

Dates for your Diary



Friday 24 - Sunday 26 September 2010 University of Oxford Alumni Weekend

This year's theme is 'Shared Treasures'; a full programme of events planned for the weekend can be found at www.alumniweekend.ox.ac.uk. Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch of St Cross will be presenting a lecture entitled 'Early Tudor England: A People's Reformation?' on Saturday 25 September at 4pm. He will also be available for a book signing after the lecture.

Saturday 25 September 2010 St Cross College Reunion Drinks

Join us for our annual drinks reception, from 5.30pm. Places can be booked via the Alumni Office.

Monday 6 December 2010 Christmas Market Trip to Cirencester

Join us as we head to Cirencester for Christmas shopping at the traditional German-style Christmas Market. Those whose shopping threshold is low will also have time to visit the Corinium Museum, which houses an extensive collection of wonderful Roman mosaics, tombstones and sculpture, reflecting the town of Corinium's importance in Roman times as the second largest in the country outside London. Please contact the Events Office to reserve a place.

Tuesday 7 December 2010 Carol Service

Enjoy the musical talents of the St Cross College Choir during the traditional Carol Service in Pusey Chapel at 6pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service. Booking is not necessary for this event, but places are limited.

Wednesday 8 December 2010 Winter Drinks Reception, London

The Winter Drinks Reception will again be held at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in Pall Mall, London. Speaking this year will be Fellow of St Cross Professor Rana Mitter. More details will follow in due course, but to reserve your place early please contact the Alumni Office.

Thursday 9 December 2010 Varsity Match

This year's Varsity rugby match will be played at Twickenham as usual and kick-off is at 2pm. We shall be taking a coach down from Oxford so if you'd like to join the trip please contact the Alumni Office.

Tuesday 18 January 2011 Talk on St Cross Ceramics Collection

As reported on page 3, Jennifer Opie, former senior curator of the Victoria and Albert Museum, will be joining us in College at the start of Hilary Term to present a talk on the ceramics collection of St Cross. Due to limited space, places must be booked through the Events Office.

Friday 25 March 2011 Fred's Lunch

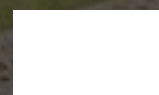
Fred's Lunch, the ever-popular traditional annual lunch in College for alumni, will be held during week 10 of Hilary Term. This event is always very well attended so please do get in touch with the Alumni Office to book your place in advance.

Contact details for booking events and any further information:

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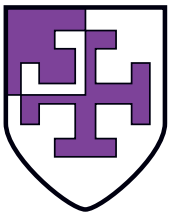
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A message from the Master



When I was elected as Master some seven years ago, the College showed the greatest degree of faith displayed since Noah allowed two woodworm onto the Ark.

The job is undoubtedly a very challenging one. You have to be a *bon viveur* who is prepared to eat and drink gargantuan quantities, a lawyer to deal with one's clerical neighbours, a taxonomist to remember everyone's names, a polymath to sit on selection boards for weird subjects, a beggar to raise money, a committee hack to keep things running, a scholar to provide academic leadership, an impresario and speech writer to preside at the many social functions that the college holds, and somebody with the patience of Job in order to herd academic cats.

That said, the job has been a very good one and I have enjoyed it greatly, not least because of the good humour and tolerance of Governing Body, the solid support that I have received from the college officers and from the college staff, including, of course, our Bursar and the excellent legacy bequeathed to me by my three predecessors.

Since 2003 we have seen the college change. We have come to a most amicable settlement with Pusey House about the sharing of the main site, we have seen the number of new students admitted each year double, we have seen the development of a very full alumni programme served by an excellent alumni office, and we have seen an increase in the intellectual life of the college as evidenced by our weekly colloquia, lectures and seminars. We have smartened the place up and provided better facilities such as the new Porters' Lodge, the Caroline Miles Room and the St Cross Room, we have achieved one of Oxford's best gender balances in the fellowship,

we have increased attendance at halls and the frequency of special dinners, and we have developed a college strategy based on global engagement.

St Cross is undoubtedly a very special place. It has one of the largest and most diverse fellowships in the University and it has a truly international and talented student body. It is not in the least bureaucratic (with reputedly the shortest committee meetings in the University), it is egalitarian (with high chairs rather than a high table), it is the most cost-effective college in the University, it is multidisciplinary rather than a one-trick pony, it has a beautiful site in the heart of Oxford and it is above all, friendly, tolerant and extraordinarily well fed.

We are nevertheless still a department of the University. We are also one of the three poorest colleges of the University, with an endowment of less than £6 million. We house far fewer of our students than is desirable – only around a quarter – though we will have an extra 40 or so additional bedrooms at our disposal in 2010/11. To address these problems we have been working hard on fund-raising, through our annual fund, our telethon campaign, and our legacy programme.

