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Richard Darton by the pipes of a Hydraulic Simulator for distillation and absorption

I came to Oxford in 1991 after a career with Shell in the Netherlands. I had hesitated about the move, but Shell made a generous offer of secondment to the University, and I was encouraged by the charismatic head of Engineering Science at that time, Professor Sir Mike Brady. The project was to set up a new teaching and research programme in chemical engineering. I enjoyed teaching students but we had difficulty gaining external recognition for the course, so I started to take an interest in accreditation and professional standards. As a

A life in Engineering

Professor Richard Darton has been honoured by the Queen with the award of an OBE in the Birthday Honours for services to engineering.

result I was asked to head up the Institution of Chemical Engineers' qualifications activities – a volunteer role. This led to significant changes to the way courses are accredited, first by IChemE, and later by other engineering institutions. Following a stint as President of IChemE (2008-9) I was elected President of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE).

In my technical work I have mainly been a 'separations engineer' researching, designing and troubleshooting large scale equipment and schemes for oil distillation, purifying natural gas, taking carbon dioxide out of flue gas and cleaning up waste water. In the 1990s I also became interested in sustainable development, which has broadened into a concern for the way the developed world has come to rely too heavily on fossil fuel. Some of the consequences are the threats of climate change, and ocean acidification. We need to move faster to a low-carbon economy, and I hope that action to promote this will become part of the EFCE's

strategy – a small contribution to stimulating the fundamental changes that we need.

In my career I have been privileged to work with outstandingly talented people – at Shell, at Oxford and in the professional and institutional world. All engineering is a team endeavour; you need individual creativity and drive of course, but you depend on colleagues to a huge extent. So I am greatly honoured by the award of an OBE – a pleasure for my family and friends – but I am conscious that my contribution has relied on the work of others. I regard it as an accolade for engineering.

"I chose Keble for Engineering due to its proud history of excelling at engineering and due to the world class quality of its tutors (not to mention its proximity to the Engineering Department!)."

Wahbi El-Bouri
(2008 Engineering Science)

Professor Darton is giving a lecture, *Geoengineering – fantasy or feasible future?* in the O'Reilly Theatre, at the College on Saturday 17 September at 11.30am as part of the 1972-76 Reunion Weekend and the Oxford University Alumni Weekend : *Meeting Minds – 21st Century Challenges.*

We are facing huge challenges in transitioning to a sustainable low-carbon economy. This lecture will explore Geoengineering proposals, deliberately large-scale interventions in the Earth's natural systems, to address climate change and ask which are technically feasible, and what the consequences might be.

Bennett Prize Winning Engineers

The winners of the new Bennett prize, offered by the College for the best 4th Year undergraduate Engineering project presentations, are Andrew Mather and James Hawkes. Andrew was awarded first prize for his presentation on the engineering dynamics of a 'wobbly foot bridge' and James the second prize for the description of his work on finding one's location underwater and in the dark by using acoustics.

"We wanted to acknowledge the outstanding education provided by the Engineering faculty at Keble and in a small way help future Engineering undergraduates in the face of increasing financial pressures. We hope that they and their families will in turn show their appreciation to the cause when they are able to do so."

John and Kate Bennett



Andrew (right) and James on the experimental 'wobbly bridge' rig

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Genetics Honour

Professorial Fellow Jonathan Hodgkin has been awarded the 2011 Genetics Society Medal in recognition of his outstanding contribution to this field.

Professor Hodgkin is one of the world's foremost experts on the biology of the nematode worm *Caenorhabditis elegans*. He has used this model organism for studying genetics, immunity and development. He was responsible for classic work on sex determination and sexual differentiation through the study of *C.elegans*, and has contributed through his research to knowledge in a wide range of other areas such as telomere biology, natural variation and behavioural genetics.



This notice, on a lamp post in Keble Road, caused a frisson of excitement in the College as it marked the beginning of the installation of the new pipe organ in the Chapel - more details will be in the *Keble Review* in the autumn.

