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Engineering Science at Keble



From l to r: Michael Chappell, Richard Darton, Paul Taylor and Stephen Payne

One of the great strengths of engineering at Oxford is that there is a single unified Department of Engineering Science, which covers all major disciplines – civil, mechanical and electrical. Students and academics consequently move easily across traditional boundaries to work on novel problems. After all, as the old Zanussi advert (almost) used to

say 'engineering is the appliance of science'. Working with other physical scientists and medics is also an everyday activity: interdisciplinary research is not a new concept to engineers at Oxford!

This is most noticeable amongst our five Engineering Fellows. The longest serving is Professor Sir Michael Brady (holding the University's chair of Information Engineering since 1985), whilst Professor Richard Darton (just completing a five year stint as Head of Department) has been at Keble since 1991 and Professor Paul Taylor and Dr Stephen Payne joined more recently. Three years ago, Dr Michael Chappell, our Research Fellow and Tutor, also arrived at Keble. The College Fellows have a range of different research interests, but, despite the seemingly disparate nature of the applications, the underlying connections allow us all to help with each other's daily research questions.

Fluid mechanics is one underlying thread – all four teaching fellows can claim to work in this area. Be it biomedical applications or the design of offshore

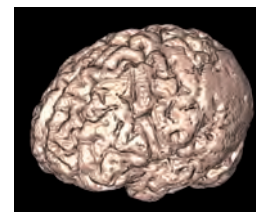
structures, the equations that govern fluids have the fascination that though they may be relatively easy to write down, they remain intensely challenging to solve.

Professor Taylor's research interests lie with giant water waves, their behaviour on the open sea and upon reaching

the coast, and the violent forces which ensue when they collide with structures such as oil platforms, sea defences etc. This connects with crucial questions of climate change – is a design based on experience over the last 50 years going to be safe for the next 50 years? Is the Thames Barrier tall enough to protect London from the risk of catastrophic flooding in the future – probably not.

Dr Payne works on blood flow in the brain, understanding how the brain controls it to get enough oxygen and how we can measure this, particularly when it's not working properly. This has major applications in the care of stroke patients, a rapidly growing clinical problem: he is working with the new stroke unit here in Oxford to predict individual patient outcomes after a stroke to help doctors to make the best treatment decisions.

Dr Chappell's interests lie in a similar area: imaging of the brain and quantification of blood flow using advanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) techniques. He is also the proud possessor of a 3-D computer model of his own brain.



3D brain image assembled from MRI scans

Professor Darton works on the dynamic surface effects between gases and liquids, for example how foams behave and how they can be destroyed - applications are wider than just how long the head on a pint of beer will last! He also has a more general interest in sustainable development.

Professor Brady's interests lie in a wide variety of fields, primarily in medical imaging, where his research group develops algorithms to model how images are formed, most commonly in breast cancer. He also has interests in molecular imaging and brain image analysis.

The subject strength is also shown at undergraduate level, with 41 students currently in residence making engineering the largest subject in College. There are also over 20 students doing a second (or third) degree at graduate level, a number of whom have been at the College since undergraduate days. No danger of the supply of future Fellows running out here at Keble!

Professor Paul Taylor and Dr Stephen Payne



'Great Wave off Kanagawa' by Hokusai

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

Sunday 26 April
Trinity Term begins



Saturday 9 May
Degree Day for 2008 Finalists
Some places still available.
Recent graduates and undergraduates can apply, so too 2001 BAs who would like to confer their MA. Booking Form and details see:

www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni/events/
Enquiries to Ruth Cowen



Neverland Ball
Tickets and more information available at www.kebleball.com
All Old Members welcome

Friday 15 May
Eric Symes Abbot Memorial Lecture
Chapel 5.30pm. *Darwinism and the Christian Faith*
Revd Professor Alister McGrath
Professor of Theology, King's College, London

Saturday 30 May
Keble Rowing Society AGM
and Eights Week Dinner
Invitations KRS were sent out in March
Enquiries to Camilla Matterson



Saturday 30 May
Garden Party
Old Members can apply for tickets (£12 each). Invitations are extended to family members of 2nd year undergraduates and 1st year graduates
Enquires to Trish Long

Friday 26 June to Saturday 27 June
Reunion Weekend
For Old Members who matriculated 1994 to 1999
Invitations were sent out in March
Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

Saturday 4 July
KA Trustees meeting and AGM
Venue to be confirmed.
Trustees meeting: 5 - 5.30pm
AGM: 5.30 - 6.30pm

Saturday 4 July cont.
Family Day
Games in Newman Quad.
Bring picnic lunch. See page 11



Summer Dinner
7.00 for 7.30pm The perfect opportunity to meet up with your Keble friends! Bring a group of contemporaries. All Old Members and guests welcome. See page 11

For Family Day and Summer Dinner
Enquiries 01865 282303 or alumni.events@keble.ox.ac.uk