Overall, however, when the College celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2015, it will be justifiably proud about how far it has come since it was established by the University with a pitiful endowment in that little wooden hut by St Cross Church in 1965. The new academic year will be my last as Master and I too shall be proud to hand over the College in good order to my successor.

Andrew Goudie | July 2010

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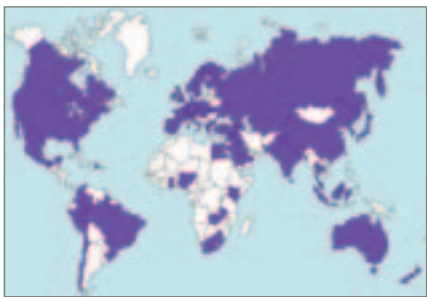
College News

Changes at St Cross: people, accommodation, art, fund-raising, food

Spreading the net wider

St Cross continues to grow in different ways, not least in terms of our student body. The academic year 2009-10 set a new record for us in terms of the number of freshers we welcomed in September - over 250 - and Michaelmas Term 2010 looks set to continue the trend.

We are very proud to be such an international College, and certainly live up to our motto: *Ad quattuor cardines mundi*, meaning 'To the four corners of the Earth'. Amongst our international community, we have students of nearly 70 different nationalities from Austrians to Zambians, as demonstrated in the map below. How long, I wonder, before we can colour in the map entirely?



New accommodation

To meet the needs of our ever-expanding student body, the College has been continuing to raise the quantity and quality of accommodation that we can offer.



Just in time for the start of the new academic year of 2009, St Cross began renting an additional student house to add to its accommodation portfolio. Located at 102 Abingdon Road, this 4-storey Victorian terraced town house has been beautifully finished to a high standard. We have also just secured the neighbouring property for the beginning of Michaelmas Term 2010, and

Art in the College

Audrey Blackman ceramic figurines



The College has for some time owned six ceramic figurines made by the potter Audrey Blackman, five of which were presented in 2009 by her great-nephew. This year we received over 40 more to add to the collection, plus their original display cabinet, which Audrey herself designed. They were given by her to the University in 1990 in memory of her late husband, Professor Geoffrey Blackman, and were previously housed in the Department of Plant Sciences.



Audrey Blackman, a former Member of Common Room of St Cross, died in 1990 after generously bequeathing her property in Boars Hill to the College, along with an outstanding collection of English watercolours and a sum of money for their care. She was not just a potter, but an artist who worked in many media: her output as a potter spanned over 40 years, during which time she produced hundreds of small figures. The examples here are mainly displayed in the St Cross Room with one in a showcase in the Audrey Blackman Gallery, amongst her watercolours: some are pictured here in photographs taken by Professor Derek Roe, Emeritus Fellow and member of the Arts Committee.

The figurines were created from rolled and slabbed clay, and the techniques used by Audrey to shape and successfully fire them required special skill and knowledge. She wrote articles for the specialist journal, *Ceramic Review*, as well as publishing a handbook *Rolled Pottery Figures* on the subject, a copy of which is in the College library.



St Cross remembers Audrey Blackman every year, with a celebratory lunch of the Audrey Blackman Society, founded to express our gratitude to those who have chosen to leave the College a legacy. We are also pleased to maintain the connection by welcoming regularly back to College her niece and great-nephew – Jessica and Alasdair Crawford. A framed photograph of Audrey Blackman has recently been hung in the Gallery, next to the plaque.

Ceramics catalogue

An interesting new addition this year to information on the St Cross art collection is a study of the ceramic items, including a comprehensive illustrated catalogue, produced by Jennifer Opie, formerly Senior Curator and Head of Ceramics & Glass at the Victoria & Albert Museum, London. It includes detailed cataloguing of the first six Blackman figurines owned by the college and more information about Audrey Blackman herself, although the large collection received from Plant Sciences did not reach us until after it had been completed.

A copy of this report is available to view in the Saugman Common Room, along with a revised account of the College silver by Professor Roe, updating the previous version and adding illustrations. On 18 January 2011, Jennifer Opie will be presenting a talk on the ceramic section of the art collections of St Cross; more details will follow in due course but if you would like to book your place now, please do get in touch with the events office (see back page).



Easter telephone campaign

St Cross undertook a new and extremely successful venture during the 2010 Easter vacation. We conducted a telephone fund-raising campaign (commonly known as the telethon) in conjunction with the university development office. Two other colleges, Brasenose and Wolfson, were carrying out their campaigns simultaneously so there was an extra-competitive atmosphere every evening. Our ten student callers did extraordinarily well, more than doubling the target initially set, and made many new personal contacts with college alumni whose field of academic study or other interests coincided with theirs.



