

# SOMERVILLE COLLEGE REPORT 2014-2015





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## Director of Chapel Music

**David Crown**, (MA Cantab)

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# Principal's Report

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*Portrait of Dr Alice Prochaska painted by Richard Twose*

Each year at Somerville brings new successes, and as I reflect on the academic year 2014-15, the overwhelming impression is one of further progress. In terms of Somerville's public profile and particularly the esteem that is signified by fund-raising success, there has been a gratifying surge, as Sara Kalim's report describes. Our strategic review, to which I referred in last year's report, affirmed a steady consolidation of existing programmes; and it is good to see that our current projects are attracting increasing attention and support. These include the Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development, with its growing number of postgraduate Indira Gandhi Scholars joining us from Indian universities, and the Margaret Thatcher Scholarship Trust, whose growth accounts for a large part of the past year's fund-raising success.

Much of our administrative effort goes on support for students, not only financially through bursaries and scholarships but in enhanced facilities. The Treasurer has made exciting plans for new accommodation to be built in partnership with a local property developer: and we expect to offer about 140 new student rooms by the autumn of 2020. The first thirty or so will be available next year. By the time this building project is complete, there will be rooms for all undergraduates throughout their course, whereas at present more than fifty students in their second year live out of college; and we will also be able to offer accommodation to all first-year graduate students. With 75% of our postgraduates coming from overseas (considerably more than the Oxford average), this is an important benefit.

The financial environment for UK students is increasingly uncertain, especially since the government announced its intention to replace maintenance grants with loans, and the University of Oxford as a whole is acutely conscious of the ever-growing need to provide assistance. Somerville is already among the leading colleges in terms of the amount of finance it provides for its students. We

will be in a position this year to start making awards to Somerville students for special projects under the Margaret Thatcher Scholarship programme; and we hope to announce our first full scholarships under the scheme for students entering the college in 2016.

The profile of Somerville's student body changed slightly in 2014-15. Graduate numbers continue to nudge upwards, an increase welcomed by the Middle Common Room, who have added new activities and new elective offices to reflect a stronger sense of community. We now accept students in both the MBA degree and the new Masters in Public Policy (MPP) which is taught by the Blavatnik School of Government. By the time the new term begins in October, the MPP students will be conveniently based in the School's magnificent new circular building, which towers over our skyline on the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter. Undergraduate numbers declined unexpectedly owing to a nation-wide dip of about 5% in the numbers of students gaining top A-level grades. This worked its way through to Somerville, but happily that decline has not continued, and the intake of first-year students in 2015-16 will be closer to the norm of just over 120. Both undergraduate and postgraduate students distinguished themselves with some stellar academic results, reflected in the awards of University prizes and the college Principal's Prizes, and Mary Somerville and Archibald Jackson Prizes. Top-scoring Somervillians appeared this year in the class lists for Biochemistry, Chemistry, Engineering, Experimental Psychology, History, Law and Mathematics; with some solid successes in most other subjects. Notably among graduate degrees, the two top marks in the highly competitive Masters in Jurisprudence were awarded to Somervillians Talita de Souza Dias and Tobias Lutz.

In last year's report I reflected on the excellent ratings that Somerville students consistently give to their tutors, in contrast to the relatively low place we gain in the somewhat crudely constructed Norrington league table. The college has put in place tighter procedures to ensure that underperformance is caught at an early stage, and in both 2014 and 2015, our overall results have climbed. At the same time our top priority remains to help all our students to do the fullest possible justice to themselves. Maintaining a culture of excellence

alongside one of mutual support and encouragement will always be a difficult balance. This year, among other challenges, there was a perceptible rise in cases of bullying and harassment among students.

We welcomed several new Fellows during the year: Guido Ascari (Economics) and Dan Ciubotaru (Mathematics), and Simon Kemp moved from his position as Domus Fellow to the substantive appointment of Fellow and Tutor in French, in a joint appointment with the Modern Languages Faculty. New Senior Research Fellows included Professor Colin Espie (Medicine), Professor Sir Marc Feldmann (Medicine) and Professor Philip Poole (Plant Sciences). The University's annual Recognition of Distinction exercise awarded the full title of Professor to Daniel Anthony (Medicine), Michael Hayward (Chemistry) and Matthew Higgins (Biochemistry).

Somerville Fellows continued to bring in prizes and research awards (listed in detail elsewhere in this report) at University and international levels. To mention only a few: Professors Marian Dawkins and Raj Thakker both became Fellows of the Royal Society. Professor Mason Porter was awarded the prestigious international Erdos-Renyi Prize and the Whitehead Prize of the London Mathematical Society. Professors Jonathan Marchini and Renier van der Hoorn both won major research grants funded by the European Research Council, and Professor Steve Simon received the Royal Society's Wolfson Research Merit Award with five years of research funding. Professor Simon also received his second university teaching award. Professor Steve Roberts's Centre for Doctoral Training won funding, and Professor Alex Rogers won the accolade of a university Impact Award, and also represented Oxford at the World Economic Forum in Davos. A significant loss from the ranks of distinguished Somervillians was the death of Professor Anna Morpurgo Davies DBE FBA, commemorated in Chapel in a moving secular funeral in September 2014, and later in a memorial service.

Among Junior Research Fellows, Siddharth Arora (Indira Gandhi JRF) won the position of Parkinson's UK Early Career Fellow, Maan Barua (Indira Gandhi JRF) was awarded a British Academy Early Career Fellowship, and Edward Grefenstette (Fulford JRF) sold his spin-out

company Deep Blue to Google, who now employ him and his business partner in developing their Deep Mind subsidiary. Classics lecturer and Assistant Dean Simone Finkmann (who is about to leave us for a prestigious research post in Germany) won an award for her support work from OUSU (the student union) and in the same event Vilma de Gasperin, lecturer in Italian, was voted best tutor in Humanities. Psychology lecturer Nicola Byrom won a Queen's Young Leader Award for founding the nation-wide charity Student Minds, which deals with student mental health. Warmest congratulations are due to all of them.

It is gratifying to see our illustrious group of Honorary Fellows becoming increasingly engaged with the college in various ways. Professor Sir Venkatraman Ramakrishnan is about to take office as President of the Royal Society. A Nobel prize-winner himself, he delivered the keynote address at our symposium for the fiftieth anniversary of Dorothy Hodgkin's Nobel Prize. Hilary Spurling gave a second special lecture on Matisse on our behalf at Christie's, this time a spell-binding talk on the paper cut-out works of his later years; and she and the Royal Society of Literature gave us a lovely portrait of her which now hangs in the Old Somervillians room in the Library. Dame Tamsyn Imison came to speak in the "Principal Presents" series about "Leading and Learning", Judge Akua Kuenyehia spoke in the same series about the International Criminal Court, Tessa Ross joined Alison Skilbeck (1964) for a session, talking about careers in drama and the media, and Shirley Williams's most recent contribution is mentioned below. A gathering of Honorary Fellows and some of their husbands joined us in March for a seminar discussion about Somervillian careers, and then for the Foundation Dinner in Hilary Term, where they met scores of students over drinks and then dinner; we hope to repeat that event once every two years. Meanwhile it is a pleasure to congratulate some Honorary Fellows on recent distinctions: Lucy Neville Rolfe, who was made a Baroness in 2013, is now Parliamentary Under Secretary in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport; Professor Alison Wolf is now a Baroness; and Baroness Onora O'Neill was awarded Germany's highest honour "Pour le Merite", which sits alongside the CH in the long list of distinguished initials after her name. Baroness Shriti Vadera is the new Chief Executive of Santander

Bank. With sorrow we also record the deaths of two Honorary Fellows, the former Principal Catherine Hughes and Dame Anne Warburton.

Notable staff changes included the arrival of Foteini Dimirouli, Barbara Raleigh and Victoria Wilson in the Academic Office, and Lisa Gygax and Heather Weightman in Development, respectively supporting alumni relations and the annual fund. Steve Johnson was promoted to Maintenance Manager following the departure of Kevin McEneaney in December. (Very sadly, Kevin died in July.) Alex Monroe left in August after two years as the college's first full-time communications officer; his final task was to put in place the much needed new web site. David Crown, Director of Chapel Music, is leaving after nine years during which he raised the quality and the public profile of the Somerville Choir significantly, and treated the college to many splendid concerts and recitals.

The Library, Archives and IT Services produced several exhibitions for special occasions. The World War I Road Show, held in Flora Anderson Hall and the Brittain-Williams Room in November, included exhibits from the college archives and further afield, a digital scanning facility for people's mementoes, and interviews recording family memories of the war. We opened it up to the local community and it was crowded out. On the same day, the production team for the feature film Testament of Youth (based on Vera Brittain's classic memoir) joined Baroness Shirley Williams and her mother's biographer Mark Bostridge for a highly successful Literary Lunch attended by several hundred alumni. The Development Office meanwhile participated in all of these and many other special events, which Sara Kalim mentions below.

Somerville, in short, has had an eventful year. We will continue and enhance our vigilance for student welfare. We will continue our efforts to support and celebrate the achievements of students and academic staff. And we continue to seek a high profile for everything that makes Somerville special.

ALICE PROCHASKA  
August 2015

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# Development and Alumni Relations

Sara Kalim (Classics, 1990)

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Securing support for the world-class education that Somerville provides our students, as well as for the generation of students to come after them, remains our highest priority. The current financial pressures on young people entering higher education are well documented in the media. Our wish is that no student with the academic ability to study at Somerville should be unable to take up a place due to financial pressures.

Somerville was founded to 'include the excluded' and was built on the visionary philanthropy of our founders. Today, the College retains both its pioneering ethos and its emphasis on providing support to guarantee places for outstanding students regardless of financial means. The Somervillian community of alumni and friends never lets us down in achieving these goals. We are enormously grateful to each and every alumna and alumnus who provides financial support for the bursaries and scholarships, internships, travel grants and top-quality teaching which allow our students to flourish. Significant numbers of you (more than one in five) have supported us this year and we cannot offer enough appreciation for this continued commitment to your College.

It is hugely gratifying to report on another strong fundraising year for the College. In the financial year 2014-15 a record £5.4 million has been raised. You have helped us achieve so many milestones: a record-breaking total of £312,000 raised in the Telethon with over half of those contacted during the campaign choosing to make a gift to the Annual Fund; or group crowdfunding for student-led initiatives such as buying a brand new boat for our excellent women rowers. Early gifts have started to arrive for the Dorothy Hodgkin Career Development Fellowship, which is designed not only to commemorate our Nobel Prize winning scientist but also to play our part in enabling early career women, so often lost to the 'leaky pipeline', to prosper and flourish in the pursuit of scientific research.



Our Annual Fund, which meets core financial needs – from the provision of new mattresses to the repair of leaky boilers as well as urgent hardship funds – has flourished this year thanks to you. This year we have raised over £519,000 and more of you have become regular givers. Alumni support for the Annual Fund is an invaluable help to those making financial plans for the College. Over the last two years, a group of alumni have pioneered a Matched Funding Scheme to incentivise new, regular gifts over the course of the Telethon, which has proved highly successful.

Another initiative aims to support brilliant law postgraduates from India and commemorates (yet another) illustrious Somervillian, Cornelia Sorabji. It is in the early stages of fundraising and we welcome all offers of advice and support for securing the Cornelia Sorabji Graduate Law Scholarship. This is just one part of our India-focused work, which finds its fullest expression in the Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development, which was established at Somerville two years ago thanks to a funding agreement with the Government of India.

In the final month of the academic year we were delighted to launch the College's first Legacy Society: Somerville Will Power. The College has benefited enormously from the generous legacies left by Somervillians and it was important to us to formally show our gratitude for those who have told us about their bequests. These are often the most significant gift an individual can make, and over the years have proven transformational to Somerville. The inaugural Somerville Will Power Legacy Lunch was celebrated in July with wonderful musical entertainment provided by our Fellow and Tutor in Medieval History, Dr Benjamin Thompson, who sang an intensely moving rendition of Schumann's *Dichterliebe*.

Fundraising aside, our engagement with alumni has been particularly energetic this year through our Alumni Relations team, headed by Liz Cooke and Lisa Gygax. It has delivered a broad programme of events, covering subjects which ranged from cybercrime to prisoner rehabilitation. Registrations (including those for the Gaudy, reunions, and Dorothy Hodgkin Symposium) reached in excess of 2,000, a College record. Our event in September 2014 celebrating 20 years of co-education proved a huge draw for our younger alumni. Another highlight was the Shirley Williams Literary Lunch which featured clips from the recent film adaptation of Vera Brittain's *Testament of Youth* and interviews with the film producers. It was held the same weekend as our very well-attended World War One Roadshow.

Our professional network committees continue to support our efforts to engage with a spectrum of alumni. With the help of some notable alumni who work in public service, we hope to launch a Civil Service Network later this year. The committees bring together Somervillians in teaching, in medicine, in finance, law and media – plus we have a very popular London Group. They not only provide brilliant speaker events at unique venues but allow current students and recent graduates to benefit from careers advice and wisdom from those who have come before them – a truly virtuous circle.

In addition to our programme of regular events there have been several significant memorials as well as our Commemoration Service, always hugely appreciated by Somervillians' families and friends.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a committed, loyal and dynamic community of alumni and friends whose generosity helps us to secure Somerville's future. Members of our Development Board lend their tremendous energy, strategic advice and hospitality to help us constantly to raise our game. Thank you for continuing to make such life-changing contributions to our students, since these contributions have been crucial to enabling them to go out into the world and make their mark.

As one 'vintage' US-based alumna recently wrote to us, 'At this point in my life I seem to get increasing pleasure from my association with the College ... and the difference it is making in the world'.

**We are actively seeking support from alumni for the development projects mentioned and for ongoing support of Somerville's students and teaching and heritage. If you would like to discuss ways in which you might contribute, we would be delighted to hear from you: Email: [sara.kalim@some.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sara.kalim@some.ox.ac.uk) Sara Kalim, Director of Development and tel. 01865 280596**



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# Fellows' and Lecturers' Activities

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## Biological Sciences

**Alex Rogers** has focused on understanding the implications of the concept of blue growth for the ocean and the impacts of climate change on marine ecosystems. Alex has led a European Marine Board report on managing industrial activities in the deep sea. He spoke at The Economist's World Ocean Summit in Lisbon and he is in the closing stages of co-ordinating a major report on the topic which will be published in September. Alex also worked with colleagues on a report on the implications of different CO<sub>2</sub> emissions pathways on the oceans and the ecosystem services they provide. This culminated in a paper in *Science* in June which demonstrated the serious consequences of high-emissions 'business as usual' pathways for many ocean ecosystems which are relied on for food and coastal protection. Alex's team won a Royal Geographic Society award for an expedition to explore the mesophotic coral ecosystems of Honduras. Alex successfully co-bid for an Oxford Martin School project on ocean management worth £1.5 million.

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## Classics

**Luke Pitcher** has been working primarily on the Greek historians this year. He has published an article on how the second century CE writer Appian of Alexandria described the career of the Seleucid monarch Antiochus III, who ruled in Syria at the end of the third century BCE. He has also re-edited with a commentary the fragments of Artemon of Pergamum, a Hellenistic writer who is mentioned in the early commentaries on Pindar as having been interested in the affairs of Sicily.

**Charlotte Potts** has been busy travelling and teaching this year. She gave talks in Cardiff and Athens about her forthcoming monograph on Etrusco-Italic temples, and in Wassenaar spoke about her new article on Vitruvius and Etruscan design. She has also recently been given a Teaching Excellence Award for developing and teaching a new undergraduate paper on Etruscan

art taught entirely with artefacts in Oxford and London museums.

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## Economics

This year **Donna Harris** continued her research in Behavioural Economics, investigating the impacts of social interactions on individuals' economic decisions. She is currently writing two related papers which are in preparation for publication. The first examines the extent to which face-to-face communication changes individual preferences using economic experiments and a non-stochastic model of revealed preferences before and after interactions. The second paper uses functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to study brain activities when people make decisions alone compared to when they are in a group and able to observe others' decisions. The results shed a light on the importance of the effects of social environments on individuals' decisions. She was invited to give a talk based on the first paper at the University of Chicago in May 2015.

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## Engineering

**Stephen Roberts** continues with his research into data analytics with application in physical and life sciences as well as finance and economics. In a joint project with Kew Gardens he was a winner at the Google Impact Challenge awards and has recently taken on a role on the Science Programme Committee of the new national Alan Turing Institute. Stephen continues to be Director of a Centre for Doctoral Training and was recently elected to Fellowship of the IET.

**Richard Stone** continues with his research into combustion with experiments ranging from burners to engines. A BP funded project has started on auto-ignition, and important foundations for this were laid by Will Travis in his final year project – Will was one of the four Somerville engineers who graduated with a First Class degree last summer. Blane Scott, another Somerville engineer, has completed his final year project

using the same engine as Will, but this time making measurements of the instantaneous heat flux and relating them to the severity of the auto-ignition. Blane is returning as a Research Student, but this time on another project, funded by Jaguar Land Rover, using our engine that has optical access into the combustion chamber.

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## English

**Fiona Stafford** had a Leverhulme Research Fellowship in 2013-2014, so she spent the summer working on her volume for *The Oxford History of English Literature*. She also gave a guest lecture on Mary Wollstonecraft at the Georgian Festival in Beverley; lectures on Jane Austen at the Wordsworth Summer Conference and for the Jane Austen Society in York; the Annual Wordsworth Lecture in London; and a paper on Clare at the 'John Clare and Botany' Symposium at the Botanic Garden in Cambridge. She delivered a third series on 'The Meaning of Trees' for Radio 3's *The Essay* in May 2015. She also published an essay on 'Wordsworth and the Poetry of Place'. In the current academic year, Fiona has been heavily occupied with being Vice-Principal of Somerville, Chair of the examination for the Masters programmes in English and convenor of the Faculty's Romantic Research Seminar, though she has, as ever, enjoyed teaching Somerville students.

This year, **Annie Sutherland**'s book, *English Psalms in the Middle Ages*, has been published by OUP. In addition, she has completed writing two articles, one on the Wycliffite Bible and one on prose translation of the Psalms in fourteenth-century London, for two edited collections of essays to be published next year. She has also been enjoying a new challenge, doing some preliminary work on her new project, which is an edition of a collection of early thirteenth-century English prayers for solitary women, under contract with Liverpool University Press.

In March, **Philip West** spoke on the subject 'Editing John Donne's Sermons from Manuscript' at a gathering of international Donne scholars at the 'Reconsidering Donne' conference at Lincoln College, Oxford. An article based on his discovery of early manuscript imitations of the Latin poetry of Henry Vaughan was published in *Scintilla: The Journal of the Vaughan Association*, and a chapter on Ben Jonson's *Epigrams* and *The Forest* appeared in *The Oxford Handbook of Ben Jonson*. He is currently working on 'The Drama of James Shirley's Poems', a contribution to a forthcoming collection of essays entitled *James Shirley and Early Modern Theatre: New Critical Perspectives* (Ashgate).

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## Experimental Psychology

**Charles Spence** has recently published *The Perfect Meal* on the new field of gastrophysics – the science of the diner. He has been conducting research with a number of chefs around the world, and a number of his experiments are running currently at the Science Museum in London. He has been working with chef Jozef Youssef on the *Synaesthesia* pop-up dining experience in Maida Vale.

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## French

**Simon Kemp**, formerly the college's Domus Fellow in French, began his new role this year as Associate Professor and post-holder in the Modern Languages faculty. His research continues to focus on literary representations of the mind, and activities include a joint presentation with the neuroscientist Larry Squire on habituation, conditioning and other forms of unconscious memory in modern literature. As well as being very much involved in Somerville's own outreach activities, he has continued to represent the sub-faculty of French as Schools Liaison officer, talking to teachers and school students in Oxford and around the country, and taking our new French outreach blog, *Adventures on the Bookshelf* (please Google it!), to over a million hits in under two years.

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## History

**Joanna Innes** is overseeing the final year of her three-year Leverhulme 'international network' on the theme of 'Re-imagining Democracy in the Mediterranean 1750-1860', and has once again organised a series of workshops across southern Europe. A book of essays arising from the project is in progress. She has also continued her research on developments in social policy-making in late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Britain, and has done new work on education and on the role of land surveyors as social observers. She continues to serve as one of the History Delegates of the University Press.

**Oren Margolis** curated an exhibition marking the 500th anniversary of the death of Renaissance printer Aldus Manutius (6 February), which opened at the Bodleian Library in January 2015, received national and international press attention, and boasted three Somerville History undergraduates as curatorial assistants. He co-organised a symposium on Aldus, and took part in conferences in Venice and Berlin, as well. Alongside other publications, he completed his monograph *The Politics of Culture in Quattrocento Europe: René of Anjou in Italy*, which will appear this coming year with Oxford University Press. He also received one of the University's Awards for Excellence.

**Natalia Nowakowska** is continuing to spend 50% of her time directing the European Research Council (ERC)-funded project *Jagiellonians: Dynasty, Memory and Identity*. The project – which takes a fresh look at one of Renaissance Europe's most successful royal dynasties – employs a team of five post-doctoral historians ([www.jagiellonians.com](http://www.jagiellonians.com)). A launch event for the project, held in Somerville in autumn 2014, was attended by diplomatic representatives from six countries. Natalia has given papers on the Jagiellonians in Poland, Cambridge and at the Leeds International Medieval Congress. She also spoke in Oxford and Berlin on another strand of her research, the early Polish Reformation. In the Somerville medievalists' latest volume, *Polemic*, Natalia contributed an essay on printed anti-Reformation polemic.

Two books co-edited by **Benjamin Thompson** came out in the first half of 2015: *Political Society in Later Medieval England: a Festschrift for Christine Carpenter*, with John Watts (Boydell: [bit.ly/1Dt8XJ1](http://bit.ly/1Dt8XJ1)), and *Polemic: Language as Violence in Medieval and Early Modern Discourse*, with Almut Suerbaum and George Southcombe (Ashgate: [bit.ly/1BxW6NU](http://bit.ly/1BxW6NU)), the second Somerville medievalists' interdisciplinary collaboration. His own contributions to both of these explore the complexities of the late medieval church's relationships with English society and politics and the structures of ideas and languages governing them. A further aspect of that larger project, the fate of the 'alien' priories in England (those under French governance), has provided the subject for his sabbatical-year writing, while the medievalists have moved on to Temporality for their next topic.

## Law

**Julie Dickson** has continued with her research in the philosophy of law and the philosophical foundations of European Union law. Two articles on these topics are being published in summer 2015, and work is also progressing well on her book, working title *Elucidating Law: The Philosophy of Legal Philosophy*, under contract with Oxford University Press. She continues to find Somerville a happy home for her academic career, and values teaching the College's excellent students, and working together with her colleagues in the interests of the College. From October 2015 she will, together with Fellow in French Professor Simon Kemp, take on the role of Equality and Diversity Champion at Somerville.

The year saw publication of Professor **Stephen Weatherill's** *Cases and Materials on EU Law* in its eleventh edition (Oxford University Press). He wrote several papers, including 'Why there is no "principle of mutual recognition" in EU law (and why that matters to consumer lawyers)', published in Purnhagen and Rott (eds), *Varieties of European Economic Law and Regulation*, and 'Viking and Laval: The EU Internal Market Perspective', in Freedland and Prassl (eds), *EU Law in the Member States: Viking, Laval and Beyond*. His teaching is both in the classroom and in the form

of graduate supervision: he has students working in areas of EU law such as human rights, state aid, loyalty rebates, sub-national entities, and labour law. Spare time is spent wondering whether politicians will be able to out-do themselves in misrepresenting the nature of the EU and the ECHR. They always are.

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## Mathematics

**Dan Ciubotaru's** research area is the representation theory of Lie groups. Lie groups, named after the Norwegian mathematician Sophus Lie, are mathematical objects underlying the symmetries inherent in a system, while their representations, i.e., the ways in which the Lie groups can manifest themselves, have had an important impact in theoretical physics and number theory. One recent advance is an extension of the Dirac operator theory to the setting of representations of p-adic semisimple Lie groups and related algebraic structures (affine Hecke algebras and symplectic reflection algebras). The results have been published in top mathematical journals (in 2015: *Journal of the European Mathematical Society*, *Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society*, *Advances in Mathematics* and *Selecta Mathematica*) and reported in invited lectures at prestigious international conferences (MIT, Yale, Franken-Akademie).

**Mason Porter** continues to conduct research in networks, complex systems, non-linear systems, and related topics. During the last year, he published new papers on topics such as topological data analysis of spreading processes on networks, migration in Korea, and extraction of force-chain network architecture in granular materials. In 2015, he won an LMS Whitehead Prize and joined the editorial board of *SIAM Review* (the top applied mathematics journal in the world).

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## Medicine

**Daniel Anthony** has enjoyed a successful year continuing with research into the mechanisms underlying neuroinflammation. He has published 23 papers between 2014 and 2015, and given seven keynote papers at international conferences. He has approached topics as diverse as the impact of

neuroinflammation in the outcome of SCI, mechanisms underlying neuronal integrity and the behaviour associated with stress and depression. He has also been awarded £180,000 in grant income for his work which currently supports two studentships.

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## Medieval and Modern European Languages

**Manuele Gragnolati** was given the title of Professor of Italian in October 2014. During the academic year 2014-15, he had the opportunity to present his latest book *Amor che move. Linguaggio del corpo e forma del desiderio in Dante, Pasolini e Morante* (Milan: il Saggiatore, 2013) in several venues including Oxford, London, Berlin, Paris, Pavia, Milan, and Chicago. He also gave several talks and lectures, two of which are currently being turned into articles: one on Dante's *Rime* and one on the philosophy of Baruch Spinoza in the cinema of Pier Paolo Pasolini. He organised an international conference on 'Abandon' in Berlin and took part in the Somerville research group on 'Medieval temporalities'. He is currently working on a project on non-linear form of temporalities in medieval Italian poetry up to Petrarch.

After three years as Vice-Principal, a term of research leave gave **Almut Suerbaum** the opportunity to finish a series of articles on medieval religious song. April saw the publication of the second Somerville medievalist volume, *Polemic: Language as Violence in Medieval and Early Modern Discourse*, in collaboration with Benjamin Thompson and George Southcombe. Work is already under way for the next project, provisionally entitled 'Temporality'. A first workshop in June allowed an exchange of ideas on concepts of being in or out of time – because it became apparent that the predominant pattern of thought in medieval writing on history, religion and literature is not linear and binary, but shows evidence of interest in disrupted time. In August, colleagues from Tübingen with whom she has collaborated on concepts of religious knowledge in the medieval and early modern period will be in Somerville for a conference on 'Religöses Wissen: Verschränkungen – Grenzen – Produktive Konkurrenzen'.

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## Philosophy

October 2014 saw the start of **Hilary Greaves'** three-year project 'Population Ethics: Theory and Practice', funded by the Leverhulme Trust. This project investigates ethical questions in the variable-population context, both at the level of abstract moral theory and in relation to real-world ethical controversies. In November 2014, the project organised a 'networkshop' bringing together top representatives of law, climate science, economics and population-reduction campaigning organisations in an attempt to advance interdisciplinary dialogue on these issues. Dr Greaves has recently been awarded a British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award, which will fund two further workshops over the next 12 months. She spent July and August 2015 as a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University.

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## Plant Sciences

**Renier van der Hoorn** investigates the manipulation of plants by pathogens, with a focus on plants from the nightshade family (tomato, potato and tobacco). His lab has pioneered chemical proteomic tools using custom-made synthetic small molecule probes to study these plant-pathogen interactions. His research program is supported by an ERC Consolidator Grant and also aims at increasing recombinant protein production in plants by controlling the activities of secreted plant proteases. This would lead to increased production of antibodies e.g. for the Ebola medicine ZMapp and for influenza vaccines. His research team has a dynamic, international and interdisciplinary character, partly because the lab often hosts visiting scientists who come to apply chemical proteomic technologies that the lab has developed. Renier has organised a conference on Chemical Proteomics in April 2015 at Somerville College, and is organising another conference on Plant Proteases in April 2016.

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## Statistics

**Marco Scutari** joined Somerville last academic year as a Tutorial Fellow in Statistics and Probability, and as a Departmental Lecturer at the Department of Statistics. He divides his time between investigating how to improve selection techniques to improve yield and disease resistance in plants based on genetic information, studying the theoretical properties of network models, and writing scientific software for companies and scientists to use. He has recently started to study applications of network models to high-dimensional human genetics data, building on his experience in applied statistics and plant genetics.

**Jonathan Marchini** has started his ERC Consolidator Award and has employed two post-doctoral researchers who are developing statistical methods for uncovering structure in high-dimensional datasets in human genetics and neuroscience. His group have played a major role in two studies that will soon appear in the journal *Nature*, on analysis and statistical methods development for the final phase of the 1000 Genomes project, and the discovery of the first genetic variants influencing risk for major depression. Prof. Marchini co-leads the Haplotype Reference Consortium, and has recently completed the construction of a haplotype reference panel of over 32,000 human genomes. This will constitute a major resource for researchers working to uncover novel risk genes for human diseases.

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# Report on Junior Research Fellowships

The work of Junior Research Fellows makes a significant contribution to the achievements of the university and the College is very pleased to offer mentoring and a good academic environment to enable our JRFs to flourish. What follows is an overview of their recent research.

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**Matthew Apps** studies the mechanisms in the brain responsible for learning and decision making. Matthew uses brain imaging and brain stimulation in conjunction with computer models to investigate how statistical information about costs and benefits is processed in the brain. Matthew has recently been awarded a Future Leader Fellowship Grant by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council and has given invited talks at UCL, Ghent and Roehampton.

**Siddharth Arora** is developing algorithms to allow Parkinson's Disease to be diagnosed and monitored remotely from a clinical setting by use of a smartphone app. The phone can collect data for voice, reaction times, tremor, gait and postural sway from the subject and the algorithm can use these inputs to determine the presence and severity of the disease, allowing a remote clinician to recommend appropriate treatment options. Siddharth's work has not only generated academic publications but has also generated stories on the BBC and Sky News websites. Siddharth also uses his mathematical skills to model arrivals, admissions and discharges across hospitals in the West Midlands. The work is used to guide capacity planning for the area.

**Lucy Audley-Miller** returned to research part-time following maternity leave occasioned by the birth of Alfie. Lucy is the Woolley Junior Research Fellow in Classical Archaeology and has been working on excavations at Miletus in Turkey, acting as the site expert on ancient sculpture. A forthcoming article will describe the discovery of a group of images deliberately defaced and then buried. The discovery promises to throw new light onto facets of ancient

iconoclasm. Lucy is currently revising her book, *Faces of Empire*, for publication by Oxford University Press.

**Matthew Benton** is a philosopher working on the Templeton Foundation-funded project 'New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology' with which Somerville has links. Matthew's interests focus on how we understand knowledge and put it to use in our language and in communication, in the labelling of experts, what we should say about knowledge and what to believe in cases of widespread disagreement, how we ought to think about the relationship between knowledge and various emotions (such as hope, or fear, or optimism), and whether knowing persons (as subjects) is a kind of knowledge distinct from knowledge of facts. Matthew will shortly leave Oxford to take up a post as Research Associate at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, USA.

**Jane Dyson** is an ethnographer, examining the politics of educated unemployed youth in India. Much of Jane's fieldwork has taken place in a village in the state of Uttarakhand in the Indian Himalayas. Jane's recent book, *Working Childhoods: Youth, Agency and the Environment in India*, was well received. The related short film, *Lifelines*, has been shown in film festivals in New Zealand, Pakistan, Slovenia, the USA, Canada, Nepal and the UK. Jane will shortly leave Oxford to take up a permanent lectureship at the University of Melbourne.

**Vanessa Ferreira** uses magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to study heart disease. Vanessa is based in the Radcliffe Department of Medicine but collaborates with colleagues in Physics and Engineering. The particular imaging technique, called T1 mapping, offers



the prospect of improved and earlier diagnosis of heart disease. Vanessa has recently won £238,000 in research funding from the British Heart Foundation to allow her to take on a research assistant.

**Erik Marklund** works in the Chemistry Department, writing and applying novel computer software to enhance the effectiveness with which mass spectrometry can be used to study proteins. Accurate modelling of ion mobility and interaction cross sections allows the mass spectrometry data to be interpreted to reveal not only the composition but also the structure of proteins. Improved computer algorithms (Erik's IMPACT code is a million times faster than previous techniques) allow investigations to go further and cover more ground. Erik's work constitutes a step change in this important field.

**Heidi Olzscha** investigates the role and behaviour of enzymes, known as HDACs, which form part of the protein production quality control system in human cell lines. Elucidating the mechanisms by which these molecules affect protein production and destruction has potential benefits in finding new cancer therapies.

**Gokse Pulcu** works in the Chemistry Department but her work, developing techniques to generate molecular machines, would generally be referred to as Biophysics. The aim is to develop molecules which can impart motion without human intervention to carry cargo – bricks of the nanoworld – to a target destination. The potential for what can be achieved by harnessing the molecular world to work together in a coherent fashion is almost limitless. Gokse has been invited to give talks in Boston, San Francisco and Heidelberg in the last year.

**James Sleight** is interested in understanding the reason why peripheral nerves degenerate in a number of different neuromuscular conditions. These diseases are often caused by mutations in genes that produce proteins that are important throughout the body, yet very specific detrimental effects on the motor and sensory nerves are observed. James and his team are studying the disease mechanism on a molecular level in the expectation that a better understanding of how the disease occurs will open up new therapeutic options.

**Stefanie Thiem** studies the magnetic properties of quasicrystals, which are solids whose constituent molecules are arranged into ordered structures, but without translational symmetry. In other words, they do not repeat individual lattice components as happens in a normal crystalline structure – the 3-D equivalent of penrose tiling. Stefanie uses numerical simulations to model the magnetic interactions mediated by conduction electrons and to study the low temperature behaviour of rare earth quasicrystals. A better understanding of the underlying principles of the experimentally observed magnetic properties is an important step for the construction of novel tailor-made materials.

**Giorgio Valmorbida** studies fluid flow with a view to designing Engineering solutions that will reduce drag forces and therefore increase energy efficiency in fluid flow systems. Giorgio's research focuses on optimising solutions to the fluid flow equations using novel computing solutions. The code that Giorgio has produced has been incorporated into Matlab toolbox and allows Engineers across the world to use his techniques to improve their designs. The challenge ahead is to generate code that can deal with ever more complex systems and produce solutions in a practical amount of time.

**Bonnie van Wilgenburg** studies the properties of T cells in the human body. It is well known that T cells play an important role in the body's defences against bacteria but until recently, no anti-viral role had been reported. Bonnie's work has recently shown that T cells do respond to certain viruses, including the Hepatitis C virus. In addition to her research, Bonnie is enthusiastic about public outreach and teaches on the Science and Public Policy course at the Blavatnik School of Government. As if that weren't enough, Bonnie was selected to represent the UK in the Trail Running World Championship in Annecy, France.

**Joaquim Vieira** works in the department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics, studying the ways in which genes are activated or deactivated (epigenetics) in the development of the outer heart wall, the epicardium. These mechanisms are potentially important in relation to diseases affecting the epicardium. The ultimate

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aim is to use an enhanced understanding of how the heart develops in the embryo to learn how new heart cells can be generated in adults who lose heart cells (currently unreplaceable short of transplant) due to heart disease. Joaquim's work has been published in the high profile journal *Nature* and has attracted press coverage from ITN and the *Oxford Mail*, along with a youtube video produced by the British Heart Foundation.

**Nahid Zokaei** studies working memory using a range of techniques. Measuring working memory and discovering the factors that affect how well we retain information in this part of our brain's storage system has potential impact and benefit on our understanding not only of how healthy brains work but in particular on key neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease. Nahid was awarded a prestigious British Academy Fellowship in 2015, which will fund her work for the next three years.

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## JCR Report

Somerville students have flourished in the past year in more ways than there is space here to mention. It was good to see our teams excelling across the field (and in the water) – the second women's boat won blades at Torpids, the second men's football team won their league and were duly promoted, and the men's rugby team was promoted to the top flight for the first time. Perhaps best of all, Somerville's men's cricket team won the Cricket Cuppers! Molly's Library in Ghana was

secured for posterity by a student-led crowdfunding campaign, student societies like the Pool team and Dance Society grew in size over the course of the year, and Arts Week and EqualWeek were both a great success. Louis Mercier has been elected the new JCR President, and Stuart Webber was elected Union President, the first Somervillian to hold the post for many years.

NASIM ASL (English, 2013)

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## MCR Report

This academic year began with a big fat Greek wedding, when two MCR members tied the knot in Euboea. But our MCR did not only win at love, we also excelled academically – with many distinctions and scholarships attained – and on the playing fields and rivers. The Somerville MCR had a great year in rowing, contributing to both the men's and women's side of Somerville College Boat Club. Highlights included female MCR rowers winning blades with WII in Torpids, and with WI, and bumping back into the First Division

of Eights. The MCR also supplied a coach, who was key to these successes. As the MCR continued to grow in both size and diversity, our greatest successes cannot be measured or awarded prizes. They include the knowledgeable, passionate and compassionate discussions we had in the MCR and college bar, and the new friendships that promise to last through sickness and health.

NELE POLLATSCHEK (English, 2012), MCR President

# Library Report 2015

As a Librarian, I often get asked if anyone still uses printed books. So it was a relief this year to see the results of our user survey showing that students do still use books and libraries (80% of respondents work in the library every week and 91% borrow books from us). 195 students completed the survey (35% response rate) and the large number of comments received about what they did and didn't like will enable us to plan our work and expenditure over the coming years. The survey findings are reinforced by our own hourly headcounts which show an 18% increase in numbers using the library over the past three years.

We have continued to purchase books for the library in all subjects and have been fortunate to receive gifts of two major collections: one from William and Deborah Thomas (on John Stuart Mill and his circle) and the other from the bequest of a Somervillian, Enid Stoye. Monetary gifts have been received from Margaret Lee, Antonia Gransden, Valerie Mendes, Barbara Harvey, Shriman Sai Raman and the Sussex Egyptology Society, for which we are very grateful indeed and which have enabled us not only to buy some interesting books but also to frame another of Amelia Edwards' watercolours and to provide protective presentation boxes for some of the library treasures. From 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015, 1974 books have been accessioned (of which 497 are gifts) and 99 DVDs (61 gifts). As ever we have been delighted to receive book donations from a large number of people during the year and they are listed below – many thanks to all of them.