Sunday 5 July
Mathematics Lunch
To honour the occasion of the retirements of Dr David Acheson and Professor Robin Wilson. Invitations were sent in March. Enquiries 01865 282303

Saturday 18 July
Douglas Price Society Dinner
Invitations will be sent to Society members in April
Enquiries to Camilla Matterson

Friday 25 - Saturday 26 September
Reunion Weekend
For Old Members who matriculated 2000 to 2004. Invitations will be sent out in April
Enquiries 01865 282303

University of Oxford Alumni Weekend
Meeting Minds - An Equal Citizenship
www.alumniweekend.ox.ac.uk

Friday 2 October
50th Anniversary Lunch for 1959s
Invitations will be sent out in June
Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

PROFESSOR OF POETRY ELECTIONS

Saturday 16 May

Voting takes place at the Examination Schools from 10am to 4pm. The announcement will be made at a formal meeting of Convocation at 5.30pm or soon after if there are a large number of late voters.

Old Members are welcome to have refreshments in College at Café Keble which is open 11am - 6pm and/or Brunch in Hall from 11.45 - 12.15pm

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Rachel Cooke (1988 English) was interviewed by Joseph Netto (University of Georgia visiting student). Rachel is a senior feature writer and columnist for *The Guardian*, *The Observer* and *The New Statesman*.

On a wet and chilly Tuesday evening, Rachel Cooke welcomes me into her Islington townhouse with a warm and cheery smile. It is a beautifully decorated comfortable home: well appointed with contemporary furnishings. Walking in feels like entering an old friend's house, despite never meeting her before. We sit down, glasses of water in hand, and I look around to admire her and her husband Tony's modest, yet well thought out and individual collection of art works. They are the various faces and poses of women on canvas. I then remember that I am not there to admire the artwork, but to learn about her and her work, and so we begin.

I wanted to know where she discovered that she wanted to be a journalist and how that desire developed throughout her early life, eventually leading to Oxford. She responded, "ever since I can remember I always wanted to be a journalist, and specifically a newspaper journalist." It seems that her influences were drawn in part from Hollywood films as well; "I had this idea that it would be very glamorous and powerful... and that you would get to smoke a lot." Rachel did not come from a family of Oxford educated journalists; her father was a scientist and her mother a biology teacher. But the drive was always there, "I used to make little newspapers and magazines that I would 'sell' to my parents with stories in them that I had made up."

How then did she come to Keble? Her interest in reading was her main enjoyment in school. Originally expecting to go to a polytechnic, Rachel went through sixth form a second time, where one of her English teachers understood her talent, tutoring Rachel in her spare time to prepare for the Oxford Entrance Exam. She still describes that night in December when she found out that she was accepted at Keble as "the most thrilling night of my life." She was originally meant to interview at St Edmund Hall, but "I don't know what Teddy Hall is like now, but then it was full of male rugby players."

"I went to Keble and started doing journalism very soon after I got there - on *The Cherwell*." She looked past me and started to remember what it was like working on *The Cherwell*, before the days of *The Oxford Student*. She described staying up all night on Thursdays getting ready to send everything to the typesetter, and then the excitement of the paper coming to the lodges on Friday nights. Her hard work was justified when she was made Editor in her third year. Admittedly, her studies suffered, but the rewards of working on it and the satisfaction of doing what she loved still brought an infectious smile to her face.

She then became an editor on the London newspaper scene, until she decided to start writing. "In 2002, I decided that I was sick of editing other people's work and making them look good, so I thought I would write instead." What about her style? She says, "it's just me." She says that, "it's like constantly doing exams because I have to learn a lot about a new subject in a very short amount of time and writing the piece is like sitting a paper." She is a firm believer that if she can't be happy about her writing, then no one can.

Occasionally her pieces cause some controversy, but as she says, "any sin is acceptable except to be boring." About her 'Dummy Mummies' article, in which she questions the current position of women in society who sacrifice their individuality for the home, "the mummy blogging community is very much against me at the minute." She has also reported on the state of women in the Bedouin communities of Israel and the state of women in Britain, to which she says, "I'm really appalled that things are still so bad for women." As the Women's Officer at Keble, she thought women and men would be equal by now and even though she does not always intend to write about women's rights, she does seem to find compelling topics about them. Why then does she interview so many men? "I enjoy interviewing men" - she says that she likes to "take them on."