The team consisted of (from left in the team photo) Jon Hodgson (MSc Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology), Anna Horakova (MPhil Modern Languages), Trent Johnson (MPhil Islamic Art and Archaeology), Chris Kavanagh (MSc Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology), Teppei Kubo (DPhil Mathematics), Liam Atkinson (MSc Computer Science), Emily Murphy (MSc Sociology), with Annie Devenish (DPhil History) and Laura Hurst (MPhil Modern Languages) below, plus Chris Taylor (MSc Contemporary India) who unfortunately did not make it into the photo. All the students who took part were then invited to a splendid barbecue held by the Vice-Chancellor in his large and beautiful garden in Banbury Road on a rather chilly but nevertheless pleasant evening early in Trinity Term.

We'd like to take the opportunity here to thank again all of you who spoke to them, not only those who made a donation or future pledge, but also everyone who took the trouble to have extensive talks with the callers and update us on your news.

Over the fortnight 486 people were actually reached, and of those 98 people (just over 20%) responded, making immediate contributions or continuing commitments. Over five years the continuing pledges that have actually begun will add up to over £15,000 and if one counts the pledges made but not actually converted into solid donations yet, the total could be as high as £27,000. Most of these are fairly modest contributions so it is an excellent demonstration of how a number of people each taking part in a small way can add up to a substantial sum. Thank you all very much indeed.

Hanging on the telephone – a personal view



To be honest, when I first agreed to join the St Cross alumni fundraising telethon team I wasn't sure what to expect. I imagined there might be a few frosty conversations – the ones with that uncomfortable silence on the end of the line - but these were few and far between. What I hadn't expected was to learn as much as I did about the history and management of the College and also about the importance and real need for ongoing alumni support. My own attitude has been changed by this experience. When I get a call from an enthusiastic student in a few years' time, making a financial contribution to the College is something I would certainly consider.

What I also hadn't expected was to speak to such a diverse community of alumni across the globe. I found myself ringing former College members from Abingdon just down the road, from Aberdeen in the north of the United Kingdom, from South Africa, Singapore, Greece, Israel, the US and even Latin America. Alumni were generally friendly and keen to talk about their experiences as students and remembered their time at St Cross fondly. The informal, welcoming and egalitarian nature of the College was a recurrent theme in these conversations, with many memories of the common room being the hub of social interaction.

The most frequently asked questions were things such as 'What are things like now?', 'How has the College changed?' 'Is the old Master still there?' and even 'Do they still have those comfy couches in the common room?' I chatted with a charming elderly gentleman in his eighties who had been a student at the College when it was still just 'the wooden hut' on St Cross Road in the 1960s. Another alumnus recalled when they cut down all the mulberry trees in the College courtyard in the early 1990s to begin construction on the south wing, and how students made mulberry jam with the fruit. I also got a chance to speak to a former St Cross member running a refugee programme at the UN in New York who gave me some useful advice on how to get a job in this competitive international body.

Alumni were generally very appreciative of the College making the effort to stay in touch and maintain its links with former students. I even had an alumnus email me to thank me for the card he'd been sent as part of the campaign and to reassure me that just as he had, I too would survive my DPhil, and that it would be over all too soon, and once out in the real world I'd soon be looking back on my student days with nostalgia.

Annie Devenish

College staff members retire

Mike Henderson



Mike Henderson, the College's Annexe Caretaker, retired in August 2009 after 13 years' service to the College. Mike and his wife Marjory have long been familiar faces to students staying at the St Cross Road Annexe, where they were always available to ensure our students were well looked after.

Mike will be spending his time volunteering at the British Legion, of which he has been an active member for many years. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mike for all his hard work and wish him well in the future.

Ann Rowles



We also said goodbye in July 2010 to Ann Rowles, the College accounts assistant, who retired after eight years at St Cross. She is a familiar face to many members of the College, past and present, and has frequently been the elegant public face of the college at lunchtimes in the lodge. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her retirement, and most particularly in her garden.

Foodie corner

Two-star Michelin chef cooks for St Cross



Lucky diners at St Cross experienced an absolutely outstanding treat for the end of Trinity Term. On Friday 18 June the series of special dinners culminated in our usual black tie event but this was one with a difference – our chef for the evening was the renowned John Campbell, previously of the Vineyard restaurant at Stockcross where he had two Michelin stars. He has recently joined Coworth Park near Ascot which will be opening as a country house hotel in September, and so we were privileged to be the first people to enjoy Coworth Park cuisine. The dinner was a superb showcase for his cooking, which makes use of seasonal

ingredients in a light, delicious and truly imaginative way. John (pictured centre with our chefs Christopher Brook and Robert Rudman) was persuaded to come out from behind the scenes to give a short talk about his philosophy of food and his interest in educating the next generation (he is a visiting professor at Thames Valley University) to produce and enjoy the best.

