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The Year in Review



Principal's Report



Buildings

The academic year opened with a great landmark for the College: the Chancellor Lord Patten came to open our new buildings facing across the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, on 17 September 2011. When the College was founded on a site carefully chosen at a demure distance from the centre of Oxford to admit the University's first women undergraduates, Somerville's future achievements could hardly be foreseen. It would have seemed preposterous even to dream that one day the first female Prime Minister of India would be an alumna of Somerville, and then, in the College's centenary year, the first female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. It may have been lucky, though, that our library (built

in 1903) modestly turned its plain brick, windowless back on the bustling realities of the Radcliffe Infirmary, for once the hospital itself departed to the edge of the city, the University faced a dilemma. Colleges and university buildings had proliferated along the Woodstock and Banbury Roads. The site we now know as the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter (or ROQ) was not on the margins but at the centre of the University's expansion. And there, facing across the ten acres of exciting potential that this site offers to the University of Oxford, was Somerville's unadorned blank wall.

The transformation wrought by our two new accommodation blocks at once beautifies the southern outlook for the whole Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, and provides Somerville with an unmatched opportunity to expand provision for our students. In the College's tradition of establishing firsts, these two buildings are the first to be completed on the new Radcliffe Observatory Quarter. It is a landmark for the University,

inaugurating the site of its greatest expansion for decades; and it is a landmark for Somerville. These two new buildings place the College at the heart of the University.

Students moved into the sixty-eight new, en-suite rooms at the beginning of Michaelmas Term and have expressed warm appreciation of them ever since. If not quite the “five-star hotel” that some proclaimed it to be, it is certainly the best-appointed accommodation for students in the College. Even more gratifying than the student residents’ accolade, the UK branch of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) both honoured Niall McLaughlin and Associates, our architects, with national awards for these buildings in the summer of 2012. Our profound thanks go to all those members of the Somerville community who supported the project, along with generous donors from outside: they have made it possible for Somerville to take a real step up in the world, and to provide for nearly all our undergraduates to live in college, at a considerable saving compared with external rented accommodation.

Students

One high point in the year was the news in the spring of 2012 that an international survey of student opinion, the Student Barometer, had not only placed Oxford in the top 10% of British universities, but rated Somerville top amongst Oxford colleges for our students’ appreciation of their learning experience. “Somerville Soars in Satisfaction” read the alliterative *Oxford Student* headline.

The year was busy with more regular events as well, and some individual achievements. At the time of writing, it seems that Somervillians’ overall results in finals have slightly surpassed those of last year. Although fewer students gained first-class degrees (twenty-five, as opposed to last year’s twenty-nine), the great majority came through with upper seconds, the gold standard that defines a good Oxford degree. There was a promising number of distinctions in first-year exams as well, and a good sprinkling of special prizes. Inevitably there are people each year who, in the make-or-break few days of exams, fall just short of what they could have expected on the basis of their performance over the three or four years of their course. I witness the general stress of the exam season with empathy and a measure of dismay.

Student attainment comes in many forms. This year the Somerville Boat Club boasted two Blues, both in the winning women’s lightweight boat. There were blues and

half-blues also in athletics, basketball, gymnastics, hockey, javelin and lacrosse. A Somervillian captained Oxford's under-21s rugby team in the Varsity match. In addition to the many contributions that Somerville students have made to the Oxford Union, to drama and music and much more in the University, the College enjoyed a splendid Arts Week. The Chapel was host to a play written and performed by students, based on *Gaudy Night* (this being the centenary year of Dorothy Sayers's arrival at Somerville, as the front cover of the college magazine reminds us). It also provided the catwalk for a fashion show that focused on styles worn at different times in the College's history.

The Chapel itself underwent a considerable renovation, which began with repairs to the roof and continued after asbestos was discovered in the original acoustic tiles. Replacing those was not only costly but led to a term of exile, when chapel meetings and choral performances were held in the Hall (with its own surprisingly good acoustic) and then eventually to a full-scale renovation of the organ. The renovated chapel really came into its own, from Hilary Term, as a setting for Somerville's choir, which has just issued its first commercial CD. Under the leadership of David Crown, the choir has grown steadily more accomplished. Meanwhile Dan Moulin as Chapel Director has helped to build up attendance by alternating relatively conventional Christian services (of varying denominations) with multi-faith and secular talks and events. A regular feature of Somerville's year is the Commemoration Service, which took place this year on 9 June, honouring, with their families and friends, a roster of thirty-two Somervillians who died in the previous year at ages ranging from the tragically young twenty to one who lived to be one hundred and two. I am told that other colleges are now emulating Somerville's annual commemoration, and I expect they will find, as I do, both poignancy and affirmation in the custom.

Alumni

It was a good year for events featuring our alumni. Two fiftieth reunions fitted into 2011-12, one in September and the second, timed to coincide with a gaudy for the matriculation years 1956-66, in June. Early in January, a group of 200 Somervillians, about 150 students and 50 alumni with some staff members, attended a special screening of *The Iron Lady* at the Phoenix Cinema in Walton Street, returning for tea and discussion afterwards. Later that term, Tessa Ross, executive producer of the film, spoke about her career to the Media group of alumni. Also in the spring of 2012, a

literary lunch in Hall heard from Gordon Corera, author and security correspondent of the BBC, about the spying career of Daphne Park. PD James, the great detective novelist and fellow peeress, attended carrying the walking stick she had inherited from Baroness Park. The winter meeting of the Somerville Association heard from Zarith Idris, Raja of Johor in Malaysia, on the topic "We are like you. What Muslims have in common with other communities around the world". The Somerville City Group organised a symposium on the topic of "Sustainability; does it pay?" in the autumn and then two events in the spring: a dinner hosted by Sam Gyimah MP at the House of Commons, and a talk on the Euro crisis by Baroness Shriti Vadera. The London Group met regularly through the year, with capacity attendance and sometimes waiting lists. In March, Development Director Julie Hage and I paid a second visit to India and gave a lunch party for alumni in Delhi. This was the year, too, for Oxford's biannual North America reunion, held in New York City in April. About thirty Somervillians altogether joined other guests for an Oxford-wide dinner at Cipriani's and the following night for another enlivening buffet supper party at Cindy Gallop's glamorous, memento-packed apartment.

Fellows and Research

The fruits of our work in 2011 will include not just a new intake of students (with, we hope, more postgraduates than before) but also some great new research initiatives. The executive office of an exciting new initiative, the Global Ocean Commission, was established at Somerville in the summer, with a formal launch planned for the end of 2012. The Commission will bring a dimension of high-level international political engagement to the growing awareness of the urgent need to tackle the decline of the ocean environment world-wide. For Somerville it promises some fascinating openings for interdisciplinary interactions, and significant opportunities for our students. This initiative was brought to the College by Alex Rogers, Professor of Conservation Biology, who has made a name for himself as an international advocate for security of the oceans. It is a partnership between the Pew Environment Group, the Adessium Foundation and the Oceans 5 consortium.

The Fellowship and staffing of the College remained stable during the year, but Professor Marian Dawkins is due to retire in September, and will be a sad loss to the College. Her distinguished biological research will continue, thanks to some prestigious

grants; and alumni will long remember her brilliant talks on sustainable agriculture (at the City Group meeting mentioned above) and “Animal welfare for a small planet” at the gaudy in September 2011. Also stepping down and also very much missed will be Dr Philip Kreager, who has taught Human Sciences at Somerville for many years. Helen Morton, the College Treasurer, has announced her intention to retire at the end of December, after more than twelve years’ service. Helen has made an extraordinary contribution to Somerville, steering the finances and maintaining the College’s infrastructure with great skill. The benefits of her work will be felt in every part of the College, and the new ROQ buildings are perhaps the crowning glory. It is to be hoped that all of our retirees will retain close links with Somerville in emeritus capacities, and will be seen here often. Dr Chris Hare has been appointed Fellow and Tutor in Law, also holding a CUF (Common University Fund) lectureship in the Law Faculty. He comes from the University of Auckland in New Zealand, and will join two other Law Tutors, Dr Julie Dickson and Mr Michael Ashdown, before Mr Ashdown leaves to pursue a career at the Bar.

Some of the many awards and prizes garnered by Fellows of Somerville during the year appear elsewhere in this report. It was a year of glittering successes. Somerville has every reason to be proud of the academics who serve the College and our students so well.

ALICE PROCHASKA

Fellows' Activities

Biological Sciences

MARIAN DAWKINS has published two books this year. One is the 6th edition of *An Introduction to Animal Behaviour*, a textbook she wrote jointly with Aubrey Manning. The other is a more popular book, *Why Animals Matter: Animal Consciousness, Animal Welfare and Human Well-Being*. She was awarded the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) Medal for outstanding contributions to animal welfare science and has recently (in collaboration with engineer Stephen Roberts) been awarded a major BBSRC grant to develop their camera/computer system for the automated assessment of the welfare of broiler (meat) chickens and other farm animals.

SARAH GURR has been appointed to BBSRC Council. Her paper published in *Nature* in April (on emerging fungi threatening ecosystem health and food security (and front cover)) with colleagues from Imperial College, has led to invitations to talk through the world, has featured on local, national and international TV, and has appeared in *New Scientist*, *Scientific American* and in *Science*. She is currently much occupied with tracking pest and pathogen movement in a warming world and with her research council and company-sponsored work on antifungals and the fungal cell wall.

The beginning of the academic year saw **ALEX ROGERS** preparing for a research expedition on the Royal Research Ship *James Cook* (JC066) to the South West Indian Ridge. The expedition team identified the first cold-water coral reef in the Indian Ocean and discovered many other coral communities, exploring five seamounts in total. Professor Rogers recently proposed three of the seamounts as Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). In December 2011 he was awarded a ZSL Conservation Fellowship for services to marine conservation. In Hilary Term, Professor Rogers led the teaching of the new third year course on Marine Ecology, and supervised presentations and projects for Somerville third years, one of whom, Amy McCourt, got the highest mark for her presentation on deep-sea mining (and a First Class degree overall). In March, Somerville hosted the second workshop for the International Programme on the State of the Ocean (IPSO), looking at human impacts on the oceans and possible solutions. Professor Rogers ran the first year field course in Pembrokeshire during Trinity Term. Following

a frantic period of marking Finals exams, he then participated in the Rio+ 20 Earth Summit. The outcome for the oceans was a mixed bag, and many other areas of interest for the environment and for sustainable development were also disappointed by the outcomes of the summit.

Classics

LUKE PITCHER has published four articles so far this year. Three of these are contributions to a volume on how places and spaces are depicted in ancient Greek literature, focusing on the imperial historians Appian, Cassius Dio, and Herodian. The fourth examines how the individuals described in Appian's history use the past. As Secretary of the Oxfordshire Classical Association, he has organized and contributed to the annual Reading Competition, and two conferences for sixth formers.

Computer Science

STEPHEN PULMAN has published about six papers or book chapters in the last academic year. He has also been a co-applicant on two successful EPSRC applications, one in collaboration with the Open University to develop software to provide students writing essays with automatically generated (helpful!) feedback, and one as part of a consortium with the Universities of Cambridge, Edinburgh, York, and Sussex to investigate the use of mathematical techniques from computer science and quantum mechanics to the characterisation of natural language semantics. He is also the co-founder of a start-up, TheySay Ltd, which is just emerging from the University's 'software incubator' programme. TheySay does 'sentiment analysis' – detecting positive and negative attitudes in text – and has secured £0.5m initial venture capital. Among its earliest customers will be the Care Quality Commission.

Economics

DONNA HARRIS has been invited to Monash University, Australia, to give a lecture on Microfinance.

MICHAEL HATCHER was awarded the degree of PhD by Cardiff University for his thesis entitled 'Should central banks switch from inflation to price-level targeting?'

Quantifying the benefits from long-term price stability'. One of his research papers, completed during an internship at the Bank of England, was published as a Bank of England Working Paper (No. 440, Oct 2011). The paper is entitled *Time-varying volatility, precautionary saving and monetary policy*, and investigates the implications of fluctuations in macroeconomic volatility, like those seen during the recent financial crisis, for monetary policy.

Engineering

RICHARD STONE was fortunate to be on sabbatical in Michaelmas Term, and this was the opportunity to complete work on the 4th edition of his engine book. His combustion-related research has been supported by two EPSRC-funded projects that include work on biofuels and particulate matter emissions. Additional support for this work has come from Jaguar and Shell. Just before Easter, Richard gave an invited paper at a workshop in Tsinghua University; his previous visit had been 24 years earlier so the changes in Beijing had been profound.

STEPHEN ROBERTS continues to apply large-scale data analysis techniques to problems in complex sensor networks, astronomy and biology. His work in astronomy has been incorporated into the 'Zooniverse' citizen-science project, and has contributed to the data analysis pipeline from the exoplanet-detecting Kepler space telescope and to large-scale radio astronomy. In collaboration with zoologists, Stephen has developed robust, non-invasive methods for monitoring animal welfare (with Somervillian Prof. Marian Dawkins) and methods to infer the interaction networks of populations of wild animals (which the popular media dubbed 'a Facebook for animals'). This summer he started collaborative long-term research on projects in autonomous, intelligent system development, biodiversity monitoring and next-generation methods for exoplanet detection. He was recently an invited speaker at the Royal Society. This year Stephen was appointed to a research professorship in the department and to a professorial fellowship in Somerville.

The Engineering Tutors have been helped enormously by the contributions from **MARK EBDEN**, who has been both a Junior Research Fellow and a Stipendiary Lecturer. During the summer Mark presented joint work with Stephen Roberts and others at the 31st International Workshop on Bayesian Inference and Maximum Entropy Methods, in Canada. The following spring, Mark joined other partners in the 'Orchid Project'

to enjoy a week-long gathering, researching how people and technology can interact during disaster-management. The choice of venue was Wollaton Hall, better known as Wayne Manor in this year's Batman film.

English

DAVID SERGEANT and **FIONA STAFFORD** co-edited a book of essays, *Burns and Other Poets*, which was published in January by Edinburgh University Press. David also wrote the first chapter, 'Burns and the Performance of Form', and Fiona contributed a chapter on Heaney's Burns. The volume was launched at the Somerville Burns Night in January, with poetry readings from the contributors and a fine Address to the Haggis from Gerard Carruthers.

David Sergeant's new book, *Kipling's Art of Fiction*, is currently with readers for OUP and he gave a paper on 'Kipling and Modernism' at the International Kipling Conference. His interest in Ted Hughes is also bearing fruit, in an essay on 'Ted Hughes's Inner Music', which will appear in a collection to be published by Palgrave, and in a paper to be delivered at the Ted Hughes International Conference in Cambridge in September. David's main focus as a Junior Research Fellow has been his research, but he has also continued to do some teaching for the College and help with Admissions.

In Michaelmas Term of this year, **ANNIE SUTHERLAND** was given John Fell sabbatical leave to facilitate the completion of her book, *English Psalms in the Middle Ages, 1300-1450*. Having submitted the book to publishers and received two favourable readers' reports, Annie is now working on revisions to the manuscript. The completed book will be submitted in September. Immediately after this, work will begin on a new project. For many years, Annie has wanted to find the time to work on producing an accessible edition of selected early Middle English devotional writing for women ('The Wooing Group') and has been approached by an academic publisher who would like to commission the project as soon as possible. It will be exciting to bring early thirteenth-century women and their books to the attention of a wider audience and the project will also allow Annie to pursue her ongoing interests in the psalms and the role that they play in private prayer.

At faculty level, Annie has taken on the role of convenor for the medieval period, coordinating undergraduate lecture provision and, in particular, overseeing the implementation of a new first-year paper, *Early Medieval Literature 600-1350*. She has

also continued to supervise several graduate students working on devotional matters. In college, Annie has enjoyed teaching a healthy number of undergraduates who have opted to take Course 2, the specialist Old and Middle English strand of the degree.

FIONA STAFFORD has published a new book, *Reading Romantic Poetry*, which was commissioned by Wiley-Blackwell with the aim of introducing students and general readers to the many pleasures of poetry. She has also written an essay on Nineteenth-Century Pastoral, to be published in *Victoriographies* in November. In October, Fiona became a founding member of the Atlantic Archipelago Research Project, an interdisciplinary body committed to developing new ways of understanding the history, culture and geographies of Britain and Ireland. In April, at a symposium on the Irish Sea in Dublin, she gave a paper on 'Inlets, Outlets, Firths and Mouths', which will become a scholarcast and will form the basis of future work on coasts and literary geographies. She also gave a plenary lecture at the Crabbe Conference in Newcastle in July, exploring George Crabbe's response to the Sea, which gave her a chance to make proper use of Norma Dalrymple-Champneys' fine edition. She also gave a lecture on Jane Austen at the Chipping Campden Literary Festival. Her main project this year has been an edition of *Lyrical Ballads*. Fiona has continued to play a full role in teaching Somerville undergraduates and has again been a Convenor of the MSt in English Literature, 1800-1914, which this year included two recent graduates of the College. She has also had the pleasure of welcoming back a number of former students who were visiting Oxford with family and friends.

PHILIP WEST'S year began with the publication of an article about editing James Shirley's poems (in *Studies in English Literature*), and is ending with his participation in a workshop in Durham on the same topic. With the other editors of *The Collected Works of James Shirley* (OUP, 2013) he will be discussing authorial attribution and stylometrics, manuscripts and printed books, seventeenth-century song and music, and how Shirley's masques, poems, and plays interrelate. Other work this year has included a chapter on Ben Jonson's early poetry. With some regret he is stepping down as Dean of Degrees, but hopes to return from time to time to what has been a very enjoyable and rewarding position.

History

This year we have been happy to be able to make the first set of awards to current students arising from a gift by the former Principal, Catherine Hughes. Awards are made to allow students to undertake travel or training that enhances their personal development and their capacity to follow careers of wider social utility. We are also happy to report that, thanks to the assistance of a former history student, Nick Appelbaum, and his father Ralph, four of our students will be undertaking internships for Appelbaum Associates, an exhibition-design company, in England and New York.

During Natalia Nowakowska's two terms of leave this year, we have benefited from the help and company of **AARON GRAHAM**, who served as a retaining-fee lecturer. Aaron submitted his DPhil thesis in October 2011 and had it successfully examined in January. Since then he has worked on a number of projects, including a study of corruption in early eighteenth-century Britain which will be published by the *English Historical Review* in 2013. He will remain in Oxford next year to take up an appointment as British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at Jesus College, examining financial malfeasance in Britain and its empire during the eighteenth century.

NATALIA NOWAKOWSKA has spent her leave working on a book about the early Reformation in Poland, which will be the first to tackle that topic in over a century. In March 2012, she was delighted to learn that she had been awarded a £101,000 British Academy Mid Career Fellowship to support the conclusion of this research in 2012-13. As part of this project, Natalia will be keeping a blog for the next 18 months about the ups and downs of writing a history monograph, www.historymonograph.blogspot.com. The aim of this website is to make more visible to a wider audience the traditionally invisible and private process of how academics go about writing their books. Natalia has also had an article published in *Past and Present*, about printing and the church before the Reformation.

JOANNA INNES has finished her term as Vice-President of the Royal Historical Society, and chair of the Research Committee, during which she was heavily involved in responding to plans for the next Research Assessment exercise. She is in the final throes of co-editing a book of essays, to be published by OUP under the title *Re-imagining Democracy in the Age of Revolutions: America, France, Britain, Ireland*. She has been awarded a three-year international network grant by the Leverhulme Trust to extend this line of enquiry to southern Europe and the Mediterranean. Unfortunately this grant will pay

only for travel, not for any research time.

BENJAMIN THOMPSON, resuming normal duties after sabbatical, has continued to pursue a number of projects old and new. These include the revival of an Anglo-French collaboration on late-medieval governance, which involves thematic chapters written jointly with French colleagues; his theme involves the role of clerks and churchmen in royal government, and the increasing but paradoxical support which the church on both sides of the Channel gave to the growing power of the late-medieval/early-modern state. He gave a paper in an anniversary series celebrating fifty years since the completion of David Knowles' great multi-volume history of English monasticism, which diagnosed the tensions in Knowles' view of monasteries as arising from the contradictions in monasticism itself – in principle enclosed and separated from society, but in practice inextricably engaged with it.

International Relations

JENNIFER WELSH has been awarded a grant from the Australian Government's Civil-Military Centre to work on a project on civilian protection in armed conflict.

Law

STEPHEN WEATHERILL has watched, bemused, as the UK media and most of its political establishment has spent the year solemnly proclaiming the death of the Eurozone, much as more than fifty years ago sage voices on this island predicted that the original European Economic Community would be short-lived. Many expected Brunelleschi's Duomo to collapse in short order. Still, nothing lasts for ever, and no doubt one day if "Europe" doesn't collapse, the UK will leave it (even though this is geologically implausible), but for the time being Professor Weatherill has been doggedly publishing work on this doomed project of managed inter-State co-operation, including in 2012 the tenth edition of his widely used *Cases and Materials on EU Law* (Oxford University Press). He co-edited a book entitled *The Foundations of European Private Law* and has published several papers on topics such as harmonisation of laws in the EU's internal market, sports law, abuse of rights in EU law, and EU consumer law. As well as classroom teaching, he is heavily involved in supervising graduate students working in the area of EU law, and he is currently Director of Graduate Research Students in the Law Faculty.

Mathematics

KARIN ERDMANN was invited to speak at two conferences by the Mathematical Research Institute of Oberwolfach, Germany. She was also an invited speaker at a workshop on Algebraic Lie Theory at the Newton Institute, Cambridge, a workshop on support varieties at the University of Washington, USA, and a conference in Japan in honour of Koshitani's 60th birthday.

In addition to newfound success with grant proposals (two major grants having been awarded since August 2011), **MASON PORTER** has continued to produce papers on various topics in complex systems. In the past year, these topics have included protein interactions, synchronized lying of cattle, network theory, motor chunking, granular force networks, models of social influence, core-periphery structure in networks, methodology to study temporal networks, Bose-Einstein condensates, and more. Some of these papers have already appeared in journals, and Mason also got to launch a scientific grenade in the form of an opinion piece in *Science* that includes what is possibly the first use of the term 'epic fail' in a scholarly journal. This paper was covered by the BBC, and Mason's work on various topics also received coverage in publications such as *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and many other places. HSBC's "Risk On, Risk Off" meme is based on research in a paper published by Mason and his coauthors in *Physical Review E* in 2011, though Mason would prefer that terms like "random matrix theory" and "principal component analysis" get into the press rather than the RORO it has become.

Modern Languages

The breadth of activities by linguists past and present was amply documented at the Modern Languages Day in March under the title 'Translating Cultures'; we were delighted to toast Christina Roaf, Emeritus Fellow in Italian, who has been elected to a Foundation Fellowship, and we heard from two distinguished alumnae, Eleanor Fuller, UK Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe, and writer Victoria Glendinning, about the very different careers to which a degree in Modern Languages has taken them. You can read their talks and a brief sketch of Modern Languages at Somerville today on the college web-site at www.some.ox.ac.uk/pastevents

MANUELE GRAGNOLATI has completed the edition of the books originating from

projects between Oxford, Berlin and Italy: *Desire in Dante and the Middle Ages* (Oxford: Legenda, 2012) with Tristan Kay, Elena Lombardi, and Francesca Southerden, and *The Scandal of Self-Contradiction: Pier Paolo Pasolini's Multistable Subjectivities, Traditions, Geographies* (Berlin and Vienna: Turia + Kant, 2012) with Luca Di Blasi and Christoph Holzhey. *Amor che move*, his new book on Dante, Pier Paolo Pasolini and Elsa Morante, is forthcoming in 2013.

SIMON KEMP'S latest monograph, *French Fiction into the Twenty-First Century: The Return to the Story* (University of Wales Press, 2010), explores the current state of the French novel in the wake of the avant-garde experiments of the previous generation. It has been praised as 'excellently conceived' (*French Studies*), 'ambitious and important' (*MCF*) and 'a very welcome addition to an under-populated field' (*MLR*). He has recently given papers at seminars and conferences in Paris, Cambridge and Toronto. He is currently writing an academic trilogy on the representation of consciousness in literature, critical theory and film, of which the first volume is due to be published next year.

ALMUT SUERBAUM has seen university life from all angles in the last year: she has published a series of essays on female spirituality, to follow the volume on *Dorothea von Montau and Johannes Marienwerder: Constructions of Sanctity* (Oxford, 2010); has given invited lectures on song and singing as part of a new project on lyric forms; attended conferences in Leiden and Antwerpen within the EU-funded research network on 'Mobility of Ideas and Transmission of Texts', which will host a conference on 'Medieval Women and Their Books' in Somerville in October 2012; and collaborated with Benjamin Thompson and George Southworth in the second Somerville medievalist project on *Polemic*. In addition she has represented the subject and its academic needs in the university as Chair of the sub-faculty of German and Chair of the admissions process for Modern Languages. Serving as Vice-Principal adds another facet and gives fascinating insights beyond the individual subject into how the College works.

DR XON DE ROS has been awarded a Leverhulme Fellowship to carry out research on her project 'Changing the Landscape: The Poetry of Antonio Machado'. She was also shortlisted for the Oxford University Student Union Teaching Award of 'Innovation in Teaching' in the Humanities Division.

Last but not least, our successful cooperation with Lady Margaret Hall is completed by **MARY MACROBERT**, Fellow in Russian at LMH and former Mary Somerville Research Fellow at Somerville, who looks after our Russianists and is part of the medievalist research group.

Medicine

MATTHEW WOOD has led an Innovative Medicine Initiative application to the EU which has been awarded almost 12 million Euros of funds to investigate new methods of drug delivery to the brain. It also comes with approximately 18 million Euros of additional funds through several industrial / pharmaceutical partners who will be involved in the work, making a total of approximately 30 million Euros of funding over the next five years for this project.

RAJESH THAKKER has served on several boards and committees, including the UK Healthcare Education Advisory Committee (UKHEAC) and the interim review panel for Department of Health and Wellcome Trust for Health Innovation Challenge Fund. He is chairman of Department of Health National Institutes of Health (NIHR) / Medical Research Council (MRC) Efficacy and Mechanisms Evaluations (EME) board and Associate Editor of *Endocrinology – Journal of the Endocrine Society* (USA). He has been invited to speak at several events, including the 41st Annual Conference of the Endocrine Society of India and was Chairman to the 9th Annual Conference of UK and Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumours (UKINETs) in London.

Philosophy

LEE WALTERS joined Somerville in October 2011 as a Career Development Fellow. Before coming to Somerville, Lee completed a PhD on the philosophy of fiction at UCL, and also published two papers on the logic and semantics of 'if-then' sentences. His ongoing research is focused around these two distinct areas; he recently presented new work on fiction in Birmingham and London. In addition, he is currently preparing an edited volume on the philosophy of Professor Dorothy Edgington, Oxford's first female professor of philosophy. This year Lee's teaching efforts have concentrated on preparing first-years for prelims, although he also taught finalists, and provided teaching for the Philosophy Faculty for both undergraduates and graduates.

HILARY GREAVES has been working on a variety of issues in ethics, concentrating on problems relating to death, population size and climate change. Together with Somerville Politics tutor Jennifer Welsh, Hilary was delighted to receive confirmation from the Oxford Martin School of funding for an interdisciplinary three-year project focusing on the ability (or lack of it) of a human rights framework to deal with three

prominent challenges of the twenty-first century: climate change, global poverty and armed conflict. She was also awarded the 2012 James T Cushing Memorial Prize in the History and Philosophy of Physics, in recognition of a paper probing the foundations of quantum field theory's famed 'CPT theorem', and served as an Expert Reviewer for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fifth Assessment Report.

On the teaching side, Hilary particularly enjoyed teaching the first year of a new PPE Finals paper titled 'The philosophy and economics of the environment', which she co-developed with Worcester economist Simon Cowan. Hilary was on maternity leave from January to July this year, following the birth of her son.

PAULA BODDINGTON joined Somerville this year to cover Hilary's maternity leave, teaching ethics to both first years and finalists. April saw the publication of her book, *Ethical Challenges in Genomics Research*, tackling ethical issues presented by the latest scientific and technological developments. Paula has taken advantage of the J S Mill collection here at Somerville to do some research for her next book, in which she plans to look at some central issues in utilitarianism, focusing on their practical and policy applications, both past and present. In June she was appointed as member of the newly formed Emerging Science and Bioethics Advisory Committee, which will give advice to the Department of Health and its Ministers on developments in science and technology with implications for health.

The student-led Somerville Philosophy Society enjoyed a talk by **PROFESSOR STEPHEN MULHALL** on philosophical ideas found in films, and met as a student discussion group on topics such as other minds, abortion and utilitarianism.

Physics

STEVE SIMON was shortlisted for the Oxford University Student Union Teaching Award of Most Acclaimed Lecturer in the Maths, Physical, and Life Sciences Division. He is also part of two teams that have recently been awarded grants from the EPSRC: the Oxford quantum condensed matter theory grant (£1.2 million over 5 years, among 4 investigators); and the multi-university TOPNES (topological and nonequilibrium systems) grant run out of St Andrews (£5.5 million over 5 years among 8 investigators).

Senior Research Fellows

KATHERINE DUNCAN-JONES has delivered papers at Birkbeck College London, University College London, Shakespeare's Globe, the Shakespeare Institute, Stratford, and (most enjoyably) the University of Seville. The whole of her Arden edition of *Shakespeare's Sonnets* is now available as part of an app published jointly by Faber and Touch Press, which has received good notices. She is currently working mainly on Elizabethan Fools, and lectured on that topic at the Oxford Alumni Weekend.

TESSA RAJAK was Visiting Fellow at the Max Weber Kolleg, Erfurt University, Germany (2011) and Sackler Fellow of Tel Aviv University, Israel (2012). She was one of the three panelists discussing Judas Maccabaeus on Melvyn Bragg's *In Our Time* on BBC Radio 3. Her book, *Translation and Survival: The Greek Bible of the Ancient Jewish Diaspora* (Oxford University Press), appeared in paperback and was the subject of a session in Jewish Book Week. She was an invited speaker at the Society for Old Testament Study's Summer Meeting in Oxford. She published: 'Reflections on Jewish Resistance and the Discourse of Martyrdom in Josephus', in *Judaea-Palaestina, Babylon and Rome*, ed. B. Isaac and Y. Shahar, TSAJ 147, (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012), 165-80; and 'The Dura-Europos Synagogue: Images of a Competitive Community', in *Dura-Europos: Crossroads of Antiquity*, (McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College, 2011), 131-44.

In 2011 Miriam and Jasper Griffin had a wonderful (and first) visit to Australia. On 31 March 2011 **MIRIAM GRIFFIN, FELLOW EMERITA**, delivered the nineteenth Todd Memorial Lecture at the University of Sydney. The title was *Symptoms and Sympathy in Latin Letters*, published by the University of Sydney. She was asked to deliver it again at the University of Canberra. She also published 'The politics of virtue: three puzzles in Cicero's *De Officiis*', in *Episteme, etc: Essays in honour of Jonathan Barnes*, edd. B. Morison and K. Ierodiakonou (Oxford, 2011), 310-327.

Report on Junior Research Fellowships

The Mary Ewart Junior Research Fellow, **DAVID SERGEANT**, reports that he has co-edited a book on Burns and other poets with our own **PROFESSOR FIONA STAFFORD**. He has also written a book on Kipling which is due to be published by the Oxford University Press (OUP). In the coming year, David plans to turn the focus of his research to R. L. Stevenson.

The Mary Somerville Junior Research Fellow, **VANESSA HARRAR**, has been collaborating with **PROFESSOR CHARLES SPENCE** to explore unexpected aspects of sense perception. In particular, Vanessa has demonstrated that factors unconnected with the food itself influence our perceptions of taste when eating. A number of careful experiments have shown that taste is a multisensory perception and can be influenced by the colour and weight of the dish in which the food is served, as well as the size and weight of the spoon used to eat it. This work has generated a number of publications and offers an insight into a key aspect of brain function.

The Katherine and Leonard Woolley Junior Research Fellow, **LUCY AUDLEY-MILLER**, has been working on revising her DPhil thesis on tomb portraits in the Roman Empire for publication as a book with the OUP. In addition, Lucy has embarked on new projects, including studying marble exploitation and sculpture production in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Lucy was commissioned to write an article for *Omnibus* magazine, which is read by school students and teachers with an interest in Classics. Lucy has been very active in contributing to Somerville's outreach work, contributing to an excellent session for teachers at the Open Days in particular.

ANDREW ARMITAGE, a Fulford Junior Research Fellow, has been studying how to tackle iron deficiency in regions of the world where infectious diseases are common. The problem is that simply supplementing iron in the diet can be as good or better for the infection organisms as it is for the people and this can cause more problems than it solves. Andrew is investigating the role of the liver-derived iron regulating hormone hepcidin in infection. If its function can be understood, it may be possible to deliver iron to the human while simultaneously withholding it from disease organisms.

LIZ TUNNICLIFFE, a Fulford Junior Research Fellow, is a physicist working in medical science. Liz is working on a pioneering project to improve medical imaging techniques. This diffusion imaging technique allows, for instance, the microstructure of heart muscles to be examined. This allows for a quantitative measure of the effects of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, the most common cause of sudden cardiac-related death in young people. The technique may also allow for non-invasive detection of liver fibrosis where currently the diagnosis has to be made by taking a biopsy.

STEPHEN MONTGOMERY, a Fulford Junior Research Fellow, has been studying brain evolution using a variety of different species. During this last year, Stephen has published papers on evolutionary brain development in primates (the primary focus of his PhD thesis, completed at Cambridge just before he came to Somerville) and also dolphins and whales. Stephen is now turning his attention to tropical butterflies. He has completed field trips to Ecuador and Panama, funded by grants from the Royal Society and the Linnaean Society. Stephen has also contributed to Somerville's outreach work, leading a very well received academic session at our study day for year 12 students in February. Towards the end of the academic year Stephen's research group moved to UCL but Stephen plans to maintain links with Somerville for the remainder of his fellowship.

ALFY GATHORNE-HARDY, a Fulford Junior Research Fellow, is part of an ambitious project to try to characterise the sustainability impact of all aspects of rice production in India. Alf describes some of the challenges of gathering the data as including the fact that electricity use is free for agriculture so no measurements are made of that use; mill owners will downplay their output to match their tax returns; many farmers are drunk most afternoons – at what point should the information supplied be disregarded under these circumstances? Early results suggest that water usage is responsible for most of the greenhouse gas emission associated with rice production. This is an encouraging finding since it may then be possible to significantly reduce the impact of rice production on climate change by focusing on a single aspect of the process.

ALEX QUINN, a Fulford Junior Research Fellow, has been studying cardiac arrhythmia by mechanically stimulating hearts and measuring the impact on the electrical processes governing the heartbeat. By improving our understanding of the interaction between electrical and mechanical systems in the heart we can better understand how things can go wrong. Alex is Principal Investigator on two research projects funded by the British Heart Foundation.

ANDREA CERASE, a Fulford Junior Research Fellow, has been investigating the mechanism by which X-chromosome gene expression is suppressed in females. The X-chromosome carries many more genes than the Y-chromosome and females, with two X-chromosomes, would generate too many proteins for embryonic survival if a significant part of the gene expression were not silenced. It is known that a molecule called Xist (X-Inactive-Specific-Transcript) is critical to this process. Andrea is investigating how Xist spreads along a chromosome and how it silences the gene expression in one chromosome without spreading to others.

ANDREW JUDGE, a Fulford Junior Research Fellow, has been analysing statistical data from hip and knee replacement operations with the aim of identifying geographical variations in the effectiveness of these NHS procedures. Andrew has been awarded grants from the National Institute for Health Research and Arthritis Research UK.

CHARLOTTE DODSON, a Fulford Junior Research Fellow, has been studying the chemical processes responsible for geomagnetic field detection in migratory birds. Working in vitro, Charlotte has been focusing on molecules called cryptochromes which play a role in magnetodetection. The novel aspect of Charlotte's work is that she has a method for aligning the cryptochrome molecules, which will then allow for the effect of orientation of the magnetic field to be measured. Orientation, of course, plays a key role in navigation processes so this approach has huge potential for improving our understanding of how birds navigate.

JON SILK, a Fulford Junior Research Fellow, has been investigating the biochemistry of tumour cells with a view to identifying opportunities for effective drug therapies. Jon also published work on a novel influenza vaccine which has the potential to protect against multiple strains of the virus. A poster based on this work won first prize at the annual Weatherall Institute for Molecular Medicine retreat. Jon collaborated with his wife on one of his papers. A more significant collaboration between them saw the birth of their first child, Bethia Abigail, at the start of the year.

STEVE RAYNER, SENIOR TUTOR

JCR Report

Early on in Michaelmas Term I showed my grandfather, an old Magdalene man, around Somerville; I wasn't sure what he would think, especially of the couple kissing happily on the quad. However my worries were totally dispelled when a man sprinted – and I mean actually sprinted – across the quad, leapt into the library and then burst back out clutching sheets of paper only to pound off past Vaughan. My grandfather's response was one of wonder that anyone in Oxbridge could need to run anywhere at all – something that he said he never did – but I've come to realise that seeing a Somervillian rushing off to do just one more thing really isn't surprising at all. Over the course of this year I've been amazed at just how much Somervillians do and how much they are at the heart of Oxford. I don't mean to be clichéd but in the end, despite all my real pride in Somerville as an institution, it was the Somervillians who made getting up for so many early morning meetings worth it.

Looking back it feels a very long time since Freshers' Week when the entz team welcomed a whole new year by plunging them into a foam party and the ROQ accommodation was opened with a celebratory barbecue on the quad. While not all of the changes over the last year have been big – getting the library lights cleaned and the back gates repainted spring to mind – it has been a year of some real triumphs. Whether it's by making up a third of the blues lacrosse team, acting in play after play after play, or helping bewildered applicants trek across Oxford to attend their interviews, Somervillians have really given all they've got this year. From re-launching Arts Week in style, with its very own murder mystery and fashion show, to recounting all too-believable stories about certain undergrads in the resurgent Bog Roll, they have kept the show on the road.

Throughout the course of this year I've tried to build on David Railton's work, in particular by pursuing the building of a new bar for both the JCR and MCR and by tackling one issue that continues to face second-years – the far from scrupulous Jericho letting agents. Both of these issues have often been uphill struggles and while this task is not yet complete I take great pride in having made some really important steps in the right direction. I'm confident that an increasing consensus has been reached that these actually are real problems for Somerville students and must be resolved in the near future. Besides, I loved getting the chance to be one of the first students in my time

at Somerville to work behind the bar again, even if I proved pretty inept at the whole snakebite thing.

Of course it's not all been easy this year. I know that for many the building works in college made life difficult, making Finals an even more trying time than usual. Even Browns restaurant chipped in with some really helpful refurbishment work at ridiculous hours of the morning. But above all this year was hard because of losing Jonny Roberts. I won't try to sum him up because I couldn't do him justice. Everyone who knew him has their own Jonny; mine is him sitting in what was Bleronis having lunch, as good-fun as he ever was. However, even at one of the hardest times, Somervillians came together and helped each other get through. Although it still seems no time ago, the planting of Jonny's tree in the quad and hearing his name among the alumni remembered in the summer Commemoration Service re-affirmed to me just how Somervillians are there for each other – which is perhaps one of Somerville's greatest strengths.

Thinking of Jonny leads me to where I would naturally like to finish. Thanking all those at Somerville who made last year what it was: the quad-frisbee addicts and those wielding croquet mallets, the only recently uncovered talents and those just sitting outside the library in the sun. It's been an absolute privilege being JCR President, even when reluctantly dealing with whoever unsuccessfully tried to learn to juggle eggs in a college kitchen. I wish all the best for my successor, Marsha Sudar, and all of her JCR officers, and to Sam Levin who will be organising the coming Somerville-Jesus Ball. I know they will all do a brilliant job. It's been a fantastic year and I have no doubt that next year will be even better than the last.

TOM ALLSUP, JCR PRESIDENT

MCR Report

This academic year saw the Somerville MCR grow by about twenty students, producing a larger and more vibrant community. The year has been thoroughly enjoyable, with many students participating in College life. Ruben Reike and Christopher Huff founded the Somerville MCR football team, which participated in the MCR football league. Although they did not win many games, it was a good way for students to get to know each other, and, as ever, Somerville challenged the establishment by having women playing in the men's league, which apparently is against the FA rules.

We continued to encourage closer relationships with both the JCR and SCR, establishing a social event with each in Freshers' Week, to give MCR members the opportunity to meet JCR and SCR members at the beginning of the year. Furthermore, the MCR-SCR symposium proved exceptionally popular this year, so the Principal has kindly agreed to consider having the event twice a term from 2012-2013 onwards.

Finally, the MCR constitution has been updated after several years to reflect the needs of the Common Room, and events such as the JCR Information on Graduate Studies session have been written in so that they continue to be organised at the appropriate time every year. The system for awarding the Barbara Craig Fund has also been formalised, to ensure that it is distributed fairly each year.

I would like to thank the committee for the year 2011-2012 for their support and creativity in keeping the MCR running; I would also like to thank Dr Alice Prochaska for her attention to graduate needs; this has made Somerville an even better college for Graduate Students. Finally, I would like to wish the best to the new committee, and thank them for their energy and commitment in taking on their roles for the coming academic year.

ANNIE DEMOSTHENOUS, MCR PRESIDENT

Library Report

As ever, it's been a busy year in the library and archives. One of our bigger tasks has been processing around a thousand books from Emeritus Fellow Christina Roaf who donated her Italian book collection to the College this year. This gift is the culmination of Dr Roaf's generosity to the library which has included both gifts and funds over many years. In addition to approximately 800 modern Italian works, her collection contains approximately 250 rare and valuable antiquarian books, the earliest dating back to 1526. Many of these are unique to Oxford and so will be of particular interest to Italian and medieval scholars. Assistant Librarian Susan Purver will be cataloguing the antiquarian collection over the Summer of 2012 so that by the new academic year, people all over the world will be able to see what we have at Somerville. You can follow her progress on her blog <http://deprofundisparvuli.blogspot.co.uk/>. This year was Sue's 25th anniversary of working at Somerville – a remarkable achievement! We celebrated in true Somerville style with an outing to the Royal Oak.



Sue Purver outside the library celebrating 25 years at Somerville

More than 2300 items have been added to the library collection this year of which around 1100 were gifts. In addition to Dr Roaf's Italian collection, we have received book collections from Margaret Davies (1960) (antiquarian), Gail Cunningham (1966) (politics and literature), Chinta Kallie (1969), Nick Chhabra (2012) (English literature) and Andrew Hobson (history and politics from his mother, Beryl Hobson's library) in

addition to a wonderful flurry of publications by Somervillians coming up for the Gaudy this year. A full list of book donors can be found at the end of this report and our hearty thanks go to all of them.

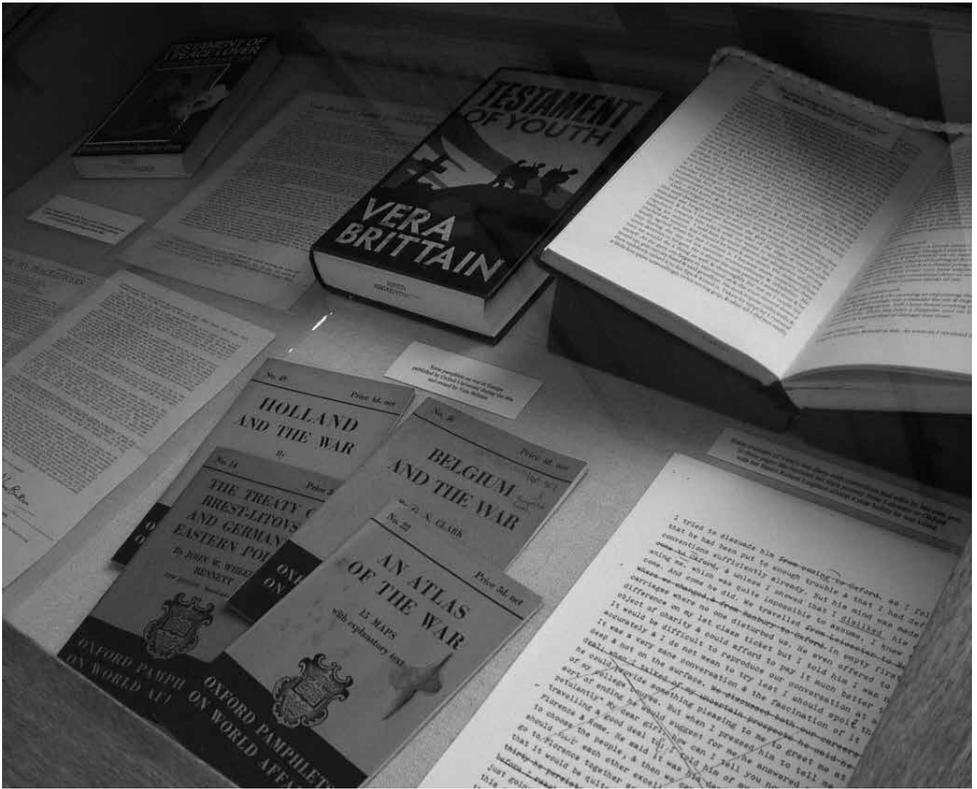
In addition to book gifts, the library received funds from Mary Shorter (1947) in memory of Nancy Rowlinson (1948) and from Margaret Lee (1943).

Our DVD collection moved up a gear this year as we took over a large number of films from the JCR and have added to it considerably since then. We now have a collection that numbers approximately 350 titles and which is heavily used and thoroughly enjoyed by members of College.

During the year it became clear that the newly installed wi-fi throughout the library meant that there were significantly more laptops than power points in the library and the ensuing spaghetti of wires was becoming a health hazard. So over the Easter vacation, power points were added to all the desks in the ground floor library rooms and the classics room. The upper library will be completed over the summer.

Archives

The archives were much in demand this year with 15 external scholars looking at papers, letters, photos and other documents from the College's early days. We also used material from the archives in history tutorials in College and for a research project for a visiting school from Durham. The most creative use of the archive however came during Somerville Arts Week when two of our undergraduates, Rosa Schiller Crawhurst and Rachel Hutchings, put together a slide show of photographs from the archives to display Somerville fashions through the ages which was shown during their own real life fashion show held in the chapel. Round about the same time, one of our graduate students Teresa Franco put together an exhibition of Somerville photographs and documents from the First World War for a conference at the Taylorian Institution which attracted much attention and was featured on the Bodleian's First World War centenary blog <http://ww1centenary.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>



Some of the items on display at Teresa Franco's exhibition

Special Collections

The transfer of Margaret Kennedy's papers to the college was celebrated in November with tea and an exhibition for numerous members of Margaret Kennedy's family. The exhibition featured 'fan' letters from a wide range of 1920s and '30s celebrities including Noel Coward, EM Forster, and CS Lewis. We were delighted when the extended family clubbed together to provide funds which enabled us to list and properly curate the collection – the summary of which is now available on the College website. Our grateful thanks go to all members of the family.

Two other major gifts were presented to the library Special Collections this year. The papers of Sylvia Bradford (1943) were given to the College this year by her daughter Emma Bradford. The papers contain a large number of letters written home by Sylvia when she was a student at Somerville in the '50s as well as diaries and other writings from later in life. Ruth Spalding's (1932) daughter Jeanie Moyo allowed the College the pick of her mother's books along with her papers relating to research on Bulstrode Whitelock (1605-1675), a 17th Century lawyer and politician.

The Special Collections received 25 visitors this year with John Stuart Mill's library attracting the most attention. This number doesn't reflect the 75 visitors that came to the John Stuart Mill library during Somerville Arts Week in May when we opened it for an exhibition of library treasures. The exhibition featured a first edition of Milton's *Paradise Lost*, a first edition Hume's *Treatise on Human Nature* that once belonged to John Stuart Mill and a first edition *On the Origin of the Species* by Darwin that had been presented to Mary Somerville by the publisher. The most popular exhibit however turned out to be our second edition *Philosophiae naturalis principia mathematica* (1713) by Isaac Newton which attracted scientists in their droves!

The most exciting event in the year for the Special Collections was the news in May that the College had been successful in gaining a grant from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation to update the catalogue of Mary Somerville's papers and transfer it to the Bodleian's online listing of Western Manuscripts. This will enable scholars throughout the world to view the complete listing of the papers and be able to search for items of interest. The Mary Somerville Papers comprise a large collection of between 9,000 and 10,000 items. They include a letter sequence from John Stuart Mill asking her to be the first signatory on his petition to Parliament regarding women's suffrage; original drafts of Mary Somerville's autobiography before it was edited and published by her daughters; and letters from Alexander von Humboldt including drawings of Halley's Comet. Such primary source material will be of value to researchers in the fields of history of science and mathematics, nineteenth century social history, gender and technology, education, art history, literature and geography. We are now on the lookout for financial support to digitise the papers once the catalogue has been created but in the meantime Matthew, Sue and I look forward to another busy year in the library!

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ANNE MANUEL, LIBRARIAN AND ARCHIVIST

Development Director's Report

The vital role of philanthropy in higher education has seldom been more apparent and made more headlines than during this past year. Against a backdrop of deepening crisis in the world economy, the severe cuts in government funding of higher education, combined with the tripling of tuition fees at Oxford and across the UK, are increasing pressures on teaching institutions and students alike. The University has put extensive measures in place to encourage talented students from all backgrounds to apply to Oxford, and to reassure them of opportunities for financial support during their time here. Unprecedented philanthropic funding for Oxford access provision was announced with the generous Moritz-Heyman Scholarship scheme in July 2012 and this is a powerful encouragement to all friends of Oxford to support students from low income families (see www.ox.ac.uk/go.rm?id=27660).

At Somerville, the vital role played by our generous donors in facilitating access has been apparent throughout the College's history, and we are deeply grateful to our alumni and friends for their continued support for our activities. The financial support we receive year on year from donations and legacies is not merely a helpful contribution, it is absolutely essential for the continued fulfilment of our educational mission. With a modest endowment and reduced government funding towards the maintenance of the costly tutorial system, contributions from alumni and friends offer critical support for our core activities.

It is therefore a privilege to report on yet another year of generous assistance from alumni and friends toward securing Somerville's excellence in teaching and research. We are delighted to report that 18% of Somervillians have supported our activities this year; an improvement from an already significant 17% last year and a good notch above the Oxford average of 15% and the UK average of less than 3%. Strength in numbers is essential as we seek to maintain our educational standards and an impressive £1.7 million has been received from donations and legacies in the financial year 2011/2012. A total of £17.7 million has been raised in cash and pledges toward the £25 million target of the Somerville Campaign; a tremendous achievement by all measures and a

testament to the strong links between the College and our dedicated community of alumni and friends.

As recent visitors to the College can confirm, great change has been facilitated by the generous contributions to the first phase of the Somerville Campaign, marked by the opening of the much loved new student accommodation buildings in September 2011. In view of last year's philanthropic crescendo which enabled the College to complete the building appeal, we are delighted that Somervillians have continued to support the Campaign this year with special emphasis on student support funds and contributions to our fellowship endowment.



Eleanor Fuller (Breedon, 1972) gave a fascinating speech on 'Working your assets: languages in diplomacy' at our Modern Languages Day in January

Our fundraising efforts took off with great success in early October when 16 hard-working and persuasive students engaged Somervillians from all over the world in the annual telethon. A record-breaking £200,000 was raised during the two week campaign and more than 55% of all alumni contacted decided to make a gift. The students engaged in a wide range of inspirational conversations about the College then and now, and some extraordinary stories about life at Somerville and beyond are surfacing every year. Some of our callers even decided to change their career plans following insightful guidance from alumni!

Somerville has always taken great pride in the support we are able to offer students in the form of bursaries, scholarships and hardship grants, and this year more than 30% of our students have received some sort of financial aid, which puts the College in the top five of Oxford colleges for student support provision. We have received more than £936,000 for student support this year, including donations for named appeals, bursaries and hardship grants. We have been particularly delighted to receive contributions for the Park Bursary Fund from friends and colleagues in honour of Lady Park, who always held student support very close to her heart.

A special opportunity has become available to us, to secure matched funding for two of our Fellowships which are particularly at risk, Philosophy and French. With the establishment of the University's Teaching Fund, Somerville can attract £800,000 in matched funding per post if we can raise £1.2 million per Fellowship from philanthropic donations before September 2013. The deadline is tight and we are in tough competition against other colleges in this "first past the post" challenge. It is therefore a great encouragement that more than £550,000 has been raised toward the Philosophy post and some significant legacies have been earmarked for the French post. If we are able to reach the target by 2013 and attract £1.6 million in matched funding for our Fellowship endowment, this will significantly relieve pressures on teaching costs in other subject areas.

The generosity expressed by alumni and friends comes in many shapes and sizes, and the resourceful guidance we receive from volunteers as we advance our fundraising activities in the UK and throughout the world is second to none. Our munificent Development Board members continue to lead our Campaign efforts with tremendous

success and their ingenious advice and warm hospitality has given our fundraising activities special impetus again this year. In brief, Somervillians continue to make a material difference to the life of our students and their generosity is a great source of inspiration to us all.

JULIE CHRISTIANE HAGE, FELLOW AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Student callers during the 2012 Telethon, which raised a record-breaking £200,000



Members' Notes



President's Report

The Somerville Association is the association for all Somervillians, past, present and future. So if you have received this report, you are a member – and we are very glad that you are part of our community.

Many of you have been able to attend some of the varied events we organise, which may be lectures, concerts, debates, reunions, visits or just social gatherings, and it is always wonderful to see you. But whether you come to get-togethers, write or email in with your news, or perhaps just stay in touch with a few Somerville friends, your links to the Somerville Association are unbreakable, and we really value your membership.

Since my last report, we have lunched in College with Gordon Corera, the BBC's Security Correspondent, at our annual Literary Luncheon, and we have dined in the House of Commons, hosted by Sam Gyimah, MP (1995 PPE), courtesy of the Somerville City Group. In May that group also organised a timely update by Baroness Shriti Vadera (Minister in the Brown government for the Department for Business) on the Eurozone, giving her unique and very personal insight into what has gone wrong and how (eventually) the economy may be improved (photograph at page 63). The London Group arranged a fascinating 'behind the scenes' visit to the London Library and a gala evening at Strawberry Hill House, as well as a talk on Liszt at the Oxford & Cambridge Club by Hilary Spurling's husband, author John Spurling.

In January, at the Oxford & Cambridge Club, the Media Group enjoyed a scintillating talk about her career by Tessa Ross, Controller of Film and Drama at Channel 4 (photograph at page 62), and later in Hilary Term the College hosted the annual Medics' Day and a Modern Languages Day, Translating Cultures, to inaugurate the appeal to fund the French Fellowship (photographs at page 64). Every year we also hold a pre-Christmas At Home for those living in the Oxford area, a Garden Party (this year indoors, thanks to the weather), a Gaudy (1956-66 in 2012) and a Golden Reunion for those matriculating 50 years ago (article at page 54-55 and photograph page 66). Every other year we join with the University in holding a reunion in New York. The College also hosts a dinner during the University Alumni weekend in September each year.

At our Annual Winter Meeting in February, we were honoured to have as our guest speaker Princess Zarith Idris of Johor, who spoke refreshingly openly, under the title

We are like you, as to the differences and yet similarities in the Muslim and Christian cultures.

We were delighted that five Somervillians were awarded Honours this year : in the New Year's Honours' List, Dr Maggie Gee (1966) received an OBE and Magdalen ('Maggie') Fergusson (Parham, 1983) an MBE, both for services to Literature; in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List, Lucy Neville-Rolfe (1970, PPE) was awarded a DBE for services to Industry and voluntary service (photograph at page 63); and Professor Alison Wolf (1967, PPE), who was profiled in the 2012 edition of the Somerville magazine, received a CBE for services to Education. Dr Mary Archer (who was a Lecturer in Physical Chemistry at Somerville 1971-2) received a DBE for services to the NHS. We offer them all our congratulations.

The Association hosts a Commemoration Service and luncheon every June for the families and friends of those Somervillians who have died in the past twelve months, and this year it was as well-supported and as fitting as ever. The Librarian, Dr Anne Manuel, gave a moving and well-crafted eulogy for those who had passed away.

A couple of suggestions from the Somerville Association Committee in recent years have been put into effect and indeed become annual events. One is a Leavers' Dinner at the end of Trinity Term each year, for which the Association sponsors the pre-dinner champagne, leaving the JCR to fund the post-prandial nightcaps!

Another was a lunch for families, held in Hilary 2012 after a gap of some years; this enabled parents to visit the College in a more organised and welcoming way rather than just as chauffeurs to deliver offspring and luggage between home and Somerville. It proved very popular, and will certainly be repeated.

We were sad to say goodbye this year to Committee members Clare Howarth and Tom Fraine, who have both been great supporters of the Association and of Somerville. At the same time we were very pleased to welcome Neeta Patel (1980, Chemistry) and Nick Cooper (2008, Psychology & Philosophy), who have already contributed a great deal during their short time with us so far. There will be two vacancies on the Committee next year and if you are interested, please email Liz Cooke (elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk)

The Somerville Association Committee consists of enthusiastic volunteers from a variety of backgrounds, professions and expertises, and representing pretty much all generations. All those I have worked with have been brimming with fresh ideas, energy

and goodwill. I want to record my particular thanks to them, as this will be my last report as President of the Somerville Association. My term of office expires at the AGM in early 2013.

Over the last five years we have seen some significant changes – a new Principal, Development Director, and Librarian, a clutch of new Fellows, and two major student buildings. We have improved the Somerville website, College Report and magazine, adding an e-newsletter on a quarterly basis.

The constant amongst all the changes has been the strength of character which Somerville seems to both attract and engender. I always feel proud to meet Somervillians in all situations, who so often demonstrate those characteristics which I particularly value – courage, determination, open-mindedness, liberalism... I could write a very long list.

I pay tribute to Somerville in all its forms – the Principal and Fellows, the College staff, the volunteers (from College and elsewhere) on the Committee, and of course to Liz Cooke, who has served so cheerfully as Secretary of the Association since time immemorial (or so it seems). The support, both personal and professional, has been generous and unstinting, and without it we would not have been able to aspire to all that has been achieved.

Finally I offer my thanks to all of you, for your interest, participation and encouragement. Please do continue to stay in touch however and whenever you feel inclined, to maintain the links which the Somerville Association can offer, now and into the future.

KAREN RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT

The Somerville Senior Members' Fund, 2011-2012

This year, because of a fall in investment income, the Somerville Senior Members' Fund has not contributed towards a Bursary for a Somervillian wishing to continue graduate studies at Somerville. We hope to resume this support when the Fund is sufficiently replenished.

However, over the past year we have received several applications for grants and were able to respond quickly with small sums to help individuals with unforeseen expenses and hardship. We hope that people who find themselves in need will not hesitate to call upon the Fund. We are always glad to hear from third parties who think help would be appreciated. And we are always grateful for donations to the Fund.

Emeritus Fellow Mrs Lesley Brown has very kindly agreed to take the place of the late Virginia Pasley in administering the Fund.

Applications for grants should be made to elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk or Lesley.brown@some.ox.ac.uk

Life before Somerville

ANDREW WHELAN came up to read PPE at Somerville in 1998. In 2007 he took a PhD in Sociology at Trinity College Dublin. He is now a lecturer in Sociology in the School of Social Sciences, Media & Communication at the University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia.

He is a fourth generation Somervillian. His great-grandmother, Mabel Burdess (Kingsland) came up to Somerville in 1908 to read Lit Hum, his grandmother, June Tillett (Burdess) in 1939 to read Music, his aunt Clare Bonney (Penelope Tillett) in 1964 and his mother Elizabeth Whelan (Tillett) in 1966, both to read English, but his life before Somerville was not what you might expect.

Life before Somerville: certainly there must have been such a thing, though it seems a foreign country. My background is perhaps 'unconventional', although at the stage where my trajectory towards Somerville began to sediment, oddly representative of the time.

I was born in 1974 in Dublin, a second child with a brother 4 years senior. There was a younger brother to come, 8 years later.

My parents met at Oxford. My father was working for a BPhil in International Law at Pembroke and my mother was doing English at Somerville: there is rather a long line of Somervillians in my pedigree. My father decided to enter the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs, becoming a diplomat. So they travelled.

My older brother remembers Paris when I was a mewling babe, but I do not. I can remember the Taj Mahal, when I was very young, and collecting caterpillars and spent shell casings in Beirut (1978). We had one from a mortar: we used it as an umbrella stand. A gigantic (to me) cockroach crawling most distressingly up my leg in the dark somewhere (probably also Beirut). Sand piling up against the wheels of Mercedes (probably Jeddah), the sun so hot that car door handles were too hot to touch. A 'Six Millions Dollar Man' (sic) T-shirt, a 'reproduction', of which I was inordinately fond. We were in Kashmir at a time when the Led Zeppelin song of the same name was still in currency. All this before I was seven. Getting spectacular sunburn. On returning 'home' to Ireland, I am reported to have said: 'Why is the sand green in this country?'

My mother once told me that everything went great until I was about 9, and it was all downhill from there. At 15 I left my father's diplomatic residence on 68th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue in New York City, preferring to hang out on the Lower East Side. I'd hated and feared school, and developed an impressive and consistent record for truancy. I once got expelled for it, which I thought something of an accomplishment (being disinvited altogether from a party one never showed the slightest inclination to attend).

In 1989, there was a tent city in Tompkins Square Park, and a number of the derelict tenements around it had been converted into squats, many of them lovingly cared for by their occupants. There were activists, punks, large numbers of people who had simply been downsized, deinstitutionalized casualties of care in the community, and people with serious drug and alcohol problems. The neighbourhood was being gentrified, and the word 'yuppie' loomed large.

On more than one occasion, navy blue NYPD riot vehicles resembling tanks and armoured personnel carriers flattened the temporary shelters of the homeless people in the park. There were photographs in the Village Voice of the people who lived in the subway tunnels. Ed Koch, Ronald Reagan, voodoo economics. Homeless people marched to the chant: 'No housing, no peace'. Trash would be set on fire in the middle of the street. I hung around with another boy my age calling himself Casper, who had hitchhiked from Dayton, Ohio. We debated issues, for instance: is it ethically acceptable for vegetarians to wear leather?

There were a lot of young people sleeping in the park or in squats. In winter you would see lines of bodies on the grill vents in the sidewalk, where periodically a rush of hot air would get pushed up out of the subway. Eventually I was caught, and told I could return to Ireland in the nice way, or in the way which involves handcuffs and not being allowed back in. I had, as you might imagine, caused my parents some concern.

At 17, I spent some time with my grandmother, another Somervillian, who did her utmost to support me when I was being so 'difficult', and, at 93, is still living in central Oxford. Soon I was officially moved out and living in the 'other' Oxford – the one with Cowley and Barton and Blackbird Leys in it, where 'hotting' displays were invented. I was in sheltered accommodation for young people, aged 18-24. The young people who stayed there got a place because they had referrals of some kind: they were homeless,



Andrew Whelan (1998, PPE)

or had come out of care, or were at risk in their families, or were on probation, or had mental health or drug issues. Everyone picked up everyone else's talents, be they in the fields of mental health or unorthodox consumption practices.

A 17 year old boy who was asked to leave that hostel died shortly thereafter under the skate ramp on Cowley Road. There was an attempted suicide who was permanently brain damaged. We went to visit her in the Nuffield, but she wasn't there anymore. She couldn't have been over 21. There was intravenous drug use, and there were HIV diagnoses later down the line in consequence. People coming down from crack cocaine would pull knives on you in the corridor. There was broken glass everywhere.

Fortunately for us, rave was happening, and with it came some interesting opportunities for political mobilisation. The practice was, of the fortnightly weekend, to get a lift somehow to Luton. There would be hundreds of cars, vans, and converted buses and

other vehicles parked up, waiting for word as to where the party was. The Exodus Collective would have scouts going through the industrial estates all week scoping unoccupied warehouses. The convoy would end up on one of these estates, and then a bunch of decommissioned east European jeeps and lorries would roll in: the sound system. These vehicles were military green; Exodus would paint red stars on the front of the vehicles. They would tear out a bollard to get close to one of the warehouses, and open up the corrugated shutters like a tin of sardines. They would take under an hour to set up the wall of speakers, and then they would begin letting people in, charging a pound at the door. The dance would go on until noon the following day. The crowds that attended these events were generally fairly disenfranchised, but also extremely diverse.

This was when Michael Howard's Criminal Justice and Public Order Act (1994) was coming into Law. Groups of people listening to 'sounds wholly or predominantly characterized by the emission of a succession of repetitive beats' were rendered criminal. That phrase is actually in the legislation.

There were huge protests in London in consequence. 'New Age travellers', squatters, and ravers were the targets of this legislation – people who are 'matter out of place'. We were squatting off the Cowley Road, and when the squat was summarily shut, a group of people went to St. Aldate's police station to inquire after those who had been arrested. We were sprayed with fire extinguishers inside the station, and then chased up the street with dogs and batons; it seemed rather heavy-handed at the time, but perhaps this is normal. Another group got arrested, charged with affray (using or threatening unlawful violence 'such as would cause a person of reasonable firmness present at the scene to fear for his personal safety'), and later on spent a week in Crown Court, looking at time. Apparently it cost the state three quarters of a million pounds, a waste of money? We were all acquitted. Trying to run away when people in uniforms with dogs are beating you with sticks may still be legal in the UK, our jury seemed to think it was. I gather however that it's hard to run when you've been kettled.

I was the only one of the accused invited to testify, a dubious honour, but in retrospect I must have been considered presentable. Early in the proceedings someone had the idea of asking George Monbiot if he might like to say something supportive somewhere on the issues around the case, the Act, and the right to assembly, but he declined. I recall my indomitable barrister (Legal Aid) saying she remembered being chased by mounted

police across Hyde Park in her youth. She had been chanting 'Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh'. I also vividly remember the efforts of the Socialist Workers Party. In one squat which had been running just fine, they came in one day and said there would be a meeting, and minutes would be taken. There would be a chair, a secretary, and a treasurer. The ravers and crusties were mystified, some people walked out in disgust. What a blessing that I did not know then what I know now about the terrors of neoliberalized academic administration.

As time progressed things began to get tricky. People were taking more and more drugs, of more consuming varieties. There was nowhere to go and nothing to do and not much to look forward to. Eventually, there was even Tony Blair. The nooks and crannies of the periphery seemed to be getting harder to live in. Some of the people I knew were literally disassembling. Eventually I decided it was time to get somewhere else. Unlike many of the people around me, I had a head start in formulating an escape plan: a thorough grounding in the right sort of cultural capital. I had read voraciously, and of course I had been supported and encouraged in that. Wherever we were growing up, the house was always stuffed full of books. Some kinds of drop-outs can bounce back in.

I began attending a 'Return to Learn' course at Ruskin College on Walton Street: anyone could walk in off the street to this course, and this still amazes me, that Ruskin offered that and that money would be put towards that. Help and encouragement from my family went a long way too. I was encouraged at Ruskin to continue and eventually got the sort of piece of paper from there which might count for something in an application to university. I also got a reference from my Ruskin tutor, who did research in the sociology of popular music, an area I remain very interested in. I don't know what she put in it, but she had great faith in my capacity to go on.

I was invited to an interview at Somerville, one of the most interesting and nerve-racking conversations of my life. Nobody who interviewed me knew that my family had, one might say, previous form with the College.

Now I live in Wollongong, a de-industrialized city south of Sydney. I lecture in the Sociology program in the School of Social Sciences, Media and Communication. My first year PPE tutorials were an hour's duration with four students in attendance. Here we spend an hour a week with about 25 first-years, a high proportion of whom are 'first-in-family' (to attend university, that is). Wollongong was devastated by redundancies in the

local steelworks in a number of rounds affecting three generations. It is a working-class Australian city, but the university is now the largest employer, followed closely by the hospital. I have the good fortune of investigating with students how all of this came to pass and what we might make of it.

I teach social theory, microsociology, and sociology of youth culture. I do this because I think it might be a useful thing to do, and because it is fun, but I do it also because I want to be like the people who taught me and put faith in me in Oxford; I wanted to be like them pretty much as soon as I met them.

ANDREW WHELAN

Somerville College Report for 1962



The year of 1962 celebrated their fiftieth anniversary this June with a two-day reunion in College. As part of this celebration a year booklet was prepared, containing more extensive and detailed biographical information than has been possible when year reports have been included in the College Report. We propose to follow this model for the future, commissioning a separate booklet for each year on the occasion of the 50th anniversary.

The 1962 reunion was attended by 38 people from as far afield as South Africa and Honolulu.

Jennifer Coates described it as ‘the most wonderful reunion; I am so happy and feel I have laid a lot of ghosts. Everyone was just so friendly and normal! I really enjoyed



re-connecting with the College... I am still elated by the event.... I have arranged to have two lunches because of the reunion! We all feel that the reunion was very significant for us.'

Anny Wynchank, from Cape Town, who had not been in College for many years, wrote: 'It really was a great success and for me, a unique experience. The accommodation was very comfortable, the atmosphere most congenial and meeting such a variety of interesting Somervillians, some whom I did not know before, was a pleasure... I will retain a precious memory of this wonderful weekend.'

A colour photograph of the reunion is included in the colour section of this Report.

Members' News

1937

Doris Lacey (Mrs Stone) is 94 "but still ambulatory and have not yet succumbed to dementia. Have gone to live with my daughter; the Long Term Care facility was too full of seniors - it's nicer being with the generations."

1941

Elizabeth Adams (Mrs Young, Lady Kennet) writes: "In my 90th year, I hope I have time to finish a book I have been working on for more than ten years - *Pre-emptive Mourning*. (I depend on my great grandson for nifty computer short cuts and advice.) That, and looking after and living in a listed house that people like to do things in - small concerts, book launches - fills my time, which by definition is short. A bit of yoga. Meetings. Letters to papers and learned periodicals pointing to the folly of Missile Defences and the war-changing scope of Cyber-this-and-that. After some 60-odd years of Holy Matrimony, I am now the widow of Wayland, Lord Kennet. (And not really console.)"

1942

Mary Hothersall (Mrs Dawson) is suffering limited vision to the extent that she can no longer read or write. Her hearing is very poor and her mobility has deteriorated such that she cannot walk a yard without support. In addition, while her general mental capacity is still good, her short term memory is causing problems. Were you to ask her how she is she would say 'apart from the above, I'm fine'."

1944

Margaret Cook (Mrs Kohl) has translated from the German Jürgen Moltmann's *Ethics of Hope* (Fortress Press, Minneapolis, and SCM Press).

1945

Lalage Bown has been awarded the title of Distinguished Africanist by the African Studies Association of the United Kingdom (conferred September 2012).

1946

Audrey Clark (Mrs Butler) has had two daughters at Somerville, one son at Christ Church, one grandson at Worcester and another grandson at Univ. "Alas my latest granddaughter has gone to Cambridge!" She now has two great-granddaughters.

Barbara Lockwood (Mrs Forrai)

writes: "Summer 2011 went on a fantastic trip *Into the NW Passage* from Greenland to Kugluktuk. Icebergs were amazing, much more impressive than human sculpture, geology fascinating and we had the best sighting of Polar Bears imaginable! 20+ were breakfasting on a beached Beluga Whale, hundreds of birds were picking up the pieces on the periphery, and we were only about 50 yards off in the Zodiacs! Other highlights were the insight into Inuit culture, music, language and legend, provided by 2 Inuit who travelled with us, the historical aspect (including a visit to the graves of sailors who died searching for Franklin and another to Gjoa Hafn, where Amundsen spent 2 winters) and seeing rare stromatolites (only

found in 4 locations in the world!). Seas were the roughest I had ever experienced (had to have 3 stitches in my scalp after being thrown out of a chair) but that was a small price to pay for the sheer exhilaration of the voyage." A lecture *The Russian High Arctic, or Flying to Tomorrow* (with digital photos) is available to Somerville fund-raisers on request. E-m: forraib@blueyonder.co.uk

1948

Lorna Chubb (Mrs Ross) is "fighting old age". She lives on the Isle of Lewis and the Lewis Art Club has encouraged her to sell two pictures. This year Bipolar Scotland ran a national poetry competition and Lorna's entry 'Early Days' was shortlisted. Her granddaughter has been accepted by Exeter to read Chemistry.

1950

Naomi Layish writes "I have never kept in touch, and wish to do so now while there are still (I hope) a few alive who may remember me. Next spring will see the publication of my ninth book, second work of fiction. Most of my books are works of historical research (with a couple of excursions into reportage), though I now write short stories. I've had a varied career - odd but lively jobs in Paris and Rome, dull editing jobs in London, teaching in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, writing for papers in the UK and the US, writing documentary film scripts. I'm back in London after forty-five years spent in Israel, now a widow and grandmother of seven. (A daughter-in-law teaches in Oxford so I visit

occasionally). In these becalmed final years I'd like to hear from Somerville contemporaries and compare notes and experiences."

