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# Lincoln College Record

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## From the Editor

When I wrote the editorial for last year's *Record*, the autumnal prospect of returning students offered some glimmers of precious normality. Sadly, 2020-21 proved another difficult year, and only in its summer vacation have our hopes risen again. As Front Quad turns its glorious hues again, we seem closer to Old Lincoln than at any time in the last 18 months, but a weary caution still informs all our preparations for the coming year.

This year's reports will again speak of disruption and uncertainty, which

reached new lows during Hilary Term. The gruelling stop-and-start of lockdown Lincoln left all College members exhausted. However, these challenges were met with individual and collective resolve, and the College officers can again report that our core academic mandate was maintained. This achievement owes much to the leadership of Acting Rector, Professor David Hills, who once again displayed selfless commitment in the College's hour of need.

Naturally, David's report pays

tribute to the students, Fellows, staff, and alumni who have combined to steer the College through such hazardous times. I would single out Julia Uwins in this role of honour for keeping the *Record* on schedule, amid her many other responsibilities. Let us hope that the College can maintain its accustomed rhythms and heroics next year, leaving these extraordinary times behind. 🍷

**Perry Gauci**  
VHH Green Fellow in History



## Acting Rector's report

When the Rector wrote on these pages a year ago, I sensed that he felt that the pandemic was coming to an end. I know that I did, and when I returned to Lincoln last September, having stayed away since Easter, I was very impressed by all the preparatory work which had been done, but hoped it was unnecessary. The previous year had a sad ending, with not only missed examinations but missed 'farewells' and abrupt and premature departures for those taking Finals. As a tutor, I was so pleased

that I was at least able to meet new pupils in person, even if separated by a mask – it would have been just awful to have started with a new group through the greater separating effect of Teams – and I hoped for gradual improvements over the year. That hope was premature and, I am sure, like you, we have had what the press would call a 'roller-coaster ride'.

The University had removed residence requirements but nevertheless the majority of students returned to the College, and we

operated with a combination of in-person tutorials and, only occasionally when needed, Teams. As Michaelmas Term wore on things looked to be improving a little, although we expected to be conducting admission interviews over the internet, which is, indeed, what happened, but the real 'kick in the teeth' came at the end of term, with the news of a Christmas lockdown, which endured until Easter 2021. Hilary was, indeed, a wearing term, and we hoped for better news from the government at

the beginning of Trinity. That did not come, but, following the lead of the Cambridge Vice-Chancellor, Lincoln and most other colleges opened up the possibility of students self-certifying the need to return, and, in the end, about 80% of undergraduates made it back to the College. That was certainly better than Hilary, but the indifferent weather did not improve our mood and the need to retain distancing put us on a similar footing to Michaelmas. Ever the optimists, and with everyone's wish to have more social contact in mind, the Sub-Rector, Domestic Operations Manager, and others organised a crescendo of dinners for students in 9th and 10th weeks; but even that did not quite come off, as infection rates took off during 9th week, and, very sadly, all of the main events in 10th week had to be cancelled.

So, it has been a trying year at Lincoln, as it will have been for many readers beyond the College's walls. Some have said to me that I have been unlucky and had a difficult year standing in for the Rector while he has taken a year's sabbatical on academic projects; but they have been quite wrong. All colleagues have pulled together in a way which has made the job as easy as it possibly could be. Although I have not experienced

it, I imagine that it was probably similar to the wartime spirit. Our year has been without much social interaction, but it has brought out the College spirit fully, and remained academically productive. At this point I should thank again all the alumni who contributed to the emergency funds which have helped so many students in so many ways – from setting up, quickly, home offices, to sending luggage home, to supporting unexpected travel expenses, and in many other ways; and we are all very grateful. It helped immeasurably.

I have already alluded to the sense of unity amongst the fellowship but that sense of all being 'in it together' and getting through it together has extended to the College staff and the students, who have showed extraordinary self-restraint in the most trying of circumstances. Some have been away from home for the first time and thrust straight into alien surroundings and, to various degrees, isolation. I am extremely grateful to them and everyone else for selflessly doing what was needed for the community at large, forsaking their own immediate desires.

In a more positive vein, the College has now taken back the Mitre. Whenever it was that you last saw it, I can guarantee that,

although immediately recognisable in one sense, you will find it hard to believe how comfortable the place now is. Even though not part of the main ancient buildings of the College, it was, in many ways, the last of the College infrastructure to be thoroughly brought up to twenty-first-century standards. We now have a 'Forth Bridge' to maintain the standards we have set ourselves.

Also this year, I lost my former colleague and tutor in Engineering Science, David Kenning, who passed away on 2 June 2021, having had quite a difficult retirement in terms of his health; his obituary is to be found elsewhere in the *Record*.

As I write, another Michaelmas Term is only a few weeks away. It is our plan to operate, within the College, almost as normal. We have been here before, of course, and had our hopes dashed; but, although we are ready to respond to any outbreak of the virus, we fervently hope that this will not be needed. We hope to be able to enjoy each other's company, or simply to see each other once again, and wish for the College to return to its usual vibrant state. I am sure it will. And very soon. 🍀

**David Hills**  
Acting Rector

# The Fellowship 2020-21

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# The Fellowship 2020–21



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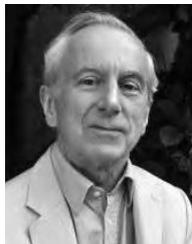
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Mr Nigel Wilson



Dr Lucy Wooding



## The Senior Common Room 2020-21

2020-21 was a long year of business-not-as-usual for the SCR. Lockdowns at the end of Michaelmas, throughout Hilary, and for part of Trinity saw the SCR closed entirely. We did have two brief periods – at the beginning and end of the academic year – when students were in residence and some in-person teaching was taking place. During those times, College staff made valiant efforts to help preserve a vestige of (socially-distanced) SCR activity. The College carpenter Paul Green made expertly fitted plexiglass dividers for the lunch tables in the Montgomery and Mary Lasker Rooms, as he had done for the students in Hall. The Domestic Operations Manager, Michele McCartney, and Butler Tony Daley organised two carefully managed lunch seatings. This all made us feel relatively safe, and in some degree of contact with colleagues; all were very grateful. The SCR also gladly yielded high table to accommodate more distanced seating in Hall for students. All of this meant an unprecedented rupture in decades of hitherto unbroken daily lunches and term-time high table. But it was a proper point of principle for us throughout that all Common Rooms, the SCR included, would bear the burden of pandemic restrictions equally.

Into this strange year we did our best to welcome three wonderful new Fellows. **Dr Joshua Bennett** (BA, DPhil Christ Church), an historian of British and European social and religious thought, was elected to a Darby Fellowship in History, and joins us after a lectureship at St John's and a Christ Church JRF. **Dr George Green** (BA Christ Church, PhD Warwick) is the new Lavery-Shuffery Early Career Fellow in Roman Art and Archaeology, which he holds jointly with a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship at the Ashmolean. George's very distinctive research combines archaeology, materials science, and numismatics to study gold supply networks in the ancient world. We were also thrilled to welcome **Dr Samantha Ege** (BA Bristol, PhD York) as the fourth Lord Crewe Junior Research Fellow in Music. In addition to being a distinguished early career scholar of twentieth-century American music, specialising in African-American composers, she is also a sought-after concert pianist and public speaker. Finally, we were joined as the latest in the distinguished tradition of Lincoln Chaplains by the **Revd** (now also Dr) **Andrew Shamel**, who valiantly completed and defended his DPhil in the Faculty of Theology and Religion in the first months of his



appointment. Andy took his BA in English from Dartmouth, and trained for orders in the Episcopal Church at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Before coming to Oxford for his DPhil, he served as Episcopal Chaplain at Stanford. He studies the intersections of theology with narrative forms such as myth and fantasy fiction.

If it was difficult to welcome new Fellows properly, it was doubly sad to have to say goodbye to valued colleagues without the usual in-person leave-takings. One of our long-serving Tutorial Fellows in Chemistry, **Prof Roel Dullens**, has returned to his native Netherlands and a professorship at Radboud University in Nijmegen. In addition to being a vital part of the Chemistry teaching team, Roel was a stalwart in Governing Body and on many committees, and will be greatly missed. Also leaving an Official Fellowship was **Dr John Vakonakis**,

who had a long and happy association with the College, most recently as Tutor in Biochemistry. John was a model of the assiduous fellow-trustee; he will be particularly remembered for his well-informed contributions on matters of finance and strategy, his chairmanship of the working group which produced the College's excellent new website, and his warm collegiality. He has taken an appointment with the biologics division of the Swiss biotech firm Lonza. Darby Fellow in Mathematics **Dr Matthew Moore** has capped his five years as a much-loved tutor and colleague with an appointment as Lecturer in Mathematics at Hull. We were also sad to see a key member of the PPE team, Career Development Fellow in Economics **Dr Jan Kvasnicka**, come to the end of his appointment, and wish him every success in his new home in Warsaw, where he now works as a Risk Modeler for Credit Suisse. We will also miss very much indeed

the individual and collective energy, achievements, and collegiality of a distinguished band of early career research Fellows: **Dr Lucy Audley-Miller** (Classical Archaeology), **Dr Karl Kinsella** (Architectural History), **Dr Mohammad Mofatteh** (Biomedical Sciences), **Dr Caitlin Naylor** (Biomedical Sciences), **Dr Angela Trentacoste** (Humanities), and **Dr Rachel Wood** (Classical Archaeology).

Needless to say, we are all looking forward to the return of commensality and collegiality as we know and love it in 2021-22. That will no doubt be fostered with real grace and flair by the new Steward of the Common Room, Dr Daniela Omlor (Modern Languages), to whom, after 13 years, I am passing the reins of what we all know is Oxford's finest SCR. 🍷

**Peter McCullough**  
Steward of the Common Room

# Fellows' research and teaching news

**Peter Atkins (Chemistry)** 'Like almost everyone, my wings have been clipped this year, but I have given Zoom talks in a number of places, including India and Indonesia, and at local intellectual festivals. Lockdown has given me plenty of time for writing, and I have been working on three new editions: the 12th edition of *Physical Chemistry*, the 8th edition of my American freshman chemistry text *Chemical Principles*, and the 3rd edition of my *Physical Chemistry for the Life Sciences*. As electronic textbooks are fast replacing their paper counterparts, the preparation of new editions has taken on a whole new dimension of activity. All three new editions are now in production.'

**Joshua Bennett (History)** 'It was a privilege to join Lincoln as the Darby Fellow and Tutor in Modern History in September 2020. This process, which Drs Gauci and Wooding, the wider fellowship, and the College staff aided with all the helpfulness and congeniality which the straitened circumstances of the time would permit, was made all the more rewarding by the Lincoln undergraduates' phlegmatic adaptability to the austere constraints

of the year. They produced numerous fine essays for tutorials and classes concerning the history of historical writing; nineteenth- and twentieth-century British and European history; and historical methodology. As many tutorials took place in person as the controls would allow.

As well as making progress on a book project concerning the history of social thought in the late-nineteenth- and earlier-twentieth centuries, in the past year I have completed a book chapter on the history of the relationship between popes and Protestants; another on nineteenth-century German theology; and a journal article on Thomas Carlyle's reception in Germany. Book reviews on several subjects have been dispatched to *Victorian Studies*; *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*; and *American Historical Review*.'

**Radu Coldea (Physics)** 'Over the past academic year, I have continued to explore experimentally emergent phenomena in quantum materials. New results from my research group include the direct visualisation of the isospin texture of the quantum wavefunction of topological magnetic quasiparticles,

experimental identification of a novel mechanism for ground state selection by quantum fluctuations in the strong spin orbit regime, and experimental characterisation of quantum entanglement in a quasi-one-dimensional antiferromagnet using inelastic neutron scattering. The results from this research have been published in the journals *Nature Communications* and *Physical Review Letters*.'

**Cristina Dondi (History)** '2021 is the 700th anniversary of Dante's death, and events, publications, and research have been planned and delivered throughout the world. Funded by The Polonsky Foundation, the Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL), of which I am the Secretary, has coordinated an illustrated copy-census of the 1481 edition of *La Comedia* printed in Florence, with 19 copper engravings attributed to Baccio Baldini from designs by Sandro Botticelli. The engravings accompany the first 19 cantos of the *Inferno*. Some 179 copies survive around the world, from Japan to California, from Athens to Minsk. A copy-census of a printed edition entails the reconstruction of the distinctive history of each

copy of that edition by interpreting the marks left by its former owners, such as decoration, ownership and purchasing notes, or annotations in the margins. The objective of the Polonsky Dante Project is the creation of a webpage, within the Printing Revolution website launched last year ([www.printingrevolution.eu/](http://www.printingrevolution.eu/)), with text, images, videos, and maps to illustrate the edition and set the history of the copies in the wider context of the reception of Dante's works. It will seek to explain how this seminal work was actually read and commented on by its contemporaries, and by later generations. The outcome of this collaborative project, which has involved 134 libraries worldwide, is scholarly, but the compelling digital resources will also interest schools and the general public. The project will be launched on 17 November 2021 at the Italian Embassy in London.

On 4 May 2021 this Dante edition was at the centre of a great multi-location remote presentation, which involved the copies at nine libraries in Florence, Rome, London, Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester, and New York. The event was co-sponsored by the Bibliographical Society of America and by the Italian Cultural Institute in London's series,

'1321-2021 Dante: A Man For All Seasons'. The recording of the event, which attracted over 400 participants, is available on YouTube ([tinyurl.com/dantemanforallseasons](https://tinyurl.com/dantemanforallseasons)).'

**Roel Dullens (Chemistry)** 'This academic year, my last at Lincoln, I was on sabbatical in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms, and taught all the physical chemistry tutorials for Lincoln undergraduates in Trinity. In terms of research, we have continued to work on the structure and dynamics of colloidal materials. This resulted in publications on the mechanical properties of two-dimensional colloidal crystals at fluid interfaces (*Journal of Physics: Materials*, 2021) and on the development of off-centre core-shell particles for the visualisation of hydrodynamic and frictional interactions (*Physics Review*, 2021). We also published articles on a range of other topics, including the synthesis of rough colloidal SU-8 rods and bananas and hollow titanium-dioxide particles. Finally, I have given a number of invited lectures, including talks at the RSC Faraday Conference and the CECAM workshop 'Local structure meets machine learning in soft matter systems', and seminars at New York University and the University of Lisbon.'

**Samantha Ege (Music)** 'I have enjoyed my first year as the Lord Crewe Junior Research Fellow in Music at Lincoln. Teaching has been a delight and a great way for me to get to know more of the Lincoln community. I have given tutorials to first-year students on Foundations in the Study of Music, and Women and Music in the Nineteenth Century, and to third-year students on Musical Thought and Scholarship.

This year, my article, 'Chicago, the "City We Love to Call Home!": Intersectionality, Narrativity, and Locale in the Music of Florence Beatrice Price and Theodora Sturkow Ryder' was published in the peer-reviewed *American Music* journal, and my book review of a recent Florence Price monograph was published in the *Journal of the American Musicological Society*. I have also been contracted as co-author of *Price* (Master Musicians Series, OUP) and co-editor of *The Cambridge Companion to Florence B. Price*.

My second album, *Fantasie Nègre: The Piano Music of Florence Price*, was released on 8 March 2021. Lincoln College, the Zilkha Fund, Lord Crewe's Charity, and TORCH supported the launch. *Fantasie Nègre* received critical acclaim in *The Telegraph*, *The Economist*, *New York*

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*Times*, *Washington Post*, and *BBC Music Magazine*. My appearance as a guest speaker and Price expert on the BBC Proms this summer caps off an exciting year of Price research and performance.'

### **Nigel Emptage (Biomedical Sciences)**

'My sense that normality would resume during the academic year was sadly misplaced. Nonetheless, we enjoyed sufficient freedom as to allow a restart to work in the laboratory. Just as well as it happens, for we had published pretty much all of our pre-lockdown data!

The year started with a flourish as the work of Rudi Tong, one of three graduate students from the group to receive their DPhil, was published: *Heterosynaptic cross-talk of pre- and postsynaptic strengths along segments of dendrites Cell reports*. We then saw the publication of Arabella Simpkin Begins's (2000) work on 'Biomarkers of Clinician Burnout' in *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. Arabella first joined Lincoln as an undergraduate and so it was particularly pleasing that she elected to return to Lincoln to complete her DPhil work. Arabella now holds a position at Harvard, although the draw of Lincoln is strong and I am hoping to see her return to Oxford

before too long. The third DPhil student to see his work published was Henry Taylor, with two papers examining aspects of Alzheimer's disease. The first, 'A novel optical quantal analysis of miniature events reveals enhanced frequency following amyloid- $\beta$  exposure in Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience', and the second, 'Long-term depression links amyloid- $\beta$  to the pathological hyperphosphorylation of tau in Cell reports'. This is an important paper as it identifies a link between amyloid- $\beta$  and tau, tying together two prominent hypotheses for the cause of this pernicious disease.

The teaching of Lincoln's preclinical and biomedical scientists was conducted largely via video link, although this seems not to have blunted their academic ambition, with no less than half of the cohort securing First Class degrees in Finals, an outstanding achievement that I am sure was a small compensation for the absence of a summer picnic.'

### **Stefan Enchelmaier (Law)**

'At the start of the year, online teaching continued for Law. However, the real challenge was to forge a spirit of community among the new Law students, and to ease each of them into the tutorial system. While the

tutorials went smoothly, we have yet to see how well the students bonded with each other. Now that most restrictions are lifted, we are about to find out.

In December 2020 I contributed a lengthy piece to a volume on comparative legal literature, in which I traced the characteristics of the common law that slowed the spread of commentaries (section-by-section explanations) on the continental model. Roughly speaking, the reasons are the dominance of the judiciary in the development of English law, the reticence of the legislature to interfere with case law, and the late arrival and subordinate position of legal academia.

In January 2021, I embarked on a year-long sabbatical. In that month, I participated in *Lincoln Leads* on Artificial Intelligence and the law. I see great potential for AI to facilitate the retrieval and organisation of information. Lawyers will never become redundant, however, because even the most sophisticated statistics cannot make normative decisions over what should and should not be considered right or wrong, and in which direction the law should develop.

My academic activities included a thorough review of my commentary on three European competition regulations, relating to distribution

agreements, specialisation agreements, and agreements regarding research and development. I also wrote on the free movement of goods for a popular collection of essays covering the whole of European Union law. Next came a piece discussing three seminal opinions of the British Advocate General at the EU Court of Justice, Sir Francis Jacobs. This will be part of a volume that, on the occasion of Brexit, reviews the contribution that the British Advocate General has made to the development of the Court's case law. It saddened me to be asked to write such a piece, but here we are.

Apart from all this writing, I read several dozen submissions to the *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*, on which I serve as one of three articles editors. I vetted funding applications to the Polish National Science Centre, and selected contributions for a doctoral conference in Rijeka, Croatia, at the end of the year.

Finally, I continued as trustee and senior member of our Vacation Project (my last of seven years in that role). Due to the current restrictions, VacProj organised two weeks of day trips from Oxford. I spent one day with the student volunteers and a group of children between the ages of 8 and 11. We can all be very proud of our students' social engagement.'

**Perry Gauci (History)** 'In a second pandemic-dominated year, it felt ever harder to maintain academic momentum. The challenges of planning beyond the short-term affected tutors and students alike, and the Lincoln historians of all ages again deserve much credit for maintaining their accustomed high standards in such difficult circumstances.