She is a thoroughly fascinating woman, a kind and warm host, passionate in her beliefs and direct in her writing. For example her interview of Seymour Hersh offers an insight and awareness of the man that any aspiring journalist can learn from, and the same is true of her career. She may at times annoy the blogosphere and elicit controversy, but no one can deny her readability and the value of a journalist who writes what she believes in, in a style all her own.

www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2009/feb/08/motherhood-children-babies

www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2008/nov/30/negev-bedouin-israeli-citizens-women

www.guardian.co.uk/media/2008/oct/19/seymour-hersh-new-yorker-reporter



Joseph Netto



College seeks New Warden

Averil Cameron will retire as Warden on 30 September 2010 after sixteen years of distinguished service. The College has started the process of appointing a successor. We are looking for someone with an excellent record of intellectual achievement in an academic or other professional field, who combines strategic vision with command of detail, and is willing to play an energetic and imaginative part in the College's fundraising activities. Details of the post can be found on the website of Saxton Bamfylde, who are acting as our advisors: www.saxbam.com/jobs. If you would like to suggest someone you think might be suitable to fill the role, please contact the Sub-Warden (ian.archer@keble.ox.ac.uk). The closing date for nominations is 15 May 2009.

Ian Archer

Article of the Year



Gesine Reinert, Senior Research Fellow and Tutor in Mathematics and Professor of Statistics has been awarded 2008 Journal of Peace Research Article of the Year Award for a paper she co-authored on *Bias in Epidemiological Studies of Conflict Mortality*.

This paper provides a framework of how to assess bias in epidemiological studies which may arise when the sampling procedure is not sufficiently sensitive to the structural heterogeneity of the system and the internal diffusion within the system. The approach is applied to a recent survey of conflict mortality in Iraq. For more details see: *Journal of Peace Research* 45(5): 653-663.

<http://jpr.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/45/5/653>

www.prio.no/Research-and-Publications/Journal-of-Peace-Research/Article-of-the-year/



Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, Emeritus Spalding Professor of Eastern Orthodox Studies, Preacher fourth Week with The Chaplain and The Warden

Chapel in Hilary

Hilary has been another busy term for the Chapel. Members of the local Jewish community were invited for the second time to commemorate those killed during the Holocaust, and the Choir welcomed OxfordShir in a joint musical venture. In response to the crisis in Gaza, an interfaith vigil for peace was held on 10 February, at which a local Rabbi and Imam led meditations alongside the Chaplain. The Sanctorum welcomed Mr Timothy Winter (Sheikh Zayed Lecturer in Islamic Studies, Cambridge) whose talk Jesus in the Muslim Faith, attracted a very large and diverse audience. The 64th Annual Mitre Club Dinner was held in third week, and the Choir joined forces with Hertford College Choir to much acclaim, singing Vierne's Messe Solennelle at the termly Corporate Communion service.



Grimm Tales

On Radio 4's airing of In our Time on 5 February Professor Tony Phelan, Fellow and Tutor in German, contributed to the debate on The Brothers Grimm with Melvyn Bragg. They discussed why two German philologists and brothers published a collection of fairy tales and what the stories tell us about the origins

of German nationalism in the early decades of the 19th century. Grimm's Fairy Tales may have invented a folksy style, but they became myths in their own right and continue to enthrall us with their horror and wonder. You can still hear the programme via the BBC iPlayer In Our Time archive at: http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/history/inourtime/inourtime_20090205.shtml

Jonathan Zittrain, Fellow by Special Election, has published The Future of the Internet – And How to Stop It. He explains what you need to know about how the Internet works and why it is under threat. Whether you are a technophobe or a Wikipedia editor you'll find something new! Published by Allen Lane and Penguin 2008 ISBN 978-0-141-03159-0

Matching \$50m

Dr James Martin (Physics, 1952) announced matching funding of up to \$50m (£36m) for his School of the 21st Century based in Oxford. The gift was revealed at a reception in the Divinity School on Thursday 12 March, at which Dr Martin, the Vice-Chancellor and Dr Ian Goldin, the Director of the School, were speakers. Any gift of £1m or more to the School will attract this matching funding. The first such gift was also announced - it will go to a new programme designed to study the city of the future. On the previous evening, the Warden hosted a dinner at Keble in honour of James and Lillian Martin, when discussion focused on the developing academic plans for Keble's new site.



Rob Judges

The Warden From l to r: Dr Ian Goldin, James Martin, Dr John Hood

Bridging Cultures

The Women's Football team met a group of 16 -19 year old refugees, asylum seekers and recent immigrants now living in Oxford. From various countries the girls formed part of the Bridging Project - an education advice and support initiative based at Oxford and Cherwell Valley College, and the Community English School. They toured the College and had an informal gathering to share stories to help break down cultural and language barriers. The Keble women were a diverse bunch too, which helped the integration. The event was organized by Project Support Worker, Fiona Tracey, and MCR member, Maria Cecire.



Kamakshi Mubarak The girls from the Bridging Project and the Keble Women's Football team

New Director of Development – Old Member



Jenny Tudge (Geography 1986) has her feet firmly under the desk in a new office in the Clock Tower, having taken up the appointment of Director of Development at the beginning of February. She will accompany the Warden visiting Old Members in New York in April and will then travel to Hong Kong. Details of the itinerary are available on the website. If you would like to

meet with the Warden and Jenny during the forthcoming trips please contact the Development Office.