1952

Ruth Finnegan has published *Oral Literature in Africa* (1st edition 1970), 2nd (Illustrated) edition (Open Book, 2012). As Catherine Farrar, she has published *The Little Angel and the Three Wisdoms* (SBPRA and the Callender Press, 2012); *Three Ways of Loving* (Callender Press, 2012); *The Wild Thorn Rose* (Callender Press, 2012).

(Anne) Hilary White (Dr Maitland) writes that around Easter this year her husband had emergency surgery for an obstruction of the bowel. They are now coming to terms with his condition and are very grateful for the NHS and the support of friends and family.

1955

Julia Dunn (Mrs Barstow) retired in 2002 from a job at the University of Connecticut running the office of the Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies. This year she writes: "Nothing noteworthy, living a quiet life in the log cabin we built ourselves, cultivating my vegetable garden, looking forward to seeing grandchildren (2 who live in France, but visit every summer, 4 who live in New England). I read the magazine with interest, but it makes me wonder what happened to the run of the mill, less than brilliant Somervillians, like myself, who have not been noticed? We have probably had good careers and influenced those around us, but few people know. We don't seek publicity, but it would be good to hear about those quiet lives."

Helen Ross has published: Ross, HE, and Wade, NJ, Fechner's elusive parallel law, *Seeing and Perceiving*, 2010, 23, 335-348.

1956

Stephanic Pickard (Dr West) was elected as a Foreign Member of the Polish Academy of Arts and Science (PAU) in June 2012.

1957

Judith Wilson (Mrs Landry) has translated Diego Marani's novel *New Finnish Grammar* from the Italian (Dedalus) and has been shortlisted for the Independent Foreign Fiction Award 2012.

1958

Elsbeth Barker's novel *O Caledonia* has been re-issued in a new edition with nine short stories added (Black Dog Books, 2010). In October 2012 her Selected Writings *Dog Days* was also published by Black Dog Books.

Janet Treloar, after 6 years as Senior Vice-President of the Royal Watercolour Society, is making more time and space for her own work and aims. A small studio on Wandsworth Road helps. Currently (June 2012) she is involved in exhibitions in Fabriano (great paper making town in the Italian Marche), Shanghai and the Santorini Biennale, and a big exhibition in Malta. She is still searching for a home for her Russian work.

Eileen Young (Professor Denza) has three new publications: *Diplomatic Asylum*, in *The 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees* (ed. Zimmermann); *European Practice in the Recognition of Status*, in *European Law Review*, 2011; and *The Role of the High Representative of the Union for*

Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, in The European Union after Lisbon (eds. Blanke, Mangiameli).

1960

Mary Jane Drummond was awarded the degree of Doctor of Education, Honoris Causa, by Anglia Ruskin University in October 2011. In the spring of 2012 her book *Assessing Children's Learning*, first published in 1993, was re-issued in the Routledge Education Classic Series.

1964

Gillian Metford (Professor Clark), Professor Emerita of Ancient History, Bristol, has been made a Fellow of the British Academy.

1966

Maggie Gee was awarded an OBE for Services to Literature in the New Year's Honours List 2012

Jenny Salaman (Mrs Manson) has edited *Public Service on the Brink*, published March 2012 in paperback, by Imprint Academic. It is a robust defence of the concept and practice of public service at a crucial time for its future.

1967

Rosalind Erskine is now remarried to retired hospital consultant Jonathan Webb. They have bought a riverside house in Suffolk and have downsized in London, and plan to spend an equal amount of time in each place. Daughter Sophie is a charity fundraiser and a Lib Dem Councillor in north London.

Ruth Levitt (Professor Rettie) has been appointed Professor of Social Marketing at Kingston University, August 2011. She is Director of the Behaviour and Practice Group.

Alison Potter (Professor Wolf) was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2012 for services to Education. April 2012 saw the publication of the Wolf Report, an independent government review of vocational education.

1968

Meriel de Laszlo (Dr Kitson) shares her home with her son John and daughter-in-law Victoria, as tenants in common. She has now retired as a GP but is delighted that her youngest son Robert, born in 1986, is about to begin the graduate medical programme at King's, London. She has three grandchildren and says: "It's lovely to be just a relaxed un-academic grannie... for the time being."

Carole Hillenbrand has been elected a Corresponding Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America, 2012.

1970

Hilary Gigg (Professor Tompsett) was appointed on 7 July 2011 as a Professor of Social Work at Kingston University in recognition of "outstanding contribution to her discipline through national leadership and policy development". Now working part time at Kingston University/St George's University of London, she currently holds a number of national roles: Chair of the Joint University Council Social Work Education Committee, Vice Chair of the General Social Care Council, Chair of the Education Working Group for the Social Work Reform Board and of the Education Advisory and Implementation Group for the new College of Social Work working on the national social work reform programme in England.

Sabina Lovibond visited Humbolt University, Berlin, in June 2012 to give a guest lecture in the philosophy department there and take part in a workshop which involved responding to papers by Humbolt graduate students on her books *Ethical Formation* (2002) and *Iris Murdoch, Gender and Philosophy* (2011). In September she is due to give one of the plenary lectures at the biennial international Iris Murdoch Conference at Kingston University (Surrey), which this year is on the theme: *Boggy Monsters: The Late Works of Iris Murdoch*.

Judith McClure has been appointed Chair of the Appointments Committee at the General Teaching Council for Scotland

Lucy Neville-Rolfe has been appointed the new President of EuroCommerce, following her election at the EuroCommerce General Assembly on 21 March. She will take up her three-year mandate on 1 July. As Executive Director (corporate and legal affairs) and a member of the Board at Tesco, Lucy oversees corporate governance across six EU member states. In the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2012 Lucy was made a Dame for her services to industry and voluntary service.

1971

Hilary Mutton (Professor Winchester) has been appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Research) at Central Queensland University from August 1st 2012, based in Rockhampton, Queensland - visitors welcome!

Dilys Wadman writes: "I recently retired as Director of Education for the Archdiocese of Southwark

after more than 10 years of a most interesting and challenging job, which included the establishment of the first two Catholic sponsored academies, under the Labour government's initiative. I was awarded a Papal Honour, Dame of St Gregory, for my work for the Archdiocese. I am now settling into the house in Norfolk I inherited three years ago. I would love to meet any Somervillians within striking distance of Wells-next-the-Sea!"

Trudy Watt writes: "In 2009 I took early retirement from being Senior Tutor at Trinity College, Oxford and then obtained a Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration at the Open University. In 2010-11, I was locum Senior Tutor at Merton College, Oxford. I am now volunteering as a Steward at Christ Church Cathedral and in a garden that provides therapeutic activities for those experiencing mental illness. My partner retired this summer and we are now living together, which has taken some getting used to, but is proving to be a positive experience!"

1972

Alison Mowat (Mrs Brierley) now has six grandchildren, three born last year, so she has been in much demand to help her daughters. Her youngest, Janine, is about to embark on a Biology degree, so Alison is moving seamlessly from mother to grandmother all the time.

This year she has visited Israel and had a sailing holiday in Malta. She has also joined a new Alumni branch of the OUS and helps on its committee (www.threeshiresoxon.co.uk). Teaching languages to adults continues to keep her occupied mainly in the winter months and

in summer she tries to refresh her Italian by visiting Italy – this year she was thrilled to be visiting Sicily, thanks to the BBC4 scheduling *Inspector Montalbano*.

Charlotte Raeburn (Mrs Barney) is Development Director at Wimbledon High School, London. "I'm really happy, finally back in the educational world! Love working in a school, and it helps me deal with the absence of beloved only daughter Katharine, now at Bristol reading French and Russian."

Kay Stewart Sandeman (Mrs Brock) has been appointed Secretary for Public Affairs and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

1974

Jenna Orkin has published *The Moron's Guide to Global Collapse*. One reviewer has described it as "An introduction to the economic, political and environmental mess the world is currently in; with insights into how we got here as well as how we might get out. (Some solutions are more painful than others.) Informative and even revelatory, but anyone who actually LIKES this book should have his head examined." Kindle edition available.

Nicola Thomas (Mrs Ralston) received the Distinguished Friend of Oxford award from the Vice-Chancellor at a splendid ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre on 15 September 2012. This award was made in recognition of Nicola's outstanding commitment and contribution to Somerville, as a founding member of the Development Board, as financial advisor to Governing Body's Finance Committee, but most especially for

her tireless efforts in the field of alumni relations. Nicola has been the driving force behind the Somerville City Network, one of the most flourishing of Somerville's alumni groups, since its inception in 1995. Nicola was delighted to receive the award. "This feels like winning the prize in a competition I had not entered and didn't even know existed.... Part of the reason why I feel so strongly about supporting the College is that if the alumni don't support something so precious and important, we cannot expect others to do so."

1976

Philippa Cash (Mrs Schofield) was the winner of the *Oxford Today* Creative Writing Competition with her short story 'My Other self'. See Trinity 2012 edition of the magazine and <http://d3gjvvs65ernan.cloudfront.net/OT%20Writing%20Competition.pdf>

Jane Davenport (Mrs Millinchip) has been training for two years as a Reader in the Church of England. She has recently been recommended for training for the ordained ministry and so she will train for two more years before being ordained in Chester Cathedral in 2014, all things being well. "This is a very exciting and challenging new phase of my life."

Finola Gowers became a Magistrate in January 2011

Dr Ellen McAdam was appointed in 2011 as Head of Glasgow Museums, the largest museum service in the UK outside London. She is the first woman in the 135 year history of Glasgow Museums to hold this position.

Rachel Walton (Mrs Bertenshaw) has taken voluntary redundancy from her Deputy Headship and she now gives advice to school leaders on behalf of the Association of School and College Leaders. Her son got married last year and she is now the proud grandmother of Joshua.

1977

Caroline Alexander has published *Lost Gold of the Dark Ages*, Random House/National Geographic Books (about the Staffordshire hoard); *Cry of the Tiger*, Nat.Geo., December 2011 (the threatened tiger); *Gold in the Ground*, Nat. Geo., November 2011 (Staffordshire hoard); and *The Man Who Took the Prize*, Nat.Geo., September 2011 (Amundsen).

Amanda Grieve (Lady Harlech) is a consultant to Chanel and Fendi and is also pursuing a literary career. She is at the editing stage of her first novel, *Blame*, which will be published by Pushkin Press later this year. "I have begun to write a treatment for a short film poem, *A Voyage Through Cloth* (which I hope will map out "reasons for wearing" charts) through my library of clothes and working with collages of archive footage, sound scapes and actual collages of maps and objets trouvés. I am aiming to platform the idea in Edinburgh in August."

Kati Whitaker (Mrs Hughes) has had a busy year. In July, as part of the Saturday night series *Archive on Four*, Radio 4 transmitted her programme about Harold Macmillan's Night of the Long Knives. In September she produced and presented a documentary for the BBC World Service about the Ghana witchcamps. She has been shortlisted for *The Guardian International Development Competition* for an article about a village in Mali battling against the encroaching desert. As a finalist she will be sent to another developing country to write an article to go forward to the finals.

1978

Lynn Enteline has published her third book *Shakespeare's Schoolroom: Rhetoric, Discipline, Emotion* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012).

Carole Celia Fairbairn (Professor Perry) writes: "Having completed periods of service as trustee and elected council member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (2007-2011) and chaired the UK Heads of Chemistry (2009-2011), 2011 has been very different with a month as guest professor at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany, and the award of the Edward, Frances and Shirley B Daniels Fellowship and a Wyss Fellowship to join the class of 2012-2013 at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study in Harvard, USA. I am greatly looking forward to being back in a collegiate environment."

Ann Olivarius has been named by the American Civil Liberties Union as one of the "Nine Most Influential Actors in Title IX's History" for her work in the landmark case *Alexander v Yale*. Title IX is the US Federal

law that prohibits discrimination at schools and universities, and the ACUL is the leading defender of individual liberties in the United States. Congratulations to Ann for fighting the good fight so successfully.

1979

Claudine Dauphin moved in 2011 from the University of Nice, joining "Orient et Méditerranée" in Paris (CNRS, Sorbonne, EPHE, Collège de France). She has published two books: *In Memoriam: Fr Michele Piccirillo, OFM (1944-2008). Celebrating His Life and Work*, BAR International Series 2248, Archaeopress, Oxford 2011 (co-edited with Basema Hamarneh), *La Piscine probatique de Jésus à Saladin. Le Projet Béthesda (1994-2010)*, Special issue of *Proche-Orient Chrétien, Jerusalem 2011* (co-edited with Frans Bouwen), eight articles and two reviews. Combining archaeology, textual sources and GIS, her project "*Fallahin and Nomads in the Southern Levant from Byzantium to the Crusades: Population Dynamics and Artistic Expression*", is affiliated to the Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL), Amman, and partly funded by the Mougins Museum of Classical Art, near Cannes, curated by Somervillian Mark Merrony, whose small catalogue she has translated into French (*MACM, Musée d'Art Classique de Mougins, La Collection Famille Levett, France, 2012, 96 pages*).

1982

Laura Wilson has recently published *A Willing Victim* (Quercus), the latest in her DI Stratton series of historical crime novels.

1983

Anna Kingsmill-Stocker (Mrs Kingsmill-Vellacott) has recently, with some colleagues, set up The Consortium for the Built Environment. It is a grouping of international experts in all matters to do with the built environment. She has also just launched www.businesssafetynet.com, which is an online package to help microbusiness owners sort out their risk management.

Magdalen (Maggie) Parham (Mrs Fergusson) was awarded an MBE for services to Literature in the New Year's Honours List 2012. In June 2012 she published *Michael Morpurgo: War Child to War Horse* (HarperCollins Publishers Limited).

Caroline Hauxwell is Associate Professor, Queensland University of Technology. She is happily settled in Australia, but has enjoyed two long visits to Oxford in 2012 under a Queensland Fellowship. "To my surprise I can probably say (after 25 years) that I've made a career in scientific research."

1984

Colette Lux has been appointed the Director of Marketing at King's College, London. "I am thrilled to take on this exciting role as Higher Education contends with the radical changes it faces due to government policy, increased student choices and the impact of the global economy."

Claire Preston, after 21 years at Cambridge, moved in September 2011 to the University of Birmingham and a Chair in English.



Mary Russell Vick, centre picture, in action at Wembley



Tessa Ross, CBE, (Oriental Studies, 1980), Head of Film4 with Rebecca Jones (History, 1985), BBC Arts Correspondent at the Somerville Media Group evening, Oxford & Cambridge Club, on 8 January 2012



Honorary Fellows Baroness Shriti Vadera (PPE, 1981), former Minister for Business in the Brown Government, with Nicola Ralston (History, 1974), Chair of the Somerville City Network at Goldman Sachs on 2 May



Dame Lucy Neville-Rolfe (PPE, 1970, Honorary Fellow)



Modern Languages Day 11 March 2012. Three generations of linguists: Mary Foote (Hinchliffe, 1943), Ruth Jolly (Foote, 1970), and Grace Tomlinson (Jolly, 2000)



Modern Languages Day 11 March 2012. Dr Almut Suerbaum (Tutor in German and Vice-Principal), Dr Manuele Gagnolati (Tutor in Italian), Dr Adrienne Tooke (Fellow Emerita) and Dr Simon Kemp (Tutor in French)



Somerville City Dinner in the House of Commons: Three of Somerville's five MPs – Nicola Blackwood (Oxford West & Abingdon), Sam Gyimah (Surrey East) and Dr Therese Coffey (Suffolk Coastal)



1962: 50th Reunion Gala Dinner, with the Principal. See page 54-55 for report



The 2012 Garden Party (held in Hall): escape during a brief rain-free interval



Kate McLoughlin (1988) watches as husband Nick Trefethen signs the Register at their wedding in the Somerville Reading Room, 6 August 2011



New York marriage of Chris Sherwood (2003) and Paul Gambaccini, 30 June 2012. See page 71

1985

Jennifer Kay has been promoted to full Professor (Computer Science and Robotics) with academic tenure at Rowan University in New Jersey.

Robyn Shernita Hadley works in the local school system in North Carolina and was named a White House Champion of Change in January 2012. This award is a White House award to honour Americans who have done extraordinary things in their communities to innovate, educate and build for the future. Robyn was a first generation graduate of the University of North Carolina and a Rhodes Scholar at Somerville. She is the Founding Director of the What's After High School? Program for the Alamance-Burlington School System in NC and author of *Within View*, *Within Reach: Navigating the College Bound Journey*. On receiving her award Robyn said: "That's really what college access is... teaching young people about the world and opportunities beyond where they live, showing them how a college education can help them realize those opportunities and equipping them with the tools and resources to do what they 'have to do.'"

1987

Shiban Akbar has received an honorary award: OBE for her contribution to the community and voluntary services and to the Muslim community.

Sally Prentice is Cabinet Member, Lambeth Council, for Culture, Leisure and the Olympics. She writes: "Unlike many councils, Lambeth has decided not to close any libraries and we have relocated our Clapham library to a brand new library on the High Street. We are developing

a new approach to library services as part of our Co-operative Council ambitions, where libraries will offer a much wider range of services and local Friends of Libraries groups will have a much greater level of involvement in how their library is run. I am enjoying working with Priscilla Baines (1961), Chairman of the Friends of the Durning Library."

Emma Sky has been appointed Senior Fellow at the Jackson Institute, Yale. In July this year her remarkable work in Iraq was the subject of an extended series of articles in *The Guardian*. See: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/jul/15/iraq-emma-sky-us-military>

1988

Rachel Sylvester of *The Times* was awarded 'Highly Commended' in the Political Journalist section of the 2012 Press Awards.

1989

Elizabeth Humphry (Mrs Heffner) has had a full year – a house move and quite a lot of surgery, including the removal of knee cartilage. All is now proceeding smoothly, but she is not yet (June) considered fit to return to nursing. She is in the process of establishing her own business, largely conducted via the internet, selling handcrafted items with a historical theme. "I think of Miriam Griffin every time I sew one with a Greek or Roman inspired pattern."

Auriol Miller writes: "In November 2011, we returned to the UK after living in Moscow for 2 years, where I had been posted as Oxfam's Country Director, focusing on supporting civil society's anti poverty work within Russia, as well as Russia's global role in relation to climate

change and as a donor. After living in Burundi, DR Congo, Sudan and Russia for 8 out of the last 12 years, we are ready to be Cardiff-based for the foreseeable future, and looking forward to being locals for a change. I am currently on maternity leave as our third child, Toby, was born in January 2012. I return to work in October 2012, still with Oxfam, in a consultancy role."

Sharon Rowland (Mrs Gould) reports that after studying, passing an exam and providing evidence of professional development, she is now a Certified Information Security Manager and a member of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association.

Joanne Shepard married Matthew Demwell in September 2011. It was a small family 'do' much enjoyed by all who attended. She also became a step-grandmother in October when Matthew's younger daughter gave birth to Megan. Joanne and Matthew are both actuaries.

1990

Claire Cockcroft is Head of Communications and Public Engagement at the Babraham Institute, a life sciences research organisation in Cambridge. After hanging up her lab coat following postdoctoral research, Claire designed and directed the University of Cambridge's Bioscience Enterprise Masters programme for aspiring bio-entrepreneurs, before joining Babraham where she has developed a successful *Science & Society Programme* to enrich science education and inspire young people. Claire is happy to give advice to children of alumni contemplating careers in bioscience or science

communication. In 2010 she was elected a Fellow of the Society of Biology and is currently a Graduate Tutor at Newnham College, Cambridge. In April 2012 Claire married Mark Scott FRCS (Plast) in the chapel of Peterhouse, Cambridge, where she was a choral scholar for over 10 years.

1992

Helen Ball is a partner in the law firm of Sacker & Partners, where she works with other Somervillians, Emily Forrest and Ferdy Lovett.

Shirlyne Rush (Mrs Dunwoodie) has had "a busy year with my employer, BT, being a key sponsor for the Olympics. I've been promoted this year to run two different sectors, looking after their global ICT requirements and also helping them to prepare for the Olympics. My three daughters are now all at the same school. The eldest (8) makes her first Holy Communion this summer. The middle one (6) was cast as the lead role in a film for the London Film School, which she really enjoyed, and the youngest (5) is on stage for the third time dancing in October. Life is busy with work and looking after these three!"

1993

Jacqui Karn has published *Narratives of Neglect: community, regeneration and the governance of security* in 2007 (now with Routledge), which was shortlisted for the 2008 British Society of Criminology book prize.

1994

Lucy Claire Kelly (Dr Tulloch) is now Deputy Divisional Manager for Neurosciences at the James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough. She writes: "I am enjoying the

challenges of a return to full-time work as a hospital manager after the birth of twins. Arran swapped research and technical management in the chemical industry for a more family friendly career teaching chemistry and outdoor education (Yarm School)."

Jo-Anne Swales (Mrs Breckon) is currently enjoying being a full-time mum, but picking up some freelance work.

Kate Varney and her husband **Nik Smith** became the proud parents of twin boys on New Year's Eve, 2011. Kate has postponed the final part of her psychotherapy training to be a full-time mum to the boys.

1995

Jane Aspell (Dr Loader) and her family are now back in Cambridge, after spending the last four years in Switzerland. Jane is Senior Lecturer in the department of Psychology, Anglia Ruskin University. She has published as co-author: *Early and late activity in somatosensory cortex reflects changes in bodily self-consciousness: An evoked potential study*, Neuroreport.

Helen Rice writes: "This has been an eventful year as I have returned to work and am now self-employed as a researcher, collaborating with academics around the country on various projects. I am also one of the directors of a new co-operative, Work4ME, which is exploring how collaborative self-employment might be a work option for skilled people with long term health conditions."

1996

Adrian Murshid (Adrian Politowski) has a very successful career as a film producer. He writes: "My company (that I founded with

my wife and another Oxonian) has expanded its activity and has become a European film studio (meaning we are involved in various vertically-integrated film activities from developing our own screenplays, producing, financing, distributing the films in theatres etc) with 120 staff and expanding quite a bit our London office this year. One of the films I co-produced was *The Artist*, which marked a good start of the year with the awards season. So very happy. I often look back on Somerville as a time that has brought and contributed a lot to where I am at today. Both the College's/Oxford's culture and the people I have met there had a deep impact."

Eleanor Reid (Mrs Smith) and her husband Martin were delighted with the arrival of their second son, Adam; his elder brother, Luke (now 3 and a half), is very caring and is coping with the new arrangements very well. Eleanor has enjoyed her maternity leave immensely and returns to the City as a commercial real estate lawyer at the end of the summer.

Lydie Reiss is now a Judge at the French Ministry of Justice (Department of Civil Affairs) and is based in Paris.

1997

Barbara Kakiris, the Conference and Events Manager at NASA Glenn Research Centre, has been named by the Greek America Foundation as one of North America's Forty Under 40. She was honoured at a ceremony in New York in April. The website with more information is below (her portrait is the second from the right on the top row of photos): <http://www.greekamerica.org/40-under-40>. This is in addition to having been

honoured with an ATHENA Award by Inside Business Magazine: http://www.ibmag.com/Main/Archive/Athena_Awards_Star_Power_11918.aspx

1998

Dr Barbara Gabrys has published *How to be a Successful Scientist: from Postdoc to Professor*.

1999

Ian Mulheirn is working for the Social Market Foundation (SMF). On 10 July the SMF swept the Prospect Magazine Think Tank of the Year awards, winning Best Economic & Financial Think Tank and the overall Think Tank of the Year category.

Neil Spring, entrepreneur and communications professional, has written his first novel, *The Ghost Hunter's Apprentice*, to be published by Quercus in October 2013. The book is based upon events at Borley Rectory, also known as The Most Haunted House in England, and the psychic detective, Harry Price, who investigated it. It is said to be the first dramatised account published of the world famous haunting, and draws on actual events. Neil describes it as "a deeply psychological drama, a collision of history and mystery." As an undergraduate he wrote a thesis on the significance of paranormal events.

2000

Kate Lodge married Adam Rice at the Oxford Oratory in August 2011 and afterwards they had their reception in Somerville. "It was really lovely. The food was particularly excellent."

Kate is still working for Finnermore, but they have moved to Yorkshire.

2001

Chris Williams, who is a campaigner for Friends of the Earth, has been elected a Green Party Councillor for Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

2002

Chris Smith completed his DPhil in Inorganic Chemistry (New College) and then moved to Royston to work as a development chemist for Johnson Matthey, designing and making catalytic converters. "Trust me, it's more interesting than it sounds!"