Changes on The Record

College publications are changing. The Hilary and Trinity Term *brick* will continue to land in post-boxes or inboxes as they have done for some years now. The Michaelmas Term *brick* is to be replaced with a 32-page magazine highlighting aspects of College life during the year and giving more prominence to the academic work of the College. An A4 *Record* will accompany *The Keble Review* and continue to include the lists of College members, examination results, College sports and club reports, Fellows' publications, and news and obituaries of Old Members. Both *The Keble Review* and the new format *Record* will be posted to all Old Members in the first year with the option to request either or both by email link thereafter. We trust you will enjoy reading them.



The view from the compost bins across the lower level football pitch through the new tennis court to the pavilion. The tree on the left was planted in memory of Paul Hayes and is the species of willow for making cricket bats.

Improvements at the Sports Ground

From October Keble will share its sports ground with St Hugh's. To provide for this a second football pitch is being laid out on the upper field beyond the cricket square.

The bowling green and clubhouse, occupied by the Summertown Bowls Club until its demise, have been cleared and the hard tennis courts moved to the edge of the field. Also, the track from the upper to the lower field has been improved to provide year-round access to the compost bays – Keble now recycles all its garden waste. In a second phase of work the machine sheds will, subject to planning consent and funding, be relocated to the corner of the ground behind the pavilion.

Roger Boden

Former Wardens in the Lodgings

A new watercolour portrait of George Richardson has been commissioned from Bob Tulloch.

It is to join the one of Averil Cameron, also by Bob Tulloch, and hang in the Warden's Lodgings.



From Canterbury to Oxford

After the earthquake struck Christchurch New Zealand, the Vice-Chancellor contacted his counterpart at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch to ask if Oxford could help.

The result - 42 students came to Oxford for Trinity Term and Keble welcomed two. Patricia Allan is reading a BA Honours course in Anthropology and has found the proximity of the Pitt Rivers Museum very helpful to her studies, and Kane O'Donnell is studying a BSc Honours course in Mathematical Physics. Both have enjoyed their term and are immensely grateful to the University and to the College for arranging teaching and covering their fees, food and accommodation.

Dr Sonia Mazey, former Senior Tutor of the College, who since became Associate Dean and Academic Manager of the College of Business and Economics at Canterbury, said that conditions are very difficult with some lectures taking place in marquees.



Kane O'Donnell and Patricia Allan

Law News

The Triennial Harris Society Law Dinner is on Saturday 24 September and open to all Keble Old Members who studied Law or who are now practising Law.

Former Tutor in Law, Honorary Fellow and former University Vice Chancellor Sir Peter North (1956) is planning to attend as well as Senior Law Fellow Ed Peel.

Professor James Edelman, Keble Law Fellow since 2005, Professor of the Law of Obligations and barrister in England and Australia has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Western Australia, making him, at 37, the youngest person ever to hold that position. He will be missed by his students and the Law Faculty.



Professor James Edelman

The Talbot Fund

The Warden wrote to Old Members in April to encourage support for Keble students raising over £30,000 in new gifts for the College to date.

We are hugely grateful to everyone who has contributed and who is helping to underpin our efforts to reduce the gap between costs and funding for students at Keble. As the funding gap continues to widen we hope that, if you have not yet made a donation this year but share our belief that Keble should continue to provide outstanding teaching and facilities for students, you will give this serious consideration. There is a tear-off form attached to page 8 or you can donate online at: www.giving.ox.ac.uk/colleges/keble_college.html

Pick a brick and
support Keble students!



“ Be part of a large communal effort to ensure that future students can enjoy the unique experience of life at Keble. ”

Katly Rice-Oxley (1997)



Gowns by Day – Ball at Night

The Scandal in Bohemia Ball on the evening of 14 May followed a day of celebration when 120 Finalists from 2010 came back to College for their Degree Day.

Gowns and hoods dominated Liddon Quad during the day which was transformed by light later on. A helter-skelter was the prominent feature of Pusey Quad and it was reported that even the Warden had a go.



Trinity Music

Keble College Music Society put on a diverse programme of concerts this term.