New Librarian

Yvonne Murphy has joined the College as the new Librarian after the retirement of Margaret Sarosi at the end of last year. Yvonne comes to us from the Linen Hall Library; the oldest library in Belfast and home to the 300,000 items in the Northern Ireland Political Collection, the definitive archive of The Troubles and peace process.



Poetry Please

Sir Christopher Ball, former Warden, has won the United Press' Local Poem Competition. His entry, *The Cooling Towers of Didcot*, was chosen out of 7,000 entries and entered under the name John Elinger (his middle names). In his retirement, Sir Christopher has set himself the task of writing a poem a week.

The Cooling Towers of Didcot

The bride and bridesmaids, look. A child
Is pointing from the swerving train.
A memory I must have filed
And labelled read again, again.

So long ago. Today, once more,
My train passes those plain squat towers,
I watch three women near the door
Of a square church, they bear no flowers.

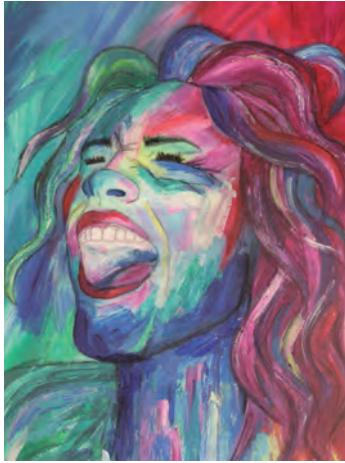
Though veiled in white, stout matrons still
And faded like a photograph
Of an old wedding day, until
They disappear. Technology's half

Life seems so short. The towers must go,
They say. Railways will follow too.
Our great grand-children will not know
The secret Didcot sight we knew

And loved, a stately wedding march
Which none but children recognise,
Frozen in time, beneath the arch
Of spacious, grey, indifferent skies.



Star - Tsar - Rats - Arts - Week



Arts Week launched with the Keble Jazz Band, impromptu dancing, and an art exhibition which set the tone for the varied programme that followed.

Experienced dancers and keen beginners enjoyed a dance sport workshop, and aspiring artists tried their talents in a life drawing class - the impressive results were displayed in Café Keble. Organiser Hannah Martin succeeded in shedding light on other areas of art and invited former Biba designer, Steven Thomas who delivered a vibrant and amusing presentation about 1970s fashion design and his experiences.

Master classes continued throughout the week; prize winning British poet, Daljit Nagra led a poetry workshop in which he gave advice to budding writers, who experimented with poetry in an ideas forum. Composer and musician Andrew Fisher (lecturer at Southampton University) held a composition workshop and gave advice on the technicalities of composition. Equally popular was

a workshop by The Oxford Experimental Theatre Company entitled How to put on a play in Oxford which offered practical advice and encouraged students to take the plunge and stage a production.

The grand finale in the bar hosted a charity jazz and cocktails evening featuring performances from the legendary Out Of The Blue and the Keble Jazz Band. Thank you to the Keble Association for their generous support.

Out of the Blue



Toni Evans



Artwork from l to r: Jessica Marlborough, Ellie Warner and Rob Isaacs

KCMS

This term has seen the first concert given by the newly reformed Keble College Orchestra. Conducted by KCMS President Tom Hooker, they played Vaughan Williams' English Folk Song Suite and Brahms' Hungarian Dances. The external recitalists this term were Mariangela Vacatello, who gave a fantastic piano recital, and the Byron Consort from Harrow School. There was also a composition master class as part of Keble Arts Week and the termly Warden's recital.

James Hawkes (KCMS Secretary)

Thoroughly Entertained



Phoebe Thompson

The Martin Esslin Society and Red Brick Productions combined forces in mid-February to bring audiences an insight into the more sinister side of showbiz at the O'Reilly Theatre. The Entertainer saw Archie Rice, a fading music hall entertainer, direct his own disappointments at his equally weatherworn family members. Phoebe Thompson (2007 Philosophy and Theology) particularly impressed as Archie's vulnerable, gin-ridden wife, and the 1950s music hall scenes, in which the leading character's desperation became ever increasingly apparent, were truly brought to life by a small band of Keble musicians. The final performance of the week saw students and the general public don their black ties to enjoy a gala reception of the kind third-rate Archie Rice could only have dreamed.

Cordelia Hay

Ergo Room

In January, the College installed eight new ergos for KCBC. Schools, clubs and international rowers all use this basic tool for training. Laid out in one of Keble's squash courts, the new facility has already seen serious use. Due to a long period of unrowable conditions on the river, we were forced to train indoors, getting stronger and faster while other colleges stood still. It was largely this training that enabled Keble to perform so well at Torpids. We are extremely grateful to the College for providing such a superb training facility.