Those junior members of the College who were canny enough to book places among the select gathering will of course be able to regard the evening as one of the most essential elements of their Oxford education.

News from the kitchen

At the end of April we said goodbye to John Ward, the catering manager, after several years' service to the College. He is exchanging overseeing the kitchen for the post of Butler at All Souls. He is also living on a canal narrowboat, and we wish him all the best for his future travels.

We have now welcomed Thomas Kilroy from Baxter Storey who has taken over from John with a triumphant first term culminating in the Campbell dinner in eighth week. Small and subtle changes are occurring here and there, and the college food gets ever more delicious. One of the recent highlights was the pudding for the Junior Members' Going Down dinner: we were treated to St Cross lavender burnt creams, a delicious variation on crème brûlée flavoured with lavender grown in the college garden. The College also earned a five-star top rating at the end of April from Scores on the Doors, the official local authority hygiene rating for organisations serving food. So congratulations all round to the kitchen staff for their professionalism as well as their inventiveness.

Fellowship News

College Fellows continue to undertake research, publish, teach, win awards and find new roles...

VC new Honorary Fellow



The College is pleased to announce that Professor Andrew Hamilton, Vice-Chancellor of the University, has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship of St Cross, with effect from 1 October 2010. His distinguished career has been spent mostly in the USA at Princeton, Pittsburgh and Yale, where he served as Provost from 2004 until October 2008.

Florida: more awards and posts



Professor Luciano Floridi, of the Philosophy Faculty and of ComLab, has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of *Philosophy & Technology*, the new journal published by Springer. Another publication, the journal *Metaphilosophy*, published a special issue in 2010 dedicated to his research, entitled "Luciano Floridi and the Philosophy of Information". This issue will also appear as a book, to be published by Blackwell-Wiley.

Professor Floridi's research interests include the philosophy of information, the philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, and information and computer ethics. Recently he was elected Fellow of the Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and the Simulation of Behaviour and in October 2009 was appointed as United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Chair in Information and Computer Ethics.

Marsh elected to Academy of Social Sciences



Congratulations go to Professor Herb Marsh, who has been elected to the Academy of Social Sciences. The Academy's mission is to promote social sciences in the United Kingdom for the public benefit, and one of its objectives is to recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions of individual social scientists. In March 2010 Professor Marsh, who has previously been acclaimed as the most productive educational psychologist in the world, was elected for his contribution to the discipline.

Pollard involved in swine flu vaccine trial



Professor Andrew Pollard, leader of the Oxford Vaccine Group, has been involved in pioneering research aiming to establish more information about the swine flu vaccines currently available. Millions of doses of two swine flu vaccines were purchased for use in the UK by the Department of Health to control an expected outbreak during the winter of 2009-10 but information about their use in children was limited.

The University of Oxford is one of five establishments that took part in the research conducted with the Health Protection Agency and funded by the NHS National Institute for Health Research. Trials also took place in Bristol and Southampton Universities, St George's Medical School in London and Exeter Hospital. A study involving children aged 6 months to 12 years began in October 2009 at the five sites to test the two swine flu vaccines due to be used in the UK in the winter. Children who took part in the study received two doses of a swine flu vaccine three weeks apart. Blood tests were taken (using a local anaesthetic cream) before and after the immunisation course to check the response to the vaccines.

Professor Pollard commented that as children are one of the most vulnerable groups to the H1N1 virus, it is vital that more information is obtained about how they respond to the vaccines available, in order to ensure that all children receive the best possible treatment in the future.

Festschrift in honour of Hedges



Professor Robert Hedges has retired as Deputy Director of the Research Laboratory for Archaeology & the History of Art at the School of Archaeology, and was honoured on 25 September 2009 with a *Festschrift* celebrating his career. Organised by two former students of Professor Hedges, Dr Tamsin O'Connell and Dr Alistair Pike (now with Cambridge and Bristol Universities respectively), the event welcomed current and former students returning from all over the world.

Speakers throughout the day included students and colleagues past and present as well as key figures at the Research Laboratory, including its current head Professor Mark Pollard, former head Professor Mike Tite and Professor Hedges' successor, Professor Chris Ramsey. A particular highlight was the reminiscences given by Dr Nicholas White, Professor Hedges' first DPhil student in 1977, who travelled from the USA to attend the *Festschrift*.

Thompson contributes to BBC History Magazine

A former Tutor for Admissions, Dr Peter Thompson of the Faculty of History, contributed to the August 2009 issue of the BBC *History Magazine*. In an article entitled "Paradise Lost - The Birth of Bermuda", Dr Thompson charted how a settlement initially offering 'ease and pleasure' descended into mutiny, sedition, slavery and factionalism.