Renowned pianist David Owen Norris (1971) gave a recital including works by Beethoven, William Byrd and Joni Mitchell. The Leonora Piano Trio showcased chamber groups and soloists in a Summer Concert. The newly formed Keble-Wadham Orchestra played a programme of baroque works in the Holywell Music Room under the direction of Kieran Finn (2009 MPhys) and a fitting finale to the term was given by Kah-Ming Ng (1996) and members of his award-winning *Charivari*



Kabir Bhalla (l) and Kah-Ming Ng (centre) with violinists from *Charivari Agréable*

Agréable ensemble, who played 16th and 17th Century works on period instruments.

Kabir Bhalla



Eights Week Keble 1st VIII back in Division 1

With four University rowers, M1 did not fail to impress, bumping Exeter and New College on the first and second days, putting them at the top of the 2nd Division. On the third day, Keble missed the chance to bump up a division by a mere canvas length on Worcester but the crew did not give up, and on day four, after a last minute rudder repair, they seized their opportunity to bump to a permanent position in Division 1. M2 rowed strongly and bumped Worcester on the third day to maintain a place in Division 4. W1 bumped up a position through the stern of Somerville – a testament to their grit and determination – and are in and excellent position in Division 2 for next year.

Rashid Muhamedrahimov

Tamburlaine at the O'

Banners of purple, black, white and red decorated the stage of the O'Reilly in 7th Week this term, to usher in the pomp of Tamburlaine the Great.

Christopher Marlowe's epic play was taken on by William Tyrrell (Pembroke) and Robert Nixon (2009 History) with a strong Keble presence on stage. Victoria Princewill (2009 English) and Katherine Skingsley (2010 History) took on the roles of the respective Turkish and Egyptian Emperresses particularly strongly and Frances Avery (2009 Modern Languages) excelled by performing not one, but three

roles in the play, each with distinctive flair. The play was well received by the audience and student reviewers, and demonstrated the capabilities of Keble's theatre to capture one of the Renaissance period's most popular plays.

Laura Wilson



Oxford Cricket - now and then

Current Cricket Blue Alex Scott (2009 PPE) exchanged emails with Bryan Hamblin (1970 History), Cricket Blue in 1970, 71 and 72 and now Secretary of the Oxford Harlequins, a side for former players of OUCC. Like Bryan, Alex also finds time to play for the College as well as the University.

A: Is the growth in the gulf between University cricket and County/International sides due to the professionalisation of cricket?

B: In the 1970s there was an enormous gulf between OUCC, most counties (although we won two Benson and Hedges one-day matches) and particularly the touring sides. We were enthusiastic amateurs - only three undergraduates in the side and an average age of 26. My son had five years as a professional with Hampshire with fielding, throwing and sprinting coaches, and a controlled diet. Current Oxford cricketers start a game at an enormous disadvantage. However, a passion for the game and the thrill of playing at that level make up a bit of the imbalance. In 1972 it did make a difference having Imran Khan at one end.

A: As Harlequins Secretary, why is it important that former members stay in touch and support sports teams once they've left?

B: We lose touch with too many cricketers who change address frequently or move abroad. CUCC has just gone bust but received a major gift to keep it going. The Parks is a wonderful cricket venue but the cost of providing first class facilities is high. I do feel the University should provide more funds. This year OUCC has been fortunate to secure sponsorship from Neptune Investment Management, and for that we are hugely grateful. The Harlequins

are intent on raising funds to support OUCC.

A: What was your proudest moment representing the University?

B: Coming straight out of school and bowling at Richards, Greenidge, Kanhai, Majid Khan and Cowdrey and facing Gibbs, Titmus, Mushtaq, McKenzie. Fortunately not many quickies liked to come to the flat, low Parks! A childhood dream fulfilled!

A: Has the support structure changed for the better since you left?

B: We did not have a full time coach for my first and last years. Apart from a wonderful old scorer/assistant there was no support. I remember enviously watching the four Keble men in the Blues boat having special breakfasts and supper in Hall: cricketers and hockey players were not invited to this. I was never very sure anyone in Keble knew what I was up to until Paul Hayes offered me tutorials at 9pm in the summer.