Julian Bubb-Humfries



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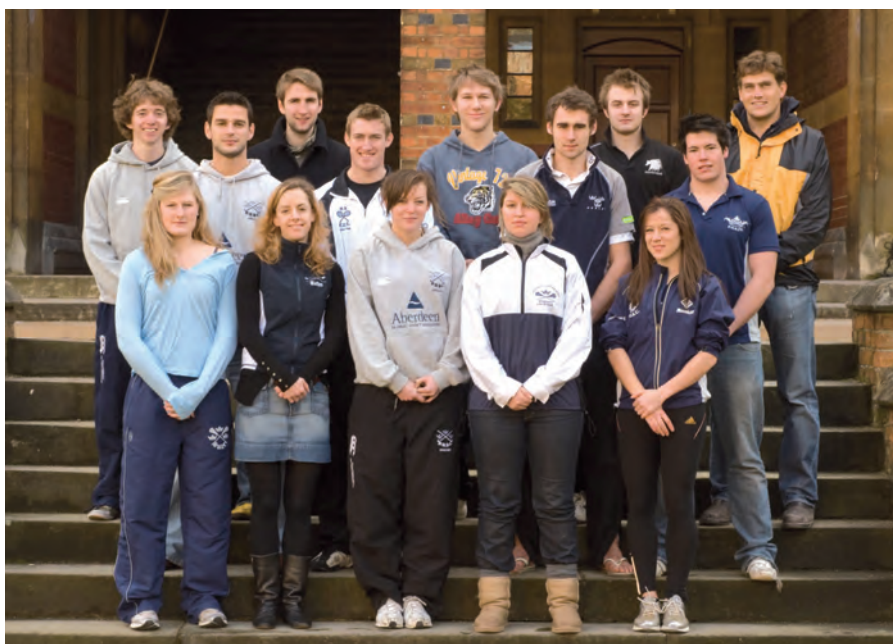
Keble Athletes who have represented Oxford

Back row (from l to r) - Tom Eckersley (Ultimate Frisbee); Niel Bowerman (Ultimate Frisbee); Sam Ader (Rugby); Callum Cameron (Rugby); Heinrich Möller (Golf and Rugby)

Middle Row - Chris Sibley (Hockey); Greg Weir (Tennis); George Dean (Australian Rules Football); Graham Cochrane (Rugby)

Front Row - Vicky Moffett (Tennis and Modern Pentathlon); Bianca Reisdorf (Lightweight rowing); Katie Whicher (Hockey); Dasha Fedorova (Lacrosse); Catriona Witcombe (Athletics - hurdles)

Notable athletes not shown - Thomas Massey (Football); Brendan McKerchar (Rugby and Cricket); Alec Dent (Rowing); Laura Bell (Netball); Adam Pimperton (Badminton); Max Cole (Rugby); Lewis Roberts (Rugby); Bob Pittam (Rugby); Berenice Merle (Tennis); Anastasya Molodykh (Tennis)



Peter Moonlight

STOP PRESS

Keble women's crew achieved great success in our first external event; the Head of the River Race on the Thames in early March, racing the Boat Race course backwards.

We beat most of the other Oxford and Cambridge colleges entered, only losing out to 3 first division crews and start 145th next year having risen 136 places from our original starting position. Keble enter the Men's Head on the 21st March over the same course.

Torpids

It was close - Torpids did take place this year and Keble was very proud of the crews it put out - some of the fittest on the river.

Keble Women were denied a bump on the first day, but battled on and ended the course. We then bumped on the next 3 days: Univ after 25 strokes off an awesome start; they didn't know what had hit them! Friday added Worcester to the tally and on Saturday, Merton who were at the top of our division! It was my best experience of bumps racing - we can't wait for Summer Eights!

The Keble Men's first VIII followed suit with a determined and never-say-die attitude. They started at the bottom of division 2 and achieved deserving bumps on the first two days; hunting down the teams ahead of them with their killer rhythm. After a brave effort they were held off by Wolfson College for the rest of the week.

The Men's second crew joined the battle starting third in division 5. They rowed with great spirit and amidst the usual carnage in the lower divisions, their gutsy performance enabled them to bump on 3 days, although their position in the league remained the same.



