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H B Allen Ground-breaking Ceremony

On Thursday 2 June, the College welcomed the Vice-Chancellor Professor Louise Richardson FRSE to the Ground-breaking Ceremony for the new H B Allen Centre. The ceremony was preceded by a lunch in the Warden's Lodgings and an address by the Vice-Chancellor, who applauded the ambition of the project and its relevance to the strategic goals of the University in terms of accommodating graduate students and facilitating the commercial exploitation of University research.



The V-C recognised the extremely generous capital grant from The H B Allen Charitable Trust and on behalf of the College and the University she thanked Peter Shone, Trustee and Keble alumnus (1969, Law), very warmly indeed for his inspiration in identifying what will be the H B Allen Centre as a suitable project to memorialise the philanthropy of Miss Heather Allen.

The H B Allen Centre

The new Centre will house 230 graduate students, nearly triple our current capacity. There will be a 120-seat lecture theatre,

seminar rooms, an exhibition space, a café, a gym, a twenty-four bedroom "research hotel" for visiting academics, and just over 2,100 m² of space for research and related spinout activities. One of the occupants of the research space will be Professor Paul Newman's Mobile Robotics Group and we are currently finalising the details of a long-term lease agreement with OSI (Oxford Sciences Innovation) which plans to have its headquarters and significant incubator space for spinout companies on the site. The H B Allen Centre will also provide



The Vice-Chancellor put the spade to good use and broke the ground at the old Acland Hospital site.

facilities for the programmes of Keble's Advanced Studies Centre (ASC), a vibrant aspect of the College's research community.

The demolition of the existing buildings has already commenced and we aim to open the new development in October 2018. You can follow the progress of the project on the College website where we will regularly be posting construction



Anthony Nagle (Construction Director, BAM) presented the engraved ceremonial spade to Mr Peter Shone (1969).

updates. <http://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/campaign/construction-updates>

The fundraising Campaign has so far attracted around £35m in gifts and pledges for the construction project and a further £7m for academic posts, scholarships and research.

**Jenny Tudge
Director of Development**



Others in attendance included the construction team from BAM, the design team from Rick Mather Architects, major donors to the College, Keble Fellows, staff and students.

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Warden Nineham

The College is very sad to announce the death of former Warden, the Revd Professor Dennis Nineham (94), on Sunday 8 May. He was Warden from 1969-79 and an Honorary Fellow of the College. His wife, Ruth, died on 17 March.

Dr Denys Potts

The College is very sad to report the death on Thursday 11 May, at the age of 93, of Dr Denys Potts, Besse Fellow and Tutor in French from 1952 to 1989.



May London Lecture

Tony Hall (1970) Baron Hall of Birkenhead, Honorary Fellow and Director General of the BBC, unsurprisingly pulled in a record turn-out of Old Members for his London Lecture in May. Entitled *Why I Love the BBC*, his talk coincided with the publication of the BBC's White Paper, so we are especially grateful to him for giving up his time on such a demanding day.

EU Referendum Discussion

In May, a panel discussion on the EU Referendum, chaired by the Warden, was held in College. Speaking for the 'Remain' side were Emeritus Fellow Sir Larry Siedentop (author of *Democracy in Europe*), Ed Balls (1985) (former Shadow Chancellor and Labour MP), Dr Catherine Bell (former Acting Permanent Secretary at BIS), Professor Paul Craig (St John's College, specialist on Constitutional, Administrative and European Community Law), with John Longworth (Former Director General of British Chambers of Commerce) for Brexit. A straw-poll of the audience, mainly made up of current students, at the beginning and end revealed an overwhelming majority wished to 'Remain'.



Maths and Computing Dinner

In May, a Maths and Computer Science Reunion Dinner was held in College to celebrate Professor Stephen Cameron's 30 years of teaching Computer Science here. A hundred current and former Fellows, Old Members and students of the subjects attended. Jie Ma (2006 DPhil) from China and Gwyn Skone (2002 BA and DPhil) travelled the furthest for the occasion.

From left: Jie Ma, Gwyn Skone, Professor Stephen Cameron and Professor Gesine Reinert



For more details on College news stories see: www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/news/

Sir Larry Siedentop

Emeritus Fellow Dr Larry Siedentop was made a Knight Bachelor for services to Political Science in the Queen's Birthday Honours. In the week before the announcement he celebrated his 80th birthday at a lunch hosted by the Warden in the Lodgings.