A: Did you manage to defy your tutor's claim about the work, sport and social life relationship?

B: I never aspired to a First. I managed a 'middling' second and gave up hockey in my final year. I met my future wife from LMH in the first year (who was incredibly tolerant of my sport) and have retained many good friends from Keble and the sports sides. I think I made a good



Alex Scott



Bryan Hamblin (then)



Bryan Hamblin (now)

shot at it all. You learn how to fit everything in - quite an important life lesson.

B: How many undergraduates are in the Blues side this year?

A: There is likely to be eight undergraduates, a big increase from just four last year.

B: How supportive has Keble been to a first class cricketer?

A: My tutors have been incredibly understanding and flexible. It is difficult finding accommodation outside term-time to play in the Varsity matches and attend pre-season training. Cricket is time consuming and I often miss meals in Hall; the lack of undergraduate cooking facilities has made maintaining a proper diet difficult. Two Old Members have been very generous and helped me go on a training camp in India over the Christmas vacation.

B: We had to pay £2 a day to play in the Parks - do you pay for playing and equipment?

A: We pay subs of £65 for the year to help cover the costs of playing in the Parks. We also have to pay for our kit - the bare minimum works out at about £200 per year.

B: My tutor, Eric Stone, warned me that I could not do justice to myself academically, on the sports field and have a good social life. Have you?

A: I have found the key is being disciplined. You have to make the odd sacrifice to keep on top of work and training, but I have

been very lucky to have made some really good friends both in and outside College, and am still working towards a First.

B: Oxford has inspired excellence in cricket for 150 years; should the University do more to keep its first class cricket status?

A: I think for the University Match to lose its first class status would be a real shame and damaging to Oxford cricket as a whole. Our first class status is not only part of the attraction for many talented cricketers, but also one of the key reasons behind the professionalism with which, as a club, we pursue our cricket. To be selected for a first class game is a huge motivation for any cricketer and keeping that status is essential to maintaining the very high standards Oxford sets itself.

B: What has been your proudest moment for the University side?

A: Undoubtedly taking eight wickets in the 4-Day Varsity match last year. Oxford won by an innings and 28 runs.

Birthday Honour



Congratulations to Richard Makepeace (1972) who was awarded a CMG in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Richard worked in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office after leaving College with a BA in Modern Languages and rose to postings which included deputy to the Ambassador in Cairo, and Ambassador in Khartoum and Abu Dhabi. In 2006 he moved to be Consul-General of Jerusalem, his final post with FCO. He is now Registrar for the Oxford Centre of Islamic Studies.