Women's first VIII

Jo Barker



Men's second VIII

Britney Bear

Jo Barker



Ministers Inspire with Teach First



Ed Balls

Honorary Fellows and Senior Government Ministers, Andrew Adonis (1981) and Ed Balls (1985) inspired a large crowd of potential applicants for the innovative Teach First programme in College in December. Teach First offers graduates the chance to make a difference in society, by teaching for two years in educationally challenged schools. At the same time they will benefit from a programme of leadership development and management skills training. Teach First is supported strongly across the political spectrum and by a wide range of business groups. With around 40 students, Oxford is a significant source of Teach First entrants, and it is hoped that this new drive will double recruitment. For further information see: www.teachfirst.org.uk/



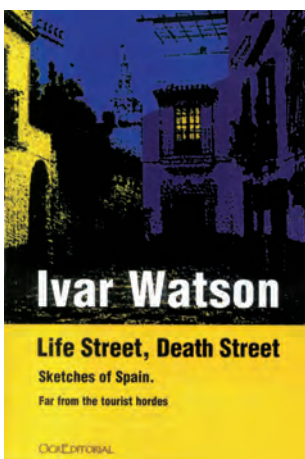
Andrew Adonis

The Four Gospels



David Cohen (1965) has produced and directed *The Four Gospels* on DVD with Haycoch Films. It is a full reading of the Gospels performed in Hawksmoor's famous church of St Anne's in Limehouse. These form part of a unique project, the BibleVision, which aims to make available on DVD a reading of the Bible from Genesis to Revelations. Some of the proceeds will go to St Anne's. Copies (4 discs) are available at a special rate to Old Members of £20 from David Cohen. Email: dcpsychologynews@gmail.com

Life Street, Death Street



Ivar Watson (1954) has published *Life Street, Death Street - Sketches of Spain*. Far from the tourist hordes. The book comprises 13 racy short stories about Spaniards and an account of F R Leavis in Spain. Leavis came to lecture at the Jesuit University of Deusto in 1972 and 1975. Ivar was Professor of English Literature there from 1967-83. On his second visit, Leavis stayed with the Watsons in their croft house in the hills bordering Biscay and Castile. The 14th sketch is a Boswellian narrative of those visits. Published by Ocre Editorial, Granada in November 2008.

Greville Plugge 1963

Simon Pomeroy (1964) has brought to our attention the publication, *And the World Listened* by Keith Wallis, the biography of Captain Leonard Frank Plugge, Greville's father, a pioneer of commercial radio. For those who knew Greville at Keble, it gives a fascinating background to his family and the remarkable influences under which he was brought up. Greville, a larger than life character, died in a car accident in Morocco in 1973. Published by Kelly Publications 2009 ISBN 978 1 903053 23 2

David and Jan Wawick, who now live in Hursley Vicarage, kindly invite Old Members to a celebration of



The LIFE of JOHN KEBLE

on his birthday, Saturday 25 April 2009, in Hursley village near Winchester.

Events include:

4.30 - 5.30pm

A KEBLE TOUR of the Vicarage and Keble's grave

5.30 - 6.00pm

KEBLE'S WORLD Talk by David Warwick

6.30 - 8.30pm

CONCERT IN ALL SAINT'S CHURCH by KEBLE COLLEGE CHOIR

All proceeds to the Parish Hall Refurbishment Fund & Keble College Choir

Tickets can be reserved at: www.hursleyvillage.info or send a stamped addressed envelope to the Development Office for a flier and booking form.

A Post-Concert Supper may be booked in advance at The Dolphin Inn - 01962 775209 (www.dolphinhursley.co.uk) and The Kings Head - 01962 775208 (www.hursley.eclipse.co.uk)

Keble Gardens will participate in the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 28 June from 2 – 6 pm for the second year running.

Visitors will be able to wander around the quads showing the recently completed modern planting by Sarah Ewbank and The Warden's private garden which is laid out in the style of Russell Page. The Chapel, containing the 'Light of the World', and Hall will be open. Teas will be available. See:

<http://www.ngs.org.uk/gardens/gardenfinder/garden.aspx?id=20930>

Keble Association Grants

Running with Ethiopians

The UK spends £6m per year funding its national athletics team but its long-distance runners pale in comparison to those of the impoverished country of Ethiopia. The Ethiopians possess a priceless gift for running and last summer the KA funded me to determine its underlying basis.

I travelled to Addis Ababa and joined the team of Dr Yannis Pitsiladis, Director of the International Center for East African Running Science (www.ICEARS.org). Alongside three Ethiopian academics, we analysed the genetic, physiological, nutritional, and socio-cultural factors that might contribute to the Ethiopian athletes' success. My project was the latest in a series highlighting the genetic heterogeneity of Ethiopians, and questioned beliefs that African runners possess genetic advantages over those from other ethnic groups. Another showed that the Ethiopian athletes, despite minimal funding to cover food expenses, eat a nutritionally optimal diet by international standards: high in unrefined carbohydrates, adequate in protein, and minimal in fats and oils.

While the Ethiopian people can help us understand physical fitness and health, we can help them use research and sport to create economic opportunities. Hundreds of young East Africans earn a successful living as international athletes. That number could increase tenfold if health science research and other industries tangential to sport were expanded and developed. To achieve this, I plan to pursue a PhD in exercise science so that I can continue working closely with my new friends in the Addis Ababa University Physical Education Department. I have also co-founded 'Running Across Borders', a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding economic opportunities for East Africans through long-distance running. These academic and social ventures depend on external support, and anyone wishing to get involved as a sponsor or volunteer should contact me through our website at: www.RunningAcrossBorders.org.