Sweetlove wins large research award



We should like to congratulate Dr Lee Sweetlove, Reader in the Department of Plant Sciences, who has won a Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council award. The grant is of 1.1 million euros, funded through the ERASYSBio Plus scheme. He will work with David Fell of Oxford Brookes University and others on fruit integrative modelling.

Commercial fruit production is under significant pressure from environmental stresses, but also by changes in the consumer's demand for taste and nutritional value. One of the key goals of fruit biology is therefore to understand the factors that influence the levels of metabolites in cells and tissues, ultimately with a view to manipulating these levels for improvement of fruit traits. Both genetic and environmental factors have a strong and multifaceted influence on fruit quality. They usually act and interact in such a complex way that it is extremely difficult to study their effects experimentally. To circumvent such difficulty, an integrative model of fruit metabolism in the tomato will be built.

Olteanu wins teaching award



Dr Dan Olteanu, Fellow and Director of IT at St Cross was honoured with a University Teaching Award for his work as a University Lecturer in Information Systems at the Oxford University Computing Laboratory for the academic year 2008/9. Dr Olteanu received his award at a ceremony held at Rhodes House on 24 November 2009.

New role for Jirotko



Dr Marina Jirotko was appointed by the Economic and Social Research Council, the UK's leading agency for research funding and training in economic and social sciences, as their new Deputy Director of e-Social Science from October 2009.

Her key strategic role is to maximise the uptake, use and impact of new e-technologies across the Social Science community. The programme is part of the NCeSS (National Centre for e-Social Science) research programme and is designed to enable social scientists to harness the wealth of digital technologies in undertaking innovative world-leading research.

Dr Jirotko, who is also Associate Director of the Oxford e-Research Centre, has said that her background in both social and computer science will enable her to assist in the coordination of training and capacity-building activities to embed e-Social Science techniques in research practice and make effective use of emerging infrastructure.

McCormick wins SAAB Bronze Medal



Dr Alistair McCormick, Junior Research Fellow at St Cross until December 2009 and now at the Cambridge University Department of Biochemistry, has been awarded the prestigious SAAB Bronze Medal by the South African Association of Botanists. The recipient of the medal is judged to have produced the best plant science PhD thesis in South Africa in a particular year: Dr McCormick was awarded the medal for his work in 2008. The medal was conferred at the Annual SAAB Congress held at the North West University, Potchefstroom, in January 2010.

Dr McCormick's research interests lie in photosynthesis and how it is co-ordinated with growth demands. His work on the sensitivity of leaf photosynthesis to stem maturation in sugarcane has re-focused genetic engineering strategies for improving sugarcane sucrose yields. His findings are being used to refine agronomic crop yield forecasting models in the sugar industry and to investigate yield phenomena that have puzzled sugarcane agronomists for many years. He currently works on the development of biological solar panels that use algae and photosynthesis to generate electrical power.

Further recognition for Bostrom



Professor Nick Bostrom, Director of Oxford University's Future of Humanity Institute, was in December 2009 included in *Foreign Policy Magazine's* list of the top 100 global thinkers of that year. The list is of those who, in the judgment of the magazine, "had the big ideas that shaped our world in 2009". Professor Bostrom was recognised for "accepting no limits on human potential" and was ranked one place ahead of the former Prime Minister, Gordon Brown (ranked 74th). Also in December he was named the winner of the 2009 Gannon Award. This is given to those who commit their lives to the betterment of humanity, be it through creative or academic means.

Professor Bostrom has donated the Gannon cash prize to the Future of Humanity Institute, and has said that his own research is aimed at "contributing insight into these matters and, ultimately, at raising the standards of rationality, wisdom, and moral reflection that humanity applies in choosing its own future".

Acclaim for Mackridge's latest work



The latest work of Professor Peter Mackridge, Emeritus Fellow and Professor of Modern Greek, was published in July 2009. The book's title is *Language and National Identity in Greece, 1766-1976*. It has been reviewed to great acclaim and described as a major contribution to the cultural history of Greece. The *Athens Review of Books* heralds its original research as "a great scholarly accomplishment". It goes on to recommend that Peter Mackridge's book should be read by students in all the social sciences.

NIHR award for Brocklehurst



Professor Peter Brocklehurst has recently been awarded Senior Investigator Status by the National Institute for Health Research, which provides the framework through which the research staff and infrastructure of the NHS in England is positioned, maintained and managed as a national research facility. He is Professor of Perinatal Epidemiology and Director of the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, which is part of the University Department of Public Health.

The award recognizes Professor Brocklehurst's outstanding contribution to healthcare research. A grant of £15,000 per year from the Institute will go towards supporting his 82-strong research group.