New Portrait for Hall

The Warden's portrait which was unveiled in early June now hangs between the two main doors in Hall. An excellent likeness, it was painted by Marc Roscoe who also painted Professor Dame Averil Cameron and André de Breyne.



The Warden with Marc Roscoe (right) and Dr Michael Hawcroft

The Country Gambler

Dr Erica McAlpine (Robin Geffen Career Development Fellow in English) launched her first book of poetry, *The Country Gambler*, in College with a reception, and readings from her poems. It was published in April by Shearsman Books.



Erica McAlpine and her Editor Tony Frazer

51 Years at the College

Steve Beasley is the longest serving member of staff by far. He joined the College in 1965 straight from school and has tended the grounds and lawns, first at the Sports Ground and for the last 20 years on the main site, ever since. The College commissioned Bob Tulloch to paint his portrait in recognition of his long service, and it was unveiled this term.



Steve Beasley (right) with portraitist Bob Tulloch and the Warden

Award, Prize and Going Places...



Tana Jambaldorj (2015 MBA) a recipient of a Faith Ivens Franklin Travel Award is using the money to attend the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting of the New Champions in Tianjin, China in July. Tana was selected as one of thirty 'Global Shapers' under 30 to attend the conference. Coming from Mongolia, she thinks 'that conversations on growth and innovation in a rapidly changing global landscape will be especially relevant.'



Sebastian Bates (2014 Law) essay on tort law and human rights won him the Deirdre Tucker Memorial Prize in Jurisprudence this year. The Prize will help him in his aim to pursue a career in International Law. Over the long vacation he is going to Phnom Penh to assist the judges of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia in a case against former Khmer Rouge leaders.



College Rowing

We have had another very successful year of Keble rowing, with crews making further progress in Torpids and, most recently, in Summer Vllls. M1 made three bumps to finish third in the Men's Division 1, and are now well placed for a push on the Headship next summer. W1 did very well with a largely novice crew to bump twice in the Women's Division 1, finishing sixth. M2 won blades and went up a division, and there were spirited efforts from M3, M4 and W2. It was a very good week's racing.



A 1972 Head of the River blade was presented to the College at the KRS AGM by Martin Dawes in memory of Derek Thurgood, coach of the 1972 1st VIII, who died late last year.

Robert MacVicar, President Keble Rowing Society

Theatre Conversation

In front of an audience of students Rufus Norris, Artistic Director of the National Theatre and Robin Geffen (1976), Honorary Fellow, had a conversation about his plans and aspirations for the National, and the role of digital in today's productions



Reaching 14 Heights

A group of Keble students led by Luke Martin (2010) set out in April to ascend 14 Mountains of Mourne peaks in a day. Seven of the group managed all 14 starting on Slieve Binnian and ending with Slieve Donar, the rest scaled ten, all in 16 hours. They raised over £1,330 for Gatehouse, a homeless shelter opposite College, and the Mondo Challenge's charitable work in Nepal.

Panopticon Ball



Watchtowers in Liddon (pictured), a bank of CCTV cameras on the SCR corridor and a secret 'Rebel Room' contributed to the theme of this year's Panopticon Ball.

Friends of the Chapel

As College Chaplain, The Revd Dr Jenn Strawbridge, prepares to move to pastures new, we reflect on her significant contribution, inspiration and legacy to the College.



On setting up the Friends of the Chapel

Whether it's through daily worship and prayers, singing in the Choir, enjoying the fantastic music, or even through a significant event such as a wedding, baptism, or memorial service, the diverse offerings of the Chapel and its community touch the lives of many students, Old Members, and supporters of the College. Friends of Keble Chapel was set up in 2014 to enable those whose lives have been enhanced and transformed by the Chapel to promote and support the continued work of this great space and community. Since its launch, Friends of the Chapel, which is a part of the Talbot Fund, has grown steadily and this year alone gifts have supported a pilgrimage to Durham to learn about England's northern saints, singing lessons for the choir, and the opportunity for the choir to build community and confidence on their first tour in almost 4 years to France in July. While I am leaving Keble at the end of this academic year to take up a teaching post within the University, I will remain a Friend of Keble Chapel and look forward to the continued flourishing of the Chapel and all that is offered to the College within that sacred space.

Jenn Strawbridge (2001)

On the last Sunday of term

'Gratitude' was the theme of the last Sunday of term as College came together to celebrate. The Chaplain gathered the chapel community together before the evening Eucharist to thank those members of the choir and chapel leadership who were leaving. In a packed chapel, Jenn marked her final Sunday and spoke in her sermon of the gratitude of the woman who bathed Jesus' feet with her tears and found forgiveness. And then it was time to show our gratitude to Jenn for her 6 years as Chaplain. The Keble community, past and present, gathered in the Lodgings where the Warden and the choir paid fitting tribute in what was a wonderful celebration of a much loved and valued individual.

Darren McFarland (Assistant Chaplain)



Jenn's leaving party cake made by Janet Knight (Accommodation Manager)

From Friends of the Chapel

Keble Chapel taught me the catholic faith of the Church of England and encouraged me as I discerned a call to priesthood. The opportunities for fellowship, prayer, theological discussion, fun, and mentoring by the Chaplain were crucial in the process as I entered theological training. In particular, the Chapel's support for placements where I began to discover the work of community organising continues to exercise a profound influence on my priesthood. I joined the Friends of Keble Chapel to ensure future students benefit from the same wonderful opportunities I enjoyed, and so that future clergy may discover their vocation and what it is God is calling them to do through their time in Oxford.

Simon Cuff (2006)

I am not exaggerating when I say that it was the Chapel that made me apply to Keble - the building is utterly inspiring. Little did I know how much its community would come to mean to me during my student days here. In my first week I auditioned for the choir on a whim. Three years later I am in my second year as a choral scholar, and as Roman Catholic rep for the College, and I was the Mitre Club President for this year's Chapel black tie dinner. The Chapel community has been the cornerstone of my social experience —I met my boyfriend and best friends through the choir—so it was only fitting that I make my finalists' donation to support its wonderful music and worship.

Hannah Scofield (2013)

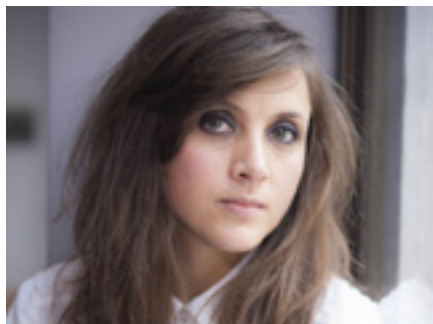
As a former organ scholar, and someone who more recently enjoyed getting married in the Chapel, I was pleased to have this opportunity to directly support a cause that is dear to my heart. The Chapel choir, which played such a significant part of my time at Oxford, clearly goes from strength to strength and it is great to be able to support its current work in a small way. I'm also pleased to be kept up to date with new choir projects and ambitions, and Jenn's 'Friends of Keble Chapel' scheme provides a positive way of doing this.

Olly Walker (2005)

I was not brought up in a particularly religious family, but when I came up to Keble I found Sunday Evensong in the Chapel a uniquely peaceful and restorative experience, which made a deep impression on me. Its magnificent interior, now enhanced musically by the new organ, makes it a very special place of worship. I was therefore delighted to respond to Jenn's initiative and become a Friend of the Chapel. Jenn has contributed so much to the spiritual, and to the secular, life of the College. I wish her every success in her new role in Oxford.

David Welch (1949)

News of Old Members



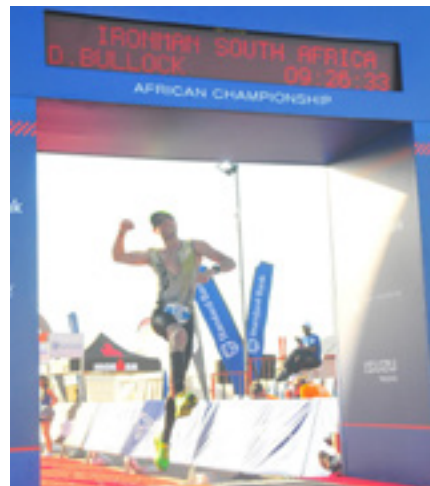
Marnie Dickens and *Thirteen*

Marnie Dickens (2004) has written the compelling six-part mini-series *Thirteen* which was screened on the BBC in the spring. It tells the tale of a young woman coming to terms with life after abduction.

Marnie's career started in the *Hollyoaks* writers' room, which she says was an ideal training ground. Since then, she has written for dramas including *Ripper Street* and *The Musketeers*, whilst working on her own projects. She is now developing a new series with the BBC, *Forty Elephants*, about a 1920s criminal gang of women. *Thirteen* is available to watch on BBC iPlayer until the end of August.

Outstanding Achievement

Mark Goldring (1976) CBE, Chief Executive of Oxfam GB, has been awarded the Daniel Phelan Award for Outstanding Achievement at this year's Charity Awards at the Mermaid Theatre in May. Andrew Hind, chair of the Charity Awards judges, said 'Mark personifies the qualities that we all want to see in an outstanding charity leader.'



Ironman Champion

Since last year Duncan Bullock (2004) has taken up the Ironman triathlon, having become world champion for his age group in the Duathlon world championships in Pontevedra, Spain, in 2014. He will compete in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, in the autumn after being placed second in his age group in the African Ironman championships held in Port Elizabeth in April, where, in the highly competitive 30-34 age group, he completed all three triathlon disciplines in nine hours, 26 minutes and 33 seconds. The seconds count!

Portrait Prize

Jamie Coreth (2007) has won the BP Young Artist Award for a portrait of his father, *Dad Sculpting Me*. The portrait, along with other BP Portrait Award 2016 entries, is on display at the National Portrait Gallery until 4 September.



Old Members in Print

The Oxford Movement in Practice

George Herring (1974) has published the book which started life as his DPhil thesis under the supervision of Bishop Geoffrey Rowell, College Chaplain at the time. With the double significance of being about the Oxford Movement and beginning in Keble, it examines the Tractarian parochial world from the 1830s to 1870s. It was published by OUP in May 2016.



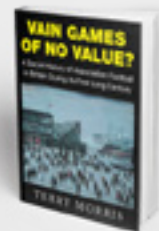
Fledglings

Poet, **Suzanna Fitzpatrick** (1994) has published *Fledglings*, her debut pamphlet of poems which explores pregnancy and motherhood. It won the 2015 James Kirkup Memorial Prize run by Red Squirrel Press. Suzanna also won The Poetry Society's Haimish Canham Prize in 2014 for her poems. *Fledglings* is available to buy at www.redsquirrelpress.com



Vain Games of No Value?

Terry Morris (1966) has written *Vain Games of No Value? A Social History of Association Football in Britain During its First Long Century* which was published in March. It analyses the growth of British football in all its aspects—the development of the football crowd, the status of the professional player and women's football to name a few. Terry has also written *In a Class of Their Own: a History of English Amateur Football* which was published in late 2015.



News of Old Members



Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to:



Professor Colin Lawson (1968), Director of the Royal College of Music, who received a CBE for services to Music and Music Education.



David Burbidge, OBE, DL (1962) who received a CBE for services to Cultural Philanthropy in the West Midlands.



Professor Paul O'Prey (1975), Vice-Chancellor, University of Roehampton, who received a CBE for services to Higher Education and the Literary History of the First World War.



Simon Duffy (1996), Co-founder of Bulldog Skincare Ltd, who received an MBE for services to the Beauty Industry.



Robert Selby (1951), who received a BEM for services to the community in Sandon and Burston, Staffordshire.

College Ties

David Marchant (1956) has a rare collection of ties from his time at Keble when he says 'there was a vogue for club ties.' With David Senior (1959) they almost have a complete collection.

The first in the series was the 'Lear' tie produced for the 1956 Oxford Stage Group tour of Germany. It depicts a cheddar cheese and a 6-fingered rubber glove. David Senior says, 'the cheese represents the whole cheese, part of our provisions while rehearsing in Suffolk, but the significance of the 6-fingered glove is lost.' The tie proved such novelty, the idea was copied by the Debating Society, the Boat Club and by the Oxford Stage Group 1957 tour of Germany with Hamlet. The Boat Club tie has crossed oars, while the Rugby Eight sported a tie with an image of a crab because 'they were always catching crabs but in the end were a very powerful crew,' says David Merchant. Missing from the series is the KC Debating Society tie of crossed trumpets – should any Old Member have one please send a photo to the Alumni and Development Office.

The Keble summer tie (pictured) has recently been re-introduced with the help of Rob McVicar (1973) and is available from the Lodge and website.



Making Movies

Award-winning filmmaker John Bridcut (1971) was given unique access to the Queen's personal collection of ciné films to make *Elizabeth at 90 – A Family Tribute* for BBC 1. It was screened in April to mark her 90th year celebrations.

John was also Series Producer of *Europe: Them or Us*, the story of Britain's troubled relationship with Europe since 1945, which was presented by Nick Robinson and shown on BBC Two in April.

Children Staying in College

Health and safety has caught up with the College and, regrettably, from January 2017 only children over the age of 16 will be able to stay in Keble rooms. Old Members and friends of the College with young children will of course be welcome to visit but, unfortunately, we will no longer be able to offer overnight accommodation. This is in line with all other Oxford colleges.

The DPS and TS Annual Dinner

The Douglas Price Society and Talbot Society annual dinner on Friday 23 September this year will be preceded for the first time by a concert of operatic excerpts kindly arranged by Robert Lloyd (1959) (Honorary Fellow) and given by the Jette Parker Young Artists from the Royal Opera House, accompanied by their Director David Gowland and presented by Robert Lloyd.

Roger Way

Dining in College

Old Members are welcome to dine on High Table on Mondays and Wednesdays during Full Term without a guest. Dinner is at 7.10pm (no gowns) and Old Members can convene in the SCR from 6.30pm. Advance bookings should be made to the Alumni and Development Office by 10am on the day. To check term times: www.ox.ac.uk/about/facts-and-figures/dates-of-term

Keble College Music Society

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

Friday 16 September 1966 Year 50th Anniversary Dinner

Invitations were emailed, or posted to those without email, in early June
Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

Saturday 17 September 1965-74 Reunion

Invitations were emailed, or posted to those without email, in early June
Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

16 - 18 September UO Alumni Weekend

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

Friday 23 September Douglas Price Society and Talbot Society Concert and Dinner

With the Jette Parker Artists from the Royal Opera House
Email invitations will be sent in July.
Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

Saturday 8 October Ghosts v College fixtures

Please note: Old Members playing in or supporting the Ghosts matches (except 2016 Finalists) are not permitted in College or the College Bar on Saturday 8 October

Men's Football Match

College Sports Ground
Old Members wishing to play, please contact Andrew Tingle:
andytingle@hotmail.com
or Brian Johns:
briandavidjohns@hotmail.com
Players and supporters meet in The King's Arms at 11.30am on the day

Women's 7-a-side Football Match

The College side is a Keble-Hertford team. College Sports Ground
Old Members wishing to play, please contact:
sarah.shao@keble.ox.ac.uk

Men's Rugby Match

Keble Rugby Pitch
University Parks
Old Members of all abilities interested in playing or providing vociferous support please contact Charles King:
charlesking38@gmail.com

Tuesday 11 October Entrepreneurs Evening

Smith and Williamson,
25 Moorgate, London EC2R 6AY.
6.15pm. Notification of online booking will be in the Michaelmas Term E-Event calendar.
Enquiries to Chelsea Chisholm



Friday 11 November Richardson Lecture

What's so good about Keble's architecture?
By **David Yandell**, Former College Conservation Architect.
5.30pm Pusey Room

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Thursday 17 November London Lecture

Does Terrorism Work?
By **Prof Richard English** (1982) at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, 3 More London Riverside, London, SE1 2AQ.
From 6pm, Lecture starts 6.30pm
Notification of online booking will be in the Michaelmas Term E-Event calendar.
Enquiries to Ruth Cowen

Thursday 24 November Young Alumni OxMas Drinks

The Yorkshire Grey, 2 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8PN
All welcome

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Your email address: As postal costs become more expensive it would be very helpful to email some event invitations. If you have not already done so, please let the Alumni and Development Office know your email address or inform us of any change to your email address.

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