With archives closed for much of the year, I focused on writing up my project on London bankers, and the first article arising from this research appeared in the journal *Silver Studies*. The constant upheavals also ensured that it was another busy year for administrative duties. I served a second stint as the History Faculty's Disability Lead, and I have continued to enjoy my work for the Oxford Monographs Committee, which recommends outstanding Oxford doctorates for publication by OUP. I also found my role as a Curator of the Bodleian Libraries very rewarding, and I was amazed by the dedication of library staff in their efforts to keep Oxford reading. I was also very pleased to be appointed to the Editorial Board of the History of Parliament Trust, where my post-doctoral historical adventures began.'

**George Green (Classical Archaeology)** 'I began my four-year post at Lincoln in October 2020, which I started alongside a three-year Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship at the Ashmolean Museum. This year I have taught and lectured on various strains of Roman archaeology – both virtually and in-person – across the Classics, CAAH, and Archaeology and Anthropology degrees.

My research involves the cataloguing and chemical analysis of the Ashmolean's collections of gold coinages produced by the Romans, Axumites, Kushans, and Gupta Indians. This year I have published publicly-available catalogues on the Ashmolean's website, and undertaken X-ray fluorescence (readings of the percentage level of gold/silver/copper) of the Axumite and Kushan collection. I have also helped to develop a cutting-edge technique called muonic X-ray emission spectroscopy, which allows the very centre of cultural heritage objects to be analysed totally non-destructively.

I have published two articles. The first, 'Tracing Dacian Gold in Roman aurei', identifies a Romanian 'fingerprint' in Roman gold coins produced in the second century AD. The second is a proof-of-concept

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article on the muon technique, ‘Understanding Roman Gold Coinage Inside Out’. Given the muon technique’s ability to record ‘surface’ and ‘core’ measurements, I am particularly proud of the pun in the title.’

**David Hills (Engineering)** ‘I have not been to any conferences (real or ethereal) this year, but I managed to publish a monograph, *Mechanics of Fretting and Fretting Fatigue* (Springer), with H. Andresen. This is the follow-on to one with a similar title from 1996 (so not a moment too soon), and represents 25 years’ progress.’

**Nick Jelley (Physics)** ‘This last year I completed updating the textbook *Energy Science*, which is published by OUP, for its 4th edition. Together with my co-author John Andrews, we have included recent developments in wind and solar power, and in the technologies for handling their variable output. We also discuss the increasing importance of hydrogen as a means of decarbonising industry and parts of transport, and the urgent challenges in curbing CO2 emissions. Publication is expected in November 2021, close after the climate conference COP26 that will remind everyone of the importance of Energy Science.’

**Mark Kirby (History)** ‘That which must not be named unavoidably impinged on my research into the architectural history of Chapel Quad and the Chapel, with the closure of archives being the biggest obstacle to tackle. However, in 2021 it is surprising how much archival material is available online. This is often due to the twin efforts of nineteenth-century antiquarians diligently transcribing ancient records for publication, and the mass digitisation of such books by universities and institutions such as The Internet Archive. They deserve special mention in the acknowledgement section of my monograph when it, in turn, is published. But nothing quite matches the pleasure of turning the pages of an original seventeenth-century document, and so it has been especially good to be back in our own College archives again, the musty smell of those documents only slightly diminished by the inevitable face-mask.

The sheer complexity of the English religious context in which our early seventeenth-century Chapel was built continues to thrill and daunt me in equal measure. It is particularly exciting to be thinking about this at a time when scholarship around the

early-Stuart Church is so vibrant. The design and build of our Chapel have a definite contribution to make in this area, and it is a pleasure to be the person giving it its voice.’

**Jody LaPorte (Politics)** ‘It’s been quite a year! I’m tremendously proud of the resilience and flexibility demonstrated by our Lincoln PPE-ists, as the mode of teaching and socialising shifted between in-person and online interactions. The students’ good spirit and hard work paid off, with strong results in both the Finals and Prelims exams. Our finalists are now on their way to bigger and better things – for this cohort, that includes taking up graduate places at Oxford and the LSE, embarking on exciting careers in the consulting world, and building up a new charity aimed at narrowing the educational attainment gap in England.

We also experimented with different initiatives to expand engagement beyond tutorials. The most successful of these was ‘PPE Conversations’. We thank MP Tom Tugendhat and Lord Stewart Wood for joining us in Trinity Term to share their insights and field tough questions from students on current events. We are planning to continue and expand the initiative this year,

hopefully including some in-person PPE Conversations!

Beyond Lincoln PPE, I also spearheaded various initiatives to support the College community. During the autumn lockdown, I brought my obliging feline, Bruno, into College once a week for a highly popular cat café. Jane Mitchell and I also ran weekly student walks and a Scavenger Hunt competition that sent students and Fellows alike across Oxford to find examples of the week's theme. I think 'silliest street name' was our personal favourite!

Research-wise, I have a variety of projects in the pipeline and work continues apace. In March, I was awarded a John Fell Fund grant to pursue a new collaborative project on authoritarian referendums. Referendums are the flagship form of direct democracy. And yet, they occur with surprising frequency in authoritarian settings. Our project will investigate why rulers bother holding such a vote, in order to better understand how rulers institutionalise autocracy and create long-term regime stability. This funding will allow us over the next year to proceed with data collection and the development of a theoretical framework, hopefully allowing us to bid for a larger grant in the future.'

### **Andrew Lewis (Medical Sciences)**

'Since joining Lincoln in 2019, I have worked to develop and implement new medical imaging technologies which could allow us to understand how and why hearts fail, and to find better treatments for heart failure. Despite disruption from the pandemic, our group have published five papers this year and will have major presentations at the American Heart Association conference. In June 2021, I was delighted to begin a British Heart Foundation Fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Whilst in the US, I will lead the first in-human studies of a new imaging technology which, if successful, will enable us to detect and measure inflammation in human hearts non-invasively for the first time. When I return to Lincoln next year, I intend to integrate and combine these techniques with complementary facilities and expertise in Oxford to deliver an exciting programme of clinical research.'

**Peter McCullough (English)** 'The demands of sustained online teaching, plus College administration, took an overwhelming amount of my time during the past year, but the rewards were great. It was an honour to work with such amazing colleagues whose expertise guided us through difficult times operationally. More than anything else, though, I was kept afloat by my two remarkable year groups in English. They never seemed to flag, and produced startlingly good work for online classes and tutorials. And that was just a foretaste of the remarkable examination achievement by our finalists – eight Firsts and three very high 2.1s. When other duties allowed time for research, I focused on the Oxford edition of Donne's sermons, rallying my small band of contributing editors, and working all summer alongside Lincoln DPhil alumna Erica Longfellow (1997), now Dean of Divinity at New College, on our jointly-edited volume of Donne's sermons preached at marriages, christenings, and churchings.'

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**Tim Michael (English)** ‘I spent the past year on sabbatical leave, during which I continued research for a scholarly edition of Alexander Pope’s late prose. I was delighted to see our English students perform so well in their Final examinations, a reflection of their hard work and that of my colleagues.’

**Daniela Omlor (Modern Languages)** ‘It has been a challenging year with the continued lockdowns and the demands of online teaching and admissions, which led to very different sorts of interactions. Students have also found it very difficult to organise their year abroad for obvious reasons.

I have managed to return to some research work, which I have thoroughly enjoyed, in spite of the rather dark overtones of the titles: ‘El suicidio en Todas las almas y Corazón tan blanco’ (chapter, forthcoming with Brill); ‘Death and Desire: Memories of Milena Jesenská in Jorge Semprún and Antonio Muñoz Molina’, *Modern Language Review* (2021), 116: 3, pp. 387-407.

I am also finalising an edited volume, together with my colleague Dr Eduardo Tasis Moratinos, on the Spanish Republican Exile. The book, *Figures of Exile*, is under contract with

Peter Lang and I am grateful to have received Zilkha funding towards its publication. I have translated two of the chapters for the volume and I have also co-written the introduction in addition to my contribution of a chapter on ‘The Notion of Truth in María Zambrano’s *Filosofía y poesía* and its Heideggerian Echoes’. This has been a long time in the making, and I am looking forward to finally see it come to fruition.

Finally, I also took part in Lincoln’s (online) study day for prospective candidates in English and Modern Languages, as well as giving a virtual talk to a link school in Northampton.’

**Kimberly Palladino (Physics)** ‘I am pleased to introduce myself to the wider Lincoln College community as the new Physics Fellow. I work in the field of non-accelerator particle physics, and spend most of my time on the experiment LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) that seeks to directly detect dark matter via scatters on xenon nuclei. Determining the nature of dark matter is one of the greatest open questions in particle physics. LZ comprises over 200 scientists in the UK, USA, Portugal, and South Korea. The detector is under commissioning in South Dakota,

supported remotely by our global team. Last year, I was the physics coordinator, preparing for data-taking, and since then I have also been working towards a future experiment that would be even more sensitive to dark matter signals. The international field of particle physics is in the midst of long-term planning. The European Strategy for Particle Physics was unveiled last summer; in the US the community is undergoing its planning exercise; and in the UK we are working on updates to the roadmaps by the Particle Physics Advisory Panel and Particle Astrophysics Advisory Panel, and making a new roadmap for technology R&D. While this means hours of videoconferences each week, it highlights the current excitement of the frontier of dark matter and particle physics.

Last year I was excited to begin tutoring second-year Quantum Mechanics. This year I will also teach first-year students in Classical Mechanics. These courses cover foundational material that all physicists study, and I hope that my students will look back upon them with fondness as they remember the hard work they put in.’

**Aleksei Parakhonyak (Economics)**

‘On top of my standard lecturing of Microeconomic Analysis and MPhil Microeconomics courses, I started to teach a second-year MPhil course in Industrial Organisation. This was rather exciting, as I developed a new course focused on the economics of search and online platforms, which to some degree was based on my own research. Despite the current restrictions, I managed to deliver two out of three courses in-person. In College, as usual, I taught Microeconomics to first- and second-year undergraduates. In my research, I mainly focused on revising old projects, generalising some results, polishing papers, and resubmitting them to journals.’

**JP Park (History of Art)** ‘For the past academic year, I taught two different courses, a MSt methodology course as well as a second-year option course on Contemporary East Asian Art, while presenting a series of lectures and leading class sessions for other courses in the History of Art. I also took up the role of the UNIQ summer programme coordinator for History of Art, which is a week-long outreach programme for prospective students from underrepresented state schools. As for graduate mentoring, I

currently supervise four MSt students and two DPhil students. I believe that number will only grow as I am receiving more and more applications for advanced degree students. For the next academic year, I reviewed about two dozen applications for the DPhil along with three dozen for the MSt. Of those, I have admitted two DPhil and three MSt students. Regarding my research and publications, I am in the process of completing my third book, *Reinventing Art History: Forgery and Counterforgery in Early Modern Chinese Art*. This book is currently under advance contract with the University of Washington Press. With the support of research grants offered by the British Academy and/or the Leverhulme Trust, its manuscript will be completed by the summer of 2022, followed by its publication in 2023.’

**Alexander Prescott-Couch (Philosophy)**

‘I spent this year working primarily on two projects. First, I have been working on a book entitled *Deconstructive Genealogy: A Nietzschean Approach to Historical Critique*, which is under contract with OUP. The book concerns how historical information about our moral beliefs and social practices might be relevant to our evaluations of them, using Friedrich Nietzsche’s

*Genealogy of Morality* as a guide. Second, I have started a project concerning the value of narrative in the social sciences. Much work in history, anthropology, sociology, and political science has a narrative form, but many social scientists and philosophers think narrative form is a poor vehicle for social scientific explanation, as narratives are often simplistic and misleading in various ways. The project defends narrative against such charges and articulates positive reasons why narrative social science is important. In addition to writing scholarly articles, I wrote a piece about narrative aimed at a wider audience for *The New Statesman*, and I was interviewed by the German weekly *Die Zeit*.’

**Bert Smith (Classical Archaeology)**

‘Through pandemic shutdowns, I continued rationed trips to the library for my Leverhulme project on ‘The Greek East under Rome’. I collaborated with former Lincoln student Christian Niederhuber (2015) on a short book on the Roman emperor Commodus and his imperial image, and published a study of imperial cameos, ‘Maiestas serena: Roman court cameos and early imperial poetry and panegyric’, in *Journal of Roman Studies*, 121

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(2021), pp. 1–78. I gave lots of Zoom talks for various audiences in the UK, USA, and Turkey, and was able to conduct a summer excavation season at Aphrodisias in July and August with a skeleton crew of vaccinated colleagues from Oxford. Some great results were had, including the discovery of a new portrait bust of a late antique philosopher (always welcome). Since Turkey remained on the UK red list when it was time to return, I made the difficult decision not to spend my two-weeks quarantine time in a Travelodge in Croydon and instead went to Greece for a tour around the Peloponnese.’

**Harriet Soper (English)** ‘The narrator of the late fourteenth-century poem *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* declares ‘A year passes very quickly, and never brings back the same’ (‘A 3ere 3ernes ful 3erne, and 3eldez neuer lyke’). This second pandemic year has certainly sped by, but it also brought much of ‘the same’, good and bad. On the research front, I have continued to work on my monograph, *The Life Course in Old English Poetry*, as well as some side projects in the fields of Old English, Old Norse, and Middle English literature. An edited volume I have been co-editing with Thijs

Porck (University of Leiden) is now in the proofing stage and is due out in early 2022: *Early Medieval English Life Courses: Cultural Historical Perspectives* (Brill: Leiden). Likewise, an article of mine on Old Norse dialogue poetry will be out in *Scandinavian Studies* in the new year. I am now looking forward to a sabbatical term in Michaelmas 2021 spent at the University of Seville – ¡*Qué suerte!* While in Spain, I will be writing articles on several Old English poems (including the *Exeter Book Riddles* and *The Wanderer*) as well as planning some larger projects ranging into Middle English. I will miss the camaraderie of College while I am away, and the festivities which will hopefully begin to flourish again — less so the Michaelmas weather.’

**Maria Stamatopoulou (Classical Archaeology)** ‘My work on Thessaly is progressing well. In September 2020 we began the JFF-funded project on Demetrias which runs in collaboration with the Department of Antiquities of Magnesi. At the National Archaeological Museum in Athens I worked on the architectural members of the Archaic temple of Zeus Thaulios and Enodia at Pherai, which have a very rare feature (relief decoration that imitates libation

bowls on their capitals) that changes our perception of early monumental architecture in Thessaly. Together with the experienced architect Dr Vasileia Manidaki, we made the first record of the fragments with the aid of a generous grant from Supernumerary Fellow Graham Child. In Volos, a small team of Lincoln recent and current DPhil students (Dr Stelios Ieremias (2013) and Anna Dalgkitsi (2018)), worked on the Demetrias publication project in close collaboration with the Director and colleagues of the Department of Antiquities. Finally, on Tenos, fieldwork and the training of students have finished.

Besides fieldwork, we started editing work on the volume *Religious Interactions in the Hellenistic World* (to appear in Brill) with Dr Sofia Kravaritou. My article in collaboration with S. Katakouta, ‘Monumental funerary architecture in Thessaly in the Classical and Hellenistic Periods: An Overview’, was published in the volume edited by C. Berns and C. Huguenot, *Griechische Monumentalgräber. Regionale Muster und ihre Rezeption im ägäischen Raum im klassischen und hellenistischen Zeit* (Gateways 7, Düren).

A key interest of mine is making the ancient world and its study more

familiar and accessible to wider audiences, especially school children. Although no longer Schools Liaison Officer for Classics, I co-organised the UNIQ summer school for CAAH (on the ancient Greek and Roman household), and gave in-person and Zoom talks for various schools in Oxford and elsewhere.

Last, but definitely not least, an unusually large team of younger colleagues helped our CAAH students to navigate and ‘survive’ the pandemic. Happily, one of our finalists came first in the CAAH cohort and received the Faculty’s award for best archaeological dissertation, while two of our first-years were awarded Distinctions. After three years serving in many committees across two divisions, including a stint as chair of the Committee for CAAH, I am looking forward to a term’s research leave this coming autumn.’

**Paul Stavrinou (Engineering)**

“You’re on mute”. Not a saying I had ever heard, or even used before 2021, and not one that I shall miss either – although my favourite was always, “Is that a historical hand?” All being well, these sayings of 2021 will soon leave us, hopefully to the point where they appear odd to anybody looking

back years from now. I include them here for the benefit of future historians.

As for many others, this year has seemed more a case of just carrying on and adapting. Quite honestly, I was in awe of how well the entire College community pulled together to help each other. We were all in it together, and – in my first year as Senior Dean – I would like to acknowledge the support I received from the College officers, decanal team, Chaplain, and both the Common Room Presidents. Looking back, I feel very fortunate.

As it turned out, where I really needed help was in recording online lectures for the University. If I am honest, I am not wholly convinced my London accent (which I had only just discovered) lends itself to a 12-hour course on semiconductor devices. Colourful slides, all tasteful chosen along with some very basic animations, were duly employed.

By far, the most frustrating feature of the year for me was the loss of many in-person tutorials and (real) meetings with our Engineering students. I am pleased to say all performed very well – a great achievement given the circumstances.

On the research front, the team persevered and adapted exceptionally

well. The laboratories in China closed briefly at the beginning of the year, only to reopen in time for the labs in Oxford to close. Work progressed nonetheless, and we managed to finalise publications on some novel charge transport material and some bio-inspired photonic structures, along with two patent filings in China. In August, I visited my long-term collaborator in Switzerland, courtesy of the Zilkha fund. Away from the labs at ETH Zurich, we went to a former Roman town, Augusta Raurica, and I returned to Oxford carrying a stack of new data from (Roman) concrete samples.’

**Andreas Televantos (Law)** ‘It has not been a typical year at Lincoln but, apart from the shift to online platforms, research and teaching have continued in much the normal way.

This past year I had three pieces appear in print. My monograph, *Capitalism Before Corporations*, was published by OUP in December 2020, and was awarded the Society of Legal Scholars’ Peter Birks Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship. It concerns how private law treated joint-stock enterprises before incorporation was generally allowed, examining how the law related to contemporary political

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economic, moral, and religious thought. The second piece was an article examining the limitation periods applicable to claims against fiduciaries for unauthorised profits, and the third a co-authored chapter on the structure of the law, which appeared in the inaugural volume of *Oxford Studies in Private Law Theory*. I also completed drafts of another co-authored book chapter for a volume on the law's treatment of commercial intermediaries, as well as a draft of an article on the nature of partnership property, focusing on solving problems created by the use of a Victorian business form in modern financial structures. I have also signed a contract to produce a new edition of OUP's textbook on *Financial Law*, with Richard Salter QC and Professor Ewan McKendrick QC.

As tutor, I have continued to teach undergraduate Land Law and Trusts at Lincoln, but the focus of my teaching has swung towards the Masters course, the BCL. I have become convenor of the Legal Concepts in Financial Law option, and I teach related topics in the Advanced Property and Trusts, and Modern Legal History courses.