MacCulloch triumphs on TV and in print



On 5 November 2009 an alternative to the usual Guy Fawkes Night delights of bonfires and fireworks was on offer at St Cross. The College hosted a gala screening of the first episode of 'A History of Christianity', the BBC series written and presented by Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch. The evening had a wonderfully jovial atmosphere as Senior and Junior members and friends of the College gathered to celebrate his achievement.

Professor MacCulloch began the evening by offering an introduction to the series. He spoke of his thoughts on the processes behind putting together a series of this magnitude and scope, which was three years in the making. The programme was extremely well received by the gathered audience of 130, which included the Heads of House of Regent's Park College and Blackfriars. The series was well received by the general watching public too, and the first programme, in which Professor MacCulloch looked particularly at the church in the Middle East, won the *Radio Times* Readers' Award in May 2010, one of four television awards for excellence in religious broadcasts which were presented at Lambeth Palace. The series was also runner-up in the general religious television award category. The book to accompany the series, *The History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*, has also been in the public eye to a large degree this year, attracting a number of very favourable reviews, including one in *The Guardian* by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Recognition has also come to Professor MacCulloch in other forms. He was awarded the Longman-*History Today* Trustees Award for 2009, given annually by the Trustees to a person or institution that has done outstanding work to promote history. It was presented at *History Today*'s annual reception in January 2010, at the Cavalry and Guards Club in Piccadilly. Another prize garnered by the book is the 2010 Hessel-Tiltman History Prize, awarded annually to the best work of non-fiction of historical content covering a period up to and including the Second World War. The winning book has to be of high literary merit but not primarily academic, and published in the year of the award.

Siveter curates Chinese fossil exhibition



The University Museum of Natural History is housing a fascinating exhibition, curated by Professor Derek Siveter, of very significant fossils of early animal life from Chengjiang, China. The specimens

displayed are from the Key Laboratory for Palaeobiology, Yunnan University; they make up the first large exhibition of Chengjiang material outside China.

The Cambrian fossils of Chengjiang represent one of the world's most important fossil assemblages. This 525 million year old marine fauna from Yunnan Province is exceptionally preserved, showing the remains of soft tissues and entirely soft-bodied animals. Fossil horizons preserved like this are extremely rare, yet they represent unique windows on ancient life. The Chengjiang fauna is contributing fundamentally to our understanding of one of the most important benchmarks in the history of life on Earth, the Cambrian 'explosion'. This event heralded the first appearance in the fossil record of most of the major animal groups that comprise global marine biodiversity present today. Especially noteworthy amongst the Chengjiang fauna is the earliest vertebrate. The fauna also represents the earliest, most complete animal community. Over 150 species have been recognized since discovery of the fauna in 1984. They occupy various ecological niches, and represent a range of feeding types that indicate an elaborate ecosystem. The majority of the species are known only from the Chengjiang fossils, though some of the genera occur elsewhere.

The exhibition is open during the summer and autumn this year, continuing until 14 November 2010, so there is still plenty of time to fit in a visit.

New publications by Anderson



Three articles by Professor David Anderson have appeared in recent issues of leading peer-reviewed journals. These publications reflect the wide range of projects that Professor Anderson is currently researching. The first, published in the *Journal of African History*, is on the history of prohibition and control of the drug khat in colonial Kenya. The leaves of the khat plant act as a stimulant and have been chewed by East Africans for centuries. The trade was the subject of ineffective colonial control.

The second article, in the journal *Survival – Global Politics and Strategy* is on the spate of very recent ship hijackings by Somali pirates in the context of security in eastern Africa. The third publication is a return to earlier Kenyan colonial history: a paper on 'black peril' scares in colonial Kenya, c. 1907-30, published in the *Journal of Imperial & Commonwealth History*. Fears and anxieties about the threat of African sexuality were incubated in the hothouse of Kenya's small and insular settler community, but were also informed by a wider discourse on social morality and miscegenation that looked to other parts of the British Empire, especially Rhodesia and South Africa, and to Britain itself. Professor Anderson examines Kenya's three 'black peril' episodes in 1907, 1920-22, and 1924-26, and then returns to broader questions of the explanation for and timing of the 'black peril' scares, setting the Kenyan experience in comparison with the other African cases.

New book from Emerson

Christopher Emerson, a Visiting Fellow of the College in 1987, has recently written a book entitled *Diocesan Strategic Management* which has been published via the internet, on the website www.diocesanfinancialmanagement.co.uk. Some of the material for it came from the work he undertook while at St Cross. It is designed to help all those engaged in the management of their diocese, both operationally and strategically.

Latest publication from Dexter

Colin Dexter, Fellow by Special Election and creator of Inspector Morse, has recently published his latest literary offering, this time something a little different from the detective novels. *Cracking Cryptic Crosswords* is a useful companion written to guide crossword solvers through the delights of the cryptic variety, giving tips on how to approach puzzles and break the clues down to find their hidden hints.