In addition to our normal activities, we have held several special events and exhibitions this year using material from the archives and special collections. In August, for example, we held a round-table discussion on the 20th anniversary of the College's decision to Go Mixed involving six current and Emeritus Fellows who had been involved in the process in the early 90s. We filmed this discussion for the archives. In November, we held the very popular Great War Roadshow where we asked alumni, staff and the general public to bring in their



items from WW1, as reported in this year's Somerville Magazine. Dorothy Hodgkin, Mary Somerville and Vera Brittain provided the inspiration for some of the other exhibitions held during the year.

Finally, mention must be made of our fundraising campaign to help preserve the library's John Stuart Mill Collection. With the organisational help of the Development Office and students Oliver Johnston-Watt and Shriman Sai Raman along with the financial backing of Christopher Kenyon, the crowd-funding campaign raised a total of £13,500 which will enable us to make a start on preserving the books, many of which are in a poor state of repair. We are also planning a further phase of the campaign to enable the marginalia of Mill and his father James to be digitised.

**Please contact the Librarian for further information [anne.manuel@some.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anne.manuel@some.ox.ac.uk)**

# List of Library Donors 2014-15:

Alexandra Abrahams  
(PPE, 2013)

Pauline Adams &  
Robert Franklin

Brigid Allen (History, 1963)\*

Susan Allen (History, 1985)\*

Emilie Amt (History, 1984)\*

Sonia Anderson  
(History, 1962)\*

Angelika Arend (Manyoni,  
Modern Languages, 1977)\*

Irena Backus (Kostarska,  
English, 1968)\*

Anthea Bell (English, 1954)\*

The Ben Uri Gallery

Francesca Betkowska  
(Modern Languages, 2011)

Margaret Birley

Mark Bostridge\*

Elio Brancaforte\*

Rosie Carpenter (History and  
Modern Languages, 2011)

Allan Chapman\*

Elaine Chow (Law, 2012)

Jane Clarke (Morgan,  
Mathematics, 1973)

Liz Cooke

Claudine Dauphin\*

Winifred Dawson\*

Sir Gerald and Lady  
Margaret Elliot (Whale,  
Classics, 1945)

Alistair Fair (History, 2000)\*

Isabela Fairclough  
(Preoteasa, Comparative  
Philology and  
Linguistics, 1992)\*

Ruth Finnegan  
(Classics, 1952)\*

Jennifer FitzGerald\*

Melanie Florence (Modern  
Languages, 1981)\*

Hazel Fox (Stuart,  
Law, 1946)

Judy Frankel (Noble,  
English, 1958)

Liam Garrison  
(Chemistry, 2012)

Malcolm Graham\*

Antonia Gransden (Morland,  
History, 1947)\*

Miriam Griffin

Linda Hart (Herbst, 1969)\*

Barbara Harvey

Marion Hebblethwaite  
(Educational Studies, 1979)\*

Judith Heyer (Cripps,  
PPE, 1956)\*

Suzanne Higgs (PPP, 1989)\*

Carole Hillenbrand (Oriental  
Studies, 1968)\*

Colette Hooper  
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Joanna Innes

Devaki Jain\*

Virginia Kennerley (Kent,  
Classics, 1954)\*

Philip Kreager\*

Meriel de Laszlo (Kitson,  
Physiology, 1968)\*

Margaret Lee (Cox,  
English, 1943)

Kate McLoughlin  
(English, 1988)\*

Valerie Mendes\*

Jacqueline Mitton (Pardoe,  
Physics, 1966)\*

Piero Morpurgo

Karen Nielsen\*

Srishti Nirula (English, 2013)

Jenna Orkin (Music, 1974)\*

The Public Catalogue  
Foundation\*

Dani Rabinowitz

Susan Reigler  
(Biology, 1977)\*

Jane Robinson\*

Matthew Roper

Saint Cross College\*

Charity Scott-Stokes  
(English, 1957)\*

Maxine Semmel

Steve Simon\*

Emma Sky (Oriental  
Studies, 1987)\*

Fiona Stafford\*

Enid Stoye (History, 1938)

Almut Suerbaum

Annie Sutherland\*

Madhura Swaminathan  
(Economics, 1982)\*

Anne Spokes Symonds\*

Judith M. Taylor (Mundlak,  
Natural Sciences, 1952)\*

Benjamin Thompson\*

Meg Twycross (Pattison,  
English, 1954)\*

Miranda Villiers (McKenna,  
Classics, 1954)\*

Rob Walters\*

J.S. (Jacqueline) Watts  
(English, 1979)\*

Jennifer Welsh

Ann Whitaker (PPE, 1946)

Jane Wickenden (Stemp,  
English, 1980)\*

Jean Wilks (English, 1946)

Alexandra Worrell and Stuart  
Webber (both English, 2013)

Colin Wyman\*

*\*Gift of donor's  
own publication*

# President's Report



Shirley Williams and Mark Bostridge speaking with an attendee of the Great War Roadshow held by Somerville on November 15th 2014

Dr Alice Prochaska, the Principal, opened this year's Winter Meeting with a fascinating talk on *Mary Somerville, Scientist, Writer and a Woman of her Time*. We saw a sequence from Mike Leigh's film *Mr Turner*, in which Mary explains the physics of light to her artist friend. Sara Kalim then conducted a lively interview with Lesley Manville, who played Mary in the film. In all, a most enjoyable and appropriate start to another busy year of many highlights.

To mention only a few, in November 2014 we had a wonderful afternoon watching clips from the new *Testament of Youth* film, with discussion from Shirley Williams, Mark Bostridge and the film team. We celebrated Miriam Griffin's 80th birthday in May with papers presented in her honour on a dazzling range of topics from the influence of St Augustine's mother Monnica to Graeco-Jewish marriage contracts. In May and June, Emma Sky and Lord Peter Hennessy spoke to the London Group, respectively on Iraq and the condition of British politics in the light of the election. In July the Lawyers and City Groups came together for dinner at All Souls, including a guided tour of the wonderful Chichele Library by our host and fellow

Somervillian, Dr Sarah Beaver. We look forward again to Family Day in September and a literary lunch in October with Simon Russell Beale in conversation with Katherine Duncan-Jones. We will be inviting recent years' leavers to drinks in the Oxford and Cambridge Club in November.

May and June also saw memorial services for Catherine Hughes, our former Principal, and Professor Anna Morpurgo Davies. Family and friends joined us for lunch and the annual Commemoration Service to celebrate the lives and achievements of those Somervillians who have died in the course of the year.

Finally, we record with great pleasure the remarkable Somervillians recognised with Honours this year: in the New Year list, Dame Esther Rantzen, for her services to charity, and Sonia Phippard CBE, Director of Water and Flood Risk Management at DEFRA; in the Queen's Birthday list an MBE for Elizabeth Chapman, who was Librarian of the Taylor and Professorial Fellow of Somerville 1997-2003.

SUSAN SCHOLEFIELD

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# The Somerville Senior Members' Fund, 2014-2015

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This year the Somerville Senior Members' Fund resumed its support for a Somervillian wishing to continue graduate studies at Somerville.

In addition, the Fund has been available to provide small sums to help alumni with unforeseen expenses and hardship, and to subsidise the cost of individuals attending College events which would otherwise have been unaffordable for them. We hope that people who

find themselves in need will not hesitate to call upon the Fund.

We are glad to hear from third parties who think help would be appreciated. And we are always grateful for donations to the Fund. Applications for grants should be made to **elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk** or **Lesley.brown@some.ox.ac.uk**



*Somerville Gaudy 2014*

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## Horsman Awards

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The Alice Horsman Scholarship was established in 1953. Alice Horsman (1908, Classics) was a great traveller who wished to provide opportunities for former Somerville students to experience other countries and peoples, whether through travel, research or further study.

The Alice Horsman Scholarship is open to final-year students and to all Somerville undergraduate and graduate alumni who are in need of financial support for a project, usually involving travel, research or further study, that is intended to enhance career prospects.

Applications from Somerville students/alumni who have secured a place on the Teach First scheme will be looked on favourably.

**For application forms please email [academic.office@some.ox.ac.uk](mailto:academic.office@some.ox.ac.uk) or download from <http://www.some.ox.ac.uk/studying-here/fees-funding/student-awards/> . Applications are now accepted at the start of each term. Applications for Michaelmas Term will close on Wednesday 21st October 2015.**



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# Somerville's Great War

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The Great War saw a College for women turn hospital for men. Convalescing soldiers, poets and writers all found a home at Somerville. The fortunes of female students were changed forever, writes Frank Prochaska.

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In September 1914 Harold Macmillan, an undergraduate at Balliol College, took the widely held view that the war would be over by Christmas. "Our major anxiety was by hook or crook not to miss it." He didn't. Like large numbers of Oxford undergraduates he signed up in the early days of the war and, like thousands of others, he paid a heavy price for it. In his case he was wounded three times, severely at the Battle of the Somme. He spent the remainder of the war in a military hospital and never returned to Oxford to finish his degree. "I just could not face it. To me it was a city of ghosts."

The war transformed Oxford and its university. Academic life largely ended in the men's colleges, with a consequent loss in fees and tuition. The local economy also suffered from the dramatic decline in the number of students – nearly 15,000 college men served in the forces and 2,716 of them died. "A different wartime Oxford soon emerged," Malcolm Graham, a historian of the city observes, "as college, university, and other public buildings filled with billeted troops and wounded soldiers." Convalescing servicemen could be seen in the Exam Schools, the Town Hall and a tented hospital in New College garden. The Radcliffe Infirmary joined the Third Southern General Hospital and, between them, they treated some 105,000 patients during the war.

If the war was disastrous for the men of Oxford, it presented an opening for the women left behind. For the first time, female dons were permitted to lecture in the university, coach male undergraduates and plan courses and lecture lists. The chance of academic advancement for women was not to be missed by a progressive institution like Somerville, which naturally saw itself in the vanguard of female education.

Wartime pressures posed a serious dilemma for individual women in Somerville. A number of undergraduates and dons quickly volunteered for

war service – military, medical, administrative or charity-based. Moreover, in April 1915 the War Office requisitioned Somerville as a military hospital. As the soldiers arrived, the students decamped to Oriel. *The Oxford Magazine* noted that a former dean of Oriel "must be turning in his grave" at the thought of females in the college. But Vera Brittain, a first-year Somerville undergraduate reading English, remarked: "It is really splendid – much better as a Hospital than as a College."

'Oxford versus War' and 'Learning versus Life', wrote Brittain of her college days in her memoir *Testament of Youth*, an elegy for the lost generation of the First World War. She had arrived in Somerville (the recipient of an exhibition) in the autumn of 1914, a tumultuous world far different from her tranquil childhood in Derbyshire, and, as she put it, "tried to forget the war". Brittain joined the Oxford Society for Women's Suffrage and became friends with, among others, the novelist Dorothy L. Sayers. Despite labouring over her Greek verbs, she came to believe the war had made student life "more elevated & less petty" and was positive about moving to a men's college and wrote of the "dusty old dons and proctors" who criticized Oriel for taking them in, comparing them with those men who "have sufficient imagination and far-sightedness to be feminists".

The status of female education at Oxford remained fragile, but the College's Principal, Emily Penrose, devoted herself to both the needs of wartime and the progress of women within the university. She "gladly surrendered" the college buildings and gardens to the military and saw an opportunity in the transition to an ancient men's college; it was an indication of the progress that female students had made in the university. "We have", she warned her exiled students at Oriel, "to defend against the would be critics a long line of trenches; each student has her bit of the line to keep."



The magazine *The London Opinion* took a less noble view of the move:

*O Oriel, centuries ago*

*To flowing-vested monks devoted, to think that thou*  
*again canst show a horde of scholars petticoated!*

*And when thy gallant sons return,*

*Of whom the cruel wars bereave thee, will not thy fair*  
*alumnae spurn suggestions that it's time to leave thee?*

In fact, Somerville's "petticoated feminists" were cut off from the few remaining men at Oriel and relegated to St Mary's Hall. Fortifications were erected between the quads to allay the Oriel Provost's fears of a 'Pyramus and Thisbe' incident – a reference to Ovid's ill-fated lovers.

Brittain herself found her studies overshadowed by the new precariousness of her love affair with Roland Leighton, who was stationed in France, and she took refuge in the poetry of Rupert Brooke. By the end of the academic year she had decided to become a nurse, and after a spell in Buxton Hospital and London, she moved on to Malta and France as a member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment. In the battle of 'Oxford versus War' and 'Learning versus Life', the latter had won on both fronts. "I, too, take leave of all I ever had."

### Officers

In 1916 the authorities decided to turn Somerville into a hospital for officers with capacity (thanks in part to tents on the quad) for 262 beds. The domesticity of the setting may well have appealed to the new arrivals. Siegfried Sassoon wrote of arriving in August 1916 with a case of gastric fever. "To be lying in a little white-walled room, looking through the window on to a College lawn, was for the first few days very much like paradise". Released from the horrors of the front in general, and the Battle of the Somme in particular, he expressed his cynicism about war in verse with such poems as 'The Stretcher-Case', 'The Father' and 'The Hero'.

In fact, he would return to the front within a few months, but a further injury in April 1917 brought him home permanently. His friend and fellow poet Robert Graves, wrongly reported dead at the Somme in *The Times*, ended up at Somerville too. "How unlike you to crib my idea of going to the Ladies' College at Oxford," Sassoon wrote to him in 1917. But Somerville also saw Graves meet his first love, a probationer nurse and professional pianist called Marjorie – he gave up his hopes when he discovered she was engaged to a

man at the front. But he liked the College all the same: "I enjoyed my stay at Somerville," he later recalled. "The sun shone, and the discipline was easy." After the War he took up his place at St John's.

Once the war ended, the return to normality between Oriel and Somerville was delayed, sparking both frustration and an incident in spring 1919 known as the Oriel raid, in which male undergraduates made a hole in the wall dividing the sexes – the following day the Somerville Principal and Fellows took it in turns to guard the breach. "It was a dramatic climax to Somerville's residence at Oriel," wrote Pauline Adams, historian of Somerville and former Librarian of the College. In July 1919 the Principal and Fellows were relieved to return to Somerville.

Vera Brittain, however, was sad to return to "a city of ghosts" and grew disappointed with her peers' desire to forget the war which had cost her a fiancé, brother and numerous friends. But she was able to press on with her political activism, noting that the war had been "a wonderful period of progress" for the status of the

university's women. Moreover, the granting of women's suffrage in 1918, albeit for women over 30, pointed to a glaring anomaly in which women could vote for parliamentary candidates for Oxford University but were still denied degrees.

In *Testament of Youth*, Brittain recalled the day in 1920 when women were finally granted degrees. She paid particular tribute to the work of Miss Penrose: "What a consummation of her life-work this was for her!... More than any Oxford woman [the Principal] has been responsible for the symbolic celebrations of that morning...she was an academic Metternich of an older regime – but it was a Metternich that the War and post-war periods had required...[when it came to] reconciling college and university... probably no woman living could have done it so well."

**Frank Prochaska** is a Member of Somerville. This article is adapted from an article that appeared in the May 2015 edition of *History Today*.

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# Members' News and Publications

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## 1933

We are delighted to record that two members celebrated centenaries in 2015: **Margaret Leith-Ross (Mrs Hagger)** on 7 January and **Mary Goodland (Mrs Burns)** on 15 January. They both read Modern Languages. We congratulate them both most warmly.

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## 1938

**Mary Scrutton (Mrs Midgley)** has had two books published by Routledge in recent years, *The Solitary Self* (2010) and *Are You an Illusion?* (2014).

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## 1946

**Audrey Clark (Mrs Butler)** writes: 'My husband and I have been married 65 years on 17th June ... We met at a lecture in Schools (WA Pantin on Church History). He had also just matriculated and was at Worcester College, having just come out of the army, and we have been together ever since.'

**Elizabeth Graham (Lady Kirk)** has been working on bridleways and access to the countryside on horse, foot and bicycle since the 1960s. 'Mostly it is hard legal slog, research, public inquiries, negotiations and so forth but occasionally one gets a day out to celebrate' – e.g. the opening of a very special bridge designed and built by pioneering engineer Dr Geoff Freedman (Rural Bridges) in the North Yorks Moors national park. With friends, she rode from Scarborough



*Lady Kirk at the opening of the new bridge over the Murk Esk*

to Exmoor in 2000, and from Scarborough to the Brecon Beacons in 2006, both about 450 miles; a long ride is planned for next year to highlight the fact that in 2026 a great many historic rights of way will be lost if not claimed.

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## 1952

**Judith Mundlak (Dr Mundlak Taylor)** published a new book in December 2014: *Visions of Loveliness: Great Flower Breeders of the Past* (Ohio University Press).

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## 1953

**Ann Mansfield-Robinson (Mrs Currie)** and her husband Giles have settled in a cottage at Amesbury Abbey Mews – sheltered accommodation which includes excellent lunches in the restaurant. 'They mix us up and we have 40 new friends. We are in the Stonehenge area and there is a very exciting mesolithic dig in our grounds.'

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## 1955

**Jenny Teichman** has two middle-aged sons who are academics and a grand-daughter who is a lawyer. Her book *The Philosophy of War and Peace* has been re-published several times and translated into various foreign languages.

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## 1959

**Marieke Clarke** has a chapter in *War and Women Across Continents*, edited by Ardener, Armitage and Sciamia, to be published by Berghahn Books in autumn 2015; it is about her aunt, Ank Faber-Chabot, a Dutch woman who sheltered Jews in World War II.

**Onora O'Neill** has been awarded (November 2014) Germany's highest honour 'Pour Le Mérite'. This honour is limited to 40 German citizens, ten each in the fields of humanities, natural science, and medicine and the arts, and 40 non-Germans.

**Esther Rantzen (Mrs Wilcox)** was made a Dame in the New Year's Honours' List for her services to charity. We congratulate her most warmly.

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## 1961

**Maria Perry-Robinson** says that she is still writing and researching her biography of Queen Charlotte as a botanist – working title *Strelitzia Regina, Queen of Flowers*, but she has been invited concurrently to contribute to a new history of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. As part of the Erasmus+ programme she has also been lecturing recently on

*The Difficulties of Teaching English Language and Pronunciation in a Multi-Cultural Environment* at universities in Poland, Spain and the Czech Republic. This is part of an initiative to raise awareness in adult learners about environmental issues.

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## 1962

**Jennifer Black (Professor Coates)**. The editors apologise for an error in last year's Report. The language Jennifer had to learn for her project with the Harris Academy was Lugwere, a Bantu language that has only very recently been written down, not Luganda, which is the national language of Uganda.

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## 1966

**Maggie Gee** was appointed Professor of Creative Writing at Bath Spa University in 2012. In the same year she was awarded an OBE for services to literature and there was an international conference about her work at St Andrews University. A study of her work, *Maggie Gee: Writing the Condition-of-England Novel*, by Turkish scholar Mine Özyurt Kiliç, was published by Bloomsbury Academic. In 2014 Maggie published her new novel, *Virginia Woolf in Manhattan*, which brings Virginia Woolf back to life in the 21st century in New York and Istanbul. A collection of essays about her work in the *Gylphi Contemporary Writers: Critical Essays* series is forthcoming later this year.