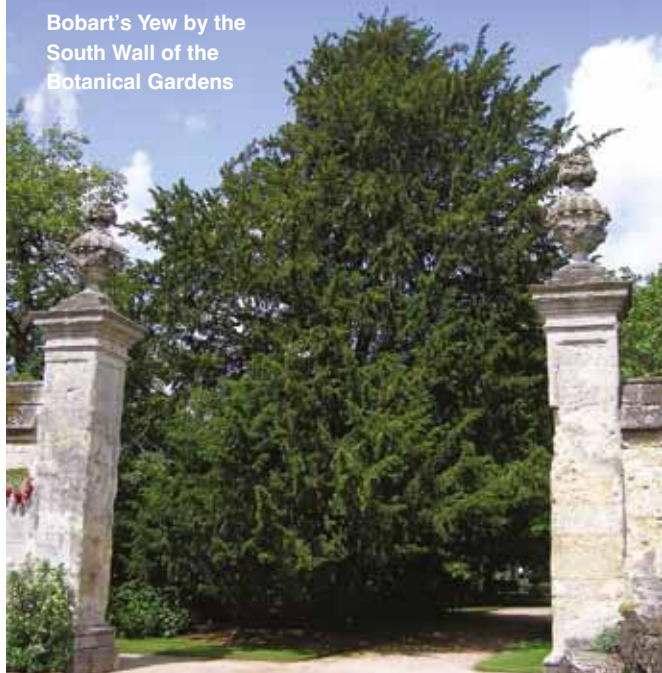
Lightning Survivor

Reading his copy of the Hilary Term *Oxford Today*, Colin Dolloway (1953) recognised the yew in a photograph in the article, *Meetings with Remarkable Ghosts*, as the one he and David Hall (1953) where sheltering under in May 1955 when he was struck by lightning. Colin survived and became a medical curiosity in the Radcliffe Infirmary for 12 days. During his career in agriculture in Zimbabwe, Colin was struck by lightning twice more; in 1960 while on a tractor spraying cotton and in 1971 while sheltering from a storm in his car. He is now happily living out his retirement with his wife, Beryl, not far from the beach at Umhlanga in South Africa. The tree, also a survivor, is known as Bobart's yew after Jacob Bobart who planted it in 1645.



Colin Dolloway

Bobart's Yew by the South Wall of the Botanical Gardens



Books & Music

At Last

Edward St Aubyn (1979) has published, *At Last*, to critical acclaim. It is the final book in a series of the life of the Melrose family and in particular, Patrick Melrose who is aged six in the first novel, *Never Mind* (1992). Two novels followed and were published as *The Patrick Melrose Trilogy* by Vintage in 1998 and as *Some Hope* (Trilogy) in 2006 by Picador. *Mother's Milk* (2006) was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. *At Last* focuses on the single day of Eleanor Melrose's (Patrick's mother) cremation in 2005 and is published by Picador.



Concerti Curiosi

Charivari Agréable led by Kah-Ming Ng (1996) have recently brought out their 20th disc, *Concerti Curiosi* which contains mostly hitherto unrecorded Baroque material, including a Pepusch Concerto for four violins, the only source for which is in the Bodleian Library. Signum Classics SIGCD249 www.charivari.co.uk



2011 Douglas Price Society Event

The day began with a reception and music from the Keble Jazz Trio led by Kabir Bhalla (2009) followed by lunch in Hall with the Warden.



Andrew Pengelly

Andreas Whittam Smith CBE (1957) made his last speech as founding President before passing the baton to Andrew Pengelly (1961)*. A debate with the motion, This House believes the sea of faith is no longer retreating, followed in the SCR with Brian Underwood (1959) ably assisted by Euan Grant (2010) as proposers, and David Etherington (1973) with James Cross (2009) in opposition. Dr Ian Archer, the Sub-Warden, chaired admirably. There were contributions from the floor and a final vote carried the motion.

*Jackie Newbury (1979) takes on the new role of VP.

Honour for Judge

Edwin Cameron (1976), Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, was made an honorary Doctor of Civil Law at the University Encaenia Ceremony in late June.

After Pretoria Boys' High School and a BA in Law and an Honours degree in Latin at Stellenbosch University, Edwin came to the UK to study a BA in Law and a BCL at Keble on a Rhodes Scholarship. Returning to South Africa afterwards he obtained an LLB from the University of South Africa.

He practised at the Johannesburg bar in the 1980s and '90s specialising in human rights until President Mandela appointed him an acting judge and later a judge of the High Court. In 1999 he served for a year as an Acting Justice at the Constitutional Court and in 2000 was appointed a Judge of Appeal in the Supreme Court of Appeal. Edwin is a member of the Campaign Board.



Edwin Cameron

London Olympics 2012 Calling all Old Members involved

The Alumni & Development Office would like to know of any Old Members who are or will be involved in the 2012 Olympics; organisers, competitors, competitors' agents, promoters, lawyers, insurers, PR, press, photography or volunteers, to run a story in the new Keble Review magazine in the autumn. Please contact: ruth.cowen@keble.ox.ac.uk.



London Olympics 2012 – Rooms in College

With accommodation in London set to be at a premium for the three weeks from 27 July 2012 the College can offer rooms to Old Members at a special rate. Rooms can be booked online at www.keble.ox.ac.uk/conferences/b-b-booking; and to obtain the Old Member rate type 'Marathon' in the Promotional Code box during the booking procedure.