Birth announcement

Prof Ian Page (MCR Former Fellow) and his wife Julie are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Joseph Paul, on 8 March 2010.

In memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the death of two members of the college.

We should like to take this opportunity to honour and remember Mr Constable Ian Skipper OBE, long-standing friend and Domus Fellow of St Cross College, who died peacefully on 20 July 2009. A faithful supporter of the College, Mr Skipper contributed very generously to the building campaign which allowed St Cross to build the South Wing in the 1990s and this generosity was publicly recognized by the naming of the Ian Skipper Room in College.

A keen historian and archaeologist, Ian was part of the team that established Cultural Resource Management Limited, the company behind the Jorvik Viking Centre set up in York in 1984. In 1998 he was presented with the "Golden Trowel" at the British Archaeological Awards, given for the greatest initiative in archaeology and in recognition of his having changed the way archaeology was viewed by the public at the time.

Professor Jim Council (James Thomas), Elected Member of Common Room from 2005-2008, died on 16 January 2010 in Oxford. He was born in December 1929 in California, and during a distinguished academic career became a Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge, and a Professor of the University of Maryland.

Student News

A selection of activities, interests and general news of College students for 2009-10

Thoughts from the Student President



Ah, what a year ...and where better to start than with freshers' fortnight, which was undoubtedly my most exhausting yet exhilarating two weeks of this year. With all the

gung-ho spirit of a committee newly elected, we were perhaps a little ambitious with the freshers' timetable, putting on events such as punting, garden parties with croquet and Pimms, a picnic and an evening barbecue, all of which sounded perfect at the summer planning stage, but overlooked the minor detail that the date would be October. Nonetheless, events were well attended and it all just about went smoothly, setting the tone for the year.

In fact, it is the social events that I find the most memorable parts of college life. The best attended events are, of course, our bops. That curious little word 'bop' is often challenged as ridiculously quaint and archaic, yet its usage is still current amongst students here. The greatest danger of these bops is the array of cringe-worthy photographs that trickle onto Facebook during the succeeding few days. Our first themed bop was the standard 'Sexy Subfusc,' with some amazing outfits including top hats, topless and bras fashioned out of mortar boards. The 'bad taste' bop had its range of chavs and bad 80s attire, but the Disney bop topped all others in terms of elaborate costumes. And late in Hilary Term came the biggest bop of the year – the Dutch bop – furnished by the Dutch society with gallons of gouda and Grolsch. And the year was memorably finished off with the Oscars-themed Summer Ball (see page 14)

Something much appreciated has been all the different weekly hall themes, with the food reflecting the college's international ethos, from Romanian to Thai, Arabic to Welsh. Other highlights this year include getting involved with organising guest events in college (see pages 12-14). We've had several, from classical Okinawan music and classical Indian dance, to an up-and-coming poet, an artist, and distinguished speakers such as a Japanese embassy minister and the famous Professor John Stein. It has been wonderful to have the chance to meet such people.

The most defining element of my time here has been my role as student president. I stepped into it not really knowing what to expect, let alone what to do, but found it extremely rewarding. Part of the interest and challenge of working on the committee is dealing with such a tight budget, trying to create lots of fun social and welfare events on a shoestring. I've gained immensely from the whole St Cross experience, and I hope you all can say the same about your time here. And in so many ways, I feel honoured to have been a member of this small grad college which has so much to offer.

Matt Bilski | Student President 2009-10

St Cross student aims to make a difference

Oxford Haiti Appeal

Following the devastating earthquake in Haiti in January 2010, junior member Guppi Bola (MSc, Global Health Science) did something more than just contributing money. She was inspired to make a real difference by setting up the Oxford Haiti Appeal to channel help to the hundreds of thousands of people affected by this vast natural disaster.

Guppi reflected the feelings of many when she said that she "just wanted to do something to help". She certainly is doing so by coordinating donations and practical help from around the city of Oxford. The appeal is still continuing, and is directed at all businesses and individuals who can assist in any way possible, whether through offering a skill or making a monetary donation.

Contributor to newly published book



Benjamin Hebbert (DPhil, Music) is a new addition to the ranks of published authors. He has contributed chapters to the recently published book *Nicholas Lanier, A Portrait Revealed*, (London: Weiss Gallery, 2010).

Through the Looking Glass

David Hume (DPhil, Mathematics) added to his composing and conducting repertoire in Trinity Term, when his production of 'Through the Looking Glass' was performed on 27 May by the Merton College Music Society in their College Chapel, with the addition of several members of St Cross in the orchestra.

David's piece was based on Lewis Carroll's book, and also featured St Cross members Matthew Bilski (MPhil, Modern Japanese Studies) and Hilary Clauson (MSc, African Studies) who narrated the piece, with Hilary taking a starring role as Alice.