### **John Vakonakis (Biochemistry)**

'Strange as it may sound, 2020-21 has been a highly productive year for my research despite (or, dare one whisper, because of?) Covid-19. Six papers were published, several describing work on long-term interests in malaria and centrosome cell organelles. But I am most proud of work we did on a new research area for us: on Covid-19 itself! Through the middle of the pandemic, my lab worked with researchers in Oxford and abroad towards identifying potent candidate molecules to stop the coronavirus reproducing inside cells. After 18 months of work our open science approach has delivered a series of candidate molecules effective against SARS-CoV-2 in model systems, and we are primed for clinical testing from 2022 – see 'COVID Moonshot: Open Science Discovery of SARS-CoV-2 Main Protease Inhibitors by Combining Crowdsourcing, High-Throughput Experiments, Computational Simulations, and Machine Learning', doi.org/10.1101/2020.10.29.339317). Though the pandemic, mercifully, appears to weaken, such molecules can have a broader spectrum of action than vaccines (omega variant, anyone?); thus, their development adds a valuable tool in our arsenal against the virus.

Closer to College, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our fourth-year Biochemists for their excellent results in Finals. I wish them all the luck in future endeavours, and hope that they will stay in touch. Also, a very big thank you to Dr Mark Roberts for his fantastic support in organising and teaching the Biochemistry course at Lincoln! Our strong results would not have been possible without him.

Finally, I wish all the readers of the *Record* a bittersweet farewell. This entry will be my last contribution here, as by the time you are reading this I will have moved with my family to Switzerland where I will continue my efforts against disease, but this time from inside the pharmaceutical industry. I have spent over eight wonderful years at Lincoln, and I will always remember my time here fondly, which has shaped my life to no small extent.'

### **David Vaux (Medical Sciences)**

'In this most extraordinary of years both the research laboratory and individual members of it have flourished in their own ways. Despite lockdowns and a myriad of delays and frustrations, this year we have continued our studies of the membrane network that infiltrates the

nucleus in many human cell types, uncovering more of the molecular machinery that determine when and where new parts of this dynamic structure will be made. This year, too, a Lincoln graduate student finally succeeded in demonstrating that these invaginating channels are competent both for import of cargo into the depths of the nucleus and in acting as efficient delivery routes for export from the nucleus.

Our burgeoning interest in the roles of liquid-liquid phase separation in normal physiology as well as in pathologies including neurodegeneration has revealed novel packaging mechanisms in pancreatic beta cells. These exciting results have implications for the pathogenesis of type-2 diabetes, as well as hinting at general mechanisms relevant to many sorting and delivery problems in the complex life of the cell.

Once again the year has been marked by the fortitude and resilience of Lincoln's Medicine and Biomedical Science students; it is an abiding and sustaining pleasure to be surrounded (even remotely) by students, both undergraduate and graduate, whose thirst for knowledge is undimmed.'

**Dr Gabrielle Watson (Law)** 'I am pleased to report that my first book, *Respect and Criminal Justice* (OUP 2020), received favourable reviews and was the winner of the Policing Book Prize of the European Society of Criminology 2021.

I was an invited speaker at the Assize Seminar in Cutting-Edge Criminal Law 2021, where I gave a presentation on the ethics of pleading guilty and was in conversation with HHJ Farrell QC. The Assize Seminars are the product of a unique collaboration between Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, and the Criminal Bar Association. I also began collaborating with the Sentencing Academy, a London-based institute dedicated to developing expert and public understanding of sentencing in England and Wales. My papers on two related topics – Legitimacy and Respect at Sentencing, and Sentencing Historic Offenders – are in press.

At Lincoln, I taught the papers in Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, and Jurisprudence, and organised the Inaugural TVS Gordon Moot for the College. In the Faculty, I taught the Philosophy of Punishment and Advanced and Comparative Criminal Law.

It is a privilege to hold a Fellowship in the name of the Shaw

Foundation. This year, I continued outreach work for the Foundation and corresponded with our benefactor on a termly basis.'

**Michael Willis (Chemistry)**

'Research was severely curtailed this year due to the initial closure and then only partial re-opening of the chemistry research laboratories. As I write, in mid-September 2021, the labs are again fully open and we are hopeful of a more normal year. Despite the challenges, we have managed to have a productive time, publishing several papers and submitting the first patent applications from our research. Celebrations were in order with the graduation of the 50th doctoral student from the group.

The undergraduate students have had a similarly challenging year, although the teaching laboratories did re-open in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms to allow some essential practical work, albeit at reduced capacity. Online lectures and tutorials were the norm for most of the year, and again we are looking forward to the resumption of in-person teaching.'

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**Nigel Wilson (Classics)** ‘For obvious reasons activity this year has been subject to severe constraints. Skype has been a boon: regular conversations with my colleague in Bratislava have allowed me to continue work on the project sponsored by the Austrian Academy of Sciences. I was also able to act as College Adviser to two Italian graduate students. At the request of the Development Office I recently recorded some reminiscences of life at Lincoln. They include episodes which are not widely known and should be of interest for future historians of the College. But readers of these lines will have to be patient, because the recording will not be made available for at least five years.’

**Lucy Wooding (History)** ‘If this last year is one we would never want to repeat, it did at least show the College community at its best. Our students showed enormous courage, resilience, and resourcefulness, and their energy and enthusiasm kept us all going through some long dark weeks. This was my first year as Welfare Dean, and it was particularly heart-warming to see the dedication and thoughtfulness shown by everyone at Lincoln who contributes to our welfare provision. In research terms,

I persevered with the book, and the manuscript of *Tudor England* will be with the publishers before term starts. I also have an article, ‘Encountering the Word of God in Early Tudor England’, coming out in *English Historical Review* this month. We hope for calmer waters ahead.’

**H.R. Woudhuysen (English)** ‘I was one of the four co-editors of *The Arden Shakespeare Third Series Complete Works*. It provides the texts of the plays and poems from the individual volumes published in the Third Series, along with a general introduction, brief introductions to each work, a glossary, and so on. The book is just under 1,500 pages long, printed in generous double columns, and was designed to interest the general reader as well as the student and the specialist. Reading the proofs of the volume was a real pleasure.’ 🍷











































# The Lincoln Year



### JCR President's report 2020-21

It is now commonplace to remark upon the unprecedented nature of recent times, but some aspects, I hope, will set precedents for the future. Never before has the degree of collaboration and mutual support between the students and the College been so high. The measure of a community's character is determined by its response to adversity, and I have profound admiration for the collegial response to the challenges of the pandemic.

During the summer 2020 vacation, the Executive Committee

were hard at work shoring up the internal operations of the JCR, the fruits of which were borne in a raft of motions passed throughout the year. Operationally, the JCR now has a financial standards policy, mandatory GDPR training for certain officeholders, and our Welfare Committee has been restructured into a Wellbeing & Equalities Committee. We also created a Keeper of the College Tortoise position to formalise the care of our beloved College tortoise, Tortilla.

Frequent meetings over the long vacation did not spare us from having to transition late in the day to an online Freshers' Week. Nonetheless, our series of webinars, games, and workshops, including a new panel on Racial Awareness organised with the Oxford African and Caribbean Society, the Oxford Mixed Heritage Society, and Uncomfortable Oxford, laid the groundwork for healthy bonding both within and across households. Cross-common room collaboration flourished in the form of our first online Lincoln Unites equality and diversity week in Hilary, while Trinity saw the JCR take to the waters in a memorable 'Punting & Prosecco' event.

It would be remiss of me not to reiterate my gratitude to all

members of the Lincoln community, not just my selfless and sometimes frighteningly competent JCR Committee, which for the coming year will be in the hugely capable of hands of Jamie Butler (2020). In capacities both personal and professional, we have continued to benefit from stellar support from tutors and staff alike, who have kept the College — and us — running this year, all while juggling additional pandemic-imposed commitments and demands at their end. Our alumni, too, have been generously forthcoming, drawing large virtual crowds in a series of Sunday Fun day events. Alumni support enabled us to extend our provision of licences with Headspace, a mindfulness and meditation app, and to implement a scheme whereby our members could safely borrow a range of exercise equipment and games to combat the challenges of a restricted lifestyle.

I have found the role of JCR President to be a true privilege and a pleasure, thanks to the people I have had the honour to work with and learn from. Although now on my year abroad, I can see the enthusiastic reprisal of collegial life, and I know that the College is in good hands. ♡

James Hughes, JCR President 2020-21



## MCR President's report 2020-21

As mentioned by my JCR counterpart, James, never in recent memory has the College and our community of Lincolnites faced a challenge on such a scale as the Covid-19 pandemic. I have now lived and thrived within the walls of Lincoln for five years, and many readers will fondly remember the time when they called Lincoln home. To experience such a stark severance of physical and intellectual home was disorientating, the extent of which can only be fully appreciated now

that restrictions have relaxed and normal College life has returned.

For the MCR, the path was not initially a straightforward one: emergency elections for the Presidential position under unforeseen circumstances, deferred elections for a number of Committee positions, and an undertaking of multiple positions by the same individuals in our then-smaller but particularly tenacious Committee. Together, we responded to the queries and suggestions from our graduate cohort. We purchased many means of entertainment, from board games to sports equipment, and employed creative ways of sharing these items under suitable cleaning and isolation regimens. We established frameworks for the continued use of our common room and study facilities, while adhering to social distancing and room capacities, and contributed to College policies. The graduate community is known for its diversity of nationalities and backgrounds, and the Social Team was as inclusive as possible, running countless quiz nights, Lincoln history sessions, and online socials for those in different countries and different time zones.

With support from the Development Office, the JCR and MCR were able to enjoy a number of Sunday Fun day talks and workshops

with alumni. Our alumni community was as thoughtful and generous as ever, offering a great number of lectures, interactive discussions, mentoring, and career insights to supplement the students' own programme of events. As Trinity Term progressed, the MCR made good use of the annual punt scheme, and the outdoor cinema nights were much-appreciated. Alongside our focus on providing safe social interaction was an increased effort to offer mindfulness and mental health support. With paired walking schemes, regular peer support sessions, and online welfare teas, accompanied by professionally-run guidance sessions on remote working, wellbeing, and resilience, the MCR and College attempted to maintain a supportive atmosphere for all those in need.

Under Hera Jay Brown (MCR President 2021-22), we now have the largest ever MCR Committee, and a renewed sense of commitment to the opportunities available at Lincoln. We are grateful to the support from staff, Fellows, and alumni of the College who helped us to make the best of this tumultuous year, and to appreciate the Lincoln we call home. 🍷

Emma Lalande, MCR President 2020-21



## Senior Tutor's report

At the beginning of Michaelmas, the College welcomed 97 new undergraduate students and 168 new graduates, bringing the total number of students in the JCR and MCR to 323 and 338 respectively. We had a larger than usual student population this year, in part because we welcomed all of our undergraduate offer-holders, and a greater than usual number of graduate offer-holders took up their places.

Over the summer of 2020, we spent a great deal of time preparing for the disruptions that the pandemic would bring. Thanks to this planning, we were able to move between online and in-person teaching as regulations tightened and relaxed, and then tightened again. The College Library remained open for most of the year, but closed for a short period to allow the librarians to run full postal loans and scanning services. We operated two undergraduate book grant schemes and offered remote study grants to help students who needed to purchase small items of equipment to support their online studies. Our hardship panel met three times each term to assess applications from undergraduates and graduates for more substantial support.

Our students also put considerable effort into keeping the College's

academic and social life alive during the pandemic. The Lincoln Unites committee celebrated equality and diversity week with a series of online events that included a cook-off competition, a workshop on imposter syndrome, a LGBTQ+ film festival, and a panel discussion about the role of gender in academia. The MCR's Academic Team organised an extensive series of *Lincoln Leads* talks and seminars across Hilary Term and our Kenneth Swards-Shaw Scholar, Ben Wheadon (2020), delivered an online *Conversazione* in which he discussed the gender politics of early punk rock music.

In 2020-21 the College awarded £141,900 in bursaries paid directly to undergraduate students. In addition to this, we contributed significantly to the Oxford bursary scheme, administered by the University. Students do not need to apply for these bursaries; eligible candidates are identified by the College's Student Support and Hardship Panel, using information (such as household income) provided by the student finance organisations. In addition, we distributed nearly £1.5 million in scholarships, studentships, and bursaries to graduate students. The College's ability to fund graduate studentships is very important and

Lincoln ranks very high in providing graduate funding; by one metric at least we are in the top two colleges.

The pandemic again had a significant impact on University examinations. Traditionally, the exams in Trinity Term take the form of invigilated, handwritten papers, sat in Examination Schools by students dressed in sub fusc. This year, the majority of exams took place online and most of these assessments were open book. Students were able to access their textbooks, notes, and other resources and had to adapt to this new format. Of the students who sat exams in 2021, 45% of our undergraduates were awarded First Class degrees, and 38% of our taught graduates were awarded Distinctions. We warmly congratulate all our students who completed their degrees this year and look forward to celebrating their successes once graduation ceremonies resume in September 2021 after a hiatus of almost two years.

In addition to the usual activities of the academic year, the College also spent a good deal of time reflecting on how best to attract and recruit the strongest applicants from any and all backgrounds. In Michaelmas 2020, we conducted a full review of our access and outreach work.

We scrutinised the previous six years of admissions statistics, and examined our outreach provision and governance structures. Following this review, the College has significantly increased its investment in this area and we have recently welcomed Dr Maryanne Saunders as the College's first Access and Career Development Fellow. Dr Saunders will contribute to strategic leadership and will work alongside the Senior Tutor and Andrew Miller, our full-time Access Officer, to develop the College's provision in this area. Dr Saunders's work will initially focus on developing Lincoln's own flagship access programme and on creating academic enrichment resources for talented school students and their teachers. This work will complement our existing programmes, which target our link regions, including Oxford for East Midlands and Oxford for North East.

Over the course of 2020-21, the College also spent time thinking about how best to support new students once they arrive at Lincoln. We will be trialling a new programme of study skills support and we have recently recruited three new specialist Study Skills Lecturers, one in the Humanities and Social Sciences, one in Mathematics and the Physical

Sciences, and one in the Medical and Life Sciences. A number of factors motivated the development of this programme: the Freshers of 2020-21 did not sit Year 13 examinations and their education was severely disrupted. The same will be true of future cohorts. We also recognise that pressure on teachers will also mean that they are able to spend less time on essential, but off-curriculum, matters like study skills, and that these deficits are particularly acute in the most deprived schools.

We are looking forward to a more normal year in 2021-22 and to a return to the academic and social exchanges that animate the life of the College. ♥

**Lydia Matthews**  
Senior Tutor



## Access and outreach

I was fortunate to join College in the summer of 2020, at a time of continued challenge to outreach and access.

At Lincoln we have been able to build on the excellent work the College undertook in the earlier stages of the pandemic to propel and expand a diverse programme of activity. College has remained committed to its efforts to reach students from non-traditional Oxford backgrounds, and demonstrate that Lincoln is an inclusive and accessible community.

The Senior Tutor and I have also used this past academic year to take an in-depth review of Lincoln's strategic approach to outreach and access, and our standing in comparison with the rest of the University. There remains a tremendous energy throughout the Lincoln community, and College has undertaken great work already, but now we have a chance to refine, evolve, and even expand!

Inevitably, the rolling series of lockdowns resulted in a significant amount of digital delivery. Our bread-and-butter work with schools translated well to online formats, which could provide Information, Advice, and Guidance (IAG) to prospective students, teachers, and parents through presentations and Q&A sessions.

We also identified a number of digital opportunities as part of our strategy review and this led to the delivery of two key projects. The first was a chat function for our website. This has allowed prospective students to message Lincoln Student Ambassadors and staff to ask questions, safely and securely, about any aspect of applying to or studying at Lincoln. This is a fantastic resource for students who are remote from Oxford, attend schools with less institutional knowledge, or who are in lockdown. It is also a great opportunity for our Ambassadors to get more out of their role.

Furthermore, we identified an opportunity to translate our previously-planned Subject Study Days into a digital format. This ran for a week, online in the evening, for 30 interested and committed students across England. Two subject streams ran in parallel: History and the Ancient World, and Languages and Literature. Participants enjoyed a varied programme, including academic lectures, study skills, IAG, and Ambassador sessions. This was a significant initiative, and was enormously pleasing to deliver.

As part of our participation in the Oxford for East Midlands outreach consortium (alongside

St Edmund Hall and Magdalen College), we successfully launched Oxford NextGen, a sustained contact programme of IAG for a group of schools which include Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire, our direct link authorities. This programme began in Trinity with cohorts of Year 10 students and will grow as we take students right through to applicants in Year 13. It is an ambitious undertaking and is a demonstration of the potential utility of the consortium model.

In addition to NextGen, we have worked with other colleges and faculties on the Remote Interview Workshops that ran for hundreds of UK students last autumn. With our regional counterparts at Cambridge, we have also run a series of joint sessions for Year 12s and Year 13s. Lincoln also continues to be a partner of the Oxford for the North East consortium.

College remains committed to supporting Target Oxbridge, the programme founded by Lincoln alumna Naomi Kellman (2008) to encourage black African and Caribbean students, and students of mixed race with black African and Caribbean heritage, to aspire to Oxbridge. This standing commitment reflects our strong

stance on anti-racism, and remains a most effective measure for our outreach and access goals.

I have also been delighted to have fantastic support and engagement from the student body in our efforts to improve access to Lincoln. We have over 40 Student Ambassadors across both the JCR and the MCR, and I have been particularly impressed with their stamina for digital events. The Ambassadors will only have a greater impact when we can stage more events in Oxford. However, we continue to recognise the value of digital and hybrid outreach, and the work we have put into the website and social media will remain a vital foundation for us to reach our target audiences. 🍷

**Andrew Miller**  
Access Officer

Lincoln College has worked with individuals from more than 70 schools and colleges across the UK in 2020-21; a selection is provided here:

**Lincolnshire**  
Boston High School  
Bourne Grammar School  
Branston Community Academy  
Caistor Grammar School  
De Aston School

The Deeping School  
John Leggott Sixth Form College  
King Edward VI Academy  
The King's School, Grantham  
Lincoln Christ's Hospital School  
The Priory Academy LSST  
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar Alford - A Selective Academy  
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Horncastle  
The Queen Elizabeth's High School, Gainsborough  
Sir William Robertson Academy, Welbourn  
Spalding Grammar School  
Spalding High School  
Tollbar Academy  
University Academy Long Sutton  
Walton School

**Northamptonshire**  
Corby Business Academy  
Magdalen School Brackley  
Northampton Academy  
Northampton International Academy  
Northampton School for Boys  
Northampton School for Girls  
Sir Christopher Hatton Academy

**North East**  
St Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy  
St Leonard's Catholic School, Durham  
Whickham School  
Whitburn Church of England Academy



### Bursar's report

This was the second year the pandemic had a material impact on the College. However, the College and its members adapted. We moved in only days to a system where teaching and exams could be conducted online and the administration of the College could be effectively executed from the homes of staff members.

We must thank all members of the College for their patience, flexibility, resilience, and dedication. The Lodge and Maintenance staff kept the College open and operating throughout the pandemic. Many of the Domestic staff were on furlough, some coming in from partial-furlough to undertake essential jobs outside their normal role. Our academics and administrative staff ensured that student admissions, teaching, and exams continued smoothly. Salaries and bills were paid. Work continued on the Mitre renovation throughout the pandemic, without interruption.

#### **Operational performance**

The impact of the pandemic on the College finances was mixed. Following a challenging and unpredictable admissions process, we admitted 10% more students than in a normal year. Our tuition fee income increased 14% by £346,000 to £2.8 million.

However, students were not in residence for much of the year, resulting in a substantial fall in accommodation and catering income. We also had the extraordinary expense of providing financial support to students suffering from pandemic-related difficulties and we helped students studying from home. The adverse impact on our income was mitigated by the government's furlough scheme. We also deferred non-urgent capital projects to reduce expenditure. Overall, we ended the year with a small surplus.

The graph shows the aggregate impact of the pandemic on College finances over the last two years.

We expect to return to our normal operational framework in 2021-22.

#### **Building works**

In February 2021, we completed the renovation of the Mitre accommodation. The project was finished on time and within the £16 million budget that we had set for ourselves in 2017. We are all delighted with the outcome. We have preserved and revealed historical features of the buildings while providing undergraduates with comfortable accommodation close to Lincoln. Alumni and friends of the College generously contributed £6 million to

fund the renovation and we borrowed the remaining £10 million.

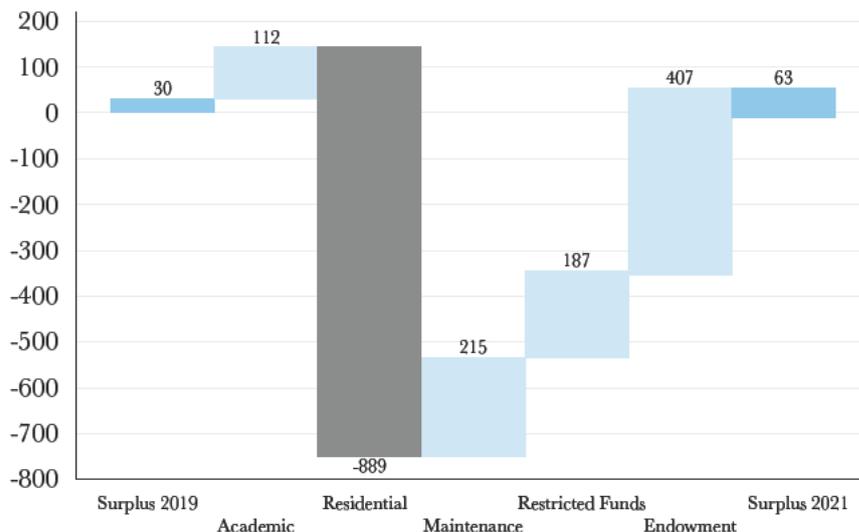
In the absence of students, the rooms were rented to the public throughout the summer of 2021. This was very successful with the accommodation ranked 5/5 on TripAdvisor. We had more than 350 written reviews, almost all of which were full of praise for the staff and the accommodation. All the proceeds are allocated to payment of the semi-annual interest due on the debt that funded the project.

In the last year we also completed the renovation of the Hall and the Chapel and replaced the grass in the Front Quad. We have plans to renovate the fifteenth-century former Rector’s Lodgings when funds permit.

### Endowment and investments

We had an exceptional year in terms of attracting new funds from donations. As regards to the investment of the endowment and other long-term funds, we have a target return of 4% above CPI inflation (i.e. 6% in 2020-21). In fact, we had excellent annual returns of 19% in our securities investments last year. However, in our property investments we had a zero return, with many of our commercial tenants continuing to suffer the impact of the pandemic on their businesses. Overall,

## Net impact of pandemic 2019-21 (£k)



we had an aggregate 11.5% return in our long-term investment portfolio. We are well-placed to achieve our target of a 25% increase in the endowment in the five years to July 2022.

We continue to add to our securities funds with £10 million of new funds added last year, and we are opportunistically trimming our property portfolio. We have just completed the sale of our retail property in Cirencester.

Short-term funds are held in a highly liquid, low-risk portfolio. This portfolio aims to earn a return of 1% above inflation. In fact, it earned a return of 4.4% last year.

### A positive outlook

The College has clearly demonstrated its financial resilience during the pandemic. This was recognised by the Fitch rating agency, which upgraded the College’s credit rating from AA- (the UK government’s rating) to AAA.

Alumni have generously supported students through this difficult period. We look to the future with renewed strength and optimism. 🍷

### Alex Spain

Bursar



## Librarian's report

We began the academic year more optimistically than most other colleges by providing our undergraduate Freshers with their Library induction in person, although we followed the pattern of other libraries by providing a pre-recorded induction video for our graduate Freshers. Since the two staircases leading to the Upper Library are two metres apart, we were able to induct two households per session.

By 4th week of Michaelmas Term, another lockdown was in place and we had begun to provide contactless delivery of books to the staircases of students who had to self-isolate. Graduate Library Assistants checked in and shelved books while the Assistant Librarian was on furlough, and historic collections work was paused. When the Library closed again, I revisited the most borrowed items list for the previous Hilary Term and identified titles not covered either by the additional electronic access purchased by the Bodleian Libraries or the access to scans provided by the Hathi Trust, and purchased electronic access to as many as were available. Books were delivered to the Lodge for those in Oxford and posted out to those who were at home.

The Library re-opened in 8th

week of Hilary Term, when the first batch of students were allowed to return to Oxford for face-to-face teaching. We continued to support students who were not in residence with postal loans and scans, while offering study slots, printing, and borrowing to those who were in Oxford. We missed the usual pre-Finals atmosphere in Trinity Term, but those who did work in the Library seemed to appreciate the chance to be out of their room for a while. We were so pleased to be able to open the Senior Library to students again towards the end of term when our *Unlocking the Senior Library* session introduced a new cohort of Lincolnites to the treasures of our historic collection.

In response to the frequent changes in government guidance, the Committee of College Librarians increased its meetings to twice a term so that we could discuss common challenges and provide each other with support and advice. We also held fortnightly meetings of our Library and Archive team in Hilary Term to keep in touch with colleagues who were furloughed or working from home, and I was particularly appreciative of regular check-in meetings with other college librarians and with our HR Manager

during the times when I was working alone. I managed to deliver our annual ‘Preparing for your English dissertation’ session to our third years in person, and both Marina and I gave the second years their ‘Preparing for your History thesis’ session on Zoom.

Whilst adaptation was key, the changes also provided opportunities for training. Marina and I were able to think about library access in all its forms, from social media and marketing to equity of access and how users navigate the physical space in libraries. From February, we both became very involved in the two-year project to replace the outdated Library management software which underpins all the work of Oxford’s libraries. We continued to welcome alumni into the Library, at least virtually, with our *Lincoln Unlocked* programme of events, which included a talk by our Antiquarian Cataloguer, Dr Sarah Cusk, about the Senior Library and its treasures.

Sarah continued to undertake research on the collection as best she could during lockdown. Her blogposts on the first printed book to use Arabic type and a seventeenth-century Dutch ‘daffodil’ binding can be found at [lincoln.ox.ac.uk/blog/lincoln-unlocked](http://lincoln.ox.ac.uk/blog/lincoln-unlocked), and she spent many happy hours working with the

Bodleian’s Hebraica curator to track down books and manuscripts from Thomas Marshall’s library. She has been awarded a Maddocks Fellowship at Marsh’s Library in Dublin to research Dutch bindings in the library of Narcissus Marsh, was elected Honorary Secretary of the Oxford Bibliographical Society, and spoke on seventeenth-century book ownership at the London Bibliographical Society.

We were delighted to be able to continue working with the Oxford Conservation Consortium and Bodleian Special Collections staff to complete the work sponsored through the *Lincoln Unlocked* auction. The textile ties and covering of our two Hebrew manuscript scrolls have been restored and carefully designed bespoke storage made for them. Work has also been carried out on three Greek and three Latin manuscripts and on two incunables.

The time we would usually spend working with our summer schools was usefully redeployed in cleaning the fine collection of Hebrew books in the Senior Library. Such work requires dedicated time because the vulnerability of each volume must be assessed and the work delicately carried out, with hog and pony hair brushes and a conservation vacuum. The risks of marking and insect

damage through dust left *in situ* have to be weighed against the potential damage of handling during cleaning and the loss of possible signs of use revealed in the book. We are proud to be part of Oxford Conservation Consortium’s pilot project to monitor dust deposition in libraries and we hope to use the data to devise future historic collections cleaning projects. ♣

### Lucy Matheson Librarian

The Library is grateful to the following current and past members who have donated books to the Library:

Mike Springate (1954)  
Harold Luntz (1960)  
Robert Waterhouse (1960)  
Geoffrey Walton (1962)  
Bojan Bujić (1963)  
Robert Gower (1972)  
Revd Canon Michael Webb (1986)  
Graham Giller (1987)  
Dominic Berry (1988)  
Christian Langkamp (1999)  
Laura Templeman (2007)  
Emily Watson (2017)  
Sebastian Lunz (2020)  
Professor Nick Jelly  
Jane Mitchell Henderson  
Professor Henry Woudhuysen



## Archivist's report

With more frequent onsite working permissible, it has been very rewarding to work on and share the archival collections in person this year. In September 2021, I had the pleasure of showing off some of the Mitre building's long history with those attending its reopening. Items on display ranged from the 1350 foundation charter of St Anne's Chantry on the Mitre site to a printout of digital architectural plans for the redesign in 2018.

All of the refurbishment documentation for the Mitre project was transferred into the new DigiSafe digital preservation system. These digital records contain detailed information about work on our historic buildings which will be important for centuries to come. We hope this technology and its successors will support access to this information in perpetuity.

More researchers are finding out about Lincoln's historic collections through our online catalogue, which is regularly updated to Archives Hub and The National Archives Discovery search tools. These third-party platforms allow visible access for items at Lincoln, which one may not have expected at an Oxford college. Valuable primary source material about the planned community at

Rose Hill, Oxford, is one example.

This new access has led to a renaissance for long-deposited collections. Investigations into Old Member Osbert Lancaster's well-connected correspondents have included Betjeman, Britten, Beaton, Waugh, Nancy Mitford, Margot Fonteyn, and others. Other topics included the history of Lincoln's Vacation Project, and the College's early history. With the passing of Old Member David Cornwell (1952), interest in John Le Carré and his long friendship with Rector Vivian Green has been marked.

Research interest helps inform decisions about which archives to digitise. We have published digitised copies of all the extant College *Records* from 1897, alongside full catalogue entries to facilitate searching. Alice Parkin (2013), a current Lincoln DPhil candidate and Archive Assistant, is currently cataloguing the Lincoln *Imps* from 1920. See if you appear in past College magazines at <https://archives.lincoln.ox.ac.uk>.

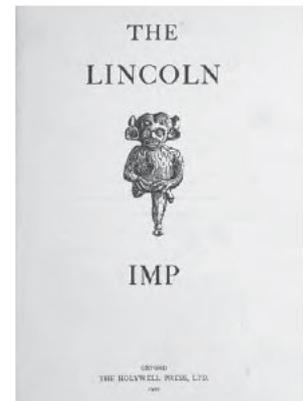
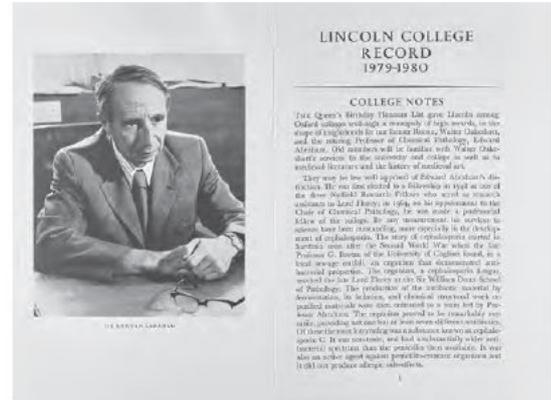
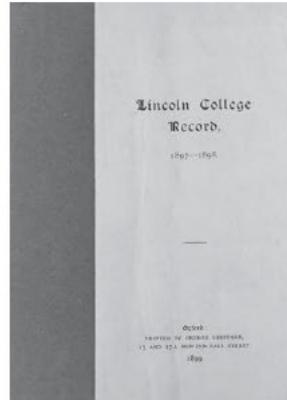
Online events provided a conducive medium for *Lincoln Unlocked* activities this year. I enjoyed sharing some of Lincoln's history, including its myths and legends, with the MCR Freshers in Michaelmas Term. In January, we featured

several treasures of the Archive in an event for Old Members, and it was wonderful to see and correspond with so many during and after the event.

The *Lincoln Unlocked* lecture entitled ‘Building Ambition’ examined the development of the College through its architecture. Dr Louise Durning (Supernumerary Fellow) shared the early history of the College through the building of the Front Quadrangle, and Dr Mark Kirby (Child-Shuffrey Research Fellow in Architectural History) revealed its development through Chapel Quadrangle with our beloved Chapel. I discussed some projects which never got further than the drawing board, including the 1920s plans for an ornate bridge across the Turl.

I also continued my role as secretary to the Anti-Racism Commission. As part of this initiative, Dr Perry Gauci conducted a scoping exercise investigating original sources to research legacies of empire at Lincoln. This use of our collections helps us to gain a fuller understanding of College histories and our Old Members.

I am honoured to be a member of Oxford Conservation Consortium management committee and a trustee of the Oxfordshire Record Society. I remain a member of the Steering



Lincoln College Records and Imps are now accessible at [archives.lincoln.ox.ac.uk](http://archives.lincoln.ox.ac.uk)

Group for Oxford University’s DigiSafe project to ensure it develops in line with our digital preservation requirements. I also participated in an advisory group with The National Archives on the development of resources for managing data protection in historic collections.

My thanks to all who enriched our

historic collections with donations this past year. Our linear mile of archive shelving is rapidly filling with incredible resources to support Lincoln’s administration, its members’ research, and the wider community. ♥

**Lindsay McCormack**  
Archivist



## Chaplain and Student Welfare Coordinator's report

Throughout this year, my first in post, I have often been asked what it is like serving as a college chaplain, and my usual answer has been, 'wonderful and very, very strange'.

Both of my roles, inside the Chapel and out, are by nature so orientated to personal connection and the kind of casual connection that comes from simply being present in and about College that this year has led me, as for so many others, to find new ways to make Chapel life and pastoral care available to the College throughout a year punctuated by social distancing, lockdowns, and working from home.

From the very beginning of the year, I was buoyed and guided by Lincoln's steadfast adherence to the collegial values that distinguish us as a community, and the repeated refrain throughout our conversations as a college to look out for one another and to remember that we are in this together. These values helped give grounding to the patchwork of student life that the ingenuity and perseverance of undergraduates, graduates, staff, and Fellows stitched together for the life of the whole. However strange this year has been, it has been wonderful to join and to serve such a community as this.

The life of the Chapel began under conditions of strict social distancing,

making impossible the kinds of social gatherings that had characterised it in previous years. We were determined to offer something of the ordinary beauty of our choral tradition to the College, however, and our weekly Choral Evensong continued, though socially-distanced, nearly to the end of Michaelmas Term. With a small choir of four singing in the ante-chapel, we were able to observe the guidance put forward by the College, the government, and the Church. Though bound by these guidelines to restrict the number of those who could attend Evensong, we nonetheless 'filled' the Chapel through Michaelmas Term as students and Fellows came to hear the Choir sing repertoire especially selected for their reduced numbers, continuing the tradition handed on to us by past generations.

In Michaelmas Term, we welcomed Revd Shemil Mathew, then Chaplain at Oxford Brookes and co-founder of AMEN, the Asian and Minority Ethnic Network of Anglican clergy. He offered a vital perspective on the prophetic tradition of the Bible, the lived experience of people at the margins of power, and the possibility of action on behalf of the world's suffering. In a similar vein, Revd Canon Rachel Carnegie spoke from

her long experience working in the global Anglican Communion for those far from the levers of power, urging those who can to take action on behalf of those who cannot. By the end of the term, however, as the pandemic once again gained speed and virulence, the Chapel closed for public worship. We ended the term virtually, distributing Evensong at Home, a PDF liturgy with links to choral music and guest preachers, including Revd Canon Sue Boyes, rector of Dorchester Abbey. As a final gift of term, we were able to record and share a service of lessons and carols with members of College, old and new.

While the Chapel was closed, prayers continued to be offered daily in the morning and on Sundays. The Paschal candle, which is ordinarily lit during the season of Easter and signifies, among other things, unity and the presence of God, remained lit throughout the weeks and months that followed. At every service I held, whether alone or streamed live, this candle was lit as a sign of our continuing unity as a college, however distanced, and eventually dispersed, we might be.

Hilary Term brought the advent of Evensong at Home, streamed from the Chapel to all who cared to join. A faithful community emerged over the

weeks of term, and the services were graced by guest preachers as usual, as well as pre-recorded pieces of music made by members of the College Choir who remained in Oxford during the long winter lockdown. One strangeness of live-streaming is that the ‘congregation’ is not only scattered across the country and the world, but is invisible to those of us on the other side of the screen. Only a number in the corner of the video informed us of how many people were tuning in. Months later, I was gratified to hear from one of those anonymous attendees how important those streamed services were during the difficult and sometimes oppressive winter months.

Trinity Term opened with great hope and optimism, and although our first few gatherings of Choral Evensong were live-streamed, when the permission came once again to gather, gather we did. We welcomed back the Choir, which grew in number as the term progressed, and guest preachers such as the Rt Revd Humphrey Southern, principal of Ripon College Cuddesdon, and Professor Katherine Dell, who gave the University Sermon on the Grace of Humility, accompanied by a University bedel and the other customs of the University sermons. As promising

as the term began, however, services came to an abrupt end as cases spiked and students were instructed to return home as soon as possible. A difficult end to a difficult year.

Those difficulties were manifest throughout the year in pastoral challenges for students, Fellows, and staff. As Student Welfare Coordinator, the personal work of pastoral care remained a challenge, but between myself, the student peer supporters, and the rest of the welfare team, I am happy to report that care was offered and received through a long and strange year. Through the final weeks of Trinity, I was delighted to bring into that team Rufus, a very rambunctious and affectionate puppy, whose walks around University Parks and Christ Church Meadow proved a welcome respite for students and Fellows alike.

Although it has been a very strange year to enter the life of Lincoln and to find ways to serve, it has been wonderful and rewarding. I look forward to what next year will bring, as we are able once again to gather and to share the life of the College that we so value and make together. 🐾

**Andrew Shamel**  
Chaplain and Student Welfare  
Coordinator



## Domestic Operations Manager's report

The 2020-21 academic year was another 'year like no other'. When I thought about what I might write for this piece I had planned to talk about each term in detail: the national situation and Covid-19 regulations, how each term differed, and how each Domestic department adapted to the circumstances. However, as I started to write I realised that there was enough material to fill an entire *Lincoln Record* on its own! Instead, below is a whistle-stop summary of the year from a Domestic perspective.

Domestically, 2020-21 can be characterised by a single word: ever-changing. Adaptability quickly became an essential skill when it came to second-guessing what the latest government guidelines would mean for College operations, and implementing the necessary changes. It was a year that saw two waves of Covid-19 in Oxford and at Lincoln; two national lockdowns of one form or another; two different Covid-19 testing programmes; remote working where possible; 'households' in College accommodation; 'Covid-19 capacities' in teaching and public rooms; social distancing inside and out; face coverings; enhanced cleaning regimes and hand sanitiser; the 'rule of six'; what seemed like miles of perspex screens; and a generally cautious

approach to College operations.

Michaelmas Term began with the vast majority of our students in residence. Our international students had to complete a 14-day period of quarantine, which involved a complex schedule of meal orders and deliveries. The Dining Hall was filled with perspex screens; there were multiple meal sittings; caps on numbers and social distancing while dining; and no formal hall or high table. The first Covid-19 wave hit almost immediately after term began and continued into November when the first national lockdown of the academic year came into effect. During the term kitchen staff became used to packing meals into takeaway containers, and Buttery staff became experts in the layout of College accommodation as they continued to deliver meals to students in isolation. Housekeeping and Maintenance had to be constantly on alert as to which households were considered safe to enter.

Hilary Term began in dramatic fashion with another national lockdown, and students were told not to return to Oxford unless they met certain exemptions. There were only 160-170 students in residence over the term, compared to approximately 420 during 'normal' times. Hall meals were takeaway only, Housekeeping



and Maintenance were reduced to a skeleton service, and the majority of Domestic staff were at least partially furloughed.

Starting in Easter vacation and continuing into Trinity Term, students were allowed back to Oxford in waves. By the end of term close to 90% of student accommodation was filled, and Domestic operations returned to its Michaelmas pattern. Unfortunately, the academic year ended with a short

but sharp Covid-19 wave in Oxford and at Lincoln.

Throughout the year it was essential that the Accommodation Services Manager, Housekeeping, and Domestic Bursary teams could keep on top of the continual changes in student accommodation, as students arrived in or left Oxford. This required updates to some of our software packages, multiple data gathering exercises and web forms,

and changes to internal processes.

Unfortunately, Deep Hall was not able to function as a bar this year, as was the case with many Oxford college cellar bars. Where possible, Deep Hall was open at breakfast and lunchtimes, acting as a café. The plan is for 'business as usual' in 2021-22, which will be well received by students.

The Lodge staff carried on as an onsite presence throughout this year. Their resilience, dedication, and positive attitude have been appreciated by students and staff alike.

Throughout everything the Domestic staff have remained good-humoured and committed to the College and its community. Freshers' week is now peeking around the corner, and we are all working to provide as 'normal' an experience as possible for all Lincoln members. Some of our students have never dined in the Hall without perspex dividers, or experienced Deep Hall as a bar. We will all have to continue to be adaptable because Covid-19 is still with us, but we hope that the need for more drastic measures has passed and that everyone can enjoy each other's company in a safe way. 🍷

**Michele McCartney**  
Domestic Operations Manager



## Staff list 2020-21

### Accounts

Celia Harker	Accountant
Susan Williams	Accounts Office Manager
Patricia Cripps	Accounts Assistant
Julie Hodges	Accounts Assistant
Claire Riseley	Accounts Assistant

### Archive

Lindsay McCormack	Archivist
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### Bursary

Alex Spain	Bursar
Lisa Crowder	Bursar's Secretary
Rachel King	Bursar's Secretary

### Buttery

Tony Daly	Butler
Michal Paech	Assistant Butler
Andre Nascimento de Lira	Assistant Butler
Katie Ali	Catering Supervisor
Fida Hussain	Catering Supervisor
Tomasz Jankowski	Catering Supervisor
Ligia Duarte	Catering Assistant
Susanne Evans	Catering Assistant
Elza Lipińska	Catering Assistant
Dillon McNally Morris	Catering Assistant
Adeliona Mendonca	Catering Assistant
Piotr Pusz	Catering Assistant
Ann Suraj	Catering Assistant
Joao Carvalho	Catering Assistant

### College Nurse

Victoria Mills	Nurse
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### College Office

Lydia Matthews	Senior Tutor
Lisa Stokes King	Student Support Advisor
Jemma Underdown	Academic Registrar
Katariina Kottonen	Assistant Registrar
Carmella Elan-Gaston	Graduate Officer/ Administrative Assistant
Richard Little	Admissions Officer
Andrew Miller	Access Officer

### Deep Hall

Simon Faulkner	Bar Manager
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### Development Office

Susan Harrison	Director of Development and Alumni Relations
Jane Mitchell	Deputy Director of Development
Jo Campsall	Database and Annual Giving Officer
Susan Davison	Development and Events Administrator
Julia Uwins	Alumni and College Communications Officer

### Domestic Bursary

Michele McCartney	Domestic Operations Manager
Lucy Tarrant	Accommodation Services Manager
Luke Bullivant	Conference & Events Manager
Marlena Ciszèk	Domestic Bursary Assistant
Annaliese Griffiss	Accommodation Administrator

### Gardens

Aimee Irving-Bell	Head Gardener
Simon Baker	Gardener
Peter Burchell	Quad Person

### Housekeeping

Lynn Archer	Mitre Manager
Korrise Ireson Dalton	Housekeeping Manager
Vanessa Lonergon	Housekeeping Manager
Susan Nicholls	Housekeeping Manager
Jacqueline Bryan	Deputy Housekeeping Manager
Donna Ireson	Senior Scout
Dawn Lewis	Senior Scout
Timothy Newbold	Senior Scout
Durvalina Pereira	Senior Scout
Jose Carlos Augusto	Scout
Zeca Borges Da Silva	Scout
Sylvia Cisez	Scout
Ilona Dombóvári	Scout
Abdullah El-Kirate	Scout



Bridget Hannon  
 Corinne Ireson  
 Mary Louth  
 Simon Massey  
 Monica Moreira  
 Sarah Morris  
 Katarzyna Nazarewicz  
 Domingas Pereira Da Silva  
 Joshua Singh  
 Deborah Thomas  
 Ermelinda Ximenes  
 Antonio Saldanah  
 Cristina Vasiliu  
 Jeanne Gashugi  
 Mary O'Boyle  
 Noemi Fernandes

### Human Resources

Nina Thompson  
 Samantha Adams

### IT

Mike White  
 Peter Good

### Kitchen

Richard Malloy  
 Patrick Jeremy  
 Paul Butterfield  
 Hollyanne Dudley  
 Sean Parker  
 Eliterio dos Santos Cruz

Scout Ondrej Pesout  
 Scout Nery Cucho  
 Scout Joaquim De Jesus Antunes  
 Scout Pedro Gonzaga  
 Scout Christopher Ray  
 Scout Benjamin Remedios

### Library

Scout Lucy Matheson  
 Scout Marina Sotiriou  
 Scout Sarah Cusk  
 Scout Yanelle Cruz Bonilla  
 Scout Alexandra Solovyev

### Lodge

Scout Joe Tripkovic  
 Rohan Ramdeen  
 Phillip Andrews  
 Susan Burden  
 Cristiano Da Silva  
 Martin Guildea  
 Simon Justice  
 Bob Weatherhead  
 Ben Akeh-Osu  
 Peter Koyio  
 Kevin White  
 Teagan Weller

Chef de Partie  
 Junior Chef de Partie  
 Kitchen Porter  
 Kitchen Porter  
 Kitchen Porter  
 Apprentice Chef

Librarian  
 Assistant Librarian  
 Antiquarian Cataloguer  
 Weekend Library Assistant  
 Weekend Library Assistant

Lodge Manager  
 Assistant Lodge Manager  
 Lodge Porter  
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### Maintenance

Julian Mitchell  
 Trevor Allen  
 David Gee  
 David Nicholls  
 Peter Wilcox  
 David Harker  
 Paul Green  
 Robert Williams

Clerk of Works  
 Electrician  
 Electrician  
 Multi-skilled Maintenance  
 Multi-skilled Maintenance  
 Painter, Decorator and  
 Multi-skilled Maintenance  
 Carpenter  
 Plumbing & Heating  
 Engineer

### Rector's Office

Sally Lacey  
 PA to the Rector

# Alumni



*The MCR's 60th anniversary dinner in Hall, March 2019*



## Development and alumni relations

I look back on the past year with mixed emotions. On the one hand, there has been good news to report, not least in terms of fundraising. But on the other, it has undoubtedly been a very difficult and challenging year for our students, and for other members of our wider community. I am writing this in late September, and it gives me great pleasure to say that we have now held four alumni events in College this month, with more to come; and all of us who work here have been delighted to welcome back those who attended. I hope that this marks the beginning of the return to normal for all of us.

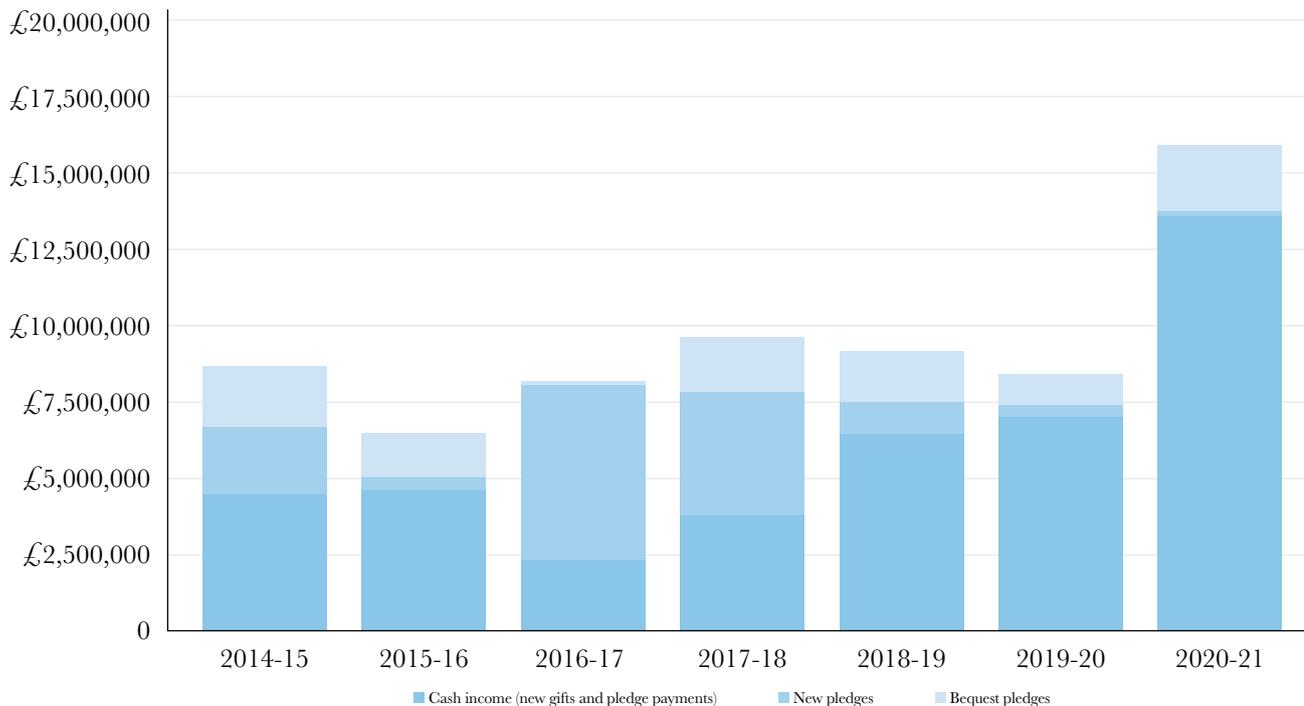
Over the course of the year, we were able to maintain an events programme, all online until September, and one of the benefits of Zoom was that it enabled alumni from all over the world to participate. These ranged from a series of events to mark the centenary of PPE in Oxford, to ‘A Year in Port’. Along the way, some of the most popular talks were on the history of the College and the treasures held in the Archive. Alumni also participated in events for students, particularly during the period when the latter were unable to be in College. The Sunday fun days included a comedy-writing masterclass and a movie night, while

other events offered career insights, and, thanks to alumni sponsorship, we held our first prize moot for many years. Our current students have benefited greatly from the support of alumni as buddies, inspiring speakers, and through the Covid-19 Appeal; and we have learned some useful lessons about online communications and events that we will continue to draw on. However, our staff and the alumni who have recently attended events would all agree that there is nothing to beat the companionship and shared enjoyment of dinner by candlelight in Hall.

This has also been a remarkable year in terms of fundraising. Overall, philanthropic cash income in the financial year amounted to £13.5 million in new cash, with a further £2 million pledged in future bequests. The chart overleaf shows fundraising streams – cash, pledges, and bequest pledges – over the seven years of the Road to 2027 Campaign. This year has been exceptional in terms of the amount of cash received, due in part to the arrival of several large legacies. It is also notable that many new pledges are coming in soon after the commitment.

As the Bursar notes, we completed the Mitre refurbishment on time and on budget, and alumni made a very

## Fundraising Chart for campaign to June 2020



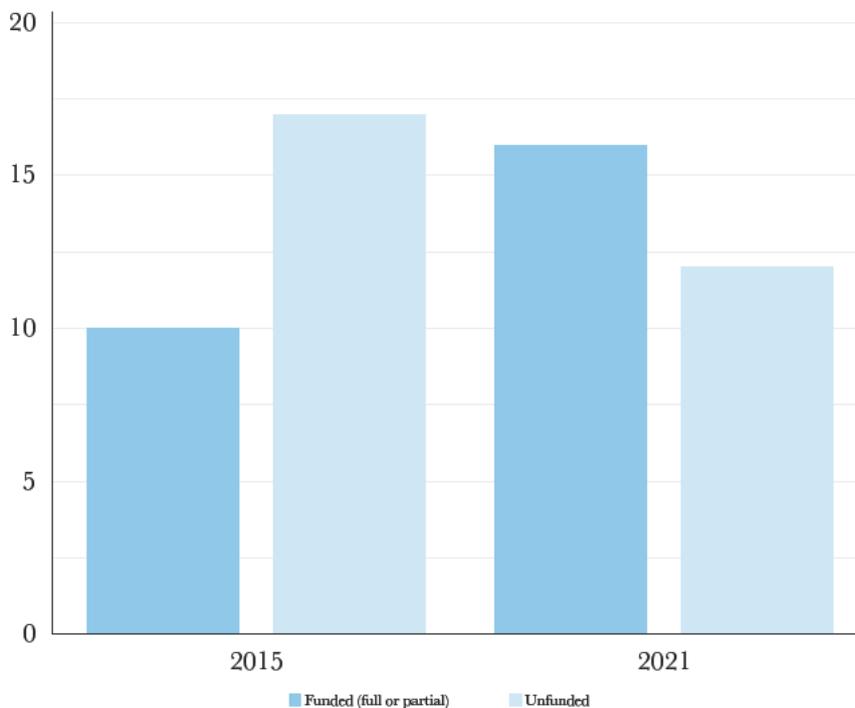
significant contribution to the costs of this once-in-a-lifetime project. The alumni response, in a pandemic year when we were not able to arrange visits to the Mitre, was remarkable. Your response to our Covid-19 fund enabled us to sustain a programme of flexible funding to help with grants for hardship, Covid-19-related travel and self-isolation, and equipment needs throughout the year. We received further instalments of some

of the legacies I mentioned last year, and a very significant new one from the estate of the late Kenneth Swards Shaw (1949). The Berrow Foundation and the Berrow Lord Florey Foundation made two exceptional grants, to endow a Fellowship in Law (with a preference for International Law), and Biochemistry, a subject in which Lincoln has traditionally been very strong, and which will be held jointly with the Sir William Dunn

School of Pathology in recognition of the role that Howard Florey played at both institutions. The estate of Elman Poole (1953) has also made a very generous bequest that will support research into ovarian cancer at Oxford.

As the chart opposite shows, the balance between the number of endowed or philanthropically-funded tutorial fellowships and unfunded posts has shifted since the start of

## Numbers of Fellowships funded by philanthropy



the Road to 2027 Campaign. The need to sustain the tutorial teaching model continues to be one of our top priorities, and it is encouraging to see that philanthropic contributions are making a very real difference here.

I also talked last year about the tremendous growth in the numbers of bursaries and scholarships that Lincoln is able to award. The Senior Tutor gives some further details in her article. Each year, I am privileged to

talk to and hear from those students who receive awards from the College, many of whom would not be able to come to Lincoln without this support. A number of our scholarships are funded on a spend-down basis, and I am pleased to say that this year we were able to increase them further. Of particular note is a £500,000 legacy from the estate of Elman Poole to support Masters awards, and the extension of the Sloane Robinson

Foundation scholarship scheme, in part through a partnership with the Weidenfeld Hoffman Trust. Several new endowed scholarships have also been created or enhanced over this period. While it has not been possible to give our students a normal experience over the past year, the generosity of alumni through the Covid-19 fund and other annual support has ensured that we have been able to provide financial support and equipment when required.

For much of the year, the Development Office was working from home. We were able to continue with most of the projects we had planned, such as a redesign of our publications, including this *Record*. In staffing terms, we have been stable. The major news here is that Jane Mitchell, Deputy Development Director, has recently given birth to her daughter, and will be on maternity leave for the next academic year. I finish, as always, by thanking my colleagues, our volunteers, and in particular the Development Committee and its Chair, Richard Hardie, for their enthusiasm and encouragement over the past twelve months. 🍷

### Susan Harrison

Director of Development and Alumni Relations



























## Governing Body Alumni Representative's report

My report for 2019-20 was entirely about the Covid-19 pandemic and, when I wrote it, I was not expecting that the topic would also play a part in this report as well. Alas, it must, as, if anything, the impact of the pandemic on the Fellows and students of the College was even worse in 2020-21 than it was in the previous year. The situation was probably at its worst in Hilary Term, when nearly all undergraduates were prevented from attending the College in person and overall only 40% of the student body was in residence.

Because of the nature of the tutorial system and the College's financial strength, built up over many years of financial prudence and successful fundraising but buttressed by the generous response of alumni to the College's Covid-19 Appeal, the College continued to have success in meeting the challenges presented by the pandemic. The College's teaching staff continued to provide high quality online teaching, and on the financial front, unlike many other educational institutions, the College did not charge the students rent for the rooms which government regulations prevented them from occupying. It also provided students with the equipment they needed to participate in online tutorials,

whatever their home circumstances. Many College staff had to be furloughed but the College was able to top up their incomes to 100% so that they did not have to rely solely on the 80% provided by the government. The College did its best to provide regulation-compliant social activities for the students whenever it could. It should also not be forgotten that holding tutorials online has proved to be much exhausting for the College's teaching staff than teaching in-person.

Despite these undoubted successes and the huge efforts made by all concerned in the College, there is no doubt that the student body has not had anything like the full academic (let alone Oxford) experience which they might have expected. Time at Oxford is short and many students will now have spent up to half their allotted time in pandemic conditions. It was for this reason that, in the hope that Covid-19 restrictions would come to an end in July, I fully encouraged the College to offer all students the opportunity to stay on in College after the end of Trinity Term for two weeks at the College's expense, so that they could enjoy some of the traditional social, sporting, and other extra-curricular events which they had missed.

Whilst Covid-19 has taken up

much of the College's attention, it has not meant that other issues have been neglected. For example, the College has undertaken an investigation into the applications made to the College at the undergraduate level. This revealed, certainly to my surprise, that, unlike similar Oxford colleges, the number of applications to the College from UK-domiciled students has declined since 2014, and that the decline has been accompanied by a fall in the proportion of our applications from the state- school sector whilst the proportion from the independent sector has risen. This is all the more surprising as the College is a very attractive place to study. It is centrally located; all student are offered residence in College for their entire course; 87% of the rooms are ensuite (more than any other College and double the average); the College offers more generous financial help to disadvantaged students than most other colleges; and it has a good academic reputation (for example, it is back up to 10th in the latest Norrington table). The concern is that the College is missing out on the very large pool of talented students in the state-school sector. The College has therefore set itself the target of increasing applicants from the state

school sector by at least 4% p.a. and has taken a number of steps to meet that target including, importantly, the creation of a new Access and Career Development Fellowship, whose holder will have responsibility for helping the College to achieve that target.

Another issue which the College has addressed is the increased public concern about the existence of racism in British society. The College has established an Anti-Racism Commission headed by a distinguished alumna of the College, Sonali Naik QC (1986), and consisting of a number of Lincoln alumni, Fellows, and staff. Its function is to provide proposals for positive actions to eliminate any racism which might exist in the College, and to acknowledge and document any racism which occurred in relation to the College historically.

It is reassuring to reflect that, whilst the College has a number of issues to tackle, the past year has provided a wonderful example of its ability to overcome a challenge with huge success. I speak here, for once, not about Covid-19, but instead of the Mitre restoration project. For as long as I have been involved in the College's affairs, the question of what to do about the Mitre has been

thought to be unanswerable, given its parlous and ageing state, its location next to the College's site, its Grade II\* listed-status, and the likely cost of restoring it to any viable use; all of which made it possibly more of a liability than an asset. But in the last few years the College has found an affordable method of funding the restoration of the building in a way which respects its listed-status but also allows it to house over 60 students in term-time and to provide hotel accommodation for tourists in vacations.

This success, amongst many others, gives me great confidence that the College is in safe hands and well able to meet any challenge that the future may hold for us. ♥

**Max Thorneycroft (1969)**



## Finance Committee Alumni Members’ report

The Bursar presented his proposed Budget for the year to 31 July 2021 to the Committee with the caveat that in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic it was subject to ‘more than usual uncertainty’. To say that proved to be something of an understatement is itself more than an understatement!

With the knowledge that there could be no income from accommodation or catering, albeit with some relief from the furlough scheme, and assuming a return to the ‘Golden Rule’ limiting drawdown from the endowment to 3%, the Committee was then looking at an overall deficit of some £175,000. This projection fluctuated significantly as circumstances continued to swing this way and that. Indeed, at the half way point the projected deficit had increased to £360,000 with the risk of a substantially higher figure again if the accommodation and catering position continued into Trinity Term. Remarkably, by the end of the year a modest surplus was achieved overall and that was with the drawdown from the endowment as a whole coming in below 3%, compared with 3.2% in the prior year.

That outcome was attributable to a number of factors, including the return of students in Trinity Term, but of particular importance

for the purposes of our report is how this all relates to the governance responsibilities of the Committee. It is a matter both of relief and of congratulation that the continually-changing challenges were methodically and, in the end successfully, addressed by the Bursar and both his finance and operations teams. However, the vital point for the Committee is that these challenges and the teams’ responses to them were shared throughout and in such detail that the Committee was able to take its full part in finding the way forward.

Challenges and uncertainties remain but this experience has confirmed the Committee’s confidence that, as in prior years, it continues to receive the full and detailed support needed for the proper and effective discharge of its responsibilities.

Both the Bursar and the Development Director have made reference to the exceptional level of donations received from alumni and friends of the College in the year. This generosity meant not only that the overall endowment has continued to be materially enhanced. It has also been of significant assistance to the College in ‘balancing the books’ for the year operationally, while at

the same time providing the full amount of the funds required over and above the planned borrowings to complete the Mitre project on time and within the original budget. These achievements are indeed exceptional, particularly during such a period of uncertainty, but they do emphasise strongly the point we have made repeatedly in our reports: that, as well as helping to fund the major capital works in which it must invest for the future, the College is ever more reliant on such generosity to balance the books operationally. The income required to achieve that balance, both at 3% from the endowment and by way of permitted drawdowns from restricted funds, rises inexorably and is projected to be as much as 47% of total income by 2027.

Of course, the growth of the endowment needed to deliver that increasing income also depends crucially on the effectiveness of the management of both the College's portfolio of securities investments and its portfolio of commercial and other properties. Unsurprisingly, given the pressure on commercial property, particularly in city centres, the property portfolio struggled even to remain neutral over the year; but the return on the securities portfolio by the end of the year was such,

over three times its benchmark, as to deliver an overall return across the portfolios of 11.5%. Once again the Committee was closely involved in the direction and review of the investment strategies for both portfolios.

The need for those strategies to continue to be successful, for the generosity of alumni and friends to continue to be unstinting, and for the management of the College's operations to continue to be strong and resilient, is emphasised ever more clearly by another continuing challenge. Reference has been made in previous reports both from Hugh Sloane and from me to the dire position of the Universities Superannuation Scheme and to the threat this presents to the College.

The USS is one of the few remaining private sector Defined Benefit Schemes but its particular characteristic is that each individual employer participating in the scheme, that is each individual college or University, is jointly and severally liable for all the obligations of the scheme. Each employer is accordingly at risk not only for its own pension obligations but also for those of every other employer. On the one hand, it might be said that there is strength in numbers, but on the other, if those numbers decrease

while the accumulated pension obligations remain, the risk to the College and to every other employing institution with material assets is uncomfortably obvious.

Discussions are continuing with the Trustees of the scheme as to how the very substantial deficit it is facing can be made good over time. An increased long-term commitment to membership of the scheme by employers, coupled with a reduction in benefits for members, has meant that only a small increase in contributions is required from employers in the near term. The position remains volatile nevertheless and continues to demand the Committee's close attention. On current evidence, and with the guidance of the Bursar, the Committee's belief remains that the challenge should be surmountable.

In conclusion, we are happy to note once again that the Committee continues to conduct its business diligently and efficiently and to benefit from the full support of the Bursar and other relevant College officers. ♣

**Christopher FitzGerald (1963)**



## Alumni representation on College committees 2020-21

### Alumni members of the Development Committee

Mr Simon K C Li	1966
Mr Richard W J Hardie (Chair)	1967
Mr Max Thorneycroft	1969
Mr Adebayo O Ogunlesi	1972
Mr Spencer C Fleischer	1976
Mr Richard E Titherington	1981
Ms Jane S Jenkins	1982
Dr Lynn B Shepherd	1982
Mr Philip Dragoumis	1990
Mr Matthew G R Vaight	1993
Miss Charlotte A Swing	2000
Mr Alexander J Baker	2003

### Members of the Rector's Council

Professor John R Salter	1953
Mr Timothy M Hearley	1961
Mr Jeremy Taylor	1961
Mr Christopher FitzGerald	1963
Mr Ian F R Much	1963
Mr Michael Noakes	1964
Mr Simon K C Li	1966
Sir David C Clementi	1967
Mr Richard W J Hardie	1967
Mr Alan B Gibbins	1968
Professor Douglas F McWilliams	1969
Mr Peter C Mitchell	1969
Mr Max Thorneycroft	1969
Mr David C Watt	1969
Mr Nitin J Madhvani	1970
Mr Adebayo O Ogunlesi	1972
Mr Michael E S Zilkha	1972

Sir Roderick I Eddington
Mr Adrian C P Goddard
Mr Thomas R Plant
Mr Mark D Seligman
Mr Spencer C Fleischer
Mr Keith S Roberts
Mr Robert M Pickering
Mr Hugh P Sloane
Dr Anthony Cocker
Mr Stephen J Cooke
Dr Bill K Cuthbert
Mr David Graham
Dr Regan Greenwood
Ms Madeleine M C Parker
Ms Alison Hartley
Mr Christopher J Millerchip
Mr Richard E Titherington
Mr Nigel Hankin
Ms Jane S Jenkins
Dr Lynn B Shepherd
Mr Andrew J M Spokes
Mr Darren L Marshall
Mr Constantine Gonticas
Mr Simon J Gluckstein
Miss Su-Shan Tan
Mr Paul E Hilsley
Mr Sew-Tong Jat
Mr Philip Dragoumis
Dr Philipp M Hildebrand
Dr Sabine J Jaccoud
Mr Matthew G R Vaight
Miss Charlotte A Swing
Mrs Sophie L Warrick
Mr Alexander J Baker

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Mr Watt Boone	2003
Mr Jason Y Chang	2006

### Ex-officio members of the Rector's Council

Ms Susan R Harrison
Dr Lydia Matthews
Mr Alex Spain
Professor Henry R Woudhuysen

### Emeritus members of the Rector's Council

Mr Jermyn P Brooks	1958
Mr Detmar A Hackman	1958
Mr Peter A Davis	1960

### Alumni Representative on Governing Body

Mr Max Thorneycroft	1969
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### Alumni Representatives on Finance Committee

Mr Christopher FitzGerald	1963
Mr Hugh Sloane	1977

### Members of the Remuneration Committee

Ms Sheona Wood	1981
Dr Jan C H W Palmowski	1991
Dr Wendy L Piatt	1992
Professor Peter Cook	
Professor Keith Gull	



## Regional alumni groups

### Members of the Lincoln for Life Committee

Mr Thomas H Daggett	2008
Mr Richard Knight	2008
Mr Alexander Peplow	2008
Mr Karol Zuchowski	2008
Miss Savitri Tan	2009
Miss Miranda Kent	2010
Ms Jennifer Nice	2010
Mr Andrew Jerjian	2011
Miss Elizabeth Rendle	2011
Miss Fern Lai	2012
Mr Jonathan J R Minshull-Beech	2012
Miss Rosanna M T Morgan	2012
Miss Ankira Patel	2013
Mr Jerome N Temme	2013
Miss Ayse (Gülner) Mimaroglu	2014
Mr Matthew Whearty	2014
Ms Ruby Gilding	2015
Miss Ursula Sentance	2015
Mr Alistair Fleming	2016
Mr Shanuk A Mediwaka	2016
Mr Nicholas Leah	2017

### President of the Murray Society 2020-21

Dr Susan Brigden

### President of the Crewe Society 2020-21

Mr Nigel Wilson

### United Kingdom

Cambridge – Daniel Watts (1999)  
 Edinburgh – Helen Wright (1988) and Sarah Aitken (1989)  
 London – Kevin Dean (1973), Pilar Bertuzzi Rivett (1995), and Amit Burman (1999)  
 Oxford – Linxin Li (2010)

### North America

Boston, MA – Arabella Simpkin (2000)  
 Chicago, IL – Marc Weinberg (1996)  
 Denver, CO – David George (2014)  
 Los Angeles, CA – Shawn Landres (1996)  
 New York, NY – Darren Marshall (1984)  
 Philadelphia, PA – David Sorensen (1978)  
 San Diego, CA – Diana Steel (1985)  
 San Francisco, CA – Cecilia Ng (2011)  
 Seattle, WA – Michael Barnes (2005) and Shawn Anderson (2008)  
 Washington, DC – Chelsea Souza (2012)  
 Montreal – Alexandre Mercier-Dalphonnd (2011) and Jordan-Nicolas Matte (2016)  
 Toronto – Simon Clements (1986)  
 Vancouver – Susie Benes (2009)

### Europe

Amsterdam – Jerome Ellepola (1995)  
 Berlin – Marina Kolesnichenko (2006)  
 Brussels – Aurelia Sauerbrei (2016) and Ward Yperman (2016)  
 Dublin – Kathryn Segesser (2008)  
 Paris – Tobias Nevin (1998)  
 Switzerland – John Rolley (1979) and Ramin Gohari (2010)

### Africa

Johannesburg – Tatenda Nyamuda (2017)

### Asia

Hong Kong – Daniel Pascoe (2008)  
 Mumbai – Dhruv Lakra (2007)  
 New Delhi – Gopal Jain (1989)  
 Singapore – Kimberly Tan (2001)

### Australasia

Melbourne – Jillian Williams (2012)  
 Sydney – Matthew Cunningham (2002)



**In memoriam**

## The following alumni and friends of Lincoln College died between 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021

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**Dr David B R Kenning (Fellow in Engineering Science, 1968–2004; Supernumerary Fellow)** – died 2 June 2021

**Mr Leslie L Turner (1944)** – died June 2021

**Mr Nigel A Lindsey-Renton (1949)** – died 10 January 2021

**Mr Derwent J May (1949)** – died 26 September 2020

**The Revd Canon K J Cooke (1950)** – died 7 September 2020

**Mr Geoff Leach (1950)** – died 2021

**Mr Robert W Noakes (1950)** – died 17 January 2021

**Mr Michael O'Hagan (1950)** – died 24 August 2020

**Mr Gregory B Votaw (1950)** – died 28 August 2020

**Mr David J M Cornwell (1952)** – died 12 December 2020

**Dr David Emerson (1952)** – died 3 December 2020

**Professor Solomon Faine (1953)** – died 4 February 2021

**Mr William B L Poole (1954)** – died 17 January 2021

**Mr John G Richardson OBE (1954)** – died 12 October 2020

**Mr John R Torrance (1954)** – died 12 March 2021

**Mr Sidney H Freedman (1955)** – died 18 August 2020

**Mr Richard H Jeffrey (1955)** – died 23 February 2021

**Mr George R Northern (1955)** – died 1 July 2021

**Mr Francis J Lamport (1956)** – died 13 October 2020

**Mr Geoffrey Phillips (1956)** – died 16 November 2020

**Dr Eric A Harris (1957)** – died 5 February 2021

**Mr Mark Skilbeck (1957)** – died 10 February 2021

**Dr Dimitrije Stefanovic (1958)** – died 1 August 2020

**Mr David G Todd (1958)** – died 5 December 2020

**Mr William Turner (1958)** – died 24 August 2020

**Mr Anthony D Blackett F.I.C.A. (1960)** – died 8 November 2020

**Mr John J A Hanly (1961)** – died 23 August 2020

**Dr Jim Parker (1962)** – died 18 December 2020

**Dr Anthony D Ginns (1966)** – died 14 April 2021

**Mr Patrick J Magee (1966)** – died 24 May 2021

**Mr Christopher D Nelson (1967)** – died 2021

**Mr Bruce Pye (1968)** – died 30 May 2021

**Dr Mohan K N Nair (1970)** – died 4 February 2021

**Mr Stuart K Baker OBE (1973)** – died 3 November 2020

**Mr Peter Ainsworth (1976)** – died 6 April 2021

**Dr Matthew J Leach (1983)** – died 10 May 2021

## Obituaries



### David Cornwell (John le Carré) (1952, Honorary Fellow)

‘Henceforward I am a strictly intellectual beast with rapidly greying hair and an exotic taste for Saudi Arabian cigarettes with gold spats,’ the author John le Carré wrote to his future wife, Ann, on 6 October 1952. ‘One rather inhibiting factor is that I have to wear - according to the College and University Statutes - “dark lounge suit, white shirt, white tie, black shoes, gown and mortar board” for the matriculation ceremony which is shortly to be held in my - and other people’s - honour. Oxford is full of all the colours in the rainbow just now - a crazy time with golden and rust-coloured leaves on

the trees and swirling winds that come tumbling down the streets as if they were running away from each other.’

John le Carré, David Cornwell, the celebrated author of 26 novels, died on 12 December 2020, at the age of 89, of pneumonia after a fall. His time at Lincoln, from 1952 to 1956, saw the formative strands of his future life come together, and make most people’s university years seem tame by comparison. His studies were interrupted for a year amid the very public bankruptcy of his father, Ronnie Cornwell, an incorrigible conman.

At the same time he spied on Communist and left-wing student groups for MI5, posing as one of them in part to tempt the KGB into trying to recruit him, paving the way for his early career in the security services. One such group included his friend and fellow Lincoln student Stanley Mitchell (1952), editor of *The Oxford Left* magazine, with whom le Carré would have a somewhat difficult reunion 50 years later. *The Oxford Left* was among the Oxford publications, including *Isis* and *The Lincoln Imp*, for whom le Carré, a gifted caricaturist and artist, would produce illustrations. He took the leading role as Bosola in Mitchell’s production of *The Duchess of Malfi* at Lincoln (le Carré having previously

directed a German one-act play). *The Imp*, according to le Carré’s biographer Adam Sisman, observed that the newly formed Lincoln Players ‘clearly have a valuable asset in Mr David Cornwell, both as an actor and as a painter of striking posters’.

Oxford and Lincoln remained close to my father’s heart. He was a significant supporter of the transformation of All Saints Church into the College Library; a watercolour sketch of the Library by the artist Hugh Buchanan, which I gave him, occupies a proud corner in the living room of his house in Cornwall, with another Buchanan work. Lincoln was the home of his mentor, friend, and former Sherborne schoolmaster the Rev. Vivian H. H. Green, the College Senior Tutor who married le Carré and Ann in 1954, and was a part-model for his most famous character George Smiley. For many years, he supported student life at Lincoln through the VHH Green fund, which he established to encourage undergraduates to travel and extend their experience away from Oxford. He also came back to Lincoln on many occasions, on one such, to name four LCBC boats *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*.

Timothy Cornwell (1981), son

In part 3 of the 1982 BBC adaptation of *Smiley's People*, George Smiley (Alec Guinness) is driving in his Rover on the M40 to Oxford to visit the retired Soviet analyst, Connie Sachs. He is stopped on the motorway by the 'General factotum', Ferguson, who has been following him on a motorbike, and is told to abandon his investigation. Smiley brushes his orders aside and replies, "Ferguson, I'm an Honorary Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford. I have dining rights there and limited facilities for improving my mind." The exchange is not in the published novel and was supplied by David Cornwell. Whether a hint was being dropped here or not, it is a pleasing coincidence that in 1984 David Cornwell was elected by the College to an Honorary Fellowship. The Rector at the time was his old friend Vivian Green, who had known him at Sherborne and helped him a good deal during his time at Lincoln. The facilities for improving one's mind at the College in the 1950s may, indeed, have been limited, but they did not prevent the future author, John le Carré, from gaining a First in Modern Languages.

Many years later, it was the publication of *Agent Running in the Field* that brought David Cornwell back to Lincoln for what turned out

to be his last visit to the College in October 2019. At tea in the Lodgings, he touched on the inscrutability of 'my wise Oxford mentor', Vivian Green, and how difficult he found it to know what he (Vivian) thought of him (David). Later, in the Oakeshott Room, David talked for about 45 minutes about his life and opinions. He evidently enjoyed a further question-and-answer session, involving an eager and engaged audience. After 90 minutes of standing, he took real pleasure in signing copies of his books and talking to students and staff. His affection for the College, which had been a constant presence his life, was palpable and was clearly stimulated by his enthusiasm for engaging with the younger members of his audience.

Towards the end of his discursive memoir, *The Pigeon Tunnel* (2016), le Carré recounts how his father's cheque covering the next term's fees at Lincoln had bounced so that he was for a while 'seriously insolvent'. In the midst of these undergraduate financial difficulties, 'the impish, hard-living, hard-drinking' future television newsreader, Reginald Bosanquet paid off the future author's debts and financed his next six months. At the time, le Carré says the College 'was behaving with exemplary



Illustration by David Cornwell in *The Imp*, Hilary Term 1953

forbearance'. That tolerance and humane understanding of young people's struggles to make their way in the world was something David Cornwell deeply appreciated. It is, one hopes, something to which Lincoln students and Honorary Fellows alike still aspire.

H.R. Woudhuysen, Rector



### **David Kenning (Fellow, 1968-2004)**

David Kenning lectured basic thermodynamics to me when I was an undergraduate, in the early 1970s. His lecturers were clear, concise, and I can still remember some bits of them verbatim. But I did not really get to know him, or Margaret, until I came back to Oxford in 1984, and was lucky enough to have a joint appointment paired with Lincoln. They welcomed me to their college, and to their home, and Anne and I had lunch and dinner there many times over the following 20 years. They also welcomed many undergraduates, as was the pattern in those days, and we have many enjoyable memories.

Engineering was still a relatively small subject in Oxford until the 1960s, and anyone wanting to read the subject

at Lincoln would probably have been looked after by a mathematics tutor, David Spence. David was elected in 1968 and held the fellowship for 36 years, until retirement in 2004. During that time he was a devoted tutor but also contributed to the College in many ways, including holding offices as Senior Tutor and Sub-Rector. He was a great believer in the tutorial system and I recall his compassion when pupils were struggling, but doing their best.

He managed to keep a perfect balance between the demands of the College and those of the Engineering Department, where he pursued actively his lifelong fascination with the problems involving ‘nucleate boiling’. He first came to Oxford to a departmental position in 1963, and developed an impressive laboratory, studying all forms of boiling, including not just the obvious properties of water but the stability of molten metals and medical applications. In this field David was a world authority, giving the internal prestigious Jenkin Lecture in October 2004, and continuing his studies at Brunel University after his retirement from Oxford.

David’s values and mine matched very well - recognising the importance of the College, the tutorial system, the value of fundamental research; but also the importance of family life. Our

working relationship was a very easy one, consonant with that balanced view. He contributed unobtrusively to everything, always had a cheery smile, which I personally miss, and he was unstinting in his support for all the College stands for.

David’s wife Margaret and her family would like to thank the Fellows, staff, and students of Lincoln for all the very kind words, letters, cards, and the donations made to the Stroke Association in his name. They were very appreciative that so many of you were able to join them at the funeral service in person or online. They have drawn great support from knowing how much David was thought of by the College community, which was such an important part of his life for so many years.

David Hills, Acting Rector, colleague, and friend



### **Leslie Turner (1944)**

Leslie Lancelot Turner was born in Birmingham in January 1926 and went to King Edward's School, where he was an avid rugby player. With the advent of war he joined the Air Training Corps and volunteered for air raid warden duty. In 1944 he went up to Lincoln to read Physics. He fondly remembered his time there, including climbing up a drainpipe to get into his room on Turl Street late at night. He was a keen sculler and recounted passionate debates with fellow students.

In 1945 Leslie signed up for RAF pilot training in Arizona. Within days of his arrival a tornado struck the Falconfield airbase and Leslie joined the effort to recover the scattered Stearman biplanes. At war's end he returned to the UK

before a posting to the Middle East. After further adventures, including a visit to Tehran, he was demobbed and returned to Oxford, this time to Exeter College.

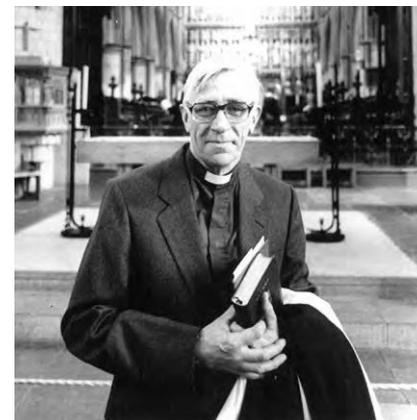
Finding it difficult to settle back into student life, Leslie and a couple of university friends piled into an old Wolsley and set off overland for India. En route they had numerous adventures, including climbing in the Hindu Kush and camping in the grounds of Gangtok Palace, before they stayed with the Maharaja of Sikkim and his daughter Princess Kookala.

Arriving in Assam, Leslie became assistant manager at the Seajuli tea estate, only days before a major earthquake struck. Leslie was at the manager's house and quickly ran upstairs to shepherd the children down to safety. In the following months Leslie was closely involved in the extensive rebuilding of the estate.

In 1952, after a spell managing the Negheriting tea estate, he headed home to start a dairy farm in North Wales, where he married and had two children. In 1967 he returned to England to teach mathematics and the adventures continued: he built two dinghies in his shed and in 1975 the family undertook a six-week overland return trip to Greece in a Citroen Deux

Chevaux. Retiring to a Welsh cottage in 1986, he continued to enjoy an active life, conjuring a rich and varied garden from the hillside, including a plantation of 300 trees. After a short illness, Leslie died peacefully in his sleep in June 2021, aged 95.

The Turner family



### **David Clark (1947)**

The Revd Canon David G. N. Clark died on 27 May 2020 after a very short illness, aged 94. He read Modern History at Lincoln College, graduating in 1949.

David was born and grew up in South London, the youngest of the three sons of Hugh and Mabel Clark. It was a family of strong Christian commitment, centred on the worship and fellowship of St Saviour's, Raynes

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Park. From Rutlish School in 1943 David joined the Royal Navy, serving as a signalman on various ships until demobilisation in 1946. While at Lincoln he realised his vocation to the ordained ministry and went on to train at Wells Theological College. David had a great gift for friendship, keeping in touch with several fellow students throughout his life.

He was ordained Deacon in Southwark Cathedral on Trinity Sunday 1951, and Priest in 1952. He was fortunate to spend his first curacy with the guidance of Clifford Wolters at All Saints Sanderstead. A member of his Youth Club there wrote recently of the inspiration he gave to her and her friends. David was able to lead and teach with depth of thought, imagination, and fun. He was blessed with a great sense of humour, joy in life, and compassion. In 1952 he married June Potter, with whom he had three sons and a daughter who died at birth.

David moved in 1954 to be Priest-in-Charge of St Luke's Downham, a large housing estate within the parish of St John's, Catford. From there, in 1959, he became Vicar of St Barnabas, Sutton. His 13 years ministry there was very fruitful both in the parish and ecumenically. Rural ministry followed at Charlwood

near Gatwick, where he stayed for 18 years. During this time, other parishes of the Upper Mole Group came under his wing. In 1986 after much illness, June died. In 1988 he married the Revd Jean Clark, a former colleague.

Retirement in 1990 took them to Coventry, where Jean had been in inner-city ministry. Thirty happy years followed, working for the Church Urban Fund, helping out in interregna, and keeping in pastoral touch with many. All this with the background of caring for his sons and their families – five grandchildren and two great-grandsons. A life, full to its end, and the future joyfully embraced.

Jean Clark, wife



### **Nigel Lindsey Renton (1949)**

In 1940, at the age of 13, Nigel defied his father, who wanted him to follow a half-brother to Winchester, New College, and a career at the Bar. Instead, he won a place at the RN College, Dartmouth, which at that time combined general education with a Naval Officer's training.

By 1948, he realised that chronic seasickness and limited possibilities for a conventional married life were calling him to 'swallow the anchor'. With the support of Lincoln alumni, he matriculated in Michaelmas 1949, to read English Language and Literature.

As an older Fresher, there was no space in College, and he turned down the suggestion of spending the second half of the year there. He then spent all three years in 'digs', initially

sharing with his friend, Perry Calwell (1948). Other than the Fleming Society, Nigel was not much involved in Lincoln life at that time, but acted and toured with OUDS; became a Bow Group Tory, and repeatedly failed to be elected even to Library Committee at the Union. He wrote a few items for *Isis* and *Cherwell*, and a moribund literary magazine, *Gambit*.

Going down in 1952, he joined the Royal Insurance Group, soon becoming Head of the Editorial Department. Tired of austerity and British weather, Nigel and his first wife (now deceased) emigrated to San Francisco in 1957. He became an insurance broker, building up a firm with close to a hundred employees, specialising in professional liability for architects and consulting engineers. For many years, he was a ‘name’ at Lloyd’s, and founded PLAN (the Professional Liability Agents Network) in the US. He remarried in 1970.

Nigel’s devotion to Lincoln developed through his friendship with Sir Maurice Shock, first met as an undergraduate, and later as Lincoln’s Rector. He was an early supporter of planned giving. Until increasing infirmity made transatlantic travel too demanding, he and his second wife were frequent visitors to the College, and attended many alumni gatherings

in California.

Nigel died on 10 January 2021, aged 93. He is survived by his wife Barbara, six children and step-children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.



### **Gregory Votaw (1950)**

Gregory Votaw, an economist who dedicated his life to world economic development, the alleviation of world hunger, and peace activism, died on 28 August 2020, aged 92.

Greg was born in Chester, PA, in 1928. He graduated from Deep Springs College, California, earned a Master’s degree in Economics from the University of Chicago, and completed a DPhil in Economics at Lincoln College. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

His professional career began

as an economic consultant for the Government Development Bank of Puerto Rico in San Juan. There he met his wife Carmen, and they married in 1960. They moved to Tehran, where Greg served as an economic development consultant with the Harvard Advisory Group in the early 1960s. They later moved to Bethesda, MD, when Greg began working at the World Bank.

Dedicated to economic development and the improvement of the world, Greg worked for the World Bank from 1963 to 1978 as an economist, country director, and regional director (for both Africa and East Asia-Pacific). There he managed finance and planning for major infrastructure and industry development projects in India, Bangladesh, Korea, the Philippines, Japan, and sub-Saharan Africa.

Greg and Carmen lived in Bethesda for more than 55 years and were active in the community, the Montgomery County Democratic Party, and their church. Always thoughtful and generous, he supported many progressive causes including The Hunger Project, the Christian Missionary Service (during the Korean War), the Samaritan Ministry, and the Gala Hispanic Theater.

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He believed that in the end what is most important is not your accomplishments and what you do with your life, but rather how you make others feel. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by three children and six grand-children. His wife, Carmen Delgado Votaw, a prominent Puerto Rican women's equal rights and civil rights activist, died in February 2017.

The Votaw family



### David Emerson (1952)

Dr David Emerson, GP in Cambridge for 30 years, died on 3 December 2020, aged 89. David and his wife Shirley were both GPs. They set up the practice in the early 1960s and worked there together until retirement.

Whilst a traditional family doctor,

he was always open to new ideas: with Shirley they were among the first to use computers for their patient records. From the early 1960s, David provided services to help people with drug and alcohol problems, and he and Shirley were also instrumental in setting up the Cambridge Advisory Centre for Young People, with an emphasis on birth control and sexual health in the early days of oral contraception.

David was born in Birmingham in 1931, and the family later moved to Cambridge, where he won a scholarship to the Perse. He went on to read Medicine, first at Downing in 1949 and then at Lincoln. An excellent swimmer, he captained the Cambridge University water polo team, gaining a half blue.

David was a Cambridge man through and through, but was justly proud of his time at Lincoln College. When a Senior House Officer at the John Radcliffe, he recalled that the consultant did the ward round in plus fours with a pack of dachshunds at his heels.

After Oxford, he spent time as a doctor in the Falklands and Antarctic (as Base Leader of Camp F on the Argentine Islands). David was later Medical Officer for the British Antarctic Survey, examining many scientists and divers before their

journey to the Antarctic.

He retained his adventurous spirit, and he and Shirley volunteered as Medical Officers for the King's School, Ely expedition, taking the whole family to a remote valley in the Indian Himalayas for six weeks in 1978.

David and Shirley had four children and seven grandchildren, with six Dr Emersons in total.

Neil Emerson, son



### David Hayes (1952)

David Hayes read Engineering at Lincoln, graduating in 1955. He was almost persuaded to move over to Physics after his first year. He had been schooled at Prior Park in Bath, where he enjoyed playing sport, rugby in particular, and pursued music, learning the violin and clarinet, and

playing piano duets with Cormac Murphy O'Connor, the future Archbishop of Westminster. Following two years of National Service, David followed school contemporary Gerald Walker (1950) in his rooms at Lincoln, probably the most comfortable set in College, officially known as 8:2, and, in 1913, occupied by a member of the von Richthofen family.

David practised as a civil engineer and subsequently as a lecturer, first in production engineering at Twickenham College of Technology, then in business management at Aylesbury College of Further Education. A lifelong musician, it was at this stage he formed Aylesbury Opera Group, conducting and producing fully-staged opera performances until he was nearly 80. He retired early in 1985, primarily because of a knee injury he sustained during National Service. In his retirement, David became the choir master at St Mary's in Princes Risborough, before later becoming the conductor of Thame Choral Society. He sang with Tring Choral Society and also the Philharmonia Chorus in London.

A proud memory from Oxford days was when playing cricket for Lincoln against Radley College and catching out the-then schoolboy Ted

Dexter at silly mid-off to a typically ferocious cover drive. The future England cricket captain Dexter was heard to mutter that the shot should have been 'uncatchable'.

David passed away on 26 September 2021. He leaves behind six sons, four from his first wife Diane Booth, and two from his second wife Katherine Phillips.

Philip Hayes, son



### **Solomon (Solly) Faine (1953)**

Professor Solomon (Solly) Faine was born in Wellington, New Zealand, in 1926, to a Russian Jewish immigrant family. He graduated in Medicine from Otago University in 1949. He came to Lincoln in 1953, where he undertook graduate studies at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, on

a Nuffield Dominions Trust Fellowship, receiving his DPhil in 1955.

Other awards and degrees included BMedSc (1946), MD (1958, University of New Zealand); Fellow, Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia; Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology; and Fellow, (Honorary Life Fellow) Australian Society for Microbiology.

He held lecturer appointments at Otago University in Bacteriology and Microbiology, followed by senior positions at University of Sydney from 1959. He completed a distinguished career as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Microbiology, Monash University, and was appointed Emeritus Professor on his retirement in 1991.

His DPhil and most of his research and publications were in the bacteriology of leptospires, and in the pathogenesis, diagnosis, epidemiology, and control of leptospirosis. He also published research studies of antibiotics, sterilisation, and hospital infection.

Career highlights included serving as WHO consultant and advisor for Communicable Diseases (Zoonoses), as Marco Longo lecturer of the Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, as Fulbright Senior Fellow and Visiting Professor at UCLA,

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and as French-Australian Exchange Scientist, Pasteur Institute. He also served on the Executive Committee of Division of Bacteriology, the International Union of Microbiology Societies, and the International Committee on Systematic Bacteriology, acting as Chair of its Taxonomic Subcommittee on Leptospira. In recognition of his contributions to the field, a new species of Leptospira first isolated in Australia in 1998 was named '*Leptospira fainei*' in his honour. It was the first species to be named after a living leptospirologist.

He sat on the professional and scientific committees of the Australian Society for Microbiology (including as President 1969-70), and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (Chief Examiner in Microbiology 1974-78). He was also associate editor of the journal *Pathology*, and a consultant for government and non-government committees.

Among many published works, he was editor of *Guidelines for the Control of Leptospirosis* (WHO, 1982), and author of *Leptospira and Leptospirosis* (1994, CRC Press) which was recognised as the definitive reference work in the field.

He married Eva Rothschild in 1950, and had three children,

Miriam, Susan, and Jonathan.

Miriam Faine, daughter



### **William Batty Langley Poole (1954)**

William was named after his father and the two surgeons who saved his and his mother's life when he was born totally blind in Valletta, Malta, in 1935. His father, effective head of civilian operations in the naval dockyard in Valletta, sent William to be educated in England, including at Worcester College for the Blind. He came to Lincoln in 1954 to study Classical Mods and English. He later worked on the lost plays of Euripides and was elected Honorary Research Fellow at University College, London.

From 1969 to 1978 he was employed in the braille editorial

departments of the National Library for the Blind and at the Royal National Institute for the Blind, with responsibility for the coding and layout of all books and other publications in braille. He was a member and chairman of the Braille Authority of the United Kingdom from 1968, serving on its sub-committees for mathematics, science notation, linguistics, and computers. He was the British representative on the committee which created the internationally agreed code (Universal English Braille) now adopted by English-speaking countries. He also served as chairman of the R.N.I.B.'s Technical Consumer Services Committee and was a member of the Institute's governing body. In 1979 William set himself up as an international dealer in antiquarian and scholarly books, and became widely recognised for his expert knowledge. He had a personal collection of first and notable editions of Greek and Latin authors, and copies of early English and French translations of the Classics dating from the sixteenth century onwards. His interest and enjoyment in the history of opera was reflected in the large number of recordings which he eagerly acquired over a long period.

Politically left of centre he was,

with his partner Patrick with whom he lived for 60 years, among the first to support the movement for gay rights in the United Kingdom and to bring pressure for changes in the law. Member and several times president of the National Federation of the Blind of the United Kingdom, he joined with those who negotiated with the government over rights and provisions for people with disabilities, resulting in the legislation which is now in force. A stimulating conversationalist, he enjoyed good company and good food and wine. Together with his partner he travelled widely and spent many happy periods exploring the earthly delights of France, Italy, and Greece.

Patrick Pollard, partner



### **Graham Robson (1954)**

Many in the world of motoring and motorsport lost a good friend with the death of Graham Robson on 6 August 2021. He wrote nearly 170 books, some published in several other languages, and countless newspaper and magazine features, which must have made him the most prolific motoring author ever. But quantity did not affect quality. His books, mainly covering classic cars and rallying, were all meticulously researched and well written; many are now the ‘standard works’. On account of his wide motoring knowledge, Graham was regularly called on to be master of ceremonies or commentator for national club events. It also helped him become President of the TR Register, Vice President of Club Triumph, and Honorary Life

member of several other clubs.

He was born in Skipton, Yorkshire, on 18 January 1936 to Clifford and Kathleen Robson. An only child, he was educated at Ermysteds Grammar School, before going up to Lincoln College, where he read Engineering.

His first job was as a Graduate Trainee at Jaguar cars in 1957. His subsequent career became almost a perfect training path for someone destined to become a leading author. In 1961 he became a Development Engineer, then Competition Secretary at Standard-Triumph. He worked for *Autocar* magazine from 1965, and then the Rootes Group (which became Chrysler UK) in 1969, becoming their Chief Engineer, Product Proving. He then had a spell as Technical Director at Kangol before becoming a full-time independent motoring writer, researcher, and author in 1972. That word ‘independent’ cannot be stressed too highly because whatever his links with the manufacturer of a car he was writing about, his research was always thorough and he never pulled his punches. Once asked for his most memorable motoring moment, he said: ‘First sight of the Ford RS200, the day it was shown to a privileged few, before its public launch.’ It was typical of the esteem in which he was held by manufacturers as well as

enthusiasts that he was invariably on that favoured list.

Many of Graham's books were about motorsport. He started in the sport as a rally co-driver in the mid-1950s; he said that his passion for writing was triggered by writing rally reports in those days for *Motoring News*. He became one of the leading UK co-drivers, competing in works teams and winning the Welsh International Rally with Roger Clark in 1965.

He ran Standard-Triumph's motorsport programme from 1962 to 1965 and was later involved in running rally championships for Ford Motorsport.

Graham married Pamela in 1962, and they had two sons, Hamish, who is now a senior design engineer with Toyota Motorsport in Germany, and Jonathan who is an experienced landscape gardener in Dorset. He moved to Dorset in 1981, thereafter travelling widely on business, and for pleasure. Sadly, Pamela died in 2014 after a long illness.



### **John Torrance (1954)**

John was born in Bath on 26 October 1933, the youngest of four children. His father was head of a large engineering firm. While his older siblings served in the war, the young John and his parents were bombed out of the family home (now the Bath Priory Hotel) on one occasion.

After graduating from Lincoln College in 1957, John taught PPE at Hertford College, Oxford. He was considered a brilliant lecturer, and many of his students went on to hold high positions in academia and public life. In 1995 he published an important study on Karl Marx. He expanded the range of his service to both the College and to the University by serving twice as Hertford's Vice-Principal and also as one of the Proctors.

John married Charity, and they were together for over 50 years, raising their family in a lakeside house in Oxford. Charity became known for her work in the National Childcare Trust, meditation therapy, and also in the local hospice movement. They retired to Dorset, where John cared for Charity as her health failed, until she died in 2005.

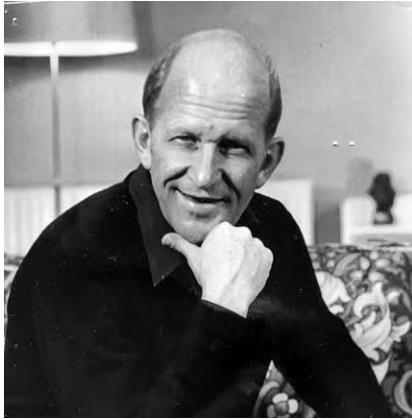
In later life, John met fellow retired academic Barbara, an anthropologist and archaeologist – and the widow of Jan Farquharson, an old friend of John's from Marlborough College and Oxford. Living in South Devon over the next 15 years, John and Barbara undertook significant academic research and together wrote a number of fascinating books and articles about this part of Devon.

During this period, John became an accomplished poet, publishing through Oversteps Books *Waterwheel*, an inspiring and moving three-part collection of poetry, dedicated to Barbara, and offered as a memorial to Jan and Charity. In his final days, he completed a second volume of poetry, which will be published shortly.

John died peacefully at home after a short illness on 13 March 2021, aged 87. He is succeeded by his civil partner Barbara; his children Rebecca, Tristram, Benedict, and

Jonas; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Tristram Benedict, son



**Richard Jeffrey (1955)**

Born in Birmingham on 24 April 1935, Richard enjoyed his years studying PPE at Lincoln from 1955-58, after serving his two years of National Service. He gained a Management Trainee position with Metal Box, and through his cricketing friends later moved to Reckitt & Colman in Hull. Cricket was a major interest throughout his long life and he was watching the sport on TV on the day he passed away. His career with Reckitt & Colman took him and his family to New Zealand, South Africa, Chiswick, and Norwich. In 1985 he was head-hunted by Watties

in Auckland, New Zealand, and led their Consumer Foods business until it was sold to Heinz. Choosing early retirement at that stage, he was able to play plenty of golf, enjoy overseas travel, visit many of his friends and family in the UK, study Modern History at the University of the Third Age, and generally enjoyed a full and happy life. He kept in touch with his College friend Harvey Griffiths (1955) and stayed with him and his wife on several occasions.

Married to Wendy in 1965, he took her on a visit to Lincoln on the third day of their honeymoon before returning to New Zealand. He is survived by Wendy, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Wendy Jeffrey, wife



**Francis Lamport (1956)**

Born to Frances and Jack Lamport, Francis attended Sir William Borlase’s Grammar School in Marlow, and then did national service in the RAF, based mostly in Berlin and Mönchengladbach in Germany.

Francis came up to Lincoln in 1956, having won a scholarship to read French and German, and graduated with a First. He obtained a distinction in his spoken German, largely, he claimed, due to the year spent as a teaching assistant abroad.

He then embarked on a doctorate researching the eighteenth-century German novel, but within a year was appointed faculty lecturer, and had lectureships at both Pembroke and Worcester. He retired in 2001 after 40 years of teaching. A respected authority in German classical

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drama and an esteemed colleague and teacher, Francis will be fondly remembered by many. His lectures were inspiring and entertaining. His insightfulness, broad knowledge, and generosity of spirit made him a wonderful tutor.

His publications included translations of Lessing, Goethe, and Schiller. He was particularly inspired and gratified to work with the Royal Shakespeare Company, which used his translation of Schiller's *Wallenstein* for a 1993 production.

Francis married Nanna in 1961; she had attended a language course in Oxford and subsequently left Denmark to settle in Oxford. They were married for 59 years and had two daughters and three grandchildren, all of whom benefitted greatly from his kindness, generosity, encouragement, wisdom, and humour.

For the last 18 months of his life Francis was cared for at St Luke's Hospital after a serious fall. It was not the end he would have chosen after a happy life with great friendships, close family, and an inspiring and satisfying career, but he used to say that he felt he had a good innings.

He is sorely missed and will always be remembered with great affection.

The Lamport family



### **Tony Harris (1957)**

Born in Peterborough in 1937, after National Service Tony came to Lincoln in 1957 to read Physics under John Owen. Continuing at Lincoln during his DPhil, he became an initial member of the newly-formed Middle Common Room. He made many life-long friends and rowed many years for the College, and was one of the crew that became Head of the River.

Further research followed, mainly at the Clarendon Lab, but including a golden year at Berkley, California, and a junior fellowship at University College. After marrying Katharine in 1967, he moved a year later to Sheffield University as a lecturer in the Physics Department. His research continued to focus mainly on electron paramagnetic resonance; he also did some work on ceramic

superconductors and fluoride glasses, this last being in collaboration with the Materials Department. In Oxford fashion, he always took an interest in his students and was regarded as one of the department's best educators.

Two daughters, Ruth and Janet, were born in Sheffield. Through Ruth, Tony took up the viola, playing in small music groups before eventually joining an orchestra. He also made his own viola, followed by other stringed instruments.

Retirement in 1996 meant special holidays, including visiting old Oxford friends in distant lands.

In 2004 Tony and Katharine abandoned with regret both the Peak District and their Sheffield friends, and moved to Littlebourne, near Canterbury, to be close to their family. There they were glad to be near their two grand-children and settled happily into village life. They enjoyed the lovely Kent countryside and Tony's musical activities brought him many new friends. He expanded his research into family history - and we still liked to visit Oxford to cheer on Lincoln in Eights Week!

Katharine Harris, wife

### **Anthony Gilbert Hull (1957)**

Anthony came up to Lincoln College from Stonyhurst, the son of a solicitor in Preston, and in due course followed his father into the law. He secured entry into the Legal Department of Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI); an achievement as prestigious as being accepted as a Legal Advisor by the Civil Service. Content to rest on his laurels, Anthony remained with ICI until his retirement – and beyond; he was so highly regarded that he was retained for some years thereafter as a consultant.

Anthony appeared to be the typical English bachelor, until he met Anne-Marie, a lovely Belgian girl from Ghent. They married and settled down in St Albans, where they found a handsome neo-Georgian home, which remained their home for the rest of their lives. St Albans Cathedral appealed to them both, whilst Hatfield House drew Anne-Marie to be a volunteer. Their joy, however, were their two daughters, Katy and Madeleine. Sadly, whilst in her fifties, Anne-Marie was diagnosed with a tumour. As Anthony described it, ‘she fought like crazy’, but, after more than four years, she finally succumbed in 2005.

Anthony lived alone in St Albans but after some years his health also

began to suffer. Being a man of great inner strength, he fought on tenaciously. With his somewhat old-fashioned style, he appreciated the finer things in life: good food, fine wines, an extensive library, a game of bridge. With his high intellect and quiet kindness, he was always excellent company. Whilst he viewed life with a wry sense of humour, he showed consideration to all. The love of his daughters helped him much during his later years. A memorial service was held for him in the Lady Chapel of St Albans Cathedral on 11 April 2018, where the same had been held for Anne-Marie 13 years before.

Dick FitzHugh, friend



### **John Parish (1957)**

John Martin Parish was born in Ilford

on 15 October 1938. He died on 13 January 2021, in Lightwater, Surrey, at the age of 82.

John studied Geography at Lincoln College, matriculating in 1957. During his time at Oxford, he was a keen oarsman, rowing in the College third eight; this love of rowing continued well into his 60s. He was immensely proud of his time at Oxford and, up until a few years before his death, was still talking to new students about his experiences at Oxford.

John’s spirit of community was a constant throughout his life, continuing in his charity work through organisations such as Round Table, Unicorn, and the British Red Cross.

He was always interested in different places, both in this country and abroad, and this, together with his fascination with general knowledge and his love of people, always defined him. We always joked that he could ‘get blood out of a stone’ and find out everything about someone in a short space of time. When he was talking to you he made you feel so special because he was genuinely interested in others.

John’s love of his family also shone throughout his lifetime. He always had time for his daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren. Whether he was babysitting, taking the

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grandchildren camping, or picking them up from school, he did it with enthusiasm and love regardless of how exhausted he was afterwards!

John's death has left a huge hole in the lives of his family and his partner, but also many fond memories for us to cherish.

Martina Mukerji, daughter



### David Todd (1958)

David George Todd was born on 14 February 1938 in Ladywood, Birmingham, the only child of George and Winifred Todd.

He attended King Edward's Grammar School, followed by King Edward's School Birmingham. David enjoyed school, and was a House Prefect and a member of the Cartland Club. He obtained a place at Oxford

after taking the scholarship exam in 1955. Having failed his National Service medical, David undertook various jobs including working as a preparatory school teacher and a hospital porter, as well as positions within hotels in Torquay and Newquay.

David came up to Lincoln College in 1958 and read English Language and Literature. After Prelims he was tutored by WW Robson and achieved a 'good' second class degree. During his time at Lincoln, he was an active member of the JCR and was involved with the Art Committee.

He worked in various industries, largely as a buyer, until the late 1970s when he decided that teaching was his true vocation.

David was an avid reader and enjoyed travel, particularly to Spain and latterly Brisbane, where he and his wife Liz spent many happy long holidays house-sitting and seeing his daughter's family.

David was immensely proud of his scholarship to Lincoln. He made several lifelong friends and was in touch with many right up until his death. David sadly passed away on 5 December 2020.

Julian Todd, son



### William Turner (1958)

William (Bill) Turner was born in Brighton on 12 January 1938. He attended Steyning Grammar School and was awarded a state scholarship. He was accepted for entry to Lincoln College in 1956 to study Physics, commencing in 1958 after National Service as a ground radar fitter at RAF Valley, where he was described as 'a competent workman who is keenly interested in his work servicing intricate electronic equipment'.

Bill's proudest achievement was being awarded a First in 1961, after which he joined UKAEA and then the National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science (NIRNS), later to become the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL).

Initially Bill worked on bubble chamber development and rapid

cycling techniques, although he told friends that by the time his first chamber was finished (after several years' work and a cost of several millions) liquid helium chamber technology had moved on and, to quote Bill: 'it was never even plugged in and went to the scrap metal yard'!

Later in his career, Bill moved increasingly into administrative and procurement roles, and particularly enjoyed being one of the few physicists (among many administrators) as the RAL representative on the International Structural Comparison Group, with its meetings and social programme at labs all over Europe.

Bill married his wife Mary in Wales in 1963 and they spent many happy years living in Oxfordshire, enjoying walking, swimming, tennis, golf, gardening, good food, wine, and foreign holidays.

In 2001-2 Bill and Mary moved to Pembrokeshire to be near Mary's family and added the University of the Third Age and sequence dancing to their hobbies. Bill set about learning Welsh in a determined fashion.

To everyone who knew him, Bill was a straightforward, honest gentleman who was finding 'fake news' and political spin increasingly bewildering. He died peacefully in

a care home on 24 August 2020, eighteen months after tragically losing his wife Mary to a sudden illness.

Brian Egles, nephew



### David Kennard (1963)

David Kennard passed away from cancer on 16 August 2021, after a 50-year career in documentary film and TV production. He read Modern Languages (German and French) and made his start in media while attending Lincoln, joining the University Broadcasting Society (OUBS) and the Oxford Revue.

After graduation from Oxford, he earned an MBA in International Marketing at Indiana University. He went on to join the BBC in London, notably working as a producer and director on *The Age of Uncertainty* (with

John Kenneth Galbraith), *The Ascent of Man* (with Jacob Bronowski), and *Connections* (with James Burke).

David co-founded InCA productions in London in 1983 and later, when he moved to California, he founded InCA Productions, US. In the US David produced and directed documentaries on *The Promise of Play* (with Jane Goodall), *HAL's Legacy* (with Arthur C. Clarke), *The Heart of Healing* (with Jane Seymour), *The Journey of the Universe* (with Brian Swimme) and *Keeping Score* (with Michael Tilson Thomas). In his last few years, he produced and directed three feature-length films on wine: *A Year in Burgundy*, *A Year in Champagne* and *A Year in Port*. His awards include the Dupont Columbia, ASCAP, BAFTA, and Peabody, plus National and International Emmys.

He is survived by his wife Lizzie Kennard and his four children: Amanda Bodley, Juliet Bauer, James Kennard, and Pippa Kennard. His son James also matriculated at Lincoln in 2007. In the last year of his life David completed his memoirs, *So That's a Wrap: 50 Years of Fun and Adventure Making Documentary Films*.

James Kennard (2007), son



### **Stuart Baker OBE (1973)**

Stuart was born in Bradford and educated at Bradford Grammar School. His lifelong passion for railways began at an early age and at school he was very involved in the Transport Society. In 1973 he went up to Lincoln to read Chemistry, after working for ICI in Harrogate between school and university. He joined the Oxford University Railway Society almost immediately and devoted quite a bit of time to its activities! In 1974 he and a friend went on an Interrail trip around Europe and this was the beginning of a delight in foreign rail travel. On graduating, he was accepted for the British Rail management training scheme, on the Eastern Region. After training he worked his way up in various operating jobs in BR, and

then Regional Railways North East, after privatisation of the railways.

In 2001, Stuart was headhunted to join the new Strategic Rail Authority, moving to live in London during the week but retaining the family home in York to which he returned at weekends. Then, in 2005, he joined the Department for Transport, becoming a Senior Civil Servant. In this post he oversaw several very important infrastructural projects. He also became involved in Netlipse – a European organisation for disseminating knowledge on the management of large infrastructure projects in Europe.

Stuart also supported the national charity Groundwork for many years. He was very involved in his local church, enjoyed gardening, watching football, and holidays with the family. Stuart married Elizabeth in 1978, and his daughter and son were born in 1983 and 1986. He is well known in railway circles for being the author of the *Railway Atlas of Great Britain and Ireland*, first published in 1977 and now in its 15th edition. Stuart was extremely proud in 2010 to receive an OBE for services to the railways.

Sadly, in 2017 Stuart suffered a major stroke, which left him with considerable disabilities. This forced him to take early retirement in 2018,

ending a career of 41 years in the railway industry. In 2020 Stuart died in hospital, following a heart attack, at the age of 66. He is greatly missed by his family, his many friends and former colleagues.

Elizabeth Baker, wife



### **Peter Ainsworth (1976)**

Born in 1956, Peter Michael Ainsworth was the son of Lieutenant Commander Michael Ainsworth, a naval officer; his mother had been a Wren. Peter attended Bradfield College in Berkshire, before leaving to read English at Lincoln in 1976. Throughout his life, one of Ainsworth's greatest pleasures would be literature. His ability to quote TS Eliot's *Little Gidding* — 'History is now and England' was a favourite

line — or to discuss the worth of Shelley was matched by his avidity in discovering new works, which he would buy in independent bookshops, abjuring Amazon.

Peter married Claire Burnett in 1981; the couple would have three children. After Oxford both Peter and Claire went into the City, where Peter's ease of manner helped him to succeed as a corporate banker, working for Laing & Cruickshank Investment Management and SG Warburg Securities, both later acquired by UBS. Believing that the City should not operate in a moral vacuum, Peter was uncomfortable to see colleagues 'spending more time negotiating fees than they did thinking about what they could do for their clients . . . I'm quite pleased I didn't stay'.

Having already served as a councillor for the London borough of Wandsworth, Peter turned his thoughts to becoming an MP. Fully expecting to spend his first general election fighting an unwinnable seat, he was instead selected to the safe Tory constituency of East Surrey in 1992.

In the Commons Peter promoted environmental causes, notably hedgerow protection, and saw the urgency of acting against climate change. In 1996 he entered the whips'

office, a role that he enjoyed because of the contact it gave him with fellow MPs. After the Conservatives' defeat at the hands of Tony Blair, Peter was an appropriate choice as shadow culture secretary. Then, as shadow environment secretary, he tried to rebrand his party as one that cared about the planet.

Leaving politics, Peter felt he could effect more change through the voluntary sector and occupied a series of often unpaid positions. As chairman of the Big Lottery from 2011 to 2019, he delighted in directing money to people and organisations who were achieving positive results for their communities. As chairman of Plantlife, a charity for wildflowers and meadows, he helped a small and focused body maximise its media reach. He was also chairman of the Churches Conservation Trust, which spoke to his love of English history and culture. Recently he accepted what he knew would be the thankless task of being on the commission to review the statue of Cecil Rhodes on the façade of Oriel College.

Peter died of a heart attack on 6 April 2021, aged 64.

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### **Matthew Leach (1983)**

Matthew joined Lincoln College from the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, as a chemistry scholar in 1983, where he studied under Professor Peter Atkins and Dr Gordon Lowe. It was here that he met Alison, an English student, and the two soon became an established College couple. They married in the College Chapel at the end of Matthew's fourth year, and returned to the North East, where Matthew completed a PhD at Durham University.

In 1990 Matthew joined Unilever, at Port Sunlight on the Wirral, as a Research Scientist. His love of music found expression through membership of the Chester Bach Singers, where he became a mainstay of the tenor section for more than 25 years.

From 1998 to 2001, Matthew was

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seconded to Unilever Italia, and the family (now with three small children) relocated to Milan. He embraced the Italian experience with characteristic energy and positivity, enthusiastically developing his language skills at every opportunity.

In 2008 Matthew left the corporate world to start a second career in education, and he quickly progressed from science teacher to head of department, and then assistant head. His warmth, intelligence, sense of humour, and commitment were valued by colleagues and pupils alike, and he was an inspiration to his many students.

In December 2019 Matthew was diagnosed with an aggressive type of brain tumour which forced him to give up the job he loved. He underwent surgery, radiotherapy, and chemotherapy, but when the cancer began to spread again earlier this year further treatment proved ineffective. He passed away peacefully at home on 10 May 2021 with his family at his side.

Alison Leach, wife



### **Rosemary Ann Mitchell (1985)**

Rosemary came to Lincoln to read Modern History in 1985. Following a First, an MLitt, DPhil and a Diploma in Art History, she left Lincoln in 1993 to work at the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. She joined Leeds Trinity University in 1999 as a History lecturer, and was there for 20 years, serving as Professor of Victorian Studies and Director of the Leeds Centre for Victorian Studies. Her field was interdisciplinary cultural history: she published *Picturing the Past, 1830-70* (2000), a host of subsequent articles, and in 2019 a volume of poetry, *Holding Up Half the Sky*, co-written with a friend. She was ordained in July 2021, and had been appointed curate at Skipton – a post she was sadly never able to take up, dying of

cancer only months later.

Rosemary was never active in College life – I cannot remember her playing any College sport or being a member of any societies – but she left with a huge range and number of friends. Year after year, a group of Lincolnites met up to see in the New Year until too many of us moved away or had children. She was always willing to listen, fiercely loyal, and deeply caring; and loved nothing better than to talk through historical debate and the merits of obscure Victorian fiction late into the night. She ‘adopted’ any number of waifs and strays she met as she went through life. She made many of our lives richer, and I am glad to have known her.

Richard Dennis (1986)





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