) and Dan Cottee (recorder, oboe, piano). Alex Hodgkinson (2006 Organ Scholar) organised a highly successful performance of Handel's Messiah with the College Choral Society and Baroque Players and a large chorus; choir and soloists were excellent. The term ended with a very enjoyable performance of Brahms pieces by Julia Rogers (violin) and Julie Coucheron (piano), both students at the Royal Academy of Music.

Ian Bhullar

Georgia Visitor

As a visitor from the University of Georgia, I have found my welcome by Keble to be warm and inviting and I feel very much at home here. The adjustment to Oxford life has been interesting – from the challenging questions posed by tutors to the labyrinth of corridors in many of the Oxford colleges. But I have been presented with an incredible opportunity for which I will be forever thankful.

Joseph Netto

Rugby 2nd XV

For the past couple of years, Keble has maintained one of the very few Rugby 2nd XV's in the University. This year the team makes its entry into the league system as the only second team to compete at this level, as is only fitting for Oxford's premier Rugby college. Unfortunately the team's record currently stands at two losses (to Trinity and Hertford) and only one win (over the Graduate Barbarians), in marked contrast to the 1st XV's unbeaten season. But with a talented crop of freshers, hopes for promotion in the new league are high. We are indebted to our enthusiastic new captain Gyan Mathias for his passion, his hooking and his taste in kit.

Julian Bubb-Humfryes

For hot KCBC news see: <http://keblerowing.blogspot.com>

A Mitre of Bishops

No fewer than nine Keble Bishops attended the Lambeth Conference in August. The photographs were taken by Caroline Redfern (née Boddington) (1983 Theology) who was attending with her husband, Alistair, Bishop of Derby.



From l to r: Their Right Reverends John Inge, Bishop of Worcester (1978); Ian Brackley, Bishop of Dorking (1966); Geoffrey Rowell, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe and Former Chaplain (1972-94); Michael Perham, Bishop of Gloucester (1971 Theology); Duleep de Chickera, Bishop of Colombo (1980); Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ramsbury (1977) and David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon (1970).



Trevor Mwamba, Bishop of Botswana (1996)



John Packer, Bishop of Ripon and Leeds (1964)

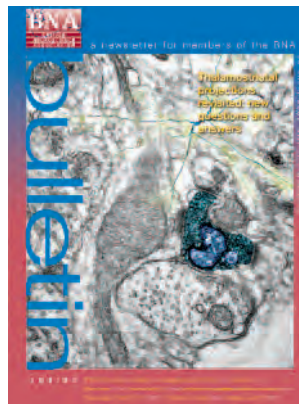


A record number of Old Members attended the 50th Anniversary Lunch in late September - this year a sprightly group of 1958s had an enjoyable day catching up, viewing archival material from their time and hearing of the College plans for the future.



At the 1989-93 Reunion in September, Isla Smith was asked to accept a *Magnolia soulangeana* 'Susan' on behalf of the College, a present from the Year Group Reps. Now planted in Pusey Quad, directly opposite the Development Office, and bereft of all its leaves, it will be seen in all its glory in the spring.

Thalamus Thinking



Carolyn Lacey (2003 DPhil Pharmacology) won the British Neuroscience Association Prize 2007, for her outstanding DPhil thesis on The Neuronal Interconnecting the Basal Ganglia and the Thalamus. An article on her work is featured in the Summer/Autumn 2008 issue 59 of BNA with an image from her

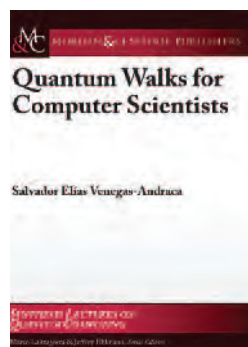
work on the cover. Carolyn's studies were supported by a Keble Association grant and a Faith Ivens Travel Grant, for which she is very grateful. She is now at Stanford University, California, continuing to investigate the complex anatomy of the thalamus.

Society Dinner

Music Scholar and viola player, Amy Coan entertained members of the Douglas Price Society by playing a selection of Mozart arrangements before dinner in Hall. It was fitting that this concert took place in the Douglas Price Room. Guests were welcomed by the President, Andreas Whittam Smith and the Warden. Mr David Etherington gave a moving and typically unsubdued speech highlighting the unexpected similarities between life as a Keble student and a lawyer at the Bar.



From l to r: David Etherington QC (1973), The Warden, Amy Coan (2004) and Andreas Whittam Smith (1957)



Salvador Venegas-Andraca (2000 DPhil Engineering) has written a book based on his thesis, *Quantum Walks for Computer Scientists* published by Morgan and Claypool, October 2008. ISBN-10 1598296566.



News of Old Members

Where is Talbot's Grave?



Issue 35 (MT 2005) of the brick included a photograph of "Talbot's resting place" in Southwark Cathedral, a decorated mediaeval style stone tomb with a Keble shield – or so it seemed, but this is in fact a cenotaph (a tomb without a body); Talbot was not buried there.

The story is interesting; after his Wardenship, Talbot was appointed Vicar of Leeds and then Bishop of Rochester, one of the oldest of the English sees. Whilst in office, he was one of

the leading figures in the creation of the new diocese of Southwark. So great was his commitment that he stood down in the hierarchy to become the first Bishop of Southwark, hence his veneration there.

After Southwark, however, he was appointed to the very senior bishopric of Winchester where he died and was buried, not in the cathedral but in a part of the close known as the Water Close. The Burials Act of 1853 was passed to control burials at a time when there were public health concerns. Orders in Council could be issued, pursuant to this Act, forbidding burial of bodies in specified places. Such Orders preclude burials in most English cathedrals and churches. It is because he is not buried at Southwark that such a fine monument was able to be erected inside that cathedral.

Roger Sainsbury (1959)

Radio Free Europe

A nephew's idle browse on the internet led to a long lost Old Member, Witold Szrednicki (1946) being reconnected with the College. It turns out that Witold is possibly the only surviving founding member of the Polish section of the US Sponsored Radio Free Europe (RFE) which he joined in 1952 at its inception in Munich. He was in charge of Western Press Reviews and in his own words 'RFE's origin and purpose lay in the conviction that Communism and the Soviet Union, lacking popular assent, were ultimately destined for downfall. Far from détente and co-existence with them, the West's task was to accelerate their demise with a whole range of pressures. Broadcasting news, comment and cultural programmes RFE shattered Communist control over information, projecting values and principles of democratic societies.

It nourished the flame of free spirit, fostered resistance to Communism and popular pressures for change. It was a symbol of Western solidarity with East European nations'. Before joining RFE while in service with the Polish forces during the 2nd WW and despite a host of obstacles, Witold came to Keble in 1946 to read PPE, graduating in 1948. He is in good health, living in Germany, busy with reading, socialising and bridge. His is a fascinating tale.



Wade Allison Retires



'Retiring' and 'Wade' are not words generally linked together! But in the summer, Wade presided over his retirement dinner in Hall. It was a wonderful occasion, celebrating 32 years of dedicated teaching. Invitations had been issued to all his students, over 100 of whom attended, many coming some distance. Also present were his former and current Physics colleagues. Wade was delighted with the ship's clock presented to him by his current students.

British Barbell

Ben Banks (2002 Mathematics), 2008 British Senior Powerlifting Champion in the 110kg weight lifting class, was in Canada for the World Championships in November, his first as a Senior. He came 11th in 300kg Squat, 240kg Bench Press and 322.5kg Deadlift. Last year he represented GB in three internationals, including the World Juniors in France, where he was placed 4th overall with Bronze medals for Bench Press and Deadlift.

Ben set up a London-based powerlifting club, British Barbell, in 2005, now a registered Community Amateur Sports Club. The Club works closely with junior athletes, and the Great Britain team, and has hosted the GB selections. Dr Ryan Wood (1999) has been Club Medical Adviser since the outset, and a couple of Keble Alumni have ventured into the Saturday open sessions. See: www.british-barbell.org.uk



Ghosts' Glory

In the fifth annual Ghosts rugby match the old boys maintained their unbeaten record against the College 1st XV in another close encounter. Having successfully bribed referee, Law Fellow Ed Peel (to whom many thanks), to forgo the application of ELVs, the Ghosts' skipper left many scratching their heads with his bold decision to field Ben Durham at fly-half. The move proved inspired as the College were unable to cope with the early barrage of crash balls at No. 10. Two early Ghost tries proved the deciding factor, with the College ably matching the Ghosts thereafter scoring tries by overpowering the Ghosts in the maul (maybe the ELVs would have been a good idea...).

As the sides traded tries, the champagne moment was provided by Dr Eoin McKinney (donning the White for the first time) charging through the centre onto a Durham chip to dot down under the posts. The College got to within a score of the Ghosts several times but the coup de grace was provided in the final moments with captain Dan Hudson bursting through in support to leave the match at 32-22 to the Ghosts. Ghosts' try scorers were Durham, Calum Daniel and John Aldis (2); however, Man-of-the-Match went to scrum-half, Paddy Evans (despite his Cipriani-esque kicking), for his tireless work around the park.

Dan Hudson (1996)



During the 1983-8 Reunion in June nine Old Members got back in a boat.

L to r: Stuart Craker, Chris Hamer, Paul Bentley, Andy Darley, Chris Bedford, Simon Woolhouse, Pat Irwin and Hugh Smith.

Anyone for Golf?

The Oxford Alumni Intercollegiate Golf Tournament is on Friday 17 April 2009 at Frilford Heath Golf Club, Abingdon. Nick Kane (1964) is looking for players to join the College team. For more information and a booking form please email Nick at: nick@kanes.org. It's not the handicap but the taking part that counts!



Goals for Ghosts

The Ghosts football was once again tightly contested and played out in excellent spirit. The 2nd XI Ghosts triumphed 6-4, including a hat-trick of great goals from Phil Routledge (2000). The 1st XI Ghosts also managed a win but not before the College team came back from 4-1 down (older legs were tiring) to make it a thrilling finish with a final score of 4-3. Next year, the Ghosts will celebrate the 40th anniversary of this contest.

Andy Tingle



Back Row l to r: Jon Ware (2003), Stuart Drury (2000), Andy Tingle (1999), Sandy Smith (2003), Mark O'Donoghue (1998), Chris Byrne (2005)
Middle Row (left to right): Phil Herd (2003), Kaya Burgess (2003), Richard White (1998), Mark Fleetwood (1998), John Measures (2003), Tom Collins (2005)
Front: Rob Linton (1995)

Where have the Vagabonds gone?

When I came to Keble in 1958 there was a thriving, social cricketing team called the Vagabonds, who played local Oxfordshire village teams on summer Sundays. College supporters would wear the distinctive dark green with purple striped tie.

Under my captaincy in 1962 we organised an overseas tour, with the British Consul in Corfu, to play their two cricket teams, Club Byron and Club Gymnaskica. We presented the local captains with a box of cricket balls and a pair of wicket keeping gloves at the welcome cocktail party and then a serious week of cricket began. The rules were that we would first play each team and, if successful, would qualify for test match status and play the best of both teams. As luck would have it, we won the toss for both club matches and opted to bat as the heat of the early afternoon sun was a bit intense for fielding. This enabled our few competent batsmen to build up substantial scores which the locals were unable to beat... so we qualified for test match status.

Winning the toss in the first test match, we again decided to bat and won but before the last match the captain of the opposition whispered 'If you win the toss, you field, yes?' I did, we fielded and they won which was an admirable end to a memorable week of Keble sporting history.

The square that we played on in Corfu is now grassed over but in our day it was gravel with a concrete and matting centre pitch. Top quality cricket balls lost their shine in less than five minutes and swinging the ball was impossible.

On a recent visit to Keble, I discovered that there appears to be no record in the College Archive of the Vagabonds and their valuable town and gown relationship. Any information on their history - when they were founded, how long they continued after 1962, or Vagabond reminiscences - would be much appreciated. Please email the College Archivist, Rob Petre at archives@keble.ox.ac.uk

Anthony Darbyshire (1958)

Keble Remembered

College is very grateful to have received substantial benefactions from two Old Members who left residual gifts to Keble in their wills. Both had devoted a lifetime to teaching and their testamentary wishes indicate that they wanted this process to continue in perpetuity.

Allan Adair (1926) died in March 2008, just days before his 101st birthday. He read Chemistry at Keble and went on to teach science for most of his career. Allan devoted 29 years of his life to teaching at Kelly College, Tavistock, ultimately as Senior Science Master. Kelly College honoured him in 2005 by naming The Adair Building after him. His work included writing and contributing to chemical journals and he also worked as a book reviewer for the Science Masters Association. A passionate believer in the education of young people, he chose to leave almost his entire estate divided between the two institutions he held so dear - Keble will receive a residual legacy in excess of £75,000.

It is with immense gratitude that we remember both Allan and Bill. When matters are finally settled, it is the College's intention to honour their names in an appropriate manner.

William (Bill) Fletcher (1950) retired to Durham after a teaching career in the south of England. He taught in schools in Surrey and was Deputy Head Teacher in the London Borough of Bromley. Not only was he a keen sportsman, playing cricket and competing in cross country and athletics, but he was President of the Dramatic Society, an enthusiastic producer and actor. He was a member of the Debating Society and was also Secretary of the Ball Committee. What he achieved at Keble was very important to Bill and he maintained a strong interest in the College during his lifetime. Bill died in 2006. When his estate is finally settled, Keble will have received over £160,000 as a result of his bequest.

Hold the Line



Front Row l to r: Elnar Hajiyev, Ness Smidre, Katie Matthews, Ian Bhullar, Sarina Dhaliwal. Back Row l to r: Alison Frank, Tessa Stanley Price, Joshua Harris, Alec Dent, George Dean, Hannah Martinez (Buffalo Fundraising Consultants) Pia Dutton, Sam Aldred, Alex Bough (Buffalo)
Not in photo: Joanna Li, Zain Talyarkhan

In March 2008 plans were made for a team of students to contact 2,000 Old Members by telephone, in an attempt to reconnect that group with the College and to encourage them to lend their support to the Talbot Fund. Posters appeared across College inviting students to apply to join the team. The attraction of paid evening and weekend work on top of accommodation and meals in College meant that places were highly sought after. A common motivation for members of the team was a desire to do something positive for Keble and for their fellow students.

It may surprise some Old Members to know that the chance to have more than two weeks in the Library prior to the beginning of Michaelmas Term is a positive draw. It certainly came as a surprise to students that many Old Members confessed to not having frequented the Library very often! This was but one of the 'truths' relayed during many lively conversations.

Students soon realised that they could learn a lot from the Old Members to whom they spoke. Most unexpected was the genuine interest Old Members had in what they, the students, are doing and how Keble is progressing. This interest and willingness to share experiences, both of life in College and life beyond, was encouraging and often inspiring. The students were speaking to people across a wide age range: this made no difference, Keble values appear to transcend the years. All the students enjoyed comparing and contrasting how College life had changed and yet remained so much the same.

Preserving these essential values is central to the function of the Talbot Fund. Its aim is to help students who require financial assistance to attend Keble. It also sets out to support interests beyond the academic, so that these other aspects of College life are encouraged, developed and celebrated.

A nose-dive in the financial markets provided the backdrop to the telethon. As calling began in earnest on 18 September, news had already broken of the collapse of Lehman Brothers and several other financial institutions abroad. This is a worry for any charity but especially for Keble as the College is so reliant on Old Members for support. Added to this, almost 50% of the Old Members approached were under the age of 35 years: these are uncertain times in terms of job security.

It is a testament to our students that so many Old Members were happy to talk, to take an interest and, despite the economic turmoil, to make a gift. Almost 1 in 2 did just that, the majority signing up to regular giving, enabling College to plan ahead more effectively. Over £205,000 was raised for the benefit of all Keble students. Our thanks ultimately go to over 1,000 of you who took part in the telethon and to the superb student team. All 14 students came away enlightened and encouraged by what they learnt and achieved.



1877 Tankard

Thanks to an email out of the blue from Lymington Rowing Club concerning a tankard from 1877 Challenge Fours, the College now has this fine, glass-bottomed pewter tankard in its archive. H Hatford, Bow; R S Clarke, 2; M F Rimington, 3; C T Abraham, Stroke; coxed by W S Shirley. It is remarkable that it has survived for over 130 years in such excellent condition. LRC's Treasurer had been given it by someone for over-inscription, fortunately for Keble, he took the time to search for its provenance.



Glorious Gardens

On the first occasion that the College Gardens opened under the National Garden Scheme, it was a great achievement that Keble was awarded the Silver Medal in Oxford in Bloom 2008. Due to the efforts of the Keble garden team, the gardens looked a picture. Visitors were served with homemade cakes and tea on Newman Quad lawn. The Charities who benefited were Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Help the Hospices.



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Portrait Duo



Two more portraits by Bob Tulloch have been added to the collection of portraits of retired Fellows: Adrian Hollis (Classics 1967-2007) (left) and Martin Oldfield (Engineering 1983-2007) (right). Once again, Bob has succeeded in capturing the spirit of his sitters.

The Light of the World is on loan to Manchester Art Gallery for the exhibition *Holman Hunt and the Pre-Raphaelite Vision*, which brings together all three versions of the Light of the World for the first time. The Keble Chapel painting is the original but many people will be most familiar with the one which hangs in St Paul's Cathedral and few will know that there is a third, much smaller one in the Manchester Art Gallery. It is hoped that Holman Hunt would approve of all three meeting under one roof for this exhibition.

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