**Liz Masters (Mrs MacRae Shaw)** has published *Love and Music will Endure*. This novel is about Mary MacPherson, the 19th century Skye

bard and political campaigner. As the bard of the Land League she appeared before audiences across Scotland. A doughty Victorian woman, her songs of exile, hope and joy in the natural world are sung to this day.

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## 1967

**Carolyn Beckingham** writes: 'I'm still doing regular voluntary work for the International Liberty Association and have translated another book from French for them. I am also part of the team running the Link for Freedom Foundation, which is campaigning to establish freedom and justice in Iran and help its people form a democratic government, as well as freeing those of its opposition members living in prison-like conditions in Iraq.'

**Alison Potter (Professor Wolf)** joined the House of Lords in December 2014 as a crossbench peer, the Baroness Wolf of Dulwich, CBE. We congratulate her most warmly.

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## 1968

**Honor Godfrey (Mrs McCabe)**, who retired earlier this year from the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum (where she has been Curator since 1999), received an MBE from the Queen at Buckingham Palace in November 2014. Our warmest congratulations.

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## 1969

**Harriet Carswell (Mrs Wilson)** has just moved house and now has a large garden. She is still doing

a monthly column of advice from Maidenhead Citizens Advice for the local paper.

## 1970

**Sabina Lovibond**, Emeritus Fellow, Worcester College, was an invited speaker at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, USA (conference on 'The Authority of Tradition', October 2014) and at the British Wittgenstein Society (conference on 'Wittgenstein and the Social Sciences', University of Exeter, June 2015). She has published two articles: 'Baggy Monsters Digest the 1980s: The Realism of the Later Iris Murdoch', *Iris Murdoch Review* 5 (2014); and 'Second Nature, Habitus, and the Ethical: Remarks on Wittgenstein and Bourdieu', *Ethical Perspectives* 22 (2015), special issue on 'Wittgensteinian Approaches to Moral Philosophy' edited by Benjamin De Mesel and James Thompson.

## 1973

**Gill Parkes (Mrs Sharpe)** has been awarded a Master of Arts in Philosophy (with Merit) from The Open University. Recently retired from a commercial career in advanced materials, she now serves as a trustee director of a large private sector pension fund.

## 1974

**Marie Ann Giddins** writes: "In 2014, I was promoted to Advisor, Reservoir Engineering, in Schlumberger, where I specialize in reservoir simulation and enhanced oil recovery studies. I also finished moving into my new "self-build"

house, which is faced in Burford stone, meets high environmental standards and is heated by a ground-source heat pump. (Somervillians in the Oxford area who are considering a building project are welcome to get in touch if they would like to learn from my experiences.)"

**Olwyn Hocking** combines enjoyable freelance work – proof-reader/editor and community media – with volunteering (she raised more than £400k for a local cricket club which faced closure). There are big changes in her family: her daughter has joined Oxfam and moved to Oxford; her son is marrying a lovely US citizen and will be moving to New York State – she is looking forward to trips there, but not relishing the de-cluttering and downsizing that now seems timely.

**Jane Mellor (Professor Everson)** took slightly early retirement from Royal Holloway at the end of September 2014, but she is not really retired. She was appointed Visiting Professor at the University of Padua and has enjoyed working there on a six-month contract.

**Jenna Orkin** published in November 2014 *Scout: A Memoir of Investigative Journalist Michael C. Ruppert, with Against the Dying of the Light*.

## 1975

**Joanna Haxby** has retired from General Practice management and is living happily on the Somerset coast, creating a garden, growing food, baking bread, sewing, swimming, listening to Radio 4 and revelling in the landscape.

## 1976

**Finola Clarke (Mrs Gowers)** has served as a magistrate for just over three and a half years in the adult courts at Camberwell and Croydon. Last year she was successful in her application to be appointed to sit on the Youth Panel and she has now completed the initial training and is enjoying her interest in youth justice and rehabilitation, hoping by timely interventions to prevent re-offending.

**Ruth Coggan (Mrs Mayes)** is taking early retirement this summer after thirty-five years in education, fourteen as a head teacher. She says: 'I am looking forward to having time to travel, see family and pursue a range of interests. I have yet to decide about any work!'

## 1978

**Angela Bonaccorso**, Professor at the Instituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, has been involved in organising a programme which is included in a prestigious summer schools course : <http://www.summerschoolsineurope.eu/course/5055/re-writing-nuclear-physics-textbooks-30-years-of-radioactive-ion-beam-physics>

**Ann Olivarius** is senior partner in the firm McAllister Olivarius (solicitors). She writes: 'My firm represents women who have been discriminated against at work, sexually harassed at work or at university, survivors of child sexual abuse, and businesses with commercial disputes, in the US and UK – and it's been a busy year! We've handled cases for several university vice-chancellors and



senior bankers in London and New York. We sponsored a conference on 'revenge porn' in London in April with senior academics, activists and victims which received considerable press attention. The research project I founded about the lives and careers of women Rhodes Scholars, the Rhodes Project, happily brings me back to Oxford and Somerville quite often; OUP is to publish a book based on its data next year. I still really enjoy being fully busy and engaged, and hope to keep going for a while yet!

**Sonia Phippard**, Director of Water & Flood Risk Management at DEFRA, was awarded a CBE in the New Year's Honours List. We warmly congratulate her.

## 1979

**Professor Dona Cady** is currently President of the Oxford and Cambridge Society of New England.

**Julia Gasper** has been elected South East regional chairman of the English Democrat political party. She is one of the contributors to a book: *Jephthah's Daughters : Innocent Casualties in the War for Family 'Equality'*, published by CreateSpace on 17 February 2015, and has also published a new book called *Homosexuality and Paedophilia : A Reference Guide*. Her daughter has graduated in Religious Studies from Wolfson College, Cambridge.

**Jacqueline Watts**'s new novel *Witchlight* was published in May 2015. She writes under the name J.S. Watts. See [www.jswwatts.co.uk](http://www.jswwatts.co.uk) for further details.

## 1980

**Margaret Casely-Hayford**, who is Chair of Action Aid, and Non-Executive Director of NHS England, now sits on the Independent Oversight Panel of the Metropolitan Police.

## 1981

**Shriti Vadera** has been appointed Chairman of Santander UK; she is the first woman to head a major UK bank.

## 1982

**Catherine Royle** was appointed Political Advisor to NATO in January 2015.

## 1984

**Wendy Janet Padley** remarried in August 2014. She has retired from teaching after 22 years and begun working as an administrative assistant to the Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust.

## 1986

**Sacha Romanovitch** is the new CEO of Grant Thornton; she is the first woman to head a major UK accountancy firm.

## 1987

**Shiban Akbar** has new job as Lecturer / Instructor in English at King Saud University in Saudi Arabia.

**Sally Prentice** was the Labour candidate in North Herefordshire in the 2015 General Election, increasing the Labour vote from 3373 to 5478 and the share from 7 to 11 per

cent. In August 2014 she walked the Capital Ring (78 miles around London) to raise funds for the Garden Museum's expansion (see [www.gardenmuseum.org.uk](http://www.gardenmuseum.org.uk)).

**Emma Sky** is a Senior Research Fellow at Yale; her new book is *Unravelling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq*, published in May. On 18 May she was the speaker at a Somerville London Group event at LSE.

## 1988

**Julia Aglionby** writes: 'The Board of Natural England has been rather more demanding than anticipated from a non-exec position but also a huge privilege and fascinating – beavers, badgers, wind farms as well as my core role of how do we balance all society and farmers' demands from the uplands.'

## 1989

**Anna Kemp** is busy with her Spanish amphitheatre: <http://www.mevuelveslorca.com/>. She writes: 'We were invited by the royal opera house in Madrid to take part in the European Opera Days initiative, which aims to reach new audiences ... so on the 8th of May, we took *La Traviata* to the streets of Granada, and over 500 people watched as it was streamed live from the Teatro Real.'

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## 1990

**Dawn Ohlson** writes : 'After 6 years on secondment to Thales headquarters in Paris I am now finally back in a UK role although still with Thales after 25 years. During those 6 years of commuting from Twickenham to Paris I had two daughters, Matilda now 4 and Florence now 2. I recently won the 2014 First Woman of Engineering award.'

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## 1994

**Musab Hayatli** has been sent to the US by his Belgian employers to set up and manage a new entity, cApStAn Inc., specialising in linguistic quality control of international and multilingual tests and surveys. He hopes to discover new markets and expand the business.

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## 1995

**Stephen Allen** has been promoted to Full Professor at Rider University and nominated for a Grammy in the Music Educator category.

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## 2000

**Alistair Fair**, who is Chancellor's Fellow in Architectural History at the University of Edinburgh, has published 'Brutalism Among the Ladies: Modern Architecture at Somerville College, Oxford, 1947-67', *Architectural History*, 57 (2014), 357-82. He has sent a copy to College for the library and archives.

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## 2003

**Seamus Holden** writes: 'We have been living in Lausanne since 2011. I work as a post-doc at the EPFL, and Eleanor is a primary school teacher at Geneva English School. Switzerland has been fantastic, particularly since we are both very keen skiers/snowboarders! In July we will move back to the UK – I recently received a Newcastle University Research Fellowship and will be starting my own laboratory there working at the interface of biophysics and microbiology.'

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## 2002

**Edward Robinson** and **Charlotte Robinson-Jones** (2004) are both practising lawyers, Edward as a solicitor and Charlotte a barrister.

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## 2004

**Kathryn ('Kat') Gordon's** debut novel *The Artificial Anatomy of Parks* was published by Legend, 1 July 2015.

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## 2010

**Daniel Balderson** spent 2 years in China learning Mandarin and teaching English in Beijing before coming up to Somerville to read PPE. He dreamed of establishing an English language training school in China, specialising in small group and one-to-one teaching, and immediately after graduating he left for Qingdao

on the east coast of China to set about doing this. He called his school Premier English and it has expanded steadily, transferring in June 2014 to a purpose-fitted school in the Cheryang district of Qingdao; for more information see [danbalderson@live.com](mailto:danbalderson@live.com).

**Rachel Lovibond** is an account manager at CHI & Partners, an advertising agency.

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## 2011

**Matthew Robinson**, sad to be leaving Somerville, is going on to do a Masters at King's College, London.

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## 2012

**Daisy Johnson** has won the AM Heath Prize for fiction. This prize, offered by one of London's most prestigious and long-established literary agencies, is awarded annually for the best piece of fiction written by a graduating student of the MSt. Victoria Hobbs, director of AM Heath, said, 'Daisy Johnson's stories are brave and unusual – writing with the very best kind of inventive ambition. From the striking opening image of headless eels in "Starver", to the eerie poise of the fox at the end of "There Was a Fox In the Bedroom", I was hooked. I am very much looking forward to seeing what this writer does next.'

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# Marriages

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## Chatfield – Luscombe

on 5 December 2014

Melanie Chatfield (1982) to Nicholas Luscombe

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## Fitter – Tu

on 14 September 2013

Richard Fitter (1999) to Lena Tu

*(with the Editors' apology for not including this announcement in last year's Report)*

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## Kaouri – Theodorides

on 8 November 2014

Katerina Kaouri (1999) to Neophytos Theodorides

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## Kerr – Frederick

on 8 August 2015

Andrew Kerr (2010) to Laura Anne Frederick

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## Moulding – Baker

on 14 March 2014

Mark Moulding (1999) to Sarah Baker

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## Padley – Adeney

on 29 August 2014

Wendy Janet Padley (1984) to Mark Adeney

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## Smithson – Gunn

On 9 August 2014

Philippa Smithson (2009) to Alexander Gunn (2008)

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## Stanley – Tuerk

on 18 October 2014

Rosalyn Stanley (2002) to Alina Tuerk

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## Woolf – Krige

on 24 August 2014

Antony Kadri Thomas Woolf (2005) to Nadia Mei Meer Krige

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# Births

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## Allfrey

To Philip (2003) and Sarah Allfrey on 9 December 2014 a son James George Allfrey

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## Black

To Caroline (née Carrick, 1993) and Nicholas Black on 15 June 2014 a daughter Caitlin Anne Black

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## Fitter

To Richard (1999) and Lena Fitter on 13 June 2014 a daughter Isabella Ailla Fitter.

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## Holden

To Eleanor (née Earl, 2004) and Seamus (2003) Holden on 10 December 2014 a son Francis Patrick Holden

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## Lomax

To Caroline (née Lee, 2004) and Oliver Lomax on 26 September 2014 a son Timothy Arthur Lomax, a brother for Reuben

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## Lovett

To Isabelle and Ferdinand Lovett (1999) on 14 July 2015 a son Cassius Louis Lovett

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James George Allfrey

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## Robinson

To Eleanor (née Mann, 2000) and Edward Robinson on 3 January 2014 a daughter Aurelia Mae Robinson

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## Roberts

To Andrew Whelan (1998) and Catherine Roberts on 12 August 2014 a son Emil Reuben Augustus Roberts

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# Deaths

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**Hughes**

Catherine Eva Hughes *née* Pestell  
(Principal 1989-96; Honorary Fellow  
1996) on 10 December 2014 Aged 81

**Warburton**

Anne Marion Warburton (1947;  
Honorary Fellow 1977) on 4 June 2015  
Aged 87

**Al Qadhi**

Elizabeth Al Qadhi *née* Strachey (1955)  
on 1 October 2014 Aged 78

**Avery**

JoAnn Avery *née* McDonald (1955) on  
19 February 2015 Aged 82

**Bagchi**

Jashodhara Bagchi *née* Sen Gupta  
(1958) on 9 January 2015 Aged 77

**Barber**

Christa Renate Barber *née* Krause  
(1953) on 20 January 2015 Aged 87

**Barrett**

Barbara Ann Barrett *née* Presswood  
(1957) on 3 July 2015 Aged 77

**Burrell-Davies**

Joan Burrell-Davies *née* Royle (1940) on  
11 July 2015 Aged 93

**Chaloner**

Kathryn Mary Chaloner (1972) on 19  
October 2014 Aged 60

**Clark**

Carol Elizabeth Clark *née* Gallagher  
(1959) on 20 June 2015 Aged 74

**Davies**

Jean Davies *née* Roderick (1947) on 1  
October 2014 Aged 86

**Deutsch**

Edna Wishart Deutsch *née* Robertson  
(1960) on 7 December 2014 Aged 75

**Dinnage**

Rosemary Kemp Dinnage *née* Allen  
(1946) on 10 July 2015 Aged 87

**Donaldson**

Tamsin Jane Donaldson *née* Proctor  
(1958) on 16 September 2014 Aged 75

**Ferguson**

Joan Collier Ferguson *née* Sinar (1943)  
on 18 January 2015 Aged 89

**Greenwood**

Maria Katazyna ('Kasia') Greenwood  
*née* Smolenska (1953) on 8 October  
2014 Aged 79

**Hayward Haag**

Sally Belinda Parminter Hayward Haag  
*née* Hayward (1956) on 1 July 2013  
Aged 76

**Hall**

Ursula Eunice Hall *née* Ewins (1949) on  
1 July 2015 Aged 89

**Harvey**

Hilda Jean Harvey *née* Thompson  
(1946) on 18 August 2014 Aged 89

**Kennet**

The Lady Elizabeth Ann Kennet *née*  
Adams (1941) on 30 November 2014  
Aged 91

**King**

Hilary Katharine King *née* Presswood  
(1965) on 25 June 2015 Aged 69

**King**

Pauline Mary Colette King (1956) on 12  
October 2014 Aged 84

**Liya**

Susan Mary ('Sally') Liya *née* Villiers-  
Stuart (1964) on 15 February 2015  
Aged 69

**Malcolm**

Susan Mary Malcolm *née* Waller (1966)  
on 17 August Aged 68

**Medcalf**

Margaret Lilian Medcalf (1946) on 20  
April 2015 Aged 93

**Miles**

Patricia Mary Miles *née* Storey (1949) on  
8 March 2015 Aged 84

**Pestell**

Muriel Ada Pestell *née* Whitby (1951) on  
29 May 2015 Aged 82

**Philps**

Dilys Bronwen Philps *née* Jones (1937)  
on 24 April 2015 Aged 96

**Schiele**

Pamela Gwendolen Schiele (1936) on  
29 June 2015 Aged 97

**Simmonds**

Stephanie Jane Simmonds (1990) on 3  
June 2015 Aged 46

**von Sivers**

Marion (Mandy) Elizabeth von Sivers *née*  
Boyd (1966) on 8 May 2014 Aged 79

**Stoye**

Enid Dorothy Stoye (1938) on 2 January  
2015 Aged 95

**Tillet**

June Mary Tillet *née* Burdess (1939) on  
13 December 2014 Aged 95

**Tizard**

Barbara Patricia Tizard *née* Parker  
(1944) on 4 January 2015 Aged 88

**Tonge**

Kathryn Anne Tonge (1982) on 2  
January 2014 Aged 49

**Townsend**

The Lady Juliet Margaret Townsend *née*  
Smith (1960) on 29 November 2014  
Aged 73

**Vernon**

Joanna Vernon *née* Gillies (1937) on 8  
August 2015 Aged 96

**Walter**

Effie Marion ('Jane') Walter *née*  
Brinkworth (1936) on 7 February 2015  
Aged 97

**Woodall**

Enid Constance Woodall (1933) on 12  
March 2015 Aged 100

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# Obituaries

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Catherine Eva Hughes, CMG, née Pestell (St Hilda's, 1952), Principal of Somerville 1989–1996, Honorary Fellow of Somerville, 1996–2014

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Catherine Hughes, who died on 10 December 2014, was born 24 September 1933. Family tradition says she was of Huguenot descent, but she never tried to pin down the link. Her father was a civil engineer, her mother Scottish, and an important source of encouragement to her bright daughter. Catherine spent, despite the background of war, a 'happy period of stability in the somewhat stark setting of industrial Leeds'. She won a scholarship to Leeds High School for Girls: an excellent education, she later said, balanced between arts and sciences. Two history tutors who had studied at St Hilda's College, Oxford encouraged her to apply; having gained a scholarship to read history, 1952–5, she came under the formidable aegis of Beryl Smalley and Menna Prestwich. She served as President of the Stubbs Society – a university society of high-achieving historians.

Success in the Civil Service exams took her to the Foreign Office in 1955. The world she then joined was male-dominated: this was only nine years after women were first allowed to join the career structure; until 1972 they continued to be required to resign on marriage. Not that Catherine with her lively mind and ironic humour ever let such things hold her back; by her own account she had no sense of limits being set to her ambitions.

The next 30 years she described as ones of 'constant changes of place and subject'. She steadily climbed the ladder, serving as Third Secretary in The Hague during the first year of the European Communities, then Second Secretary in Bangkok, where, as UK member of SEATO's Permanent Working Group, she had a ringside seat on the accelerating war in Indo-China. Set up as one of the ring of pro-Western defence organisations to contain the Communist threat, SEATO ran a number of aid projects designed to strengthen



local society against subversion. With a small aid-budget, Catherine got involved in the SEATO School of Engineering (which survived its parent to become The Asian Institute of Technology) and also with the battle against the liver fluke which devastated river-dwelling communities. She visited Hill Tribe Settlements in Northern Thailand and spent time in Laos where battle raged on the Plain of Jars. Then – now as a First Secretary – she returned to the FCO as principal desk officer for Vietnam. She was one of those who argued strongly against British involvement in America's escalating war. She thought this incompatible with Britain's role as co-chairman (with Russia) of the Geneva Conventions, and moreover believed that Asian nations would ultimately have to sort out their own futures.

In 1978 she returned to Europe as Political Counsellor in East Berlin. She quickly became a leading expert on the Four Power Status of this divided city, which was constantly under challenge by the Communist bloc. She also played a political role advising the British

Military Government in West Berlin how to handle the East Germans. As a colleague remarked, her STASI file must be a classic. A few years later she was back in Germany as Minister (Economic) in Bonn, further deepening her knowledge of the country. In 1967 she assumed her final, Ambassadorial-level job as Assistant Under-Secretary for the Public Departments. Her responsibilities included the FCO relationship with the BBC and the British Council. The cost of the World Service and the British Council fell on the Foreign Office vote, and at a time of cuts there were inevitably tensions; she was known as a tough negotiator. She also supervised the FCO's Consular and Information Departments.

Former colleagues recall her as a tireless and delightful colleague with a subtle sense of the absurd and a bubbling sense of humour. She had a slightly subversive attitude to authority: as she told one interviewer, 'I like that tiny seed of cantankerousness which doesn't lie down and accept things'.

A period spent as a visiting fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford in 1974 renewed her interest in Oxford and appreciation of its values; when asked if she was willing to be considered for the post of Principal of Somerville College in 1987, she agreed. References written at that time underline some of her traits: 'a great ability to go to the root of any problem, and to express opinions without fear or favour'; 'entirely without conceit'; 'doesn't fuss' and 'would not be interfering'. It was suggested that while 'she may appear somewhat aloof at first meeting ... she has in fact warmth, affection and perception.' 'She has very high standards but combines these with enjoyment of life'.

She took office at Somerville in 1989, finding this phase of her life rewarding but with some surprises. 'The nicest of surprises' was her marriage to Dr Trevor Hughes, a neuropathologist who was then Acting Warden of Green College, next door to Somerville. (His best man asked at the wedding why he couldn't just have climbed over the wall in the time-honoured way.) Less pleasantly surprising was how hard students fought the Fellows' wish to admit men to the college as both students and Fellows. The students drew in the College Visitor

(Lord Jenkins, as Chancellor of the University), and the dispute and its aftermath blighted college life for two years. Catherine Hughes, as she had by then become, played robustly the role of *primus inter pares*; she favoured the decision, but always tried to represent the general wish of the fellowship; students who suspected her of imposing her views could not have been more wrong. She said, though, that this was not the greatest challenge she faced as Principal – and indeed it mainly required resilience. She found more deeply taxing the perennial challenge of making colleges and university work well together. She served on a variety of university bodies, especially ones relating to her diplomatic interests: Queen Elizabeth House and the Foreign Service programme. At Somerville, she saw through the admission of the first male Fellows and students (in 1993-4), but took early retirement in 1996, to share more time with Trevor Hughes.

An important source of stimulation and enjoyment in her later years was the St Frideswide Book Club, a club devoted to the discussion of non-fictional works, founded by Roger Bannister, and largely consisting of former heads of house; Catherine was an early member. In a last contribution, which Trevor gave in her absence, they nominated Perugino as an artist whose work they would like to have on their walls: one warms to him, they said, not least 'because in his long life, he was eclipsed by other painters, notably Michelangelo and Raphael'.

Catherine bore the onset of cancer with characteristic resilience, and fought it for several years, enjoying global cruises when she was well enough to travel. In a nursing home during her final illness, she remained interested, brisk and opinionated. She had latterly begun to make generous gifts to support students in History, English and Modern Languages, to help them take opportunities to develop themselves according to any convincing plan they put forwards; she did this in the undaunted conviction that study of these subjects provides a basis for a useful and public-spirited life. She described the object of her gifts as 'liberating excellence'.

JOANNA INNES,  
Professor of Modern History and  
Fellow & Tutor at Somerville

## Sally Chilver (Graves, 1932; Honorary Fellow 1977)

Elizabeth Leila Millicent Chilver, known to all as Sally, was born in Constantinople on 3 August 1914. Her father was Philip Perceval Graves of *The Times*; her uncle Robert Graves. War having broken out the next day, the family were evacuated to Alexandria and then to Greece. In due course Sally came to school in England, winning a scholarship to Benenden, and in 1932, after two terms at the Central School of Arts and Crafts and three months in Germany, she came up to Somerville to read History. Her tutors included Lucy Sutherland and Maude Clarke and her contemporaries Barbara Ward and Marghanita Laski; at this time she was renamed 'Sally' from a fanciful resemblance between her skirts and those worn by the heroine of a comic novel of the period. She retained very fond memories of Somerville and remained in close touch with the College, being elected Honorary Fellow in 1977. When she was blind in old age, a Somerville student frequently read to her, and there were plans afoot to celebrate her 100th birthday here, had she not died on 3 July 2014, a month before the birthday.

After going down, Sally travelled in Germany, the Middle East and Bulgaria (where she and her father were briefly guests of King Boris). Back in London in 1937 she married Richard Chilver, an Oxford classicist and civil servant. Sally herself was recruited into the Ministry of Economic Warfare in 1939, and later the Cabinet Office, working on overseas supplies, and it was then that she developed her interest in Africa, particularly the Cameroon. After the war and a spell in journalism, she returned to the Civil Service, in the Colonial Office.

By 1958, back in Oxford as Director of the Institute of Colonial (later Commonwealth) Studies, Sally oversaw its merger with Queen Elizabeth House. Long vacations enabled her to deepen her interest in the Cameroon and to travel there with her anthropologist friend Phyllis Kaberry, a specialist in the Grasslands of the Cameroon. For the rest of her life she remained at the centre of a network of 'Cameroonists'.

In 1964 she was appointed Principal of Bedford College, London. There in 1968 she had to deal with



*Two Somervillian Principals of LMH : Sally Chilver with her predecessor and former tutor, Lucy Sutherland*

student revolts; she coped characteristically well with these, inviting the ring-leaders into her office and, Gauloise dangling from the corner of her mouth, asking their advice on 'her' problems. They responded by calling her 'Granny'; essentially the revolt was over.

In 1971 she moved back to Oxford, as Principal of LMH, and remained there till 1979. Dr Frances Lannon, later Principal of LMH herself, writes of her:

'As it happens, I was an undergraduate entering my third and final year when Sally took over from another Somervillian, Dame Lucy Sutherland, who had been a notable Principal of the College for 26 years. A transition like that has its challenges. We students noticed immediately a more informal style. She was unstuffy, and a moderniser. Sally was rather shy, but kind and approachable, and we liked her snazzy trouser suits and lively sherry parties. Sally's tenure coincided with the movement by many Oxford colleges, at first cautiously and then in a great rush, to abandon single-sex education. The discussions over this historic change were often agonised. Sally had already overseen the transition at Bedford College; in her non-confrontational style, she led LMH, the oldest of the women's colleges in Oxford, to move swiftly and confidently to embrace co-education in

1978. Sally Chilver lived longer than any other head of an Oxford college has done. She was creative, clever, kind, original, tolerant, and learned. She was also a generous benefactor to LMH and Somerville. Her long life was rich in friendship, adventure, and intellectual engagement. An LMH undergraduate recalls her remarking “the life of the mind can be lived on the edge of a packing case”. That captures very well Sally Chilver’s striking combination of intellectual seriousness, her sense of living life on the move, and a somewhat bohemian style.’

She was proud of having reorganised LMH’s garden and wine cellar and said her life had been ‘fun’.

In 1979 she retired to her house in Kingston Road; her husband died in 1985. Her last years were, sadly, dogged by illness and later almost total loss of eyesight.

This obituary is compiled from tributes composed by FRANCES LANNON and EVA GILLIES, full copies of which are available by applying to Liz Cooke (Elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk).

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## Anne Warburton (1947; Honorary Fellow 1977-2015)

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Dame Anne Warburton, Britain’s first woman ambassador, former President of Lucy Cavendish College at Cambridge, Honorary Fellow of Somerville, leader in the global campaign for women’s rights, and lifelong public servant, has died at the age of 87 after a long illness.

Born in London, Dame Anne earned a BA from Barnard College in New York City in 1946 and then read PPE in two years at Somerville. For the next eight years she worked in London and Paris as an economist with the Marshall Plan, NATO, and the merchant banking firm Lazard Frères. It was useful experience but her ambition was to become a diplomat. In 1957 the opportunity finally arose to take the entrance exam for the Foreign Service, and over the next nineteen years she held posts in London, Bonn, and at the United Nations in New York and Geneva.

In 1976 she achieved the highest rank in British diplomacy with her ground-breaking appointment as Ambassador to Denmark, a post she held until 1983. During this period of growth and change in Britain’s relationships with the Common Market, the ambassador was called upon to represent Queen and country not only on the diplomatic front but also in the commercial world, including agriculture and fishing. She immersed herself in Danish life and culture and worked to encourage cultural exchange, such as the *Vikings*

*in England* exhibition. Following the state visit of the Queen in 1979, she was created Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. Her continuing interest in Denmark can be seen in her book, *Signposts to Denmark*, published in 1992.

From 1983 to 1985 she served as permanent UK representative to the United Nations in Geneva, again holding the rank of ambassador. In that role she led at official level numerous UK delegations, including that to the United Nations Women’s Conference in Nairobi and other events of the UN Decade for Women.

After leaving the Foreign Service, Dame Anne entered another challenging career as the fourth president of Lucy Cavendish College, a small and relatively young college whose mission was to provide educational and research opportunities for mature women. During the nine years of her leadership the number of students nearly doubled, the college’s first new building was erected and plans were laid for two more, and her membership on the UK Equal Opportunities Commission raised the college’s profile outside the university. The long-term significance of her contributions can be seen in the building that now sits at the heart of the college, a handsome dining facility, Warburton Hall.

Dame Anne returned briefly to the diplomatic world in 1992 when Prime Minister John Major asked her



to lead a multi-national team to investigate atrocities against Muslim women in Bosnia during the Yugoslav civil war. The appointment reflected his belief that she would be able to gain the confidence of the women and present the team's findings without bias. The mission brought worldwide awareness to the horrors that the war had brought to Bosnia.

Before retiring from Cambridge in 1994, she was elected to a three-year term on its Council of Senate, served on the Overseas and Commonwealth Student Grants Committees, and was a syndic of the Fitzwilliam Museum. Outside the university, she served on the board of the British Library and shared her wisdom, knowledge and experience with the Council of the University of East Anglia and the Board of Governors of the English-Speaking Union.

Once again retirement to the home she had built in Suffolk was interrupted when at the end of 1994 she was appointed to the Standing Committee on Standards of Conduct in Public Life, the Nolan Committee, which had been set up after the cash-for-questions scandal. During her three-year term it issued two reports that began a pattern of well-thought-out recommendations intended to restore public confidence in elected officials. When she was finally able to focus on her own community, she was for five years chairman of Music in Country Churches and a leading supporter of the Early English Organ project.

Throughout her career, Dame Anne's professional accomplishments were combined with awareness that



*Anne Warburton*

she was one of the first women in hitherto all-male precincts but, she said, 'I always wanted to do a good job at anything I did. The only difference in being the first woman was that it made it important on other people's account.'

Her service to her country and humanity brought her honours from governments and institutions around the world: West Germany, Denmark, Spain, and, in the US, the University of Arkansas and Barnard College of Columbia University. In 1977 she was named an Honorary Fellow of Somerville and in 1994 of Lucy Cavendish College. She was admired and valued in life as she is remembered by all who knew her, for her integrity, her kindness, her intelligence, good humour, modesty, and devotion to her family.

TONI COFFEE

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## Pamela Gwendolen Schiele (1940)

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Pamela was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Herbert Schiele, who ran the family farm, and Winifred, the 5th of the 6 daughters of Augustus George and Rachel Mary Vernon-Harcourt. Augustus was a distinguished Chemist and academic, so it is not surprising that with so many daughters the Vernon-Harcourts were among the founding members of

Somerville. (Rachel's portrait currently hangs in the corridor outside Somerville's dining hall.)

Pamela's father died when she was one, so Winifred and her two young daughters, Rachel and Pamela, returned to England, to Oxford, where Pamela was educated at Wychwood School. At Somerville she read

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Natural Sciences Mods followed by Geography for her Finals.

By this time the war was well under way, and she went to work at the Admiralty in the Mine Design Department and then the Department of Operational Research.

After the war, apart from working in town and country planning from 1948 to 51, she devoted herself to relief and rehabilitation work, first as a volunteer with Save the Children in Greece, and later with the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, and the Red Cross, work which took her to Greece, Yugoslavia and Austria.

While engaged in this work she became fluent in Modern Greek and German; she could also speak Spanish and had a working knowledge of French.

Together with her sister Rachel, Pamela inherited the family farm in Argentina where she applied her scientific knowledge and her passion for conservation to turning the farm into the first and largest organic farm in Argentina. The sisters founded the UK charity Foundation Rachel and Pamela Schiele, devoted to the conservation of the flora, fauna and the soil in the Central Argentinian Pampas. Their work led to the

survival of two semi-endangered species of bird and many species of native grass.

Not having children of her own, Pamela was devoted to her wider family, and was generous in giving support of all kinds to those who needed it.

Her generosity also extended to Somerville, for which she retained a lasting soft spot. For instance, when she wanted to sponsor two rooms in a new building she did not want her name to appear twice on the doors, so she named one room after me, being the only other Old Somervillian in the family.

She also continued to take a lively interest in a broad number of subjects, travelling regularly from her home in Headington to attend seminars and lectures in central Oxford.

She remained in remarkably good mental and physical health almost to the end. When I visited her in the John Radcliffe Hospital during her last illness she was most annoyed that they would not let her out to attend a function in Oxford! She died peacefully in her own home on June 29th 2015.

ELIZABETH CAMPBELL (Nowell-Smith, 1962)

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## Enid Dorothy Stoye (1938)

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Enid was born on 10 March 1919. She spent her early childhood in Bushey, though the family later moved to Headington. At Wycombe Abbey Enid proved to be a good all-rounder, both academically and in other aspects of her life – she played sport and was in the school lacrosse team; she played the piano and the clarinet (the start of a lifelong love of music).

In 1938 Enid went up to Somerville to read Modern History. Here she worked hard, won a blue for netball and played tennis for her college. She never lost her interest in Somerville itself. Enid also converted to Catholicism, to the disapproval of her father. It was around this time (1940) that her father drew the portrait

of Enid, later exhibited at the Royal Academy, that is reproduced here.

After graduating, she took a Diploma in Education and became a teacher, her first post being at Bedford High School. Later she taught at Roedean School.

Then there seems to have been a longing to return to academia, or perhaps a longing to return to Switzerland, so she gave up teaching to study for a PhD in History at the University of Fribourg. Her PhD thesis, leading to a book published in 1954, was entitled *Vincent Bernard de Tscherner 1728-1778: A Study of Swiss Culture in the Eighteenth Century*.

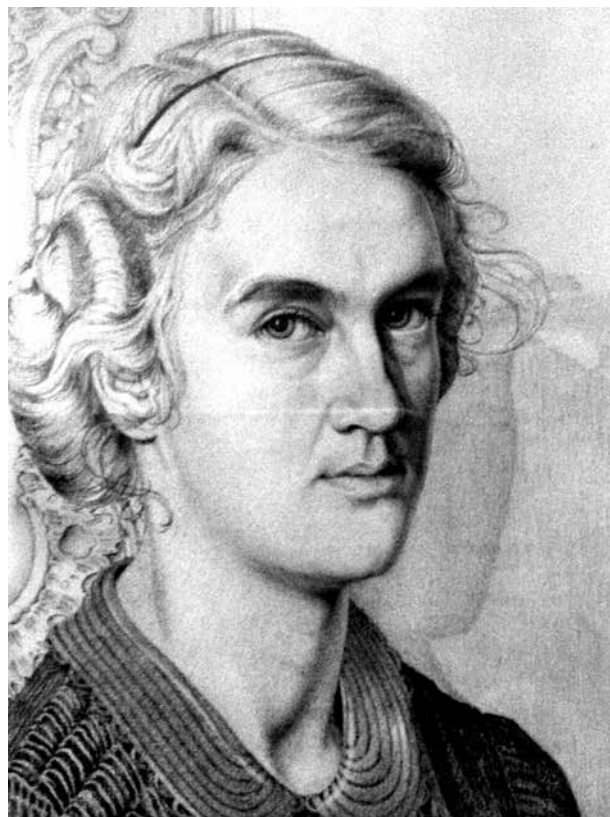
Enid stayed on in Fribourg for some years, undertaking various teaching posts. She loved being in Switzerland (she was already fluent in French and German, later adding Italian to her linguistic skills) – she skied in winter (she continued skiing until her eighties) and walked and climbed in the mountains in summer.

In the late 1950s Enid felt under pressure to return to the UK to give her parents more support. She became a Lecturer, later Senior History Lecturer, at Royal Holloway College, a post she held until her retirement 22 years later. In term time Enid divided her time between Egham and Oxford, but spent her holidays, as far as possible, in Switzerland where she maintained a pied-à-terre only reluctantly given up when she became unable to travel there again.

As a person, the most striking elements that characterise every period of her life were her capacity for deep and enduring friendships, and her strong religious faith. The latter, though firmly based in Roman Catholicism, was open-minded and ecumenical in outlook.

Many of her friends commented about her good brain, her integrity, her sense of humour, her interest in life and that 'it was a privilege to know her'.

ANNE STOYE



*Enid Stoye, drawn by her father, Walter Stoye, in about 1940, and subsequently exhibited at the Royal Academy*

## June Mary Tillet (Burdess, 1939)

My mother June Tillet was the daughter, and granddaughter, of non-conformist ministers. Her family was packed with strong women who were powerful role models, notably her mother Mabel, and also her great aunt, the social reformer Mary Higgs. She inherited strong values from both sides of the family, reinforced by her time in Somerville.

Somerville, where she read for a BMus after gaining her Associateship of the Royal College of Music, had a profound influence on her life. She made four lifelong friends. She was able to extend her musical knowledge, appreciation and violin and viola performance skills, a wonderful side effect of which was

that her four children had a childhood filled with music. She discovered a passion for new ideas and learning in general, and Somerville in particular, that would stay with her for life, and would be enthusiastically transmitted to others.

Her mother, a Somerville undergraduate before her (Mabel Kingsland, 1908), started a tradition, and June was delighted when her two daughters won places to Somerville (Penny Tillet, 1964, and Elizabeth Tillet, 1966). Delight turned to joy a generation later when one of her grandsons, Andrew Whelan (1998), followed in their footsteps with a scholarship to Somerville.

June packed yet more into her time at Somerville. When she went up in 1939 she was already engaged to my RAF father-to-be, John Tillett, an arrangement that was taxing for all concerned. My father often cycled over to Somerville when he was stationed in Abingdon, my mother worried constantly about her work and his welfare, and Somerville had to work out rules for engaged couples in wartime, and decide whether my mother should be allowed to marry while an undergraduate.

The Bursar, A. B. Stonedale, wrote her this note: 'It's all right for you to have your fiancé in your room any time except before 10am and after Hall.' When her fiancé faced an imminent posting abroad, the college allowed them to marry. Helen Darbishire and Vera Farnell were witnesses to the marriage and the Principal presented them with a bright green Susie Cooper coffee set. My mother always said, rightly or wrongly, that she was the first female undergraduate to marry while still up.

Although my father enjoyed his (successful) attempt to take a bath in Somerville without getting caught, a very significant achievement at the time, Somerville in wartime of course had its very dark side.

June received (and kept) this note on headed paper from the Bursar, dated 8 November 1939: 'I can think of no excuse for your utter disregard of College regulations and of the national lighting order. Perhaps if you have any, you will come and tell me; if not I must ask you to pay a fine of 2/6 which would have been much larger had your room happened to face on to Woodstock Rd or Walton St.' Nonetheless a hefty fine, and my mother was mortified.

The lively upbringing we four children had owed a great deal to Somerville traditions and its encouragement of my mother's independent mind. She was an early advocate of green ideas and I remember her talking to us about ground-breaking books like Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* when it came out.

Throughout her life my mother made things happen musically. She got people together to play. And she took great interest in contemporary music. She trained choirs for concert performances. During the 1960s and 70s she was a very active figure in musical life in Norwich.

Her academic grounding, her communication skills, and her boundless enthusiasm for music came together



June Tillett

happily in the 1960s when she discovered a talent for music teaching. She inspired many O and A level music students at Norwich High School who still remember her fondly, not least Diana Burrell, who was one of her first students, and who has become a distinguished composer.

Following my father's death in 1976, she started a new life involving much travel and embarked on a round-the-world trip when she was in her mid-60s, making many friends en route.

Travel, learning and teaching continued for the rest of her life. A notable new venture in later life saw her taking up the viola da gamba and early music generally – she was closely involved with the Jacobean Consort – and going on to teach this new learning. She continued to run a U3A music appreciation group in Oxford well into her nineties.

The final year was a very a sad time. Dementia is so cruel, yet my mother bore it with great dignity, stoicism and even, occasionally, humour. One day near the end, one of the staff at the nursing home told me that she had said to my mother that she couldn't remember my name. 'Neither can I,' my mother replied, with a huge grin, completely unfazed.

Hers was a life lived to the full with passion, energy and intelligence.

CLARE BONNEY (Penny Tillett, 1964)

## Lady Elizabeth Ann Kennet (Adams, 1941)

Lady Kennet was born Elizabeth Ann Adams in London in 1923, to Bryan Adams and Audrey Marshall. Her mother drowned in Lake Geneva when Elizabeth was six. She witnessed this and dealt with it alone. Maybe it was this early, enforced independence that helped create her fantastically independent mind.

After attending schools in Switzerland and England, she won an exhibition to Somerville College to read PPE. She served as a Wren in the war. Liz met her husband Wayland Young, later 2nd Lord Kennet, at a Cambridge Ball. They married in 1948 and had six children, twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild (so far!).

She applied her cool analytical intelligence to the many causes which interested her. Central to her work was her partnership with Wayland. Liz was proud to be 'back office' to Wayland, who had the public platform. We remember her in her massive sofa, surrounded by papers, pamphlets, books (never fiction!). Above all she made connections others had not seen, across different fields, and having ensured that she had securely forged those connections, she would move on to the next cause which required her attention. She had particular expertise in the law of the sea, disarmament, cyber warfare, and wrote several books, alone or with Wayland.

Till a year before her death, she was attending meetings at Chatham House, Royal United Services Institute and the International Institute for Strategic Studies, asking difficult questions of visiting politicians and generals. To the end of her life, she continued to write, working on a book started with Wayland before Alzheimer's claimed his memory. The book, *Pre-emptive Mourning*, was so grand in scale that she did not manage to complete it, but her family hope that something of it will rise from the ashes one day.

Liz had a lifelong relationship with beauty, and with justice. She found and saved beautiful things: a dead



Elizabeth Kennet

beetle, a Renaissance painting, a flower, a Hawksmoor church. She made sure we knew that justice was crucial, that truth and facts were necessary, and that the sexes were equal but not interchangeable.

Elizabeth Kennet, campaigner and writer, was born on April 14, 1923. She died at home on November 30, 2014, aged 91, surrounded by her family. She is buried with Wayland in Wiltshire, and there will be a Memorial Service for her at Christ Church Spitalfields in London at 3.00pm on 28 November 2015.

EASTER RUSSELL

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## Barbara Tizard (Parker, 1944)

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Barbara Parker was born on 6 April 1926. Of working class background with a largely absent father and a mother heavily involved in teaching, Barbara spent much of her early life in boarding schools and with various substitute parents. She did not like these arrangements and was critical of her boarding school regimes, but never lost her love for her mother. Barbara won a scholarship to St Paul's School for Girls, London, and remained there through much of the blitz. After a short visit to Oxford, Barbara developed a passionate desire to win a scholarship to Somerville College. This she did, initially to read medicine, but after a year switching to PPE.

From her childhood Barbara had a strong commitment to social justice and equality. She became a member of the Communist Party but left in 1956 after the Soviet invasion of Hungary. I also came up to Somerville in 1944 (to read chemistry) and, as contemporaries with similar political affiliations, we became friends.

In her third year Barbara fell in love with Jack Tizard, a New Zealander working on a research degree. In 1947 Jack accepted a psychology lectureship at St Andrews, while Barbara remained in Oxford. They missed each other greatly and Barbara persuaded the Principal, Janet Vaughan, to allow them to marry (then frowned upon for undergraduates). Thus began a happy married life until Jack died of cancer in 1979, aged 60.

Jack moved to research at the Institute of Psychiatry in the Maudsley Hospital, London, in 1948, and Barbara took a course at University College in the psychology of young children and their development. Meanwhile Barbara and her mother, who had opposed her marriage, to a large extent became reconciled. She had developed cancer and Barbara looked after her until she died in February 1952. After her first baby, Barbara began research at the Maudsley and in 1956,

after two further pregnancies, gained a PhD in the psychological effects of brain damage. She became a part-time clinical psychologist at the London Hospital and in 1960 moved to the Maudsley Hospital Children's Department.

In 1964 Barbara moved to the Thomas Coram Research Institute in the Institute of Education where Jack himself was now established. She made her name as a fearless researcher in child development, following her own findings even when they were at variance with received wisdom. She published six books as sole or co-author on subjects including early education, adoption and the effects of race and mixed race on children's learning and development. Her interest in mixed race was a personal one. After three children of her own she adopted two more of mixed race.

Until Jack died in 1979 Barbara had regarded herself as a backroom researcher although she was by then a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, a University Reader, and a well-regarded team leader. After Jack died, she became director of the Thomas Coram Research Unit, remaining so for 10 years, and was promoted to professor. In 1983 Barbara made a number of visits to India, Indonesia and Ethiopia as consultant on early education and childcare for WHO and Save the Children. She was shocked by the extreme poverty and the frequency of depression among women.

Barbara was an Amnesty International supporter and a peace activist. In her retirement she also took a diploma in fine art and pursued her love of poetry and theatre. She wrote a fascinating memoir *Home is where one starts from*. She was a true Somervillian with an enquiring mind, strong opinions and a free spirit.

PAULINE HARRISON (Cowan, 1944)



## Hilda Jean Harvey (Thompson, 1946)



*Jean Harvey (centre front) with the Oxford University Tennis Team*

Jean was born in 1925. She was the daughter of Dr Ashley Thompson, an alumnus of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and Muriel Thompson. Her father had served in the Great War in the RAMC, was mentioned in despatches, and after a spell in the Punjab later became Medical Officer of Health in Lambeth, South London. On her mother's side, Jean was distantly related to the artist John Callcott Horsley RA, who painted the first Christmas card. She was the third of four children, her elder brother being the well-known zoologist, Professor John Cloudsley-Thompson.

At St Paul's Girls' School she was a Foundation Scholar and became Head Girl. In 1944 – on her last day at school – her home was destroyed by a flying bomb, but her family all mercifully survived. She joined the WRNS and became a small part of the then secret world of Bletchley Park for the last few months of the Second World War. She and her messmates maintained the Colossus computer in working order, a seemingly mundane mechanical task. Almost the only hint they had of the importance of their task was the strict injunction, to which they all faithfully adhered, to keep strict silence about their work – until decades later, when it became public knowledge, and they were sought out by producers of television documentaries.

In 1946 Jean came up to Somerville to read English. She had the opportunity of attending lectures by both C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien, and her tutor was the formidable Mary Lascelles, with whom she stayed in touch throughout their joint lives. She took up rock-climbing, and headed the University Ladies' Tennis Team (see photograph, Jean is front centre).

After graduation she worked for a time in London, with a brief spell in the Philippines with Shell. She then started work at the Old Schools in Cambridge, where she met and married (1957) Laurence Marshall Harvey, of St Catharine's College, who rose to become Deputy Secretary-General of the Faculties.

For some years she was content to be a housewife and mother, but later she took up tennis again, and continued to play well into her seventies. She was involved in charity work for the blind as Editor for many years of Cambridge Talking News, and in the affairs of Grantchester Parish Church. She was an active member of the Wrens' Association, the Jane Austen Society, and the University of the Third Age. She died in Addenbrooke's Hospital on 18 August 2015. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

PETER HARVEY

## Jean Davies (Roderick, 1947)

Jean Davies was born on 24 April 1928 in Rossington, a Yorkshire mining village. She won a place at a girls' grammar school in Leeds and, despite hardship, went on to Somerville in 1947 to read PPE. In her first year Jean married Owen Davies, a Rhodes scholar and physicist from New Zealand, without permission from Somerville and so was asked to leave.

Owen became a lecturer at Queen Mary College, London. After their fourth child reached school age, Jean trained as a teacher of history and maths at secondary level, and the family moved to Cardiff.

1982 was a terrible year. First, Jean was treated for breast cancer and had just returned to work when Owen died suddenly of a heart attack in London. She took early retirement and in 1984 she moved to start a new life in Oxford, making up for those lost years at Somerville. She joined the Labour Party, served as a governor of two local primary schools and was active on the Oxford SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education), representing Humanism, a lifelong interest.

Jean met Peter Wright at a music weekend in May and they were married in November, declaring that if they had ten years together they would consider themselves very lucky. They spent the rest of their lives in happy retirement at Pegasus Grange, united by their love of music and their respect for each other's very different take on religion and philosophy: Peter was as devout a Christian as Jean was an atheist. Peter died of natural causes in 2008, and in 2014 Jean decided that she no longer wanted to live. She had worked for the cause of Choice in Dying for thirty years and in 1997 published a book, prefaced by Dirk Bogarde, on the need for a change in the law governing Assisted Dying.

At the celebration of Jean's long and amazing life no direct reference was made to the manner of her death, but her choice of music, 'When I am laid in earth' from



Jean Davies

Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, was a clear indication. She was determined to die proving her point, but wanted to protect her close family and her medical adviser, who respected her wishes. This left only one very painful choice: slow starvation. Jean was 86, but not suffering from any terminal illness.

The Sunday Times of October 19th published details of her last interview in August, nine days into her long fast. The final photograph has a hint of that mischievous smile that captivated so many people, and the steady gaze of one who did not suffer fools gladly. Jean's heroic odyssey ended in the afternoon on October 1st, having taken much longer than she had hoped.

ELAINE LEVER (Kelsey, 1957)



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## Patricia Mary Miles (Storey, 1949)

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Pat Miles wrote a series of novels for young adults. Illuminated by her passion for history and her classical education, the books are full of loving detail taken from people and places she knew. *If I Survive* (1976) tells the story of Lady Cathcart of Tewin in Hertfordshire, held prisoner for 20 years by a rascally husband. *A Disturbing Influence* (1979) takes place around the A1(M) motorway and features Pat's elder son (me) as a principal character. *The Gods in Winter* (1978) chronicles an apparition of the Greek gods to a family very like our own.

She was born in Bolton, Lancashire, on 8 September 1930, the only child of Robert Storey, a grocery wholesaler, and his wife Bride (née Clancy), who hailed from Tipperary and herself had stories published in *Ireland's Own*. From Mount St Joseph convent school in Bolton, Pat won a scholarship to Somerville where she read Greats. After her graduation in 1953 she married a fellow Greats scholar, Francis Miles, who had been at New College and became a sales executive with ICI.

She began a teaching career in 1964 at Orpington Grammar School for Girls. The following year Pat, Francis and their three children moved to Hertfordshire

where she taught English, French and General Studies at the Nobel School, Stevenage. Later she became a well-liked tutor on creative writing courses for Hertfordshire schoolchildren.

In 1978-79 Pat accompanied Francis on a secondment to Tokyo. There she taught English as a foreign language and made many Japanese friends. In retirement she worked as a guide at Knebworth House where she was commissioned to write *An Uncommon Criminal* (1999, with Jill Williams), a life of the suffragette Lady Constance Lytton. She was an active member of the Society of Authors; her other works include *Nobody's Child* (1975), *Louther Hall* (1981), *The Mind Pirates* (1983), *Sweet Peril* (1987) and *Beloved Enemy* (1987).

She was loved by all who knew her. Although her last years were clouded by dementia she kept to the end her warm, witty, friendly and charming personality.

Francis predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Siobhan, Hugh and me, and by her grandchildren Harry and Eddy.

PATRICK MILES

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## Carol Elizabeth Clark (Gallagher, 1959)

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Carol Elizabeth Gallagher was born in Glasgow on 25 November 1940. Her father was an engineer, and her mother, whose family came from the Tuscan town of Pietrasanta, a book-keeper. Bilingual in English and Italian, she attended a Catholic boarding school in Girvan, most of her summer holidays being spent abroad with members of her maternal family.

At the age of 16, she matriculated at the University of Glasgow to take an Arts MA. From there, in December 1958 she won an exhibition to Somerville, in 1962 taking a First in French and Italian.

At Somerville, Elizabeth Armstrong's influence may well have contributed to Carol's interest in the 16th century. She had, as did so many others, the greatest affection and admiration for Christina Roaf. She believed in Somerville.

After Oxford, Carol taught in schools in London, and later in Bamako, West Africa. In 1966 she obtained a research scholarship at Westfield College, where she gained her PhD in 1971. In 1968 she had already been appointed Assistant Lecturer in French at Glasgow University, being promoted to a full Lectureship two years later.

In 1963 she had married David Clark. Their son Paul was born two years later. In 1971 her husband died, however. So when in 1973 she was elected to a Tutorial Fellowship in Modern Languages at Balliol, she was both a widowed mother with a still young son, and the first woman Fellow of any ancient Oxford college. In 1999, she became the Balliol fellowship's first grandmother.

She taught early modern French literature, her favourite authors including Montaigne, Rabelais, and Molière, as well as Baudelaire. Her lectures set both minds and hearts on fire.

She published books on Montaigne (1978) and Rabelais (1983). In 1995, her translation of Baudelaire's *Selected Poems* appeared in Penguin Classics. She was Tutor for Admissions in Balliol from 1995-98, but found time to co-edit *Baudelaire in English* (1998), again for Penguin Classics. Her translation of *The Prisoner* (vol. 5 of Proust's *In Search of Time Lost*) came out in 2002.

The book she was most proud of, however, came more recently. Her *French Literature: A Beginners' Guide* (2012) is written with exemplary clarity, its sample texts in French accompanied by her own translations and commentaries.

Carol, like most good teachers, was very particular in choosing future students. She asked apparently simple, straightforward questions, and she was encouraging and helpful. Her approach as a tutor was the same.

As her friend Douglas Duprée has commented elsewhere, her friendships with people young and older were truly 'catholic'. No matter how different or how conventional they were, she had curiosity and respect for all those she met, not minding healthy disagreement. She had a mischievous sense of humour, too. Her own students loved her, as did the many others she encountered in a variety of college contexts, not least the chapel choir.



Carol Clark

After retiring in 2004, she moved to the Marais in Paris, dividing her time between there and a house she had bought in Faversham to be near Paul and his family. When Paul moved to Canada, she returned to Oxford, where in 2010, an Emeritus Fellow of Balliol, she was made a Lecturer at Merton.

On Sunday 14 June 2015, she had been singing with the Balliol chapel choir, when that same evening on her way home to Iffley she was taken ill and rushed by ambulance to the John Radcliffe Hospital. She had suffered a massive stroke, never regained consciousness, and died peacefully in the early hours of 20 June.

ERIC SOUTHWORTH

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## Lady Juliet Townsend, DCVO (Smith, 1960)

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Many of us will remember the then Juliet Smith from our Somerville interviews as the girl who never stopped talking – but although nervousness in fact underlay her apparent confidence, Juliet came from a family of communicators, the granddaughter of the first Viscount Camrose, proprietor of the Daily Telegraph, and of the brilliant lawyer F. E. Smith, first Earl of Birkenhead, whose devastating wit at the Bar has passed into legend. Brought up in influential literary and political

circles, these informed her tastes, sympathies and opinions, for Juliet was essentially loyal to her family and her upbringing.

Together with a highly developed sense of fun she held fast to her moral values. So, although she enjoyed the (unauthorised) use of her Mini for such unofficial jaunts as a midnight visit to Avebury, and regularly climbed into College after hours, she was not one for

the more disreputable parties – although her preference for lemon barley water rather than alcohol (she was a lifelong teetotaler) would have been a useful safeguard.

She passed on her love of word games and comic intellectual competitions. She entertained little boys from a children's home to tea in college, borrowing a rug to dress up as a bear. Children's books, especially nineteenth century ones, remained a lasting interest, she herself producing a children's novel in 1971. At Oxford Juliet regularly attended services at Christ Church Cathedral, having an especial love of Evensong. All her life she remained devoted to the Anglican Church and the language of its worship.

Juliet was uncertain of her future after Somerville: unlike most of us, she would not have to work for a living, but neither would she remain idle. She travelled for a while, including a stay in Hong Kong, and in 1966, at John Betjeman's suggestion, she wrote the Shell Guide to her beloved native county of Northamptonshire.

The previous year, however, had been a significant one. Juliet was invited to be Lady in Waiting to Princess Margaret, who wanted a companion who could also advise her on books and culture. Juliet fulfilled this very demanding role full-time until 1971 and then part-time until the princess's death in 2002, performing it with both

zest and discretion. It required personal and political diplomacy, as well as the sometimes mundane work of organising the details of visits in Britain and the Far East,

After her marriage to John Townsend in 1970, Juliet and her husband took on the running of the family farm and estate. As well as bringing up three daughters they established many new enterprises, including a bookshop – and a butcher's! Increasingly, too, Juliet took on roles in local government and in support of local groups and charities. In 1998 she became the first woman Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire.

In October 2014, just before her death from cancer, Juliet was made a Dame Commander of the Victorian Order. Her life had been a full one; she gave as much as she had received. Loving, funny, intelligent, committed to serving others, she was a very great friend.

ANNE POPE and CLAIRE COGHLIN (1960)



Juliet Townsend

## Kathryn Mary Chaloner (1972)

Kathryn came to study mathematics at Somerville from strong northern roots, having been born and brought up in Crewe. She was cheerful and enthusiastic, ready to sample all Oxford had to offer. I recall an ill-advised taster evening at the University Go club and a longer lasting shared engagement with the Somerville tennis team and flute band. Kathryn also joined college friends in an informal cookery club, providing experimental alternatives to supper in Hall. We became firm friends, in and out of term, and I came to love her for her courage, directness and good humour.

She was an able mathematician and her interest in statistics blossomed early. After Oxford, she achieved distinction on the Masters course at University College London. In

1978, after working as a statistician in the Department of Employment, Kathryn moved to Pittsburgh, USA to pursue a PhD at Carnegie-Mellon University. Her thesis, *Optimal Bayesian design for linear models*, was published in 1982.