Garrett Ash (2007 MSc)



Garrett with some of the Ethiopian athletes



Liz Bell with the manager of several Joshua projects in Blantyre, Mary Chunga.

Malawian Insight

With the support of the Keble Association, I spent six weeks last summer in southern Malawi, one of the poorest areas in the world, carrying out fieldwork for my dissertation. This involved studying the impact of recent food price shocks on its urban poor, and the survival strategies they adopted as a consequence.

I stayed mainly in the poorer areas of Blantyre. Living conditions are tragic; families of ten live in mud-brick houses with three rooms, and no running water or electricity. There are few prospects of employment. Reduced harvests, rising oil prices and hoarding by the government had resulted in significant increases in the price of maize, their staple food. Consequently households were cutting down on their food consumption - particularly those which were female-headed and/or those with large families. Loans of money and food between neighbours increased dramatically over the study period, and enabled some of the most vulnerable to at least manage one meal a day. This made me realise how lucky we are in the UK; recent economic conditions mean some of us may stop eating out, but in Malawi during the lean season, the people starve.

I also visited and worked with Joshua Orphan Care, a local educational charity, in conjunction with Mary's Meals - a Scottish NGO supported by the Keble JCR.

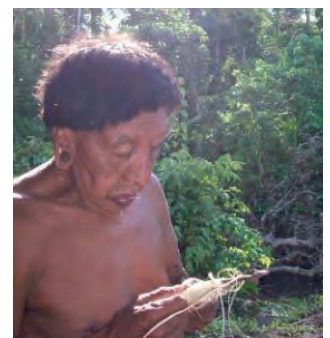
Working with my translators and local chiefs was a real privilege. Malawian culture is fascinating and diverse, the people generous and friendly (I received two proposals) and the countryside, especially Lake Malawi, is beautiful. It was a truly great experience, and has fuelled my interest in working in international development.

Liz Bell (2007 Geography)

Ecuadorian Adventure

Jack Orlik and Inese Smidre (both 2007 Archaeology & Anthropology) worked as field assistants for Dr Laura Rival among the Huaorani of Amazonian Ecuador last summer. Dr Rival is a lecturer on Anthropology and Development at the Oxford Department of International Development (OUID).

Inese writes: 'Under her expert eye, we were introduced to a world that is rapidly disappearing, staying with the Huaorani people in the settlement of Queheire 'Ono, the 'River of Cannibals', deep in the heart of the rainforest. We tried, with some difficulty, to communicate with the Huaorani. Hunting, fishing and forest clearing formed an exciting part of the experience as we attempted to participate actively in the community. Food consisted largely of rice and tuna, occasionally supplemented by monkey arm, or capybara head - delicious! We are very grateful to the Keble Association who helped to make this possible.'



A Huaorani from Queheire

Rob Petre, College Archivist writes:



Archbishop Tait, taken from the cartoon of him and Talbot 'forbidding the banners' between the Chapel and the RC Church. *Keble Past and Present* (p 19)

Canterbury Tales

As the 'Visitor' of the College, the Archbishop of Canterbury is not unknown as a visitor to Keble. However, it must be said that some visits almost seem cursed.

The first visit of an Archbishop occurred when Dr Longley laid the foundation stone of the new college on 25 April 1868. This went well enough – but did the curse strike? The foundation stone promptly got misplaced and it is not known, even today, where the stone is exactly. It most definitely struck eight years later when Archbishop Tait came to the opening of the Chapel. As part of his ongoing battle to save the Athanasian Creed from mutilation at the Primate's hands, Henry Parry Liddon refused to preach because of the Archbishop's presence. Thus one of the leading members of the Council, who had turned down the Wardenship of the College, felt obliged not to play any part in the opening of what many considered to be the most important building in the College.

However, surely the most comical visitation of the College occurred in 1930. Not content with ferrying the patrician Dr Lang from the station in a Morris Minor while his chaplain and luggage came in a Rolls Royce, the College arranged things so that the unfortunate prelate found himself locked out of the Chapel in the pouring rain. When the doors were finally opened, the Archbishop was shoved aside by undergraduates rushing to their seats before the service started. The final indignity happened over drinks in the Warden's Lodgings. Lang was trapped in a corner by the College 'bore', and all attempts of The Warden and Mrs Kidd to rescue him failed. Archbishop Lang never visited the College again.



J C Poole is 2nd from the left in the middle row

100 Years Ago

J C Poole matriculated in 1909 to read Greats, after which he stayed on at Keble for another year to study Theology. He volunteered at the outbreak of the First World War, and was commissioned into the Royal Sussex Regiment. After the war he took holy orders and became a Canon of Chichester Cathedral. Among his papers deposited in the College Archives last year by his son, J O Poole (1951), was an album of photographs.

The album mainly contains the usual collection of student pictures, like the teams Poole played in, crews on the river, the Barge in Eights Week. But it does have two unusual features; it includes photographs of the time of his return to Keble as an officer of C Company, No. 4 Officer Cadet Battalion, as well as an index. In the

back of the volume Revd Poole listed the men featured in the photographs who had died in the war, noting on which pages they might be found. It is a sobering thought that of the Keble 2nd XI Football team of 1912 (see picture), five were killed in action. One of the others, BH Geary (top left) received the VC for his part in the defence of Hill 60 during the Second Battle of Ypres. Poole himself was wounded in the hand, which led eventually to his posting as a training officer to Keble in 1916.

How did it feel to be back in Oxford? Poole was aware of what he called the Great Absence; he missed the energy and ambitions of the thousands of students who had previously populated Oxford. Each part of the city reminded him of the dead, and he drew particular attention to the College Barge. There he remembered the two men, now dead, who had taught him to row. Yet he felt that Oxford itself was for the most part unchanged, with the bells and chimes of the city's churches (especially Tom Tower) continuing to ring as they had done for many years before the conflict and as they would continue to do for many to come (or so he hoped).

*Thank you to everyone who has sent in material or stories about the Vagabonds.
I hope to write this up for the Trinity edition of the brick.*

Keble History on the web

The web address for viewing additional history material of the College that did not make it into *Keble Past and Present* can be found at: <http://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/past>

Development Matters

PIF not Piffle

Keble is in touch with over 8,000 Old Members (OMs) across the globe. More than 800 OMs attended a Keble event during 2008; over 3,200 OMs are signed up to the Online Directory (www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni/in-touch/); almost 1,500 OMs made a gift to the Talbot Fund during the past year; scores have dropped by or stayed in College whilst visiting Oxford and OM contributions to our newsletters are plentiful. It is important that we should be able to help in any way we can to keep our community connected. Just keeping up can be a challenge in itself – close to 3,000 OMs moved house or changed job, phone and/or email over the past year (and that's just the ones we know about!) – your help would be hugely appreciated.



To this end, we have recently sent a Personal Information Form (PIF) to all alumni so that information may be corrected and updated. Hopefully, your degree details are accurate, but if you read Classics and we appear to think you got a First in Physics then this may be a good time to let us know!

Current and reliable contact details will enable you to keep up to date with news of OMs and with both Keble and University news. The form allows us to understand the careers and activities of OMs. Your views will help us to put together a programme of communications and events that are of interest to you. Furthermore, the Development Office is keen to ascertain the extent of demand for electronic communications, so do let us know if this is your preference.

And, as if further encouragement were needed, all PIFs returned by 31 March will be entered into a draw to win a signed copy of the Keble History, Keble Past and Present, or a bottle of Keble port. If you haven't received a form you can download one from the website (www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni/PIF) or contact Camilla Matterson (01865 272794) to receive a copy by post.

Online Giving

The effects of the current financial crisis mean that, more than ever, we need to provide support for all our students. College has teamed up with the Charities Aid Foundation so that OMs and friends may donate online using Direct Debit or credit/debit card. Please visit the website for details (www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni/development/talbot-fund/how-to-give). Should you prefer to put pen to paper then we would be very happy to receive the attached form duly completed!

We would like to thank all of our Old Members and friends who continue to support us. The Talbot Fund Report, including a detailed breakdown of how funding has been spent this year, individual Year Group participation rates, information on legacy funding and much more, will be printed in the next issue of *the brick*.

Family Day – New Style

Saturday 4 July

Bring your own picnic lunch and tea

From 12 pm picnics in Newman Quad

2.30 pm organised games in Newman Quad

No charge

Tea and soft drinks will be provided

Parking Permits (Science Area)
see booking form on flap.

Please email alumni.events@keble.ox.ac.uk by Friday 19 June if you would like to attend, giving all family names and child/children's age/s.

Summer Dinner

Saturday 4 July

Ever thought that you would like to dine in Hall again and be able to bring your partner, friends or contemporaries - Look no further - the Summer Dinner is THE opportunity.

Drinks Reception at 7.00 pm followed by Dinner in Hall at 7.30 pm (black tie/formal)

Tickets £30 per person

Guests Welcome

Overnight accommodation available £35 for a single, £50 for a couple (including breakfast)

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Visit the website www.oxfordrooms.co.uk to check availability and prices. If you are an Old Member don't forget to use the promotional code 'talbot' to benefit from preferential rates.

We look forward to seeing you in College soon!



Magnolia Repot

In late January, the Magnolia grandiflorum 'Nanum' in Pusey Quad were repotted. The oak Versailles tubs were made by the local company, Oxford Planters, and have de-mountable sides to allow for root pruning. The trees were replanted in loam-based compost and slow-release fertilizer and will be enhanced by a flowery bedding scheme.



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