Degree Ceremony – Saturday 28 July 2012

For those planning to come to the UK for the Olympics and who have yet to confer their Degree, there are 45 places available at the Degree Ceremony on Saturday 28 July. Booking opens in October and an application form can be downloaded from the College website at: www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni/degrees enquires: trish.long@keble.ox.ac.uk



John Brennan



Tony Grant

High Public Offices in West Yorkshire

John Brennan (1960) who has been Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire since 2004 was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in 1991 and High Sheriff in 1998. Anthony (Tony) Grant (1958) has been appointed High Sheriff for 2011-12 and took up the post in April.

John worked in the family textile business and sat on Bradford City Council, chaired the British Wool Federation, the Bradford Conservative Federation, and the Finance Committee of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society (which runs the Great Yorkshire Show every July) where he is also a Trustee. He received an OBE in 1990 for services to the community. The Vice Lord-Lieutenancy supports and sometimes represents the Lord-Lieutenant who is responsible for hosting visits by the Royal Family as well as promoting business, education and philanthropy in the county. John has six more years to serve.

Tony had a career in accountancy and was President of Leeds Chamber of Commerce from 1996 to 1999. He was awarded an OBE in 2005 for services to West Yorkshire. The Office of High Sheriff is an independent non-political Royal appointment for a single year which primarily supports the Crown and the judiciary as well as actively lending support and encouragement to crime prevention agencies, the emergency services and the voluntary sector.

Global Footing

Recent Finalist, Tatiana Hennessy (2008 English) has succeeded, against formidable opposition, to gain an internship at the Globe Theatre over the summer.

It is an administrative internship with production duties, backstage and rehearsal work.



Keble College Music Society

See www.keblemusic.co.uk for Michaelmas Term Events. Old Members welcome

Friday 16 - Sunday 18 September

1972-76 Reunion Weekend

Invitations were posted in June
Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

OU Alumni Weekend Meeting Minds – 21st Century Challenges

For booking and the programme see www.alumniweekend.ox.ac.uk. The Keble Alumni & Development Office cannot take bookings for University events, but meals and accommodation can be booked at Keble by Old Members attending (a booking form is on the College website)

Saturday 24 September Harris Society Dinner

For Old Members who read Law or who are now practising Law. Invitations were posted in July
Enquiries to Camilla Matterson

Friday 30 September

1961 Year 50th Anniversary Lunch.

Invitations were posted in late July
Enquires to Ruth Cowen

For ALL events see www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni/events



Friday 30 September Inaugural Recital of the new Tickell Pipe Organ

By invitation only. All donors to the organ will be invited to this or the Recital and Dedication Service on 9 October

Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

Saturday 8 October Ghosts Football Match

Any Old Member wishing to play, please contact Andrew Tingle at andytingle@hotmail.com or Brian Johns at brian.johns2@ntlworld.com. Players and supporters meet in The King's Arms at 11.30am on the day



Ghosts Rugby Match

Any Old Member interested in playing or providing vociferous support please contact Calum Daniel at calum.daniel@hermesgpe.com

Sunday 9 October

Recital and Dedication Service of the new Tickell Pipe Organ

Dedicated by The Rt Revd and Rt Hon, The Lord Robin Eames Donors to the organ will be invited to this or the Inaugural Recital on 30 September

Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

Thursday 13 October

Donors Drinks Party

The Strangers Dining Room, The House of Commons
By invitation only

Enquiries to Ruth Cowen



Friday 14 October

1951 60th Anniversary Lunch.

Invitations were posted in late July

Enquires to Ruth Cowen

2012 Reunion Dates

1977 - 81

Friday 22 and Saturday 23 June

1982 - 86

Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September

Friday 12 November

Richardson Lecture

5.30pm Pusey Room

Lecturer and title to be confirmed



Thursday 17 November

Keble London Lecture

Building a Brand

Andy Street (1982)

Managing Director of John Lewis Plc Hogan Lovells, Holborn Viaduct, London. Invitations will be emailed in September

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