Karin Westin Tikkanen is living in Sweden and is a post-doc research assistant, Department of Languages and Literatures, University of Gothenburg. She has published *A Sabellian Case Grammar*. (Heidelberg: Carl Winter Verlag, 2011).

2003

Christopher Sherwood has been working in account management for advertising agency AMV BBDO. For the past year or so, he has also been passionately involved in acting and is now considering a career change. In the meantime, Chris enjoyed a whirlwind June 2012 which included 'the best day of my life.' On 23 June, he and Paul Gambaccini (University College) conducted a Civil Partnership ceremony at Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons in Great Milton, Oxfordshire, followed by a party that evening at The Royal Festival Hall. They then had a marriage ceremony in New York on Saturday 30th June. See photograph at page 68: this picture was taken during the last act of the service in the Botanical Gardens in the Bronx, which involved the whole gathering

singing along to *With A Little Help From My Friends* by The Beatles

2005

Emma Payne is a postgraduate student at UCL and in the spring of 2012 became a Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust Scholar; she is working in museum and archaeological conservation.

Angela Wright was a post-graduate student at Somerville reading for a Masters in Biology Integrative BioScience. Recently she has obtained a PhD in the fields of Education and Animal Welfare Science at the Royal Veterinary College, University of London, and is now a Lecturer in Animal Welfare Science at the Veterinary College.

2007

Mohd Yahya is to be congratulated for having a painting accepted for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2012. Mohd graduated with a DPhil in Biochemistry last year but has been interested in painting for some time. This is his first submission to the Royal Academy and he is naturally delighted to have been accepted. He writes: "The work is called 'Remembering my mother', oil on canvas. It is a very personal expressionistic and sculptural painting which was a result of culminating thoughts and emotions from memory. Please do contact me if you require more information. The Royal Academy exhibition website is: www.royalacademy.org. I have started a profile page on Riseart which is an online platform for artists to display their work online. <http://www.riseart.com/user/kim-yahya>."

Marriages

Apps-Flint

on 19 July 2012 John Apps (2005) to Julia Flint

Cadman-Sola

on 21 May 2011 Hannah Desanka *née* Cadman (2000) to Daniel Sola

Clarke-Edwards

on 31 March 2012 Frank Clarke (2002) to Susan Jane Edwards

Cockcroft-Scott

on 14 April 2012 Claire Elizabeth Cockcroft (1990) to Mark Scott

Hunt-Connor

on 3 September 2011 Rachel Louise *née* Hunt (1998) to Michael Peter Connor

Kyei-Dickinson

on 27 August 2011 Afua Serwah *née* Kyei (2000) to Robert Dickinson (2000)

Le Masurier-Wray

on 3 September 2011 Marissa *née* Le Masurier (1991) to Steve Wray

Lodge-Rice

on 27 August 2011 Kate *née* Lodge (2000) to Adam Rice

Lynch-Longhurst

on 3 December 2011 Simon James Lynch (2001) to Ruth *née* Longhurst

McLean-Thomas

on 5 November 2011 Elizabeth Kathleen McLean *née* Hunter (1950) to David Llewelyn Thomas

Narang-Briffa

on 4 April 2012 Nivedita *née* Narang (1987) to John Briffa

Naylor-Heath

in May 2012 Kathryn *née* Naylor (1999) to James Heath

Ohta-Wong

on 25 August 2012 Tom Ohta (2002) to Charlotte Wong

Shepard-Demwell

on 17 September 2011 Joanne *née* Shepard to Matthew Demwell

Smith-Parker

on 23 June 2012 Jean Rebecca *née* Smith (2001) to Stuart Parker

Tikkanen-Westin

on 8 January 2011 Karin Tikkanen (2002) to Jonathan Westin

Turner-Weston

on 15th October 2011, Claire Turner (2003) to Daniel Weston

Zaoralova-Middlebro'

on 2 July 2011 Marta *née* Zaoralova (2002) to Allen Middlebro' (2004)

Civil Partnership

Sherwood-Gambaccini

on 23 June 2012 Christopher Sherwood (2003) to Paul Gambaccini



The wedding of two MCR Presidents, Marta Zaoralova (2002) and Allen Middlebro (2004)

Births

Asokarajan

to Roshani and Geeth (2000) on 1 June 2012 a daughter Preity

Ball

to Helen (1992) in February 2012 a son Thomas, a brother for Matthew.

Barron

to Leonie (1987) and Harm Leijendeckers on 12 December 2010 a son Alexander, a brother for Benjamin

Bertram

to Chandra *née* Gooptu (1985) on 4 April 2010 a son, Felix Alexander Wilfrid, a brother for Oscar

Biddlestone

Hunt to Anna Biddlestone (2006) and Nicholas Hunt on 17 May 2012 a son Maximillian Peter Iain Biddlestone-Hunt

Breckon

to Jo-Anne *née* Swales (1994) and Paul on 13 July 2011 a son Sam Joseph, a brother for Max

Bulkin

to Noah (1995) and Avital on 27 April 2012 a son Benjamin

Fec

to Rachel *née* Dixon (1998) and Marcus Fec on 28 April 2012 a son Ignatius San-Vitale

Guhathakurta-Cook

to Ela *née* Guhathakurta (1990) on 30 August 2011 a daughter Kara

Loader

to Jane *née* Aspell (1995) and Simon Loader on 8 June 2010 a daughter Isabel Grace Michala

Miller

to Auriol (1989) and Peter Sargent on 5 January 2012 a son Toby Alfred Alban Sargent, a brother for Corinna and Isobel

Mohideen

to Ayesha (1996) and Rick Gibson on 30 March 2012 a son Zaki Richard Gibson

Noble

to Victoria *née* Dugdale (1996) and Douglas Noble on 9 July 2011 a son Oscar Charles Noble

Politowski

to Adrian *née* Murshid (1996) and Nadia Khamlichi on 1 January 2012 a son Leo

Reed

to Louisa *née* Rogers (1996) and Jaime Reed on 31 December 2010 a daughter Sophia Ellen Irene Reed

Smith

to Eleanor *née* Reid (1996) and Martin Smith on 18 October 2011 a son Adam Martin Jude, a brother for Luke

Smith

to Nicola *née* Jones (1995) and Peter on 26 April 2012 a son Samuel Alexander, a brother for Daisy Annabel

Stuber-Berries

to Nicole *née* Stuber (1993) and Frank Berries on 10 November 2010 a son Brian Sean Berries, a brother for Ben Robert

Trinder-Widdess

Davis to Zoe Trinder-Widdess (1994) and Michael Davis on 8 August 2011 a daughter Gerta Maeve Davis-Widdess

Tulloch

to Lucy Claire *née* Kelly (1994) and Arran Tulloch on 22 July 2010 twin sons Roscoe Peter Wrigley and Finbar Thomas Wrigley Tulloch, brothers for Patrick

Varney

to Kate (1994) and Nik Smith on 31 December 2011 twin sons Sebastian Peter and Daniel Stellan Smith

Williams

to Kate (1993) and Marcus Gippes on 1 August 2011 a daughter Persephone Andromeda Victoria Gippes Williams



New parents, Noah and Avital Bulkin

Deaths

Bawden

Nina Mary (Mrs Kark) *née* Mabey (1943; Honorary Fellow, 2001) on 22 August Aged 87

Dronke

Ursula Miriam *née* Brown (1939), Fellow & Tutor and University Lecturer in English, 1950-61, on 8 March 2012 Aged 91

Bottomley

Lorna Margaret (1941) on 28 December 2011 Aged 90

Bradford

Sylvia *née* Crammer (1943) on 9 November 2011 Aged 86

Brooke-Rose

Christine Frances (1946; Hon Fellow, 1997) on 21 March 2012 Aged 86

Brown

Margaret Anne *née* Smith (1944) on 26 August 2011 Aged 84

Buddle

Hilda Betty *née* Staple (1937) on 30 April 2012 Aged 92

Clarke

Elizabeth Mary *née* Potter (1940) on 18 May 2012 Aged 90

Croft

Jennifer Constance *née* Jackson (1968) on 8 October 2011 Aged 62

Dawes

Margaret Joan *née* Monk (1936) on 16 June 2012 Aged 93

Devlin

Madeleine *née* Oppenheimer (1928) on 22 March 2012 Aged 102

Dummett

Agnes Margaret Ann *née* Chesney (1948) on 7 February 2012 Aged 81

Hobson

Beryl Ruby Alice *née* Machan (1947) on 16 December 2010 Aged 86

Hummerstone

Elizabeth Clarissa Wiclif *née* Barker (1962) on 27 October 2011 Aged 68

Judge

Betty Rose *née* Jones (1948) on 5 December 2011 Aged 81

Knauss

Jennifer Lilian Margaret *née* Dobbin (1955) on 11 June 2012 Aged 75

Le Prevost

Christina Anne (1962) on 7 July 2012 Aged 69

Longmate

Elizabeth Jean *née* Taylor (1947) on 29 June 2011 Aged 82

McCulloch

Kathleen Elizabeth (1942) in January 2012 Aged 88

Mizrahi

Leila Rebecca *née* Dagut (1944) on 7 June 2012 Aged 86

Monkhouse

Elizabeth Margaret (1930) on 27 December 2011 Aged 99

Mustill

Beryl Reid *née* Davies (1950) on 18 February 2012 Aged 79

Nix

Valerie Edith *née* Brown (1948) on 14 November 2011 Aged 82

Whiffin

Cynthia ('Cyndy') June *née* Mingham (1965) on 24 January 2012 Aged 66

Oddie

Margaret Anne *née* Timmis (1950) in August 2012 Aged 80

Reid

Rhoda Susanna *née* Allison (1959) on 29 February 2012 Aged 72

Rowlinson

Nancy *née* Gaskell (1948) on 3 January 2012 Aged 81

Russell Vick

Mary *née* de Putron (1940) on 1 March 2012 Aged 89

Smallbone

Hester Margaret Gatty *née* Parrington on 15 March 2012 Aged 87

Stoye

Catherine Ann *née* Wells (1947) on 12 June 2012 Aged 83

Thornton

Deborah *née* Jackson (1952) on 28 July 2012 Aged 79

Walsh

Katherine (1969) on 21 March 2011 Aged 65

Whiffin

Cynthia ('Cyndy') June *née* Mingham (1965) on 24 January 2012 Aged 66

Obituaries

Ursula Miriam Dronke (Brown, 1939), Fellow & Tutor and University Lecturer in English, 1950-61

Ursula Dronke, née Brown, who has died aged 91, was an inspirational scholar and teacher in the field of Old Norse-Icelandic literature – the sagas and poetry of medieval Iceland. As Vigfússon Reader in Old Icelandic Literature and Antiquities at the University of Oxford, she supervised many graduate students; the vast majority have gone on to teach Old Norse-Icelandic at universities throughout the world. Her influence, through her teaching, and through her distinguished publications, has been immense. Her students – and I was privileged to be one of them – loved her because of the total commitment and loyalty she showed them: their difficulties were hers too, and she rejoiced in their success. She was knowledgeable about the good things in life – about art, music, wine, food, and people – and she was always great fun: hospitable, stylish, energetic and witty. But her politics were as rigorous and uncompromising as her academic standards: throughout her life, she hated and spoke passionately against anything reactionary, ungenerous, or cynical.

Ursula was born in Sunderland, on November 3, 1920. When she was four, the family moved to Newcastle where her father was a lecturer at the University. She attended the Church High School, Newcastle, and in 1939 went to the University of Tours as a visiting student in French language and literature. But the outbreak of war cut short her studies, and she returned to England to take up the Mary Ewart Scholarship in English at Somerville. Graduating in 1942, she went to work briefly for the Board of Trade, but returned to Somerville as a graduate student in 1946, specializing in Old Norse, and supervised by the leading Old Norse specialist in Britain, Gabriel Turville-Petre, and by JRR Tolkien. Her graduate work gained her a B.Litt. in 1949; it became her first major publication, an edition of the Old Norse *Borgils saga* (1952), which was widely praised and immediately gained international recognition.

Ursula became Fellow and Tutor in English at Somerville, a post she held from 1950 to 1961. She met her husband, Peter Dronke, in 1959, at a meeting of the Medieval Society in Somerville, and Peter recalls being overwhelmed by her warmth and intellectual vitality at one of her legendary parties later that year, packed as always with students and scholars from all over the world. They were married on April 28th, 1960, and Ursula moved to Cambridge with Peter, who took up a post in Medieval Latin there. In 1962, their daughter Cressida was born. Cressida was a source of immense pride to Ursula, and one of the great joys of her life.

After a spell as Professor and Acting Head of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Munich in the early nineteen- seventies, Ursula was elected to the Readership at Oxford in 1976, and to a Professorial Fellowship at Linacre College. This was rightly regarded as a coup for Oxford, for Ursula had published, in 1969, the first volume of her monumental edition of the *Poetic Edda*, a medieval anthology of the great Icelandic mythological and heroic poems. (The projected four volumes now, alas, remain incomplete; the third volume went to press in her ninetieth year). This series has completely dominated Eddaic studies worldwide, with the sophistication of its literary analyses and the tremendous breadth of background knowledge brought to bear on the poetry. The second volume, published in 1997, includes the pre-eminent Old Norse mythological poem *Völuspá*, whose textual complexity and allusive obscurity are unparalleled. Ursula's edition, translation, and detailed commentary show how distinctive her scholarship is: she offers her own interpretation of the poem, emending the text on the authority of her individual and confident understanding of the text's literary dynamic. For Old Norse scholars, *Völuspá* had been a challenge; Ursula restored it as a work of art.

There were many other publications, some produced jointly with Peter. Their day-to-day scholarly collaboration, as leading medievalists in adjacent fields, enriched the work of both. Her essays, collected as *Myth and Fiction in Early Norse Lands* (1996), reveal, as does the title, her range and dominant concerns. And a lasting contribution to the study of Old Norse was her successful securing of a donation from the Swedish Rausing family to support the Readership in perpetuity. After retirement in 1988, Ursula continued to work on the *Poetic Edda*, and enjoyed time with her beloved grandchildren. She and Peter continued to visit as often as they could their house in Brittany where Ursula had always been able to immerse herself in her work. She was incommoded, though never dispirited, by a series of hip operations; visitors to her hospital bedside would find

her sitting up proof-reading her own or others' work. The conviction that literature is fundamental to human life never left her.

She is survived by her husband Peter and her daughter Cressida.

HEATHER O'DONOGHUE

A version of this obituary appeared first in *The Guardian*, 25 March 2012

Elizabeth Margaret Monkhouse, 1930

Elizabeth Monkhouse was a much loved and highly respected figure in the field of adult education. The highest tribute paid to her was that by Edward Boyle as Education Minister: "The key person, so far as adult education is concerned, is Dr Monkhouse". She was an exhibitor of Somerville from 1930 - 1933.

Her father, Allan Monkhouse, was literary editor of the *Manchester Guardian*, novelist and playwright; a particular delight in 2011 was the revival, after long neglect, of one of his plays, and it was a measure of Elizabeth's continuing capacity for intellectual enjoyment that she participated actively in the discussion following the performance



Elizabeth Monkhouse, seated, playing the lead in a College production of *Arden of Faversham*

she attended. It gave her great satisfaction in her last days to know that another, *The Conquering Hero*, is being produced in 2012.

Elizabeth was the youngest of four children. Ill-health kept her at home longer than the others, who were early dispatched to boarding school. One consequence was a youthful acquaintance with literary figures of the day – C E Montague, Galsworthy, and others – who visited the Monkhouse home in Cheshire, where she was born; another was convalescence spent on the neighbouring farm, and her appearance at the reins of the milk-float evidently caused comment among Disley’s respectable residents.

A perhaps precocious enthusiasm for Proust’s work developed during her schooldays. The same precocity emerged at her interview at Somerville; asked to account for her preference for Somerville on any terms, rather than accepting an award at another well known institution, she replied that she’d sooner “serve in Heaven than reign in Hell”. “I assume you’d prefer me not to repeat that remark to the Principal of X” was Miss Fry’s response.

From Oxford she proceeded to Poitiers University, perfected her French (“jusque dans ses moindres nuances,” wrote her professor – on her last French holiday, aged ninety, she was mistaken for a Frenchwoman) and acquired a doctorate in French literature, on Proust, naturally. Her first job was teaching in Scotland, until, in 1941, she found her true vocation in the WEA.

Elizabeth’s politics developed, briefly via Communism (not unusual, amongst those dismayed by the equivocations of the West during the Spanish Civil War), into long-lasting Labour membership; the 1955 parliamentary election saw her creditably defeated in Hendon North, and she thereafter abandoned thoughts of an active political career. She joined the SDP on its formation, and so finally the LibDems, for whose local branch she was treasurer in her later years.

She first worked for the WEA in rural Norfolk, teaching international affairs; this involved much bicycling between venues – and sometimes illicit lifts in the guard’s van (occasionally the footplate) of trains manned by her students. This lasted for two winters, separated by a summer cycling round south-west Scotland on a pioneering educational project for workers engaged in airfield construction. Elizabeth also learned, and retained, the Polish national anthem while teaching English to Polish troops. But she was marked out for higher things, and more sophisticated transport; in 1944 she enjoyed the comfort of the Clipper flying boat, its only woman passenger, en route to

a speaking tour of the USA, and the following year was bumping down the potholed runway of Bordeaux airport on a mission to France.

Subsequently the Extra-Mural Department of the University of London seemed, perhaps, like calmer waters. Elizabeth became staff tutor in international affairs, then senior lecturer in charge of the diploma in adult education. Travelling continued, including trips to the USSR and Africa, but mostly involving less exotic journeys from her North London home, after a day's work at the Senate House, to take suburban classes on current affairs or French literature. She served on the Russell Committee on adult education, and had the satisfaction of seeing its recommendations accepted by the incoming Conservative government. She became National Chairman of the Association of Tutors in Adult Education, Chairman of the London District of the WEA, and Chairman of the Governing Council of Hillcroft College, and her career culminated with the Deputy Presidency of the WEA.

Elizabeth never married, but was a long-time companion of the distinguished economic historian H L Beales, and towards the end of his long life she moved in to care for him. After his death in 1988 she lived on in her house in Hampstead Garden Suburb, independent and vigorous-minded to the end, among the friends and good neighbours she deserved. In her centenary year there were plans for her to address Somerville's current students; alas, they were not to be fulfilled.

CONRAD NATZIO (NEPHEW)

Margaret Dawes (Monk, 1936)

Margaret Dawes died peacefully in her sleep on 16 June 2012 aged 93. She had lived in Oxford since 1948, for about fifty years in Belbroughton Road, but in the Lady Nuffield Home in Summertown for the last few years of her life. She had been blind for many years, suffering from retinitis pigmentosa, although this never stopped her in her many activities, interests and her vast enjoyment of life.

She was born in 1918 in Singapore (in the Sepoy Lines, as she was fond of remarking) where her father worked in the Malay Civil Service. At the age of 7, she came back to the UK, and lived with her grandparents in Hampstead Garden Suburb in London, going to a boarding school (where her father and uncle had been), where she was not really happy. Undoubtedly part of the reason for this was that she was not able to see very well, was

night-blind, and the reasons for this were not then clearly understood.

Her father died when she was 15, and her mother came back to the UK, living in Suffolk. Margaret was good at French, and after school, went to stay with her aunt, married to a Treasury official in Paris, and studied there at the Sorbonne. She went up to Somerville to read Modern Languages in 1936, financed by a generous gift from American relations. There she met a number of Somervillians who were to be her greatest friends, Monica Britten (Milne), Diana Foord (Gloag), Susan Hicklin and Eleanor Mumford.

After graduating in Modern Languages in 1939, Margaret worked in administrative work, then in SOE at Bletchley Park, and later at Blenheim Palace. She married Geoffrey Dawes (whom she met when he was at New College) in 1941, and had her first child in 1943. Her daughter Harriet (1962), daughter-in-law Sue (1971) and daughter-in-law Diana (MPhil, 2003) were subsequently Somervillians. From 1948 until he retired Geoffrey was the director of the Nuffield Institute for Medical Research which occupied the Tower of the Winds (now part of Green Templeton College) until it moved to the John Radcliffe Hospital in the 1970s. From 1951 they lived in Belbroughton Road. She and Geoffrey had four children, Harriet, Alison, Nick and Martin.

For many years Margaret worked part time on her *magnum opus* on country banks, their partners and their fates. This picked up the work started by an economist, Neville Ward-Perkins (economics tutor at Pembroke and an old friend) who died in 1960, and for whom she acted as secretary/researcher. The book was finally published by the Institute of Bankers in 2000 as *Country Banks of England and Wales*, and launched at a reception at the British Museum. She then, with her close friend and neighbour, Nesta Selwyn, developed some of the material of that work to produce further research, *Women who Made Money* (published through Trafford Publishing) in 2010. This followed the histories of the 76 women bankers who were partners in the private country banks in the 18th and 19th Centuries.

After Geoffrey's death in 1996, she shared the family home in Belbroughton Road with her son Martin and his family, and had a guide dog, Trent, with whom she made many friends. When Martin moved to Canada for a job with McGill University, she shared a house in Northmoor Road for six happy years with Alison Bickmore. Alison's house had been built on ground that was formerly part of Margaret and Geoffrey's garden, for Alison and her husband David, who had been at New College with Geoffrey. Margaret had also taken up pottery, and worked with Oxpots, fundraising, and making pottery, for

about 20 years. She enjoyed holidays abroad and going to the theatre, and giving parties; she cared passionately about the countryside round Oxford and was a keen member of the Oxford Preservation Trust.

Margaret will be remembered by her family and friends as a very generous, warm and friendly person who was always interested in the rights of others to the end of her life. She had a very enquiring, if not always practical, mind and never hesitated to make suggestions. The way she did not let her disability get in the way of what she wanted to do was both graceful and formidable.

HARRIET MAUNSELL (DAWES) 1962

Hilda Betty Muriel Buddle (Staple, 1937)

Betty Staple was born in Tonbridge in 1919. Her school years showed early signs of her interests. Aged ten, she was presented with a ponderous translation of the Iliad as a class singing prize. Later at Godolphin School, her prizes were books on Elizabeth I, the Stuarts and HAL Fisher's *History of Europe*, each remaining a life-long interest.

Betty came up to Somerville to read PPE in 1937. She joined the Bach Choir and Archaeological Society, and cycled widely to rub brasses. She remembered, as keenly as Indira Gandhi, the meagre heat of a few coals; enjoyed skating on the frozen Cherwell, but was unimpressed by the icy reception at LMH where, owing to the exigencies of war-time, she and a few others lived their final year, isolated at mealtimes and not welcome in the LMH library. For this reason Betty later contributed purposefully to Somerville's new building projects.

In 1940, she joined the BBC Empire Service at its wartime base in Evesham. Returning from a Tonbridge weekend, Betty remembered having to leave the 'milk train' and walk, shocked, into a blitzed Bristol. Later, another unforgettable early silence shrouded Tonbridge on VE Day.

From 1942-8 she worked in the Dominions Office and in 1946 left England for the first time, appointed to go to New Zealand as Assistant Secretary in the Office of the UK High Commissioner. She was 'most surprised' when her arrival was heralded in the New Zealand press as the 'first time that a woman has been sent out from the Dominions Office to New Zealand', 'a Pioneer Woman', an 'outstanding example' of progressive

developments in the British Civil Service. Betty was popular and effective, an excellent ambassador for women. She often remarked that New Zealand gave women the vote in 1893, and maintained that married women had amply demonstrated in war-time their skills at combining work with household duties. She mastered the etiquette of rolling her obligatory elbow-length gloves to eat asparagus elegantly at official dinners, but never had a chance to visit the South Island. Betty was awarded the MBE on her return. Sadly, the King was too ill to hold investitures.

On the ship out to New Zealand Betty had met Jim Buddle, then returning from the war to his native country. They were engaged in New Zealand, and returned in 1948 to post-war Britain, bringing wedding-dress material and a dinner service with them. Once both her two daughters were pupils at Christ's Hospital, Betty began teaching English and History at the local secondary school, then at Cobham Hall. Lunchtime excavations in Lady Darnley's garden often seemed more fruitful than teaching pupils who travelled constantly. Gardening remained a great interest and, in her ninetieth year, Betty published her first article, jointly with Henry Noltie, on the botanist, the Rev Adam Buddle.

Betty's creative spirit was well-known: bookbinding; patchwork – her first quilt signed and dated 1967; spinning; lacemaking; lavender bags in the Somerville tradition. A V&A embroidery-history course inspired research on Abigail Pett's crewel-work and the Petts of Chatham, master-shipbuilders. Several years of guide lectures in Devonshire followed. History was also her companion for twenty-two years of widowhood: the Anglo-Saxon St Werburgh; De Ruyter's inexcusable triumph in the River Medway; local potteries, brickworks and blacksmiths; and the Tudors, Stuarts and parish churches of her Somerville days. 'She was an ancient monument,' said one churchwarden. It was a fitting tribute.

ANNE NORMAN *née* BUDDLE

Mary Russell Vick (de Putron, 1940)

Mary was born in Guernsey in 1922. Her father held the office of Jurat of the Royal Court of Guernsey and was in charge of food and fuel on the island during the German wartime occupation. Mary was sent to her aunt's school in Bexhill as a boarder aged 7 and there she excelled at all sports, playing in the junior tennis championships of Great Britain at Wimbledon in 1938.

She went up to Somerville in 1940 to read Mathematics, tutored by Ida Busbridge at St Hugh's, and gaining a College Prize in 1943. She gained four Blues in hockey, squash, tennis and cricket. She was on the Committee of the JCR when Daphne Park was JCR President. This was the



beginning of a life-long friendship between them. Indeed when Daphne, as Principal of Somerville, was asked by the JCR for funds for a new boat, she agreed mainly because she remembered how much sport had meant to Mary, even though she had not cared for it herself.

In 1943 towards the end of her time at Oxford Mary became engaged to Clive Russell Vick who was the brother of her friend Jacqueline (known as Bunny, who was at St Hilda's). The Russell Vicks had provided a much needed home for her away from occupied Guernsey. In the same year Mary was called up to the WRNS (Women's Royal Naval Service) and she and Clive were married in December 1944.

In 1951 she started teaching Mathematics at St Hilary's School, Sevenoaks where she taught up to 'O' Level until 1977, only retiring when she could no longer hear the whispering at the back of the class. However, she is better known for her international hockey career, as one of the outstanding hockey players of her generation and a highly respected and pioneering administrator. She was selected for England in 1947 – she is believed to be the first Oxbridge woman to earn the honour – and she continued to

play for England until 1953. She was a prolific goal-scorer; she scored four times on her international debut and in total she scored 70 goals in 30 international matches. Her smoking was legendary; she was known to have a quick puff at half-time.

When her playing days were over, she moved to the administration side of the game. In the sixties she represented the South on the All England Women's Hockey Association (AEWHA) coaching committee. She became vice-president of the AEWHA in 1971 and president in 1976, a post she held for ten years. She was secretary and subsequently chairman of the Great Britain Women's Hockey Board, set up in 1979 with the express purpose of sending teams to all future Olympic Games. She attended the Olympics in Seoul in 1988 and Barcelona in 1992, where Great Britain won a bronze medal, their only Olympic medal to date.

She started annual women's internationals at Wembley, despite initial opposition from Wembley; the AEWHA had to guarantee a crowd of 20,000, and thanks to British Rail running special trains, 24,000 attended. The tradition lasted for 40 years and matches were often played in front of more than 60,000 screaming schoolgirls. Always a trailblazer, she introduced the national under-21 and under-18 teams as well as the national clubs and schools championships and the national indoor clubs championships.

Players often joked that they considered her like royalty, not daring to speak in her dignified presence, but she was always supportive and interested in them. She was a stickler for insisting that they attended social and fund-raising events, "paying your rent", as she described it. One of her proudest moments was hosting the Queen at the 1981 Wembley international against Wales. She was awarded an OBE for her services to hockey in 1980.

Mary died on 1st March 2012 and is survived by three daughters, Rosemary, Susan and Christabel. Susan was able to follow in her footsteps, reading Mathematics in 1967 at St Hugh's, under Ida Busbridge who had taught Mary. Her niece, Elizabeth McDougall (née Webster), daughter of Bunny, read English at Somerville in 1972.

SUSAN CLEAR *née* RUSSELL VICK

Sylvia Bradford (Crammer, 1943)

Sylvia read PPE at Somerville, 1943–46. She was born 20 March 1925 and brought up in Gloucester, later in Leicester, attending the Wyggeston Grammar School for Girls. Sylvia's years at Oxford were a social and intellectual whirl, recorded in intimate detail in her long and frequent letters home, which form part of an archive of her papers donated to Somerville College Library. Aside from her studies, Sylvia was deeply involved in the Oxford University Film Society, of which she was Secretary.

On leaving Oxford Sylvia went to work for the documentary pioneer Paul Rotha at Films of Fact. There she worked as assistant to the director Peter Bradford, whom she married on 27 September 1947. Her career in films was relatively short, first at Films of Fact and then at DATA, but she worked on a number of significant films, including *The World Is Rich* (1947), and after abandoning work for motherhood she continued to have a strong input into her husband's filmmaking career.

When circumstances allowed, Sylvia trained as a teacher, gaining a Post-graduate Certificate in Education from the University of London in 1968. As a teacher, Sylvia's passion was the incorporation of local history into the school curriculum. However, she found teaching frustrating, and only taught for a few years, before moving into the National Health Service, where she coordinated voluntary services at Amersham Hospital. She found this job, which involved matching the right person to the right task, immensely rewarding, and in particular enjoyed working with young people on the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

In retirement in the village of Haddenham, Bucks, Sylvia continued the socially-committed charitable work that had been a marked feature of her life from university on. She set up a group to help the newly bereaved; supported the medical centre; worked with residents at the local Abbeyfield home on personal memoirs and creative writing; and with her husband was involved in various initiatives to rehabilitate young offenders. She also organised a monthly discussion group, the Café Society, which met to discuss cultural issues.

All this ran alongside a remarkable artistic flowering, which saw Sylvia devote herself wholeheartedly to exploring and developing her creativity. She took up painting and sculpture, exhibiting twice in Buckinghamshire Artweeks, but the best of her energy went on writing, mostly poetry but also plays on the Victorian fossil-hunter Mary Anning

and the Elizabethan organ-builder Thomas Dallam. Sylvia's poems appeared in two collections, *From the Bright House* (1991) and *Open House* (2002).

Although she never sought or achieved a high public profile, Sylvia lived a life devoted to intellectual curiosity, artistic creation, and social improvement. She always thought of herself as a Somerville girl, and remained true to the ideals of truth, honesty, and social justice that had inspired her in her Oxford days and in her film career.

She is survived by her husband and three children, William, Tom, and Emma.

EMMA BRADFORD

Hester Margaret Gatty Smallbone (Parrington, 1946)

My mother Hester Smallbone, who has died aged nearly 88, was a passionate campaigner for equality and fairness and a strong advocate of liberal values. In the later 1950s, after Suez and the crushing of the Hungarian uprising, she and my father, Derek, became active Liberals. In my teen years my mother and I went on demos together, in opposition to apartheid, and to arms sales to dictatorships. When the Ugandan Asians were expelled from East Africa, she welcomed refugees into her home. She carried a motion at the Liberal Party Conference to commit Liberals to campaigning to end arms sales to oppressive regimes.

Hester was a Liberal councillor in Richmond from 1961 to 1965, losing her seat after local government reorganisation, and then a Liberal parliamentary candidate. It was a good role for her. At just under 6 feet in height, taller than both her daughters, with blue eyes, porcelain skin, dark wavy hair and a strident voice, you could not fail to notice her.

She campaigned, often successfully, on many local issues – the Chiswick-Kew Sewerage Nuisance Abatement Committee was a particular family favourite. She was a Liberal community politician in an era when few women took on this role. She fought Douglas Jay in 1970 in Battersea North, Robert Carr in Sutton Carshalton in both the 1974 general elections, polling 21.3% of the vote in February 1974, and Hayes and Harlington in 1979. In the latter two constituencies she paved the way for subsequent triumphs. And she still features on the Liberal Democrat website.

In 1940 my mother had escaped a stultifying life in Kent to a mixed grammar school in Sheffield. She immediately joined the WAAF on completing school in 1942. As a radar operator she worked on home defence and had a “good war”. In 1946 she won an ex-service scholarship to Oxford to study History at Somerville, followed by a diploma in social work. Marriage to my father Derek and two daughters followed.

In the late 1980s she helped to organise a series of re-unions of everyone who had worked in wartime radar. After Derek’s death in 1994 she moved back to Oxford “to start life again”. Liberal Democrat politics and local campaigns continued even after she suffered a severe disabling stroke. She became a familiar local figure on her motorised scooter.

She is survived by her two daughters Teresa and Penelope, and her beloved four grandsons.

TERESA IRWIN SINGER

Beryl Hobson (Machan, 1947)

Beryl went up to Somerville after war service in the WRNS, where her clear diction and penetrating voice marked her down for air traffic control. She entered on the ex-service personnel scheme then available, just missing on the first round but fortunate to benefit from an early drop-out, freeing a place for her. Before serving in the Wrens, she had already started a mathematics degree at Bedford College, but had decided it was not for her, though not until after she had met her future husband, George, at Cambridge, to which Bedford College had been evacuated.

A woman studying geology was unusual in 1947 and she was, as far as I know, the only female student. She was certainly the only female on field trips to the Highlands, where she astonished her companions by demanding to know “Who’s the half for?” at a stop to quench thirst. These trips clearly involved numerous trips to the pub, in one of which the assembled company were asked, “Does yur gurl have the Gaelic?” On learning she did not, the questioner taught her to say, “Kiss my arse” in Gaelic, on the pretext that it was an order for a drink.

As well as being early into geology for a woman, she was an early adopter of the theory then called continental drift, which she said always made complete sense to her.

After leaving Oxford and getting married, she taught as a demonstrator at Manchester University, while working on her PhD. The PhD was on the structure of dinosaur bones, which she thought displayed characteristics of warm-blooded animals, a view now pretty much accepted, but then revolutionary.

A second son saw the PhD mothballed, sadly never to be completed, as she dedicated herself thereafter to family. Widowed at only 57, she was pleased to raise a family wholly scientific, two vets and a patent solicitor.

ANDREW HOBSON

Elizabeth Jean Longmate (Taylor, 1947)

Born in 1928, and often known as Betty, Elizabeth grew up in Lancashire. At 10, she won a county scholarship to Accrington Girls High School and, at 14, moved to Runcorn County Grammar School where she became Head Girl. Very musical, she was encouraged to consider becoming a concert pianist, but applied to Somerville instead.

Elizabeth recalled: 'I arrived in October 1947 in a W.R.N.S. skirt and Fire Service jacket, soon supplemented by a red cardigan from a parcel of clothing sent by American donors to the JCR... With an Exhibition in Modern History, the first Oxford entrant from my school and family, I had been told – get yourself a good career, enjoy yourself, don't be a bluestocking. The formality of one Tutor, calling me "Miss Taylor", and the sarcasm which met my first attempt at an essay, were startling. However, I did come to enjoy study for its own sake. University gave me confidence, and the ability to master a mass of material speedily... A Rowing Blue, and being Vice-President of the Spectator Club, added interest.'

Elizabeth was twice in the winning team in the Oxford University women's boat race, once with Valerie Brown (1948) who coxed. Friends met Elizabeth at Oxford station and carried her in triumph on their shoulders back to Somerville. She also wrote for *Isis* and joined the Labour Club, through which she met her future husband, Norman, a Worcester College historian. In the absence of her agnostic parents, he became her godfather, when she was baptized and confirmed on the same day at St Aldate's.

Obtaining her Dip.Ed. in Oxford, she taught History in a girls grammar school in Burnley, and later at St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School in London, which

she left to become the first Head of the History Department at Heriots Wood Grammar School. Her headmistress there said of her:

‘Her enthusiasm for her subject, her efficiency and hard work soon resulted in a flourishing department... The History room... housed a rapidly growing museum which was a source of interest to the whole school and a library of books... in constant use during the lunch hour. History became a living subject... The History Society met once a week... The Current Affairs Society kept its notice board up to date and invited outside speakers (from Siam, Peru, Pakistan, Nigeria, Russia, United States etc). In all aspects of her work..., Mrs Longmate used her penetrating mind and friendly personality to the full. She could be relied upon to give her own clear views in matters of school routine and discipline and always with the welfare of the girls at heart. She was a popular member of the Staff-room and relieved many a dull business meeting with her ready wit. Her contribution to school affairs, generally, was marked above all else by her attention to detail. Plans for any undertaking were drawn up with meticulous care, as though it were a highly complex military operation. Nothing ever went wrong...’



Oxford University Women's Boat Club, 1949. Front row, far left, Rona Gundry (obituary in 2011 Report); second from left, Betty Longmate; centre front, Valerie Nix (Brown, 1948; d. 14 Nov. 2011)

After marriage she lived in London. Following the birth of her daughter Jill, she taught part time at Barnes Secondary Modern and became a Chief Examiner for O level History with AEB (1962-7), and wrote a textbook, *Britain 1760-1970: A History for First Examinations* (George Phillips, 1973). A devoted, conscientious mother, she always made me feel safe, and was keen to open up new experiences, from simple pleasures like feeding the ducks in Kew Gardens or collecting fossils at Lyme Regis to singing in choirs and laughing uproariously at pantomime humour.

In 1968 she moved into senior management at Chiswick School, a mixed comprehensive, in charge of timetabling and girls' discipline, and became Deputy Head. She continued to write, with *Children at Work 1830-1885*, published by Longman in 1981.

Taking early retirement in 1982, she moved to Dorset. She volunteered for social work with older people, became Secretary of the Lyme Regis Society and a member of the parish council. She studied for a London University external Theology degree, at Manchester College, Oxford (1987-90), and then spent seven blissful years on her PhD, *The sermons of Parson James Woodforde 1740-1803* (1997). This included transcriptions of all the sermons, from original manuscripts in the Bodleian, and was described by examiners as 'an original contribution to our understanding of the 18th century Church of England.' She moved to Dorchester in 1998, where she died on 29 June 2011.

JILL LONGMATE (1978)

Catherine Stoye (Wells, 1947)

The news of Catherine's death in June this year after a short illness was a great shock and sadness to all who knew her, among them many Somervillians. In a lovely memorial service held in July in Magdalen College Chapel, filled to overflowing, we learnt much about her life, her interests and her achievements from her son Jonathan and others.

Catherine Wells was the daughter of the eminent zoologist GP Wells and granddaughter of the still more famous HG Wells, the science fiction writer and novelist. Catherine – or Kate as she was always called by her school and college friends – came to Somerville from Sherborne Girls School in Michaelmas 1947 to read mathematics. Her tutor was Kathleen Sarginson.

Kate was friendly and sociable and her room was soon a centre for tea and coffee parties. In those post-war years even bread was rationed and supplementing the college meals meant bicycling out to the cake factory. Discipline was strict, with an evening curfew and a daily breakfast register needing to be signed (or occasionally forged by a kind friend).

Kate's favourite outdoor activities were swimming, sailing and punting. She was very fond of music and played the flute. She auditioned for the Bach Choir and sang under Sir Thomas (Tommy) Armstrong. She also sang madrigals and later joined the Eglesfield Music Society. She had already started playing and singing at Bernard

Robinson's Music Camp at Bothampstead. At the memorial service Bernard's son told of Kate's lifelong devotion to camp and its reunions, and to Bernard himself.

"Somerville for us was dominated by Janet Vaughan" Kate once wrote of our year, and we were amazingly lucky to have a distinguished Principal who took a personal interest in us all. Kate loved Oxford, she enjoyed her subject and she made the most of living in college. In her third year she lived out and it was at a party, given by me and a friend, that Kate first met John Stoye, a brilliant and charming historian and a Fellow of Magdalen. They met at another party shortly after and that was it.

After getting her Maths degree Kate was persuaded to embark on a Diploma in Statistics but her heart was not in it and it was possibly her only failure. She and John married late in 1950, and their first son was born the next year. They then moved to Holywell Ford, described by Jonathan at the service as "perhaps the most idyllic location in Oxford, 'the house with the river under it'".

Catherine was a marvellous mother and became a great organiser of family life, cooking and looking after her four boys, entertaining history students and giving dinner parties,



with the help of a succession of *au pairs*. It was a wonderful house for the boys to grow up in and John and Catherine lived there for nearly thirty years before retiring to North Oxford.

During those years Catherine did a variety of maths teaching jobs for different colleges and also taught at Oxford High School. In 1977 she started to give mathematics tutorials at Somerville to first-year physicists studying for Honour Mods. She well understood the difficulties some found in the transition from school to university and successfully encouraged them to fulfil their potential, as her Mods maths results demonstrated. Carole Jordan, the Physics Fellow, was glad to have such an amiable and able colleague to teach maths for her and the undergraduates appreciated being entertained at her home. In 1984 Catherine was appointed as a retaining fee lecturer and taught until 1988. She was pleased to be a member of Somerville SCR and keenly supported College fund-raising events. Recently she was delighted when a granddaughter chose Somerville and got a first.

One of Catherine's areas of expertise was wild flowers and especially orchids. She and John made many visits to the Swiss Alps, walking and orchid-hunting. Another was pottery, which she took up in middle age. She made beautiful mugs, decorative tiles and other ambitious items. Her interest in early pottery led to numerous archaeological holidays with John. For the last five of these I took John's place and I am so grateful to him for insisting that Catherine go without him. She was the ideal companion. Sadly, a study day on Roman Glass remains outstanding.

When damage dating from radiotherapy made her right arm progressively unusable she learnt to write with her left hand and also mastered the computer with valuable help from sons and grandsons. These and other difficulties and restrictions she faced uncomplainingly, glad that she had far exceeded the expected survival time from cancer, unlike others she knew.

In 1947 Catherine had no idea that she would spend the rest of her life in Oxford. It was an industrious and fulfilling life. She had a long and very happy marriage, a loving family of whom she was justifiably proud, and a great many devoted friends.

ANN KENNEDY (CULLIS, 1947)

Ann Dummett (Chesney, 1948)

My dear friend Ann was a wonderfully life-affirming person. When she came into a room, she brought sunshine with her, such was her warmth and generosity of spirit. We arrived together at Somerville in the same year, 1948. I had had an exciting and in many ways privileged childhood. Ann, whose father was an actor moving from one job to another, often living out of suitcases in humble bed and breakfast accommodation, had been brought up in a household often short of life's comforts. But Ann found life itself so full of interest and excitement that such privations hardly mattered. A bright and highly intelligent girl, she found Somerville very satisfying. Within days she had got involved in Oxford's energetic political clubs, its acting and its journalism.

Ann's talents were such that she could have excelled in many areas. She could have been a brilliant journalist, a politician or followed her father into the theatre. She became President of the Oxford University Liberal Club, inviting many distinguished Liberals to speak, Jo Grimond, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, the young Robin Day. Ann's commitment was always less to her own career than to the values she espoused, liberty, tolerance, human rights.

In her third year she fell in love with a man who was to be widely described as a genius in philosophy, Michael Dummett. A brilliant logician and teacher, Michael explored some of the most difficult aspects of his subject, becoming a professor at Oxford University. His dedication to it was accompanied by passionately held views about society. A devout Roman Catholic, Michael was also dedicated to racial tolerance and social justice. Sometimes that dedication boiled over into outbreaks of anger and denunciation.

Ann was the perfect foil to Michael. She shared his values and his views, but her contribution was more emollient, often finding answers in empathy and understanding. Ann played a vital part in the setting up of the JCWI, the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, and in her work for good racial relations in her adopted city, Oxford. She rarely turned away anyone who needed her help. When racial tensions sharpened in the 1960s, some in response to the deeply disturbing prophecies of Enoch Powell, Ann was foremost among those who challenged him, campaigning against sometimes bigoted legislation that restricted asylum seekers and refugees.

A devout Catholic like her husband, Ann was the embodiment of the most radical and courageous publication of the Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, Joy and

Hope. A splendid mother, she brought to her family of five children, Christopher, my Godson, Andrew, Susie, Tessa and Paul, her own values and shared with them her own sense of happiness. When Michael died, Ann's friends anticipated time spent together recollecting her remarkable life and her partnership with Michael. But it was not to be – she survived him by only a few weeks. Her lasting memorial is appropriately a living one – the emergence in Britain of a society that appreciates the contribution of citizens of many different cultures, origins and colours, a microcosm of the world.

SHIRLEY WILLIAMS (CATLIN, 1948)

Nancy Rowlinson (Gaskell, 1948)

During Trinity Term of 1948 we first-year undergraduates were asked if each would contact a fresher coming up at Michaelmas to read the same subject. I agreed and was allotted Nancy Gaskell, a pupil of Bolton School, who had been awarded a Classics exhibition. We exchanged letters and on the first day of term I met her at the station and showed her to her room in East. We became friends and in the Long Vacation of 1949 travelled to Perugia together by train for three weeks at the Università per Stranieri, whence we visited Assisi and made trips to Rome and Florence.

And so it was that the following summer, when John Shorter and I had become engaged and wanted to make up a party to holiday in Skye, I naturally invited Nancy, and John invited John Rowlinson, with whom he had explored the Pyrenees the previous year. Had matchmaking been our intention, we could not have done better: both of them seemed unaware of the incessant rain as Nancy sang “I know where I'm going and I know who's going with me,” over and over again and John exclaimed “This girl has been up—” as some lofty peak was named.

After Nancy's graduation in 1952 they were married and lived in Sale, while John lectured in the Chemistry Department of Manchester University. Nancy taught briefly until Paul was born in 1954 and Stella in 1956. In 1960 they moved to Wimbledon, when John was appointed to a chair at Imperial College. Once the children were in school, Nancy resumed teaching, this time at Ricards Lodge High School, where Somervillian Helen Whale was headmistress. She also sang in a choir and served on the ASM committee. Holidays were taken in the Alps, and in Zermatt in 1973 Nancy confided to me that she felt life would not be the same any more, as Paul was going up to Hertford,

after which he would marry and seldom be seen again. A surprise was lurking just around the corner, however, as a few weeks later John found himself Dr. Lee's Professor of Physical Chemistry and Oxford became their home.

The move in 1974 saw the end of Nancy's teaching career, but presented scope for her many interests and abilities. The builders had left a wilderness outside their new house in Pullen's Field, so Nancy set to work to bring order out of chaos. She created a delightful garden with many flowers, shrubs and fruit bushes. For Nancy plants were a passion and she flew to far corners of the globe as a member of the Alpine Gardens Society. On one occasion, when she was with us in Hull, venerable Somervillian Janet Carpenter came for coffee and there were numerous animated exchanges about their gardens and their Greek holidays. Nancy also joined the gardening therapy team at the Churchill Hospital and remained with them for many years, during which our yogurt cartons were in constant demand. For many years too she sang with Oxford Harmonica and served on the Board of Governors of Milham Ford School, finally as Chair. She was also on the Wyndham House committee and was a keen member of the Wives' Club, again for some time as Chair.

Meanwhile much entertaining of visiting academics and others took place at home, all done with a light touch and with Nancy's inimitable humour. A good organiser, she thought nothing of having a dozen or more guests for a buffet lunch, making quiches and pizzas from basic ingredients. At times the house was bulging. Not all visitors were human: feline friends were also welcome to drop in and much appreciated the comforts she bestowed on them. When not acting as hostess Nancy was an avid solver of cryptic crosswords and Sudoku and savoured a good novel. Nancy and John were founder members of the Gorphwysfa Club, a group of professionals seeking recreation in the mountains and countryside at home and abroad, each New Year being seen in at Pen y Pass in Snowdonia. Nancy took a great individual interest in all her friends and their families, not to mention her six grandchildren, who in turn came to stay and be shown the sights of Oxford or enjoy the pantomime at Christmas. How thrilled she was at the arrival of great-grandson Oliver!

In her later years Nancy had much joy in being one of the flock at Holy Trinity, Headington Quarry and chose "Lord of all hopefulness" to be sung at her funeral. After her death my daughter e-mailed from Australia "I've been thinking a lot about Nancy: she was such a lovely lady and such fun."

MARY SHORTER 1947

Jenny Knauss (Dobbin, 1955)

Jennifer Lilian Margaret Dobbin grew up in a tiny village near Cambridge. Her father was a farmer; her mother an infant school teacher. The farm was near a military facility, and during World War II, German bombs fell around the farm. The experience left her with a lifelong concern for social justice. Her husband Don Moyer says that she grew up feeling she wanted to change a world that could let such things happen and she was encouraged by the ability of people from different backgrounds to work together on the farm and get through the difficulties. With her concern for others and perhaps her experiences in England, she favoured a national health insurance system.

Thanks to a scholarship Jenny attended the Perse School Cambridge. While there she met Bolanle, a Nigerian girl her age, which started Jenny's love of Nigeria. Jenny waltzed through Oxford majoring in History and fun. Barbara Harvey, one of Jenny's tutors there, recently wrote: "I remember her vividly and how she threw herself into Oxford life and all the opportunities it offered a young person of her abilities." This is well documented in Jenny's correspondence with her mother which is part of the *Jenny Knauss Papers* held at Deering Library, Northwestern University.

From 1960 she worked for the Nigerian Institute for Social and Economic Research at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and also taught at the university. In 1964 she moved to teach at the University of Ghana in Accra. There she met and married Peter Knauss and came to Chicago. Her son Orlando was born in 1966 and daughter Olivia in 1969.

Soon she was a single parent supporting the children, and her parents, by teaching hither and yon. Later she taught community health at the University of Illinois Medical School and later still she was a community organiser for the Suburban Health Systems Agency. During this period she was a major force in women's health issues with a national reach and reputation, which is also well documented in the *Jenny Knauss Papers*.

In May 1982 Jenny met the physicist and historian of science Don Moyer; they married in July 1983.

In 1983 Jenny accepted the challenge of turning the not-for-profit Illinois Caucus on Teenage Pregnancy (later the Illinois Caucus on Adolescent Health) into an effective state-wide advocacy agency, which she did in award-winning fashion. She travelled the state advocating at public health agencies on issues related to adolescent health. She was especially happy about empowering young persons to advocate.

Consequences of a serious brain injury acquired in Nigeria caught up with Jenny, bringing symptoms diagnosed ultimately as Alzheimer's in April 2002. She retired at the end of 2002, started sketching, and never looked back.

By summer 2009 her children, physicians and Don could not avoid concluding that her safety must no longer depend on a person his age with his own health issues; that she needed full time skilled care. Since care available for Jenny was far superior in Maryland than in Illinois, she entered a care facility there, near where Olivia lives, in September 2009. Jenny passed away there on 11 June 2012.

For the first few years after diagnosis she was able to be a forceful advocate for better understanding of her Alzheimer's fellow travellers and for increased funding for Alzheimer's research and programs. Recently a leader in Alzheimer's care said that she was very deeply moved by the clarity of Jenny's commitments and by the honesty of Jenny's actions.

A famous interviewer taping a TV spot on Alzheimer's for the *Today Show* asked her why she wasn't unhappy. She answered that nothing since had been as scary as the bombs falling around the farm when she was very young, that she'd had a full life working to change the world which let those bombs fall, that she's much too busy to be unhappy. The TV spot did not run. Jenny did not fit any mould.

CAROLINE CRACRAFT, 1961

Virginia Pasley (Wait, 1956)

Virginia had so many interests and skills, and so much energy that her death from cancer in September 2011 at the age of 74 came when she was still full of vigour and zest for life.

Her wartime childhood as an evacuee from London, and disrupted by frequent moves, was not particularly happy, though she did enjoy riding and other country pursuits. Even these however could have their downside – one spell living beside a farm supplying blackcurrants to a Ribena factory made her say it was years before she could face another blackcurrant. Later, at Godolphin School she found the constraints and restrictions of boarding school life difficult, though she did make there some lifelong friends, and acquire enough education to gain a place at Somerville.



Between school and college, Virginia was made to do a London Season as a debutante, which predictably she hated. She also went to Paris to improve her French, and while there went to the Cordon Bleu Cookery School – and how her friends benefited from that in later years! She also did some travelling of a typically adventurous sort, going to Istanbul with a borrowed suitcase, hairbrush, and even clothes, as her own luggage had been lost en route. She continued on to India in a Landrover, doing some at least of this journey alone, and only then returned to England and college.

She entered Somerville in 1956, to read Physics, apparently on her father's advice that to apply for a Science would give her a better chance of a place. Her tastes and her friends, however, were all on the side of Arts and Humanities and she found the work, especially the essential lab time, hard going. There was of course much to enjoy in Oxford life: sailing on Port Meadow (the air sometimes blue with her forceful comments); theatre, music and opera, where Mozart was always her top favourite; vacation travels, and the start of many lifelong friendships. She also sported a Labour Party rosette at election

time, though later she became an active and hardworking supporter of the LibDems.

During one vacation, still in the days when tourists were few, Virginia went again to Turkey with a mixed group of Oxford friends, and told how they had been visiting some beautiful spot by moonlight when local youths appeared from behind a pillar and enquired politely if the boys really needed all the girls, or could they perhaps borrow one or two for the evening?

Virginia also worked for a publisher in New York, where her English accent was much appreciated, and took the opportunity to travel across the country by Greyhound Bus. She returned to England to the Athlone Press, and in 1965 her real happiness began when she met and married Malcolm Pasley (later Sir Malcolm, Bart.), a Lecturer and distinguished Kafka scholar at Magdalen and from 1991 Fellow of the British Academy. It was an extremely happy marriage, and their two sons were a great joy to Virginia, as were later her grandchildren, who became the reason for further happy travels – to South Africa and Bangladesh.

Malcolm and Virginia lived in Oxford, and she became a very good gardener with considerable knowledge and a painter's eye for colour and form in her planting. She also ran an allotment, whose superb produce, allied with her enthusiastic cooking, made her a memorable hostess.

All her life Virginia did voluntary work: for meals-on-wheels and the Summertown Library; for the Botanic Garden; for the LibDems with sponge cakes and plant sales and also providing accommodation for members of the Welsh National Opera Orchestra on tour in Oxford.

For over two decades, Virginia's two most heartfelt commitments were to Somerville College and the Ashmolean Museum, and for these she used to the full her knowledge and organisational abilities, and also developed considerable computer skills.

She was a Friend of the Ashmolean for twenty-seven years, including ten as a valued member of the Activities' Team, organising visits and other Friends' events.

She joined the Somerville Association Committee in 1988, and for many years was "Minutes Secretary" and an active contributor to discussions. From 2003 she was also Treasurer of the Senior Members' Fund until ill health forced her resignation. For all this time she was also a loyal supporter of events, to which she brought her usual energy, enthusiasm and sense of fun.

Soon after Malcolm retired he tragically developed MS, and Virginia then looked after him devotedly for thirteen years, at great cost to herself, though she would only say how good and patient he was. She bore his illness and death as she did her own illness and treatment, with great fortitude and bravery, and she remained to the very end in control of her own life.

CAROLINE KENNY (ARTHUR, 1956)

Elizabeth Clarissa Wiclif Hummerstone (Barker, 1962)

Clarissa Barker was born after her parents' return from India, where her father was a civil engineer. Her mother died when she was less than a year old and her much older father was by then an invalid: Clarissa remembered the oxygen cylinders ranged by the door as she played on his bed. He too died before she was old enough to go to school.

Strong willed and lively, she soon became 'too much' for her grandmother, with her regime of 'white gloves and very old-fashioned manners'. Together with her sister, Bridget (already away at school), she was removed to a huge, and similarly old-fashioned, home in Birmingham, under the charge of her godmother. Long holidays were spent at the seaside home of elderly cousins of extremely regular habits. Clarissa too took on 'old-fashioned' ways: 'that little girl,' she remarked of a playmate, 'has no conversation'.

At six she was sent to Whitford Hall, a private boarding school, where she was the smallest pupil, and the headmistress became an affectionate friend for life. She was next sent to S. Mary and S. Anne, Abbots Bromley, where she acquired her deep attachment to Anglican Catholicism, from which she never wavered. She also received a decent academic education, excelling at General Knowledge and taking Greek at a neighbouring boys' school.

It sounds a bleak beginning. But little 'Titch' was, by nature, affectionate, and gallant; a born leader with an aptitude for friendship. Orphaned as she was, the staff, friends and the school meant a great deal to her. She was often in mischief and as punishment spent hours polishing the chapel silver with her friends: being Clarissa, they enjoyed it.

In 1962 she went up to Somerville, her mother's college and that of her godmother, Constance Winifred Savery, one of the first women to be admitted to an Oxford degree in 1920 and a noted children's novelist.

Clarissa herself read Classics, switched after Mods to English, took a good degree, and married Jeremy Hummerstone in 1966 after her graduation. At Somerville Clarissa was a notable figure, galloping across the quad behind Bella the basset hound; rebuked by Miss Ramm for coming late to chapel 'unsuitably dressed' in a torn man's shirt snapped up at a jumble sale; stealing extra sausages at Sunday breakfast; relishing thoughts of black chocolate and lapsang souchong, while proffering elderly scraps of cheese to guests at 'Pooh Corner'. 'I will not eat cheese rinds when we are married', said Jeremy – but he often had to. But she was altogether made up of kindness, drawing outsiders into her circle of affection, so that, again, at college she made lifelong friends.



After he had qualified as a teacher, she and Jeremy were three years in Papua New Guinea where he taught in Anglican schools and their first two sons were born. In 1970 they came home. Soon a third son was born, and later their four daughters, restoring to her the family she had lost. Jeremy was ordained in 1972, and served entirely in country parishes, finally in Great Torrington in North Devon, where he was vicar for thirty years until his retirement. Here the children were brought up and in the work of a country parsonage Clarissa found her vocation.

Life became her creative medium. She put in practice Constance Savery's motto, 'As for me and my house we will serve the Lord', in a kind of continual mad parish party of feasts and festivals, care for others and neglect of self. By hard work, faith and determination she fashioned a magic world out of family memory, Anglican tradition and sheer imagination: a world peopled by children, animals, friends, drunks, tramps and strangers; besides the incapable, the lonely, and the sad. 'She was boundlessly confident and happy in the company of people she met accidentally in shops or buses

and was constantly bringing visitors home'. She got everyone working with her and to her design, coming to take and staying to contribute, wholeheartedly and with aching backs, to unlikely enterprises. The foundation of it all was love. Clarissa loved people, not blindly – she was astringently clear-sighted and a wonderful story-teller, making the encounters she related 'much more exciting than if they had happened to oneself' – but with unfailing generosity and interest. 'Everyone here' said my daughter at her funeral 'thinks Clarissa was their special friend.' Miraculously, she really was. Clarissa never gave up on anyone. She was completely single minded (one of the sources of her power), disapproving of values outside her own, but never intolerant of people themselves. She had an innocence and joy that kept her young.

She died, quite without warning, of a stroke, never regaining consciousness. She is survived by her sister, husband, 7 children and 12 grandchildren.

SUSAN ANTHONY (FARROW, 1961)

Janet Katharine Nash (de Gruchy, 1965)

Janet was born in Woodford and lived her early life in Becton, where her father worked for the Gas Board as it was then. This whole area is now under the runways of London City Airport. She suffered from poor respiratory health as a young child – she was totally deaf in one ear from early childhood – and for health reasons she went away to school, first in Norfolk and then to Rye Grammar School as a boarder. Aided no doubt by the excellent education they provided, she obtained a place at Somerville, where she read Zoology, specialising in entomology, ecology and animal behaviour (ethology). On completing her degree she went on a field trip with the University Scientific Society, to a site on the north coast of Scotland. The purpose of the expedition was to conduct a census of Oak Eggar moth caterpillars, but, in the dry summer of 1968, it only found two, one of which was crossing the road – it nearly got run over!

Here, a mere 700 miles from the University where they had both already studied for three years, she met her future husband John. They were married the following year (1969). She completed some research on the ecology of the woodlouse, and also obtained a PGCE, which was to come in useful later.

Janet and John (yes, this combination caused endless amusement to children later) settled in Woodstock and their daughter was born. After three years there, they moved

back to Oxford, their older son was born and John completed his training as a doctor and then specialist. Their younger son was born at the end of the long hot drought summer of 1976.

John obtained a tenured University Hospital post in Liverpool, and the family moved to the Wirral, accompanied by Janet's widowed father. Here Janet busied herself looking after the family and nurturing the children. Later, she put a lot of time, effort and tenderness into caring for her father as he gradually became more infirm. Eventually he needed care in a nursing home, and Janet, now with more time available, looked outside for things to exercise her mind.

She said she now wanted to do something a bit more useful (!) with her life, and for about seven years worked as a tutor in the Liverpool Medical School. She also took on duties for the Health Authority, culminating in working as a governor for Wirral Hospital School.

Janet had a strong Christian faith, supported the local parish church and served as a deputy and then full churchwarden. She continued with this service ethic even as her final illness overtook her, serving on the school appeals panel only six weeks before she died.

After all the children married (in reverse order of age) and grandchildren began to arrive, she showed a remarkable talent for the role of grandmother and the special way in which grandparents can play with their grandchildren. For example, on one occasion she was seen crawling around on a lead being led by a grandson, apparently playing the part of a dog.

She suspected from spring 2010 that her illness would probably not be curable, but remained cheerful and active and determined to cram in as much as possible, including numerous visits to family at their various distant locations. As her final illness overtook her she maintained a fortitude of a quite remarkable degree, not wishing to upset her family and the professionals caring for her. She died peacefully in St. John's Hospice, Wirral in the early hours of Friday August 26th 2011.

She is survived by her husband, three children and seven grandchildren, who all miss her greatly.

JOHN NASH

Cynthia Whiffin (Mingham, 1965)

Throughout her life Cyndy was driven by a deep sense of social injustice and inequality. This was reflected in all that she strove to achieve.

Cyndy was born and raised in South London. Her father worked on the railways and her mother ran a café in the Old Kent Road but despite having no formal education themselves, they strongly encouraged Cyndy to work hard at school and she distinguished herself not only in her academic studies but also in sport and music. She completed her secondary school career in Sussex after the family moved to Peacehaven and in 1965 she was awarded a place to read Chemistry at Somerville.



On arriving at Somerville it was apparent that Cyndy was a keen and talented sportswoman and she was soon playing for the university in netball and hockey and gained a blue in each sport. She had a strong social conscience and organised the War on Want lunches that were held every fortnight in the West JCR in conjunction with Merton College and regularly attended by the chemists. She would continue to have a strong commitment to charitable work throughout her life.

Despite her hard-working and serious attitude there was a lighter, fun-loving side to Cyndy. In 1965 the mini-skirt became fashionable and we all started wearing ever shorter skirts. Cyndy managed to get her picture (wearing a very short mini-skirt indeed) on the front page of the *Daily Mail*. Her parents were not at all pleased but I think her contemporaries were quite jealous of her fame and she certainly looked good in her pink mini-skirt.

After graduating Cyndy left Oxford in 1968 to attend Leicester University and begin the career in social work in which she would achieve such success. In 1969 she married

Alan Whiffin and began working in Liverpool. Although she had encountered poverty and deprivation in South London, she was deeply affected by the extreme poverty and sense of despair that she encountered in Liverpool where she specialized in work with children and families. These experiences remained with her for the rest of her life. She quickly progressed into operational management and was the youngest area manager in Lancashire Social Services. She then moved into research and eventually to Social Work education at Liverpool University.

In 1976 she gave up full time work to raise her family – Ruth, Toby and David – but continued to teach and supervise students in a number of voluntary and statutory agencies including Barnardo's as she followed her husband around the country. She was one of the first four Fellows to receive a Gulbenkian Foundation scholarship to pursue research in Social Services policy development.

In 1984 Cyndy and Alan moved to Chearsley in Buckinghamshire. She joined Buckinghamshire Social Services where she became training manager responsible for social worker post-qualification training. She was then appointed as a regional inspector with the General Social Care Council where she took National lead responsibility for post-qualifying training and the development of a new Social Work degree as well as carrying out assessments of social workers from other countries wanting to work in the UK.

Besides her family and career commitments she enjoyed the village life in Chearsley. She loved to drive fast cars, was a keen gardener and an enthusiastic member of the Aylesbury Choral Society. She also took up golf which she played with great flair and enthusiasm. Throughout her life she maintained contact with a wide circle of friends from Somerville and frequently attended Somerville events both in Oxford and also in London. For several years she was an enthusiastic volunteer on the 'Somerville Souvenirs Committee' and worked tirelessly to choose and sell merchandise for the College.

When we met, last November, Cyndy was very much enjoying the start of a busy and fulfilling retirement. She was working as a volunteer with the Oxford University Museums and also with Thames Valley Partnership where she helped to staff a help desk in local Crown Courts to provide advice and support to the families of those sent to prison. On the last day I saw her she was in the Oxford Museum of Science

demonstrating the existence of static electricity to a group of enthralled children. It is tragic that she should pass away so soon after that and those of us who knew her at Somerville will miss a very dear friend. Her funeral in Chearsley was attended by literally hundreds of people – a fitting tribute to someone who put so much into her life.

PATRICIA SAVOURS (JONES, 1965) AND MONICA JONES (AYRES, 1965)

Jonathan Roberts (2010)

Jonathan Drury Roberts was an outgoing, enthusiastic young man with many interests. He was caring, thoughtful and compassionate and relished new opportunities and experiences. He was born on the 25th October 1990 at The Whittington Hospital. 'Jonny' as he was often called grew up in North London with his parents Russell and Penny and three younger sisters Sarah, Elizabeth and Helena, he was a wonderful son and brother.

Jonathan attended Yerbury Primary School in Islington and then went on to attend Westminster Under School where he was captain of Fleuries House. At Westminster Upper School he won the History Prize. His interest in the subject was noted even by his reception class teacher at his Primary School who remarked in his first school report that 'he knew more about medieval history than most grown ups'.

Jonathan loved football. In a memorable school quarter final, Jonny won the penalty that got his team and house through 1-0. His team went on to win the 11-a-side tournament. In almost typical Jonathan fashion, he later broke his arm and so couldn't play in the final 2 games.



He was a keen cricketer from a young age and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Lord's Cricket Ground. Following his Bar Mitzvah he taught Hebrew weekly at Belsize Square Synagogue Sunday School where he excelled as a teacher and which was something he thoroughly enjoyed. At school he loved art and was a keen photographer, winning the Photography prize at Westminster too.

On leaving Westminster Jonathan took a gap year and worked at Giacobazzi's delicatessen in South End Green and at a music publishers, where he pursued his interest in music. This funded his solo travels to America where he visited New York and Los Angeles and stayed with relatives in Memphis, Tennessee and Phoenix, Arizona.

During this trip Jonny was also able to indulge his great interest in the American Civil War and the Civil Rights movement, visiting many famous battlefields and memorials and the inspiring (according to Jonny) Martin Luther King/Civil Rights Museum in Memphis and where the family have now donated a memorial brick for Jonny.

In October 2010, he came up to Somerville, where he studied history. Jonathan loved his time at College and the friends he made there.

He passed away on the 25th June 2011 as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

SARAH ROBERTS, OLIVER REES, RUSSELL ROBERTS



Academic Report



Examination Results, 2011-2012

Ancient and Modern History

- Class 1 Elliot **Claydon-Knights**;
 Edmund **Davison**
- Class II.1 Elliot **Friedland**

Biochemistry, Molecular and Cellular (MBiochem)

- Class I Elizabeth **Allan**
- Class II.1 Michael **Williams**
- Class II.2 Woo Jin **Seung**

Biological Sciences

- Class I Amy **McCourt**
- Class II.1 Jennifer **Lee**
 Kathryn **Roberts**

Chemistry (MChem)

- Class I Matt **Rattley**
 Christoph **Schnedermann**
 Robert **Spence**
- Class II.1 Sophia **Cheng**
 Edward **Cope**
 Alice **Leach**

Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

- Class II.1 Rebecca **Schofield**
 Philippa **Smithson**

Classics and Modern Languages

- Class II.1 Danyal **Shafiqat**

Computer Science

- Class III May **Kho**

English and Modern Languages (French)

- Class II.1 Sara Helen **Binney**

Engineering (MEng)

- Class II.1 Bethan **Meadowcroft**
- Class II.2 Sachin **Bhanot**
 Mahader **Kassa**
 Waheedullah **Safi**

English Language and Literature

- Class II.1 Rachel **Boakes**
 Manuela **Galan**
 Eleanor **Hardy**
 Natasha **Hayes**
 Anna **Lewis**
 Rosalind **Newman**
 Joe **Rainer**
 Sinead **Tulley**
 Amelia **Walsh**

European and Middle Eastern Languages (Italian and Arabic)

- Class II.1 Margaret **Scarborough**

Experimental Psychology

- Class I Isabel **Berwian**
- Class II.1 Lucy **Dubberley**
 Matthew **Isard**

History

- Class I Joseph **Harding**
- Class II.1 Hannah **Boylan**
 Si Yuan **Chen**
 Robert **Hayes**
 Matthew **Lain**
 Anna **Matei**
 Ralph **Turner**
 Christopher **Ward**
 Sally Sze **Ting**

History and Economics

- Class II.1 Abigail **Cunliffe-Hall**

History and English

- Class II.1 Anusha **Couttigane**

History and Modern Languages (French)

- Class II.1 Sophie **Jones**

Human Sciences

- Class I Elinor **McDaniell**

Jurisprudence

- Class II.1 Damilola **Oshowo**
 Michael **Harper**

Literae Humaniores

- Class I Juliane **Zachhuber**
- Class II.1 David **Burgess**
 Edmund **Cassidy**
 Gaspard **Lindon**
 Samuel **Newton**
 Meeraben **Rolaz**

Mathematics (BA)Class II.1 Laura **Buffett**

Mathematics (MMath)Class I Timothy **Hutty**Class II.1 Josephine **Messa**Class II.2 Clara **Williams**

**Mathematics and
Computer Science
(MMathCompSci)**Class II.1 Andreas **Neufeld**

**Mathematics and
Philosophy (MMathPhil)**Class I Jessica **Whittlestone**

**Mathematics and
Statistics (MMath)**Class II.1 Almat **Zhantikin**

Medical SciencesClass I Ain **Neuhaus**Class II.1 Sara **Ffrench-Constant**
Thomas **White**

Modern LanguagesClass I Rosie **Bennison**Class II.1 Hanna **Creech**
Matthew **Waksman**
Peter **Stewart**
Claire **Morley**

MusicClass I Athena **Corcoran-Tadd**Class II.1 David **Hughes**Class II.2 Tal **Katsir**

**Philosophy, Politics
and Economics**Class I Samantha **Edmondson**
Chris **Hilborne**
Jacob **Williamson**Class II.1 Joseph **de Sousa**
Matthew **James**
Alexander **Eng**
Yong **Lau**
Amelia **Lowe**
Harold **Packer**
Sonam **Patel**
Ruvim **Paunovic**
David **Railton**

Physics (MPhys)Class I Robin **Aggleton**
James **Gundry**
David **Thomas**
Richard **Wolstenhulme**

Physics (BA)Class II.1 Lucy **Veys**Class II.2 Ram **Joshi**

Psychology and PhilosophyClass II.1 Fraser **Anderson**

Note: All students are offered the choice, at the start of their course, of opting out of any public list that the University or College may produce. There are therefore the following results to announce, without reference to subject or name:

Class I = 2

Class II.1 = 13

Class II.2 = 2

Graduate Results, 2011-2012

Postgraduate diploma in Diplomatic Studies (FSP)

Pass **Aqsa Nawaz**

Bachelor of Civil Law

Pass **Hugh Aitkin**
Manavi Belgaumkur*
William Osborn

Second BM

Distinction **Emily Tweed**
Pass **George Abraham**
Francesca Harrington
Rebecca Naples
James Richardson

Master of Studies

Creative Writing

Pass **Patrick Cash***

English (650 -1550)

Distinction **Andrew Parkinson**
Pass **Alexandra Paddock**

English (1550 -1700)

Pass **Elizabeth Markon**

English (1800 – 1914)

Pass **Claire Johnstone**

English (1900 – present)

Distinction **Jee Hyan Choi**

Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature

Pass **April Ross**

Global and Imperial History

Pass **Jonathan Ward**

Philosophy of Physics

Distinction **Robert Marsland III**

Master of Science

Applied Statistics

Distinction **Anjali Gupta***
Pass **Mei Zhang***

Contemporary India

Pass **Pooja Jaiswal**

Global Governance and Diplomacy

Pass **Ty McCormick**
Amol Naik

Latin American Studies

Pass **Helena Powell**

Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing

Distinction **Kerui Min***
Pass **Annika Wipprecht***

Pharmacology

Pass **Tasneem Arsiwala***

Master of Philosophy

Economics

Distinction **Takuma Habu**
Martin Kissinger

Political Theory

Distinction **Aveek Bhattacharya**

Doctor of Philosophy

Biochemistry

Claire Chivers
Nadina Wand
Mohd Norhakim Yahya

English

Stephen Pink

International Relations

Peter Zeniewski

Particle Physics

Samuel Whitehead

Politics

Helen McCabe

Note: This list is accurate at the time of print and some exam results may be released after this date. Graduates with an * after their names completed in 2010/11, but their results were released after going to print, and are therefore included here.

Awards to Undergraduate, Graduate and Postgraduate Students 2011-12:

Scholarships and Exhibitions awarded to
undergraduates in residence for work of especial merit:

Barraclough Scholarships

Thomas **Allsup** (History);
Tess **Little** (History)

Bull Scholarship

Benedict **Hardy** (English)

Cobbe Scholarships

Wojciech **Bazant** (Mathematics);
Rowena **Evans** (Mathematics);
Natalie **Fung** (Physics); David
Thomas (Physics); Alex **Watson**
(Engineering); Jessica **Whittlestone**
(Mathematics and Philosophy);
Richard **Wolstenhulme** (Physics);
Yue **Zhang** (Mathematics and
Computer Science)

Coombs Scholarship

Joanna **Demaree-Cotton** (Psychology
and Philosophy); Sophie **Turnbull**
(Experimental Psychology)

Dukinfield Scholarships

Ruth **Corrigan** (Clinical Medicine);
Miriam **Longmore** (Clinical
Medicine); Ain **Neuhaus** (Medical
Sciences); Rachel **Smith**
(Clinical Medicine)

Pope Scholarship

Fraser **Anderson** (Psychology
and Philosophy)

Scopes Scholarships

Alexander **Portz** (Chemistry);
Thomas **Mortimer** (Biochemistry)

Seymour Scholarships

Anahita **Hoose** (Classics);
Simon **Mahony** (Classics)

Barraclough Exhibitions

Alex **Dutson** (History); Joshua **Jordan**
(History); Tess **Little** (History)*; Daniel
Purcell (History); Philippa **Smithson**
(Classical Archaeology and Ancient
History); Laura **Cooper** (Modern
Languages); Barnaby **Geddes-O'Dolan**
(Classics and Modern Languages)

Cobbe Exhibition

Charlotte **Daniels** (Physics)

Coombs Exhibitions

Joanna **Demaree-Cotton** (Psychology
and Philosophy)*; Sophie **Turnbull**
(Experimental Psychology)*

Hodge Exhibitions

Robert **Hayes** (History);
Christopher **Ward** (History)

Pope Exhibitions

Kate **Hosker** (Modern Languages);
Gwilym **Hughes** (Modern
Languages); Niamh **Tupman**
(Modern Languages); Charles
Chichester (Modern Languages)

Scopes Exhibitions

Shuying Angela **Zhou** (Chemistry);
Jack **Kennedy** (Biochemistry);
Cornelia **Roibu** (Biochemistry)

Cobbe College Prize

Stanislav **Zavjalov** (Physics); Robin
Aggleton (Physics); James **Gundry**
(Physics)

Penrose College Prize

Alexander **Probodziak** (PPE);
Dominic **Stanford** (English and
Modern Languages)

**Raised from an Exhibition to a
Scholarship over the course of the
academic year.*

Medical Fund Scholarships – Pelly fund

Joseph **Collinson**; Rachel **Smith**;
Elizabeth **Brett**

Prizes and Other Awards to Undergraduates and Graduates

Archibald Jackson Prizes (for Graduates with a Distinction in their exams in 2012)

Aveek **Bhattacharya** (Political Theory); Jee Hyan **Choi** (English (1900-present)); Takuma **Habu** (Economics); Martin **Kissinger** (Economics); Robert **Marsland III** (Philosophy of Physics); Andrew **Parkinson** (English 650-1550); Emily **Tweed** (Clinical Medicine)

College Prizes (for a First Class or Distinction in all exams other than Finals in 2012)

Ewan **Blackledge** (PPE); Brendan **Brett** (Ancient and Modern History); **Jessica Eastwood** (Chemistry); **Zoe Fannon** (PPE); David **Henckert** (Clinical Medicine); **Anahita Hoose** (Classics); **Marcin Konowalczyk** (Chemistry); **Susan Leung** (Chemistry); **Simon Mahony** (Classics); **Rebecca McKie** (CAAH); **Richard Nias** (Mathematics and Philosophy); **Charlie Northcott** (History); **Philip Oddie** (Medical Sciences); **Stephen O'Driscoll** (History); **Joseph Page** (Mathematics); **Bogdan Panait** (Mathematics and Computer Science); **Linda Perkio** (Engineering);

Rory Robinson (Mathematics); **Albert Slawinski** (Mathematics and Computer Science); **Robert Smith** (History); **Dominic Stanford** (English and Modern Languages); **William Truefitt** (English); **Fabian Ying** (Mathematics); **Youlin Yuan** (PPE)

Mary Somerville Prizes (for a First in the Final Honour School Examinations in 2012)

Robin Aggleton (Physics); **Elizabeth Allan** (Biochemistry); **Rosie Bennison** (Modern Languages); **Isabel Berwian** (Experimental Psychology); **Elliot Claydon-Knights** (Ancient and Modern History); **Athena Corcoran-Tadd** (Music); **Edmund Davison** (Ancient and Modern History); **Samantha Edmondson** (PPE); **James Gundry** (Physics); **Alex Harding** (History); **Chris Hilborne** (PPE); **Timothy Hutty** (Mathematics); **Amy McCourt** (Biological Sciences); **Elinor McDaniel** (Human Sciences); **Ain Neuhaus** (Medical Sciences); **Matt Rattley** (Chemistry); **Christoph Schnedermann** (Chemistry); **Robert Spence** (Chemistry); **David Thomas** (Physics); **Jessica Whittlestone** (Mathematics and Philosophy); **Jacob Williamson** (PPE); **Richard Wolstenhulme** (Physics); **Juliane Zachhuber** (Classics)

Note: There are two Firsts which cannot be documented as the students have chosen to opt out.

Margaret Irene Seymour Instrumental Awards

Brendan Brett (Ancient and Modern History); **Si Yuan Chen** (History); **Tal Katsir** (Music); **Lucy Nolan** (Music); **Joe Rainer** (English); **Aimee Taylor** (Music)

Postgraduate Awards

Horsman Scholarships

Grace **Benton** (History, 2007); Hannah **Boylan** (History, 2009); Hannah **Carnegy-Arbuthnott** (Philosophy and Modern Languages, 2007); Hanna **Creech** (Modern Languages, 2008); Alexandra **Davey** (Biological Sciences, 2006); Sally **Dickinson** (English, 2008); Cerys **Evans** (Biological Sciences, 2004); Carl **Gibson** (Classics and Modern Languages, 2006); Hazel **Gray** (PPE, 1995); Eleanor **Hardy** (English, 2009); Natasha **Hayes** (English, 2009); Ruth **Hopkins** (Music, 2001); Pamela **Hunt** (Modern History, 2003); Sophie **Jones** (History and Modern Languages, 2008); Claire **Johnstone** (English, 2008); Martin **Kissinger** (Economics, 2010); Joe **Lane** (Modern History, 2008); Damilola **Oshowo** (Law, 2009); Ian **Polding** (Biological Sciences, 2009); Helena **Powell** (Latin American Studies, 2008); David **Railton** (PPE, 2009); Rebecca **Schofield** (CAAH, 2009); David **Schroeren** (Philosophy of Physics, 2010); Rosemary **Shakespear** (Music, 2006); Richard **Stedman** (Physics, 1999); Bethan **Tanner** (Experimental Psychology, 2008); Sacha **Wason** (2007)

Somerville College Alumni Scholarships

Elliot **Claydon-Knights** (Ancient and Modern History, 2009); Louis **Fletcher** (English, 2009); Margaret **Scarborough** (European and Middle Eastern Languages, 2008); Juliane **Zachhuber** (Classics, 2008)

University and External Awards

Elizabeth Anscombe Prize

Jacob **Williamson** (PPE)

Gibbs Prize

Philip **Oddie** (Medicine)

Hogan Lovells Law Prize

Harry **Challands** (Law)

Organic Chemistry Thesis Prize

Matt **Rattley** (Chemistry)

Somerville Alumni Lawyers Group

Michael **Harper** (Law)

Turbutt Prize

Jessica **Eastwood** (Chemistry); Philippa **Makepeace** (Chemistry)

Students entering College in 2011-12

Undergraduates

Ancient and Modern History

Michael Brett, *Henry Box School*

Biochemistry in Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry

Alice Cross, *St Mary's School*

Timothy Goodman, *King Edward's School*

Karl Hudson, *Methodist College*

Matthew Kerr, *Whitgift School*

Biological Sciences

Jessica Chen, *Havant College*

Helena Connors, *Guildford High School*

Alethea Hutchison, *Hills Road Sixth Form College*

Samuel Levin, *Monument Mountain Regional High School*

Sophie Philbrick, *Teesdale Science College and Sixth Form*

Mengni Qian, *Hangzhou Foreign Language School*

Jennifer Scrine, *Godolphin and Latymer School*

Rebecca Watkins, *Hereford Sixth Form College*

Chemistry

Jessica Eastwood, *Christ's Hospital*

Marcin Konowalczyk, *Hurstpierpoint College*

Susan Leung, *Sussex Downs College*

Josh Milner, *Netherthorpe School*

Rachel Porter, *Glenlola Collegiate School*

Ruiqi Yu, *Bishop Stortford College*

Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

Robert Forsyth, *St Peter's School*

Rebecca McKie, *Maidstone Girls' Grammar School*

Engineering Science

James Bamford, *Hampton School*

Richard Beck, *West Cumbria Catholic VI Form Centre*

Martin Engelcke, *Gymnasium Schillerschule Hannover*

Younan Li, *Cambridge International Centre of Shanghai Normal*

Linda Perkio, *Katedralskolan, Linköping*

Michael Scott, *Royal Belfast Institute*

English Language and Literature

Christopher Beer, *Queen Elizabeth High School*

Jolyon Coates, *Eton College*

Clara Collyns, *Alleyn's School*

Sian Davila, *Harris City Technology College*

Kate Ingham Roy, *Bacon's College*

Toby Mann, *Merchant Taylors' School*

Rosemary Pearce, *Wells Cathedral School*

Ruby Riley, *Cardinal Vaughan School*

Isabel Sinagola, *Altrincham Girls' Grammar School*

William Truefitt, *All Hallows Catholic High School*

English and Modern Languages

Lena Naassana, *British International School*

Dominic Stanford, *Sir William Borlases School*

Experimental Psychology

Rasa Narbutaite, *Utena Adolfas Sapoka Gymnasium*

Jamie Stiff, *Hanham High School*

Mengxi Wang, *Victoria Junior College*

History

Olivia Arigho Stiles, *Tonbridge Girls' Grammar School*

Harris Clough, *Havant College*

Rebecca Daley, *Lancaster Girls' Grammar School*

Amy Fowlie, *King Edward VI College*

Emma Hardie, *Ladies College*

Charlie Northcott, *Eton College*

Stephen O'Driscoll, *Cardinal Vaughan School*

Sarika Sharma, *Surrey Institute of Art & Design*

Robert Smith, *King Edward VI Camp Hill Boys School*

Matthew Tansini, *Fettes College*

History and Economics

Andrew Edsall, *South Eugene High School*

Jane Lefley, *Leicester Grammar School*

Henry Robinson, *Waddesdon C of E Secondary School*

History and Modern Languages

Rosemary Carpenter, *Westminster School*

Jurisprudence

Harry Challands, *Beauchamp College*

Francesca Germinario, *Xavier College Preparatory*

Jian Yang Hoh, *Hwa Chong Junior College*

Alis Lewis, *Ysgol Gyfun Bro Myrddin*

Julia Skisaker, *Nesbru V G S*

Zhan Ming Yap, *Raffles Junior College*

Bernardo Zang, *Pimlico School*

Literae Humaniores

Alice Broughton, *Camden School for Girls*

Lucy Clarke, *Wellington College*

Holly Ewart, *Alleyns School*

Anthony Graves, *Oundle School*

Vivek Lodhia, *Loughborough Grammar School*

Mathematics

Lu Feng, *Abbey Tutorial College*

Jin Ke, *U-Link College of International Culture of South China*

Pravesh Patel, *Codsall High School*

Martin Phipps, *Queen Elizabeth's School*

Claire Richards, *Peter Symonds College*

Rory Robinson, *Radley College*

Fabian Ying, *Humboldt-Oberschule Berlin-Tegal*

Mathematics and Computer Science

William Juan, *Darlen High School*

Eilidh McKemmie, *Reepham High School and College*

Albert Slawinski, *XIV LO im. Stanisława Staszica w Warszawie*

Medical Sciences

Peter Endicott, *Matthew Arnold School*

Phillip Oddie, *Tiffin School*

Radhika Sholapurkar, *Hayesfield School*

Matthew Titterington, *Urmston Grammar School*

Katharine Westley, *Central Newcastle High School*

Medicine

Christopher Derry, *University of Oxford*

Betty Gration, *University of Oxford*

Josephine Holland, *King Edward VI Girls High School*

Modern Languages

Francesca Betkowska, *Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School*

Jenny Hewlett, *Droitwich Spa High School*

Laura Jennings, *Sir William Borlases School*

Chloe Lockwood, *Heckmondwike Grammar School*

Rowan Lyster, *John Kyrle High School*

Matthew Robinson, *Bishop Stortford College*

Laura Schack, *Slough Grammar School*

Daniella Shreir, *Latymer School*

Christopher Watson, *Chesham High School*

Music

Orly Watson, *Lurgan College*

Philosophy and Modern Languages

Isabel Marr, *Godolphin and Latymer School*

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Florence Avery, *Hinchingbrooke School*

Ewan Blackledge, *Bootham School*

Michael Davies, *Clitheroe Royal Grammar School*

James de Mars, *Farnborough Sixth Form College*

Zoe Fannon, *St Aloysius School*

Eugene Lowrie, *Rugby School*

Eve McQuillan, *Tadcaster Grammar School*

George O'Shea, *Collyers Sixth Form College*

Alexander Probodziak, *Gunnersbury Catholic School*

Youlin Yuan, *Shanghai Foreign Language School*

Physics

Ian Buchanan, *Ballyclare High School*

Thomas Hird, *Langley Park School for Boys*

Jun Jie Leong, *Raffles Junior College*

Tom Loveluck, *Perse School*

James Parkinson, *South Dartmoor Community College*

Fangzheng Shen, *Concord College*

Physics and Philosophy

Marsha Sudar, *Brigidine College Catholic Girls' High School*

Graduates

Certificate in Diplomatic Studies

Aqsa Nawaz, *University of Punjab
Pakistan*

Bachelor of Civil Law

Hugh Atkin, *University of Sydney*
William Osborn, *University of
Melbourne*

Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry

Anna Tattersmusch, *Jacobs University
Bremen*
Anya Dunsch *Friedrich Schiller
University Jena*

Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Medicine

Valerie Babinsky, *University of Vienna*
Martin Fritzsche, *University of Zurich*

Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering Science

Hyunchae Chun, *Korea Advanced
Institute*
Faraz Janan, *University of Liverpool*
Ana Namburete, *Simon Fraser
University Burnab, Canada*
Xuan Zhang, *Tsinghua University,
China*

Doctor of Philosophy in History

Jacques Schuhmacher, *Humboldt
University Berlin*

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations

Katharine Millar, *Graduate Institute of
International Studies, Geneva*

Doctor of Philosophy in Law

David Frydrych, *University of Toronto*

Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics

Lucas Jeub, *University College London*
Marya Bazzi, *University of Oxford*

Doctor of Philosophy in Medieval and Modern Languages

Antonella Anedda Angioy, *University
of Rome*

Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience

Caroline Woffindale, *University of
Oxford*

Doctor of Philosophy in Organic Chemistry

Leo Marx, *Ecole Nationale Supérieure
de Chimie de Mulhouse, France*

Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy

Hamish Bridges, *University of
Canterbury, New Zealand*

Doctor of Philosophy in Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics

Tallulah Andrews, *McMaster
University, Canada*

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Theory

Daniel Hutton Ferris, *University of
Oxford, Somerville College*

Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics

Peter Forbes, *University of Cambridge*

Doctor of Philosophy in Zoology

Zackory Burns, *Princeton University*

Master of Philosophy in Economics

Adiya Belgibayeva, *University of Essex*
Tiek Zeinullayev, *University of Texas
at Austin*

Master of Philosophy in General Linguistics & Comparative Philology

Tam Blaxter, *University of Essex*

Master of Science in Applied Statistics

Naxian Wang, *Xi Nan (South-West)
University of Finance and Economics*

**Master of Science in
Computer Science**

Alexander Wilson, *University of York*
John Dalton, *London School of
Economics and Political Science*

**Master of Science in
Contemporary India**

Pooja Jaiswal, *Barkatullah
Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal*

**Master of Science in
Global Governance and
Diplomacy**

Ty McCormick, *Stanford University*
Amol Naik, *London School of Economics
and Political Science*

**Master of Science in
Latin American Studies**

Helena Powell, *University of Oxford,
Somerville College*

**Master of Science in
Mathematical Modelling
& Scientific Computing**

Carlos de Figueiredo, *Imperial College
of Science, Technology and Medicine*

**Master of Science
in Mathematics
and Foundations of
Computer Science**

Daniel Siebel, *Heinrich Heine
University, Dusseldorf*

**Master of Science in
Pharmacology**

Islom Nazarov, *University of Bristol*

**Master of Science in
Psychological Research**

Jixing Li, *Beijing University*
Rita Halpert, *Bard College, New York*

**Master of Studies in
Economics and
Social History**

Samuel Bjork, *Harvard University*

**Master of Studies in
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to present)**

Jee Hyun Choi, *Brown University*

**Master of Studies in
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Claire Johnstone, *University of Oxford,
Somerville College*

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Elizabeth Markon, *University of
Virginia*

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History**

Jonathan Ward, *Columbia University*

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Languages**

April Ross, *University of Waterloo,
Canada*

**Master of Studies in
Medieval History**

Angela Albanese, *Florida International
University*

**Master of Studies in
Modern Languages**

Sarah Morris, *University College
London*

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Somerville Association Officers and Committee, as at 1 October 2012

President

Miss Karen Richardson (Law, 1972)

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Karen is a solicitor, having qualified in the City of London. She was a partner in Travers Smith for some ten years before serving as Group Company Secretary of Reed International plc and then Novar plc. She was the first female Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company, a 100 year old City Livery Company. She is a Trustee of the Oxford Law Foundation, and was for some years the Chairman of the Somerville Lawyers' Group. She is married and lives in London. She will be retiring from the presidency in early 2013.

Secretary

Mrs Elizabeth Cooke (Greenwood, History, 1964)

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Read history; practised at the Bar for 10 years; has worked for Somerville since 1987. Lives in North Oxfordshire.

Committee Members

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Nick is doing graduate work in Psychology at St John's College, Oxford

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**Verity Holland
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Verity is completing a
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**Mrs Juliet Johnson
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Has been a Lecturer in
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February 2011.

**Neeta Patel (Chemistry,
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Neeta is CEO of the New
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**Miss Jane Robinson
(1978, English)**

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Worked in the antiquarian
book business before becoming
an author; her seventh book,
*Bluestockings: The Remarkable
Story of the First Women to Fight
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in 2009 and she spoke about
this at the Literary Luncheon
on 3 November 2010.

**Ms Virginia Ross
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Retired as Head of Finance &
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**Ms Beth Seaman
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Beth has just qualified as a
chartered accountant with
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and will be taking up a new
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Dr Benjamin Thompson (Fellow and Tutor in Medieval History)

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His mother is a Somervillian (Joy née Taylor, 1951). Dean 2001-4. He sings and is involved in College music, and co-ordinates the annual College Commemoration Service.

Professor Fiona Stafford (Fellow and Tutor in English)

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There is a photograph and profile of Fiona on page 9 of the Somerville Magazine 2010.

Committee Vacancies

In 2013 two members of the Committee will retire and nominations are invited for these vacancies; they should be sent to the Secretary of the Association by 1 January 2013.

Somerville Development Board

Clara Freeman OBE (Jones, History, 1971), Chairman

Former Executive Director of Stores and Personnel, Marks & Spencer; deputy Chairman of the University of the Arts, London; Honorary Fellow

Hilary Newiss (PPP, 1974), Deputy Chair

Lawyer; former Head of Intellectual Property, Denton Hall

Tom Bolt

Franchise Performance Director, Lloyds

Sam Gyimah (PPE, 1995)

Managing Director, Workology; MP for Surrey East

Lynn Haight (Schofield, Classics, 1966)

Chief Operating Officer, Foresters (Toronto, Canada).

Niels Kroner (Philosophy & Mod. Langs., 1996)

Barclays Capital professor of Applied Finance (European University at St Petersburg) and Chairman, AEF Renewables plc

Nicola Ralston (Thomas, History, 1974)

Director and Co-Founder, PiRho Investment Consulting; Non-Executive Director; Honorary Fellow

Jane Sender (Nothmann, History, 1974)

Founder & President, Sender Legal Search (Boston, USA)

Sybella Stanley (Ancient & Mod. History, 1979)

Director of Corporate Finance, Reed Elsevier Group Ltd.

Sian Thomas Marshall (Biology, 1989)

Former Brand Manager at Proctor & Gamble and Account Director at Saatchi & Saatchi

Dr Alice Prochaska, Principal of Somerville

Honorary Development Board Members

Harriet Maunsell OBE (Dawes, PPE, 1962)

Former Chair of the Development Board
Lawyer; Non-Executive Director, Serious Fraud Office; Member With-Profits Committee, Norwich Union; Honorary Fellow

Doreen Boyce (Vaughan, PPE, 1953)

Former President of The Buhl Foundation; Former Chair, Franklin and Marshall College Board of Trustees; Honorary Fellow (USA)

Paddy Crossley (Earnshaw, Chemistry, 1956)

Former Company Director, Earnshaw Ltd and Director, North Yorkshire Training & Enterprise Council

Margaret Kenyon (Parry, Mod Lang 1959)

Former Headmistress, Withington Girls' School, Manchester; Honorary Fellow

Nadine Majaro (PPE, 1975)

Chartered Accountant; former Partner, Price Waterhouse Coopers and member of the CAF Venturesome Investment Committee

Alison Palmer (Oates, Engineering, 1969)

Active committee member for several not-for-profit organisations (USA)

Roger Pilgrim

Chartered Accountant; Partner, Charterhouse Capital Partners LLP



Notices



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For more information about leaving a gift to Somerville in your will or on Planned Giving, please contact Julie Hage (Fellow and Development Director) or Alexandra Hemming (Senior Development Officer) at:

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Alumni and friends often ask for precise information about how best to leave a gift to Somerville in their will. It is always advisable to consult your solicitor when drawing up a new will but we are able to suggest this wording:

As a testamentary clause when drawing up a new will:

A Pecuniary Bequest

I bequeath to the Principal and Fellows of Somerville College in the University of Oxford for their general purposes the sum of £.....(pounds) free of tax and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said College for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the said bequest.

OR

A Residuary (or percentage share) Bequest

I give all (or a share) of the residue of my estate absolutely to the Principal and Fellows of Somerville College in the University of Oxford for their general purposes, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said College for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the said bequest.

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Events Programme 2012-2013

(Events in College unless otherwise stated)

2012

6 October	Campaign Concert: Emma Kirkby (Classics, 1966) at the Ashmolean
3 November	Lawyers' Careers Day
10 November tbc	40th Reunion Luncheon for 1972
19 November	Somerville London Group: Evening at the Fleming Gallery
29 November	Carol Concert and At Home for those living in Oxford area

2013 (all dates in 2013 are subject to confirmation)

Hilary Term	The Winter Meeting/AGM of the Somerville Association Speaker and date to be confirmed Reunion in Edinburgh, details tbc Reunion for recent History graduates, details tbc
20 April	Medics' Day
26-28 April	University Reunion in Madrid
8 June	Commemoration Service
16 June	Family Day/Garden Party
22-23 June	Gaudy for matric years 1967-77
September tbc	Golden Reunion for 1963
18-20 September	Rhodes Trust 110th Celebration
20-22 September	University Alumni Weekend

Details of some of these events are already on the College website (www.some.ox.ac.uk/alumni/). Further details will be supplied in due course and any enquires should be directed in the first place to Liz Cooke at Somerville (tel.01865 270632, email elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk)





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