By this time Kathryn had met her husband, Luke Tierney, an assistant professor at Carnegie-Mellon. Together they moved to the University of Minnesota, Kathryn as assistant professor in the School of Statistics. Two sons, Graham and Patrick, had been born by the time I visited them in 1996, the same year Kathryn was appointed Professor. The northern English accent had gone – she had truly become an American.

Kathryn built up an outstanding reputation in several research fields including Bayesian design of experiments, Bayesian approaches to outliers and residuals, clinical trials, and models for the HIV epidemic. In 2002 the family moved to the University of Iowa where Kathryn became Head of the Department of Biostatistics.

In addition to pursuing the application of cutting-edge statistical methods to medicine and public health, it is evident that Kathryn was a superb mentor with a passion for diversity and the inclusion of underrepresented groups. In 2014, she received the prestigious Elizabeth L. Scott award for her commitment and success in these areas and 'for serving as a role model, balancing work and family while excelling as a teacher, researcher and academic administrator.'

Kathryn was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2011 and was grateful for the surgery and chemotherapy which prolonged her life, allowing her to remain engaged with



*Kathryn Chaloner*

work and family until shortly before she died, on 19 October 2014. She is survived by Luke, Graham and Patrick, her sister, Debbie, and brother, Christopher.

VAL JAMES (Jacobs, 1972)

## Stephanie ('Steph') Simmonds (1990)

Steph was born on 1 March 1972. She came up to read Biological Sciences in 1990. Among the jeans-clad, luggage-laden new freshers, she stood out like a ray of sunlight with her inimitable style, red hair, and great sense of humour.

The youngest of three siblings, a keen horse rider and ballet dancer, Steph experienced life-long medical problems but never let her illness stop her; few knew how ill she was in recent years.

She moved from a successful career in insurance to excel in marketing: as leader of Marketing Services at Acorne, she won the notable accolade of Virgin Star of the Year for her outstanding achievements on Virgin Experiences.

ALEXANDRA WATSON-GANDY (1990)



*Stephanie Simmonds*

# Academic Report

## Examination Results, 2014-2015

### Undergraduate results

#### Ancient and Modern History

Class I     Guy **Bud**  
Class II. I     Samuel **Packer**

#### Biochemistry

Class I     Karl **Hudson**  
Class II. I     Timothy **Goodman**  
                 Matthew **Kerr**

#### Biological Sciences

Class I     Tom **Carruthers**  
Class II. I     Amber **de Vere**  
                 Megan **Wallace**  
                 Timir **Weston**  
                 Natalie **Wood**

#### Chemistry

Class I     Jessica **Eastwood**  
                 Susan Helen **Leung**  
                 Rachel **Porter**  
Class II. I     Marcin **Konowalczyk**

#### Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

Class II. I     Rachel **Backshall**  
                 Uxue Rambla **Eguilaz**

#### Computer Science (BA)

Class I     James **Thompson**

#### Engineering Science

Class I     Richard **Beck**  
                 Linda **Perkio**  
                 Michael **Scott**  
Class II. I     James **Bamford**  
                 Younan **Li**

#### English and Modern Languages

Class II. I     Dominic **Stanford**

#### English Language and Literature

Class II. I     Lydia **Bruton-Jones**  
                 Polly **Fullerton**  
                 James **Gore**  
                 Megan **Hill**  
                 Clara-Laeila **Laudette**  
                 Andrew **McLean**  
                 Elizabeth **Pugh**  
                 Karun **Sandal**

#### Experimental Psychology

Class I     Livia **Bridge**  
                 Anna **Cartwright**  
                 Anna-Sophia **Warren**  
Class II. I     Callum **Clifton**

#### History

Class I     Robert **Adam**  
                 Olivia **Anderson**  
                 Daniel **Khan**  
Class II. I     William Augustus **Gayford**  
                 Di Wei **Lee**  
                 Georgina **Salzedo**  
                 Jodie **Spencer**  
                 Molly **Vaughan**  
                 Annie **Whitton**  
                 Samuel **Williams**

#### History and Economics

Class II. I     Richard **Higson**  
                 Jane **Lefley**

#### History and Modern Languages

Class I     Rosemary **Carpenter**

#### Jurisprudence

Class I     Xuan **Du**  
Class II. I     Elaine Hei Wah **Chow**  
                 Luke **Hannigan**  
                 Fredrik **Hellstrom**  
                 John **Tertan**

#### Literae Humaniores

Class II. I     Alice **Broughton**  
                 Lucy **Clarke**  
                 Holly **Ewart**  
                 Anthony **Graves**  
                 Vivek **Lodhia**

#### Mathematics

Class I     Rory **Robinson**  
                 Fabian Mucheng **Ying**  
Class II. II     Lu **Feng**  
                 Pravesh **Patel**

#### Mathematics (BA)

Class I     Ming Kwong **Chung**  
Class II. I     Catherine **Hastings**  
Class II. II     Timothy **Camfield**  
Class III     Andrew **MacFarlane**

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## Mathematics and Computer Science

Class I Eilidh **McKemmie**  
Albert **Slawinski**

Class II. II William **Juan**  
Xiaofan **Ji**

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## Medical Sciences

Class I Gabrielle **Todd**  
Kimberley **Monks**

Class II. I Rebecca **Oram**  
Emma **Pencheon**  
Kin Seng **Tong**

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## Modern Languages

Class I Laura **Schack**

Class II. I Jenny **Hewlett**  
Laura **Jennings**  
Chloe **Lockwood**  
Matthew **Robinson**  
Daniella **Shreir**

Class III Matthew **Rylance**

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## Modern Languages and Linguistics

Class I Rowan **Lyster**

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## Music

Class II. I Antony **Beere**

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## Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Class I Michael **Davies**  
William **Thomas**

Class II. I Leo **Bentley**  
Ewan **Blackledge**  
Abigail **Carroll**  
James **Gardner**  
Amelia **Hamer**  
Jonas **Hoersch**  
Abdul **Huson**  
Stratis **Limnios**  
Isabel **Marr**  
Lawrence **Meats**  
Thomas **Smith**

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## Physics

Class I James **Parkinson**

Class II. I Ian **Buchanan**  
Jun Jie **Leong**

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## Physics (BA)

Class II. I Matthew **Khan**

Class II. II Natalie **Fuller**

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## Physics and Philosophy (BA)

Class II. I Marsha **Sudar**

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*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. I = 8

Class II. II = 1

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## Graduate results

Bachelor of Medicine and  
Bachelor of Surgery

Distinction Christopher **Derry**  
Betty **Gration**

Pass Josephine **Holland**  
Miriam **Longmore**

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Certificate in  
Diplomatic Studies

Kanoko **Matsuzaki**

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## Doctor of Philosophy

Clinical Medicine

Tao-Hsin **Chang**

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Comparative Philology and  
General Linguistics

Dong-Hong **Ji**

John **Kerby**

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Engineering Science

Faraz **Janan**

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English

Susan **Barbour**

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History

Fiona **Gatty**

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International Relations

Ruben **Reike**

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Law

Jakub **Macak**

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Medical Sciences

Valerie **Babinsky**

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## Medieval and Modern Languages

Chiara **Carpita**Annika **Demosthenous**


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## Organic Chemistry

Lukas **Lercher**Leo **Marx**Inga **Pfeffer**


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## Pharmacology

Yau Pok **Lau**


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## Politics

Pui Heng **Tseung**


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## Statistics

Peter **Forbes**


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## Magister Juris

Distinction Talita **de Souza Dias**Distinction Tobias **Lutzi**Pass Victor **Cracan**


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## Master of Philosophy

### Economics

Pass Katharine **Lauderdale**


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### Late Antique and Byzantine Studies

Distinction Jeannie **Sellick**


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### Politics: Political Theory

Merit Philip **Huff**


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## Master of Public Policy

Distinction Briar **Thompson**Pass Felipe Torres **Raposo**


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## Master of Science

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### Applied Statistics

Pass Yadi **Bao**


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### Biodiversity, Conservation and Management

Pass Sumanas **Koulagi**


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### Computer Science

Pass Pak Kiu David **Choy**


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### Global Governance and Diplomacy

Distinction David De-Wei **Wong**Pass Jessica **Fliegel**


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### History of Science, Medicine and Technology

Pass Kiley **Hunkler**


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### Law and Finance

Pass Shohini **Sengupta**


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### Mathematical Modelling and Scientific Computing

Pass Claudiu **Antonovici**


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### Mathematical and Computational Finance

Pass Yixuan **Wang**Pass Zhenru **Wang**


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### Neuroscience

Distinction Lev **Tankelevitch**


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### Refugee and Forced Migration Studies

Pass Victoria **Hammond**


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## Theoretical Chemistry

Pass Anuradha **Ashok**


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## Master of Studies

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### Comparative Philology and General Linguistics

Pass Nok Sze Christie **Lam**


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### Creative Writing

Distinction Daisy **Johnson**Pass Hannah **Hardy**


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### English (1700-1830)

Pass Rita **Mansuryan**


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### Global and Imperial History

Pass James **Hutton**


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### Greek and/or Roman History

Distinction Thaddeus **Thorp**


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### Modern Languages

Pass Fiona Rhian **Dakin**


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### Modern South Asian Studies

Pass Jasneet **Aulakh**


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### Philosophy

Pass Konrad **Molitor**


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### US History

Distinction Gabriel **Raeburn**


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### Women's Studies

Distinction Kiley **Hunkler**

## Postgraduate Certificate in Education

Pass Simon **Walker**

*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:*

Pass = 4

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## Awards to Undergraduate, Graduate and Postgraduate Students 2014-15

### Barraclough Scholarship

James **Aldred** (Modern Languages), Pauline **Thien An Lea Chatelan** (Modern Languages), Harriet **Dixon** (Modern Languages), Rebecca **Heitlinger** (Modern Languages), Charlotte **McLean** (Literae Humaniores), Andreea **Raslescu** (Experimental Psychology), Michael **Scott** (Engineering Science), Alex **Worrell** (English)

### Beilby Scholarship

Amber **De Vere** (Biological Sciences), Dan-Andrei **Gheorghe** (Computer Science), Anthony **Guo** (Computer Science), Christina **Hunt** (Biological Sciences), Eduardo **Rodriguez** (Physics)

### Bryant Scholarship

Amrit **Bal** (Biochemistry), Karl **Hudson** (Biochemistry), Nathan **Mattock** (Chemistry)

### Cobbe Scholarship

Eden **Harrison** (Engineering Science), Elizabeth **Mansfield** (Physics and Philosophy), Casilda **Prado** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics)

### Haynes Scholarship

Rizwaan **Malik** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), Matthew **Moriarty** (Law with Law Studies in Europe)

### Jones Scholarship

Hannah **Sharpe** (Biological Sciences)

### Nuffield Scholarship

Tom **Carruthers** (Biological Sciences), Francois **Herinckx** (Engineering Science), Timir **Weston** (Biological Sciences)

### Scourse Scholarship

Magnus **Fugger** (Medical Sciences)

### Seymour Scholarship

Harry **Travis** (Music)

### Beilby Exhibition

Ying **Zhu** (Mathematics and Computer Science)

### Bull Exhibition

Cicely **Robinson** (Mathematics)

### Coombs Exhibition

Olivia **Anderson** (History), Shyamli **Badgaiyan** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), Helen **Ryan** (Mathematics)

### Dukinfield Exhibition

Jamie **Brynes** (Engineering Science)

### Ginsburg Exhibition

Grace **Barnes** (Medical Sciences)

### Haynes Exhibition

Robert **Adam** (History)

### Jessel Exhibition

Claire **Ben-Chorin** (Classical Archaeology and Ancient History)

### Jones Exhibition

Jennifer **Allan** (Ancient and Modern History)

### Lefevre Exhibition

Ursula **Gazeley** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), Daniel **Khan** (History)

### Murray Exhibition

Joseph **Gilfillan** (Engineering Science)

### Pope Exhibition

Abigail **Carroll** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), Natalie **Lo** (Engineering Science)

### Exhibition

Anna **Clark** (History), Dominique **David-Vincent** (Classics and Oriental Studies), Harriet **Fry** (Modern Languages), Alicia **Kaupp-Roberts** (Jurisprudence), Eleanor **Lynch** (Jurisprudence), Oluwatoyosi **Odetunde** (Law with Law Studies in Europe), Uxue **Rambla Eguilaz** (Classical Archaeology and Ancient History)



## Prizes and Other Awards to Undergraduates and Graduates

### Archibald Jackson Prizes (for Graduates with a Distinction in their exams in 2015)

Talita **de Souza Dias** (Magister Juris), Christopher **Derry** (Clinical Medicine), Betty **Gration** (Clinical Medicine), Kiley **Hunkler** (Women's Studies), Daisy **Johnson\*** (Creative Writing), Tobias **Lutzi** (Magister Juris), Gabriel **Raeburn** (US History), Jeannie **Sellick** (Late Antique and Byzantine Studies), Lev **Tankelevitch\*** (Neuroscience), Briar **Thompson\*** (Public Policy), Thaddeus **Thorp** (Greek and/or Roman History), David **De-Wei Wong** (Global Governance and Diplomacy)

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### College Prizes (for a First Class or Distinction in all exams other than Finals in 2015)

Gabriel **Asman** (Computer Science), Emma **Beer** (Mathematics), Krishan **Bhalla** (Mathematics), Christopher **Broughton** (Modern Languages), Jamieson **Byrnes** (Engineering Science), Peru **d'Ornellas**

(Physics), Cameron **Fern** (Mathematics), Magnus **Fugger** (Medical Sciences), Liam **Garrison** (Chemistry), Dan-Andrei **Gheorghe** (Computer Science), Joseph **Gilfillan** (Engineering Science), Anthony **Guo** (Computer Science), Callum **Hall** (Chemistry), Eden **Harrison** (Engineering Science), Benjamin **Hawkey Gilder** (Chemistry), Francois **Herinckx** (Engineering Science), Leonie **Hoffmann** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), Kenneth **Hughes** (Physics), Michael **Hutcheon** (Physics), Jakob **Kastelic** (Physics), Prannay **Kaul** (Engineering Science), Amy **Kidd** (Biochemistry), Tien **Sun Lo** (Engineering Science), Martha **MacLaren** (History and Modern Languages), Louis **Mercier** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), David **Miron** (Biological Sciences), Augustus **Neate** (Engineering Science), Philippa **Nicholls** (Biological Sciences), George **Pearson** (Chemistry), James **Pidgeon** (Physics), Eduardo **Rodriguez** (Physics), Alexandra **Romagnoli** (Mathematics), Helen **Ryan** (Mathematics), Hannah **Scott** (History), Andrew **Smith** (Physics), Tsz **Long Tang** (Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry), Peter **Thompson** (Classical Archaeology and Ancient History), You **Wu** (Engineering Science), Dianzhi **Yu** (Mathematics and Computer Science), Chengzhi **Zhou** (Engineering Science)

### Mary Somerville Prizes (for a First in the Final Honour School Examinations in 2015)

Robert **Adam** (History), Olivia **Anderson** (History), Richard **Beck** (Engineering Science), Livia **Bridge** (Experimental Psychology), Guy **Bud** (Ancient and Modern History), Rosemary **Carpenter** (History and Modern Languages), Tom **Carruthers** (Biological Sciences), Anna **Cartwright** (Experimental Psychology), Ming **Kwong Chung** (Mathematics), Michael **Davies** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), Xuan **Du** (Jurisprudence), Jessica **Eastwood** (Chemistry), Martin **Engelcke** (Engineering Science), Karl **Hudson** (Biochemistry), Daniel **Khan** (History), Susan **Leung** (Chemistry), Rowan **Lyster** (Modern Languages and Linguistics), Eilidh **McKemmie** (Mathematics and Computer Science), Kimberley **Monks** (Medical Sciences), James **Parkinson** (Physics), Linda **Perkio** (Engineering Science), Rachel **Porter** (Chemistry), Rory **Robinson** (Mathematics), Laura **Schack** (Modern Languages), Michael **Scott** (Engineering Science), Albert **Slawinski** (Mathematics and Computer Science), William **Thomas** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), James **Thompson** (Computer Science), Gabrielle **Todd** (Medical Sciences), Anna-Sophia **Warren** (Experimental Psychology), Fabian **Mucheng Ying** (Mathematics)

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## Principal's Prizes 2015

*Awarded to those students who scored in the top 5% or better of their subject and/or gained top marks for a dissertation or in a particular set of papers in a university examination.*

Robert **Adam** (History), Xuan **Du** (Jurisprudence), Martin **Engelcke** (Engineering), Rachel **Porter** (Chemistry), Terence **Tang** (Biochemistry), Chengzhi (Tom) **Zhou** (Engineering Year 3)

### Graduate degrees:

Talita **d'Souza** (M. Jur), Tobias **Lutzi** (M. Jur)

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## Margaret Irene Seymour Instrumental Awards

Saffiyah **Keig-Momin** (Music), Steve **Park** (Chemistry), Rosemary **Pearce** (English)

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## Somerville Lawyers Group Prize

Xuan **Du** (Law)

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## Sarah Smithson Prize

Chloe **Lockwood** (Modern Languages)

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## Postgraduate Awards

### Alice Horsman Scholarship

Nathalie **Botcherby** (English Language and Literature), Jennifer **Butler** (Classics), Anna **Cartwright** (Experimental Psychology), Callum **Clifton** (Experimental Psychology), Rachel **Cummings** (English Language and Literature), Holly **Ewart** (Classics), Sara **Ffrench-Constant** (Medicine), Polly **Fullerton** (English Language and Literature), Ruth **Hopkins** (Music), Jack **Kennedy** (Biochemistry), Daniel **Khan** (History), Eve **McQuillan** (PPE), Zoe **Moore**s (Classics and Modern Languages), Delia **Morris** (Modern Languages), Emily **Nott** (Modern Languages and Linguistics), Harry **Spencer** (Biological Sciences), Anna-Sophia **Warren** (Experimental Psychology), Reem **Yahia** (Pharmacology)

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## Somerville College Alumni Scholarships

Martin **Engelcke** (Engineering Science), Alex **Fraser** (Psychological Research)

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## University and External awards

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### Classics Declamation Prize for Latin Reading

Dominique **David-Vincent** (Classics and Oriental Studies)

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### Margaret Harris Memorial Prize

Christopher **Derry** (Medicine)

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### Gibbs Book Prize

Susan **Leung**\* (Chemistry)

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### GlaxoSmithKline 3rd Year Undergraduate Prize in Practical Organic Chemistry

Susan **Leung**\* (Chemistry)

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### Hogan Lovells Law Prize

Du **Xuan** (Jurisprudence)

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### BP Prize for Best Performance in Chemical Engineering

Robin **Nyland**\* (Engineering Science)

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### Laurence Binyon Prize

Laura **Schack** (Modern Languages)

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### Gibbs Prize

Andrew **Smith**\* (Physics)

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## Students Entering College in 2014-15

### Undergraduates

Ancient and Modern History  
Frederick **Clamp-Gray**, *Abingdon School*

#### Biological Sciences

Jonathan **Baker**, *Highgate School*  
Georgina **Baynham**, *Hereford Sixth Form College*  
Charles **Chen**, *Reading School*  
Nina Faure **Beaulieu**, *Lycee Francais Charles De Gaulle*  
Angelina **Konnova**, *School of Young Politicians Gymnasium 1306*  
David **Miron**, *JFS School*  
Philippa **Nicholls**, *City of London Freeman's School*  
Kirsten **Simkin**, *St Pauls Girls School*

#### Chemistry

Nicola **Bailey**, *Saffron Walden County High School*  
Frances **Green-Armytage**, *Norwich High School for Girls*  
Callum **Hall**, *The Crypt School*  
Steve **Park**, *Camberwell Grammar School*  
Callum **Prentice**, *The Sixth Form College, Solihull*  
Ayane **Semba**, *Lancing College*

#### Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

Hannah **Gain**, *Groton School, USA*  
Peter **Thompson**, *Hills Road Sixth Form College*

#### Computer Science

Radu-Bogdan **Berteanu**, *Colegiul National Andrei Saguna*

#### Engineering Science

Prannay **Kaul**, *Birkdale School Sheffield*  
Michael **Lin**, *Pate's Grammar School*  
Augustus **Neate**, *Radley College*  
James **North**, *Royal Grammar School, Buckinghamshire*  
Lenard **Ong**, *Jerudong International School*  
You **Wu**, *Raffles Junior College, Singapore*

#### English and Modern Languages

Joanna **Kaye**, *Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks*

#### English Language and Literature

Maria **Adebisi**, *Greenford High School, Greenford*  
Rosalie **Baxter**, *John Roan School*  
Jack **Cottam**, *Merchant Taylors' School*  
Isabel **Ireland**, *Chiswick School*  
Caitlin **Jauncey**, *Ysgol Morgan Llwyd*  
Daniel **Keane**, *Ilstock Place School*  
Charles **la Fosse**, *Cranleigh School, Cranleigh*

Carys **Miller**, *Stantonbury Campus*  
Henrietta **Mosforth**, *King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls*

Daunish **Negargar**, *King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys*

Madeleine **Wood**, *Roundhay School, All-through education from 4 to 18 (formerly Technology College)*

#### Experimental Psychology

Emily **Albery**, *Kings College Taunton*  
Helen **Burridge**, *Central Sussex College, Haywards Heath Campus*

#### History

David **Barker**, *King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford*  
Anna **Bett**, *Wilmslow High School*  
Tomas **Dillon**, *Forest School, Snaresbrook*  
Matthew **Evans**, *The Perse School*  
George **Galla**, *King Edward's School, Edgbaston*  
Fairlie **Kirkpatrick Baird**, *Bernards High School*  
Shari **Landa**, *Thomas S Wootton High School*  
Joshua **McStay**, *William Howard School*  
Hannah **Scott**, *Wellington College, Crowthorne*  
Naomi **Southwell**, *Crompton House CofE School*  
Frances **Varley**, *Heckmondwike Grammar School Academy Trust*

#### History and Economics

Daniel **Smith**, *Leventhorpe Trust (formerly The Leventhorpe School)*

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## History and Modern Languages

Martha **MacLaren**, *Wallington High School For Girls*

Katharine **Ward**, *Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe*

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## Jurisprudence

Zachary **Foo**, *St. Andrew's Junior College, Singapore*

Alicia **Kaupp-Roberts**, *European School, Culham*

Eleanor **Lynch**, *Farringtons School*

Amelia **Nguyen**, *British International School, Vietnam*

Oluwatoyosi **Odetunde**, *Newstead Wood School*

Kate **Ross**, *Bablake School*

Zeyang **Wu**, *Raffles Junior College, Singapore*

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## Literae Humaniores

Satoko **Aizawa**, *Uppingham School*

Chloe **Funnell**, *Kent College, Tunbridge Wells*

Natalie **Milner**, *Twycross House School, Atherstone*

Connor **Roth**, *The Hotchkiss School*

Rebecca **Todd**, *Cheltenham Ladies' College*

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## Mathematics and Computer Science

Robert **Kirk**, *St Aidans & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form, Harrogate*

Dianzhi **Yu**, *Dipont Education Management Group, China*

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## Mathematics and Statistics

Hongyan **Wang**, *The International Centre of Normal College, Shenzhen University*

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## Mathematics in Mathematics

Cameron **Fern**, *The Crypt School*

Louise **O'Rourke**, *Inverurie Academy*

Alexandra **Romagnoli**, *Presdales School*

Janessa **Stackhouse**, *Walsall Academy*

Andrew **Tweddle**, *Prior Pursglove College*

James **Woodfield**, *Loreto College, Manchester*

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## Medical Sciences

Stavros **Dimitriadis**, *Costeas-Gitonas School, Greece*

Calum **McIntyre**, *Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School, Belfast*

Miranda **Rogers**, *Magdalen College School, Oxford*

Oliver **Shotton**, *St Paul's School, London*

Zoe **Thursz**, *Berkhamsted School*

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## Medicine

John **Frazer**, *Foyle and Londonderry College*

Eleanor **Grant**, *University of Sheffield*

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## Modern Languages

Martha **Bellamy**, *St Pauls Girls School*

Christopher **Broughton**, *Manchester Grammar School*

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Lara **Chittick**, *Woodbridge School, Woodbridge*

Connor **Jackman**, *St. Joseph's Catholic Academy*

Sophie **Jackson**, *Tonbridge Grammar School*

Tzvetelina **Tzonova**, *European School, Luxembourg 1*

Kate **Wasyliw**, *Greenhead College, Huddersfield*

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## Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry

Amy **Kidd**, *Clitheroe Royal Grammar School*

Katie **Paul**, *Wellington School, Somerset*

Finn **Strivens**, *Highgate School*

Martin **Vesely**, *Dollar Academy*

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## Music

Saffiyah **Keig-Momin**, *Altrincham Girls Grammar School*

Harry **McSwaine**, *Caldy Grange Grammar School*

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## Philosophy, Politics and Economics

William **Barrott**, *Westminster School*

Yoojin **Chung**, *Korean Minjok Leadership Academy*

Michael **Costante**, *Nottingham High School*

Shaya **Ghadimi**, *King's College School*

Leonie **Hoffmann**, *BG Seebachergasse Graz*

Nicholas **Machin**, *Collyers VI Form College, Horsham*

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Louis **Mercier**, *Tiffin School*

Angela **Shi**, *Auckland International College*

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## Physics

Scott **Bennetton**, *Poole Grammar School*

James **Dborin**, *Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet*

David **Hung**, *St Paul's School, London*

Joanne **McAtear**, *Ullswater Community College*

James **Pidgeon**, *Greenhead College, Huddersfield*

Cameron **Saint**, *Queen Mary's College*

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## Physics and Philosophy

Luke **Stamper**, *Cheney School*

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## Graduates

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### Auto Intelligent Machines and Systems (EPSRC CDT)

Stefan **Saftescu**, *The University of Oxford*

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### Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Radhika **Sholapurkar**, *The University of Oxford - Somerville College*

Matthew David **Titterington**, *The University of Oxford*

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### Certificate in Diplomatic Studies

Kanoko **Matsuzaki**, *Keio University*

---

### Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry

Nadiya **Ishnazarova**, *Moscow M V Lomonosov State University Russia*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Classical Archaeology

Foteini **Athanasiadou**, *King's College London*

---

### Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Medicine

Lucas **Malla**, *Limburgs Universitair Centrum (LUC), Diepenbeek*

---

### Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Neurosciences

Hakan **Cetin**, *Vienna University Austria*

Jeffrey **Martin**, *University of Nijmegen*

---

### Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Philology and General Linguistics

Joseph **Lovestrand**, *Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Filippos **Lazos**, *National Technical University of Athens Greece*

Brendan **Shillingford**, *University of British Columbia*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering Science

Ibrahim **Almosallam**, *University of Missouri-Columbia*

Deyan **Dimitrov**, *Linköping University Sweden*

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Grace **Young**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Geography and the Environment

Narendra **Killada**, *The University of Oxford*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in History

James **McAuley jr**, *The University of Oxford - Somerville College*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in History (History of Science and Medicine & Economic and Social History)

Peter **Denby**, *University of Buckingham*

Ligita **Visockyte**, *London School of Economics and Political Science*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Law

Andrea **Zappalaglio**, *University College London*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics

Pengyu **Wei**, *Chinese University of Hong Kong*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Medieval and Modern Languages

Joanna **Raisbeck**, *The University of Oxford - Somerville College*

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Music

Alice **Barron**, *Royal Academy of Music*

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Doctor of Philosophy in  
Neuroscience

Lev **Tankelevitch**, *University  
College London*

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Doctor of Philosophy in  
Organic Chemistry

Tim **Markovic**, *Gottfried Wilhelm  
Leibniz Universitat Hannover*

Thomas **Wilson**, *The University of  
York*

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Doctor of Philosophy in  
Pharmacology

Amelie **Gavard**, *Universite Paul  
Sabatier (Toulouse III)*

Kim **Wals**, *Vrije University  
Netherlands*

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Doctor of Philosophy in  
Philosophy

Yuanbo **Liu**, *The University of  
Oxford*

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Doctor of Philosophy in  
Physiology, Anatomy and  
Genetics

Tirsa **van Westering**, *The University  
of Bristol*

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Doctor of Philosophy in Plant  
Sciences

Friederike **Grosse-Holz**, *Ruprecht-  
Karls Universitat Heidelberg  
Germany*

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Doctor of Philosophy in  
Primary Health Care

Helen **Ashtdown**, *The University of  
Oxford*

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Doctor of Philosophy in  
Psychiatry

Eloise **Stark**, *The University of  
Oxford*

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Doctor of Philosophy in  
Theoretical Physics

Nicholas William **Jennings**, *The  
University of Cambridge*

---

Doctor of Philosophy in  
Zoology

Nishant **Kumar**, *Saurashtra  
University, Rajkot*

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Magister Juris

Victor **Cracan**, *Institut d Etudes  
Politiques de Paris, France*

Talita **de Souza Dias**, *Universidade  
Federal de Pernambuco Brazil*

Tobias **Lutzi**, *University of Cologne  
Germany*

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Master of Business  
Administration

Jaime **Allinson**

Jessica **Lau**

Adam **McKay**

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Master of Philosophy in  
English Studies (Medieval)

Gala **Pouzanov**, *Queen Mary and  
Westfield College*

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Master of Philosophy in  
Modern Languages

Fiona Rhian **Dakin**, *The University  
of Exeter*

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Master of Philosophy in  
International Relations

Rebecca **Kuperberg**, *Haverford  
College*

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Master of Philosophy in  
Social Anthropology

Shahana **Munazir**, *The University  
of Oxford - Somerville College*

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Master of Public Policy

Abraham **Akoi**, *Johns Hopkins  
University*

Ouiem **Chettaoui**, *Institut Supérieur  
des Sciences Humaines de Tunis*

Sondos **Shalaby**, *The American  
University in Cairo*

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Master of Science by Research  
in Inorganic Chemistry

Diming **Xu**, *Nanjing University China*

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Master of Science by Research  
in Oncology

Aaron **Simpson**, *The University of  
Reading*

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Master of Science in  
Computer Science

Ruben **Janssen**, *University of  
Amsterdam*

Romperto **Vasileios**, *Kouostas  
University College London*

Konrad **Strack**, *AGH University  
of Science and Technology /  
Akademia Gorniczo-Hutnicza (AGH)  
im. Stanisława Staszica w Krakowie*

Ioannis **Zifos**, *National and  
Capodistrian (Kapodistrian)  
University of Athens*

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Master of Science in  
Contemporary India

Aamaal **Akhtar**, *University of Delhi*

Saumya **Krishna**, *University of  
Western Ontario*

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Master of Science in  
Environmental Change and  
Management

Garima **Singh**, *TERI School of  
Advanced Studies*

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Master of Science in Global  
Governance and Diplomacy

Jessica **Fliegel**, *Catholic University  
of America Washington DC*

Shagun **Gupta**, *University of Delhi*

David De-Wei **Wong**, *National  
University of Singapore*

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Master of Science in Law  
and Finance

Shohini **Sengupta**, *National Law  
Institute University, Bhopal*

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Master of Science in  
Mathematical and  
Computational Finance

Yixuan **Wang**, *The University of  
Oxford*

Zhenru **Wang**, *Fudan University,  
China*

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Master of Science in  
Mathematical Modelling and  
Scientific Computing

Thomas **Gaudelet**, *Ecole Centrale  
de Lyons, France*

Emily Susan **Kruger**, *The University  
of Keele*

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Master of Science  
in Mathematics and  
Foundations of Comp Sci

Yuchen **Wu**, *University College  
London*

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Master of Science in  
Pharmacology

Yusra **Shah**, *The University of  
Southampton*

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Master of Science in  
Psychological Research

Alexander **Fraser**, *University of  
Wales, Bangor*

Wenjia **Zhao**, *Tsinghua University*

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Master of Science in  
Radiation Biology

Yuechuan **Chi**, *University of Toronto*

---

Master of Science in Refugee  
and Forced Migration Studies

Victoria **Hammond**, *University of  
Melbourne*

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Master of Science in  
Water Science, Policy and  
Management

Ranu **Sinha**, *London School of  
Economics and Political Science*

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Master of Studies in  
Creative Writing

Jonathan **Crossley**, *Loyola  
Marymount University*

Stefano **Domingues de Castro  
Pachi**, *Ruprecht-Karls Universitat  
Heidelberg Germany*

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Master of Studies in English

Lindsey-Anne **Bridges**, *King's  
College London*

Rita **Mansuryan**, *University of  
California, Los Angeles*

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Master of Studies in Global  
and Imperial History

James **Hutton**, *University of Cape  
Town*

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Master of Studies in Greek  
and/or Roman History

Thaddeus **Thorp**, *The University of  
Liverpool*

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Master of Studies in  
Medieval History

Kalil Jack **Copley**, *University of  
Durham*

---

Master of Studies in Modern  
South Asian Studies

Jasneet **Aulakh**, *University of  
Southern California*

---

Master of Studies in US  
History

Gabriel **Raeburn**, *The University of  
Sussex*

---

Master of Studies in  
Women's Studies

Kiley **Hunkler**, *The University of  
Oxford - Somerville College*

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Postgraduate Certificate  
in Education

Simon **Walker**, *The University of  
Oxford - Somerville College*

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# Somerville Development Board

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## **Clara Freeman OBE (Jones, History, 1971), Chair**

Former Executive Director of Stores & Personnel, Marks & Spencer;  
Honorary Fellow

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## **Hilary Newiss (PPP, 1974), Deputy Chair**

Lawyer; former Head of Intellectual Property, Denton Hall

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## **Basma Alireza (PPE, 1991)**

Vice President of Corporate Affairs  
Rezayat Europe Limited

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## **Tom Bolt**

Franchise Performance Director,  
Lloyds

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## **Ayla Busch (PPE, 1989)**

Managing Director and owner,  
Busch Holding GmbH

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## **Sam Gyimah (PPE, 1995)**

Member of Parliament for East  
Surrey and Parliamentary Under-  
Secretary of State for Childcare and  
Education

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## **Niels Kroner (Philosophy & Mod. Lang., 1996)**

Managing Director, Green Hedge  
Renewables plc

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## **Nicola Ralston (Thomas, History, 1974)**

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

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## **Sybella Stanley (Ancient & Mod. History, 1979)**

Director of Corporate Finance,  
RELX Group plc

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## **Sian Thomas Marshall (Biology, 1989)**

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

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## **Dr Alice Prochaska (History, 1965), Principal of Somerville**

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## Honorary Development Board Members

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## **Harriet Maunsell OBE (Dawes, PPE, 1962; Honorary Fellow)**

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## **Doreen Boyce (Vaughan, PPE, 1953; Honorary Fellow)**

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## **Paddy Crossley (Earnshaw, Chemistry, 1956)**

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## **Lyn Haight (Schofield, Classics, 1966)**

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## **Margaret Kenyon (Parry, Mod. Lang., 1959; Honorary Fellow)**

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## **Nadine Majaro (PPE, 1975)**

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## **Roger Pilgrim**

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# Somerville Association Officers and Committee, as at 15 March 2015

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## President

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**Susan Scholefield**  
(Classics, 1973),  
CMG, elected 9 March 2013

susanscholefield@btinternet.com

Susan joined the Civil Service in 1981 and worked in a fascinating range of departments, finally as Director General for Human Resources and Corporate Services for the Ministry of Defence. From 2012 to 2014 she was School Secretary at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is a magistrate.

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Susan Scholefield

## Joint Secretaries

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**Elizabeth Cooke**  
(Greenwood, History, 1964)

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## Committee Members

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**Nick Cooper (Psychology and Philosophy, 2008)**

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

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**Richard Forrest (Classics & Modern Languages, 1994)**

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Richard works for an offshoot of the Department for Work & Pensions. An alumnus of the first mixed year at Somerville, he lives in London and Oxford with his wife Emily (née Freedland, 1994).

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**Mrs Juliet Johnson (Adams, History, 1975)**

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**Ben Pilgrim (English, 2006)**

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Ben works for the advertising agency AKA, where his main client is the Royal Opera House. When at Somerville he was President of the JCR.

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**Dr Natasha Robinson  
(Physiology, 1972)**

Natasha is a Consultant Anaesthetist and Associate Director at Northampton General Hospital. Her mother and her daughter were also at Somerville and her father taught Physics here for many years.

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**Ms Virginia Ross  
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Retired as Head of Finance & Administration, Undergraduate Admissions Office, University of Oxford.

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**Ms Beth Seaman  
(Physiology & Psychology, 2004)**

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Beth qualified as a chartered accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers and is now Commercial Finance Manager at Arcadia Group. She was JCR Secretary while at Somerville.

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**Ms Lorna Sutton  
(History, 2010)**

Lorna is living in London and has been doing an internship at the Institute for Government, an independent think tank, working alongside two other Somervillians.

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**Mrs Karen Twining Fooks  
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Karen is an International Development consultant, working with International NGOs, with a focus on Africa. She also manages Alumni groups for Oxfam, ActionAid and others.

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Frances is a retired History Tutor and Emeritus Fellow, Harris Manchester College, Oxford.

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**Dr Benjamin Thompson  
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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.

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

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*Two Committee vacancies will occur in 2016 and nominations are invited for election at the next AGM (Saturday 12 March 2016). Please send all nominations to Liz Cooke (elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk) or Lisa Gyax (lisa.gyax@some.ox.ac.uk)*

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# Events Programme 2015-16

Events are in College unless otherwise stated

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## 2015

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**4 October** Literary Luncheon:  
Simon Russell Beale

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**16 October** Ada Lovelace  
Bicentenary/  
Mathematical Institute

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**3 December** Carol Concert for  
Alumni tbc

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## 2016

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**22 January** Symposium  
Remembering Eleanor  
Rathbone : From  
Somerville to  
Westminster, 1893-1946

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**18-9 April** US Reunion in  
Washington

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**12 March** Winter meeting and  
Parents' Luncheon

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**11 June** Commemoration Service

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**25-26 June** Gaudy for matric years  
pre 1964

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Details of some of these events are already on the College website ([www.some.ox.ac.uk/alumni/](http://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](mailto:elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk))

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The **Somerville London Group** holds regular events in London and these are usually advertised by email; if you would like to be included in this email circulation, or if you are interested in helping to organise events in London, please contact Liz Cooke [elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.cooke@some.ox.ac.uk)

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