It was an unusual and very imaginative evening and all concerned, not least David, were delighted when orchestra and narrators, after a few very tricky sections, finished within moments of each other. David put in a good deal of time and energy to make this special and unusual event happen and we congratulate him on its success.

The subject of the book is a newly discovered portrait (pictured here) which surfaced on the London art market in the summer of 2009, painted in England by an artist trained in the Antwerp tradition. It was completed in 1613 and is the earliest of the portraits of Nicholas Lanier, a musician, art collector and connoisseur of importance who became the first 'master of the King's Musicke' in 1625 and played a major role in the creation of the great art collection of King Charles I. Interestingly, another portrait of Lanier, his own self-portrait, was 'made and painted' in Oxford during the final stages of the English Civil War, and still hangs here in the music faculty.

In his chapters on 'The Epigram', and 'The Lute and the Lutenist', Ben explores the musical ideologies that are exposed in a painting that represents a momentous turning point in British art and musical culture. A copy of the book is available in the College library.

Student photography skills unveiled



Hilary Term saw a new artistic event in the College, in the form of a photography competition open to all students, on the theme of 'The Four Corners of the World'. In all 39 entries were received, and an exhibition of these was mounted in the

Saugman Common Room at the end of term. The prize for the winning entry was awarded to Simon Cotterill (MSc, Modern Japanese Studies), who is pictured here receiving a bottle of champagne from the College cellar. This was on 26 March at the reception before Fred's Lunch (see page 12), so a large number of college members and alumni were able to view the display and admire the skills of our entrants,

whose standard of photography and imagery was generally excellent.

The images were judged by Vidu Gunaratna, a Cinematography student at the Film and TV School of Academy of Performing Arts in Prague and seasoned photographer. The winner and shortlisted entries are reproduced here.



1st: Simon Cotterill; National Gymnasium, Tokyo

Wells Scholarship inspires another St Crosser

Following the launch of the Robin and Nadine Wells Scholarship during the last academic year, the recipient for 2009-10, Deborah Ball, who is reading for an MSt degree in General Linguistics and Philology, has been sharing her thoughts on the award.

"Without the Robin and Nadine Wells scholarship, I would not have been able to study

for a Master's. Grants and scholarships such as these give students who would otherwise not be able to afford a further degree a chance to pursue the path of study that they would like. The course has given me a good foundation in general linguistics and it is something that I can apply not only to future studies but in the professional world." We wish Deborah all the best for the future.

Archaeological and environmental research in Mauritius and Île de la Réunion



Rebecca McClung (DPhil, Archaeology) who holds a Clarendon Fund scholarship, an Overseas Research Student (ORS) award and a St Cross Paula Soans O'Brian Scholarship, has been conducting preliminary research for her DPhil thesis in Mauritius and Île de la Réunion in the

Indian Ocean during February and March this year. She is looking at the identity constructed around the Indian Ocean primarily from the Réunionese perspective from prehistory to the present day and how this identity affects decisions on environmental management. While in the field, she attended a workshop there that focused on defining a policy on archaeology in Mauritius and visited a few of the important sites on the island, such as Le Morne, a UNESCO World Heritage site. In Île de la Réunion she met the Director of the Natural History Museum and the Director of the Maison des Civilisations et de l'Unité Réunionnaise (MCUR), two key institutions in shaping current natural and cultural heritage policies on the island. Rebecca will be returning to Île de la Réunion next year for several months to conduct the primary fieldwork for her DPhil project.



In 1999 Kélonia (a local sea turtle observatory and

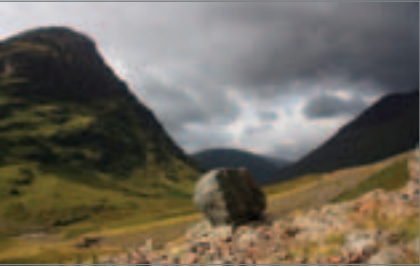
rehabilitation centre) created an awareness campaign concerning the restoration of marine turtle nesting sites on Réunion, and during Sustainable Development Week in 2010 (1-7 April), the local public planted 112 plants in this sensitive natural area to help provide a more protected and more attractive nesting site (pictured here) for marine turtles. This is part of the Marine Protected Area on the west coast of Réunion Island where Rebecca will focus much of her ethnographic research.

New Arrival



Brian Fahy (MPhil, World Archaeology) is pleased to announce the birth of his son, Jasper Orest

Fahy-Kowalchuk, who was born on 2 September 2010 and is pictured here with Brian.



2nd: Shiksha Mantri; Untitled



3rd: Daniel de Kadt; Under the Elbe



4th: Oliver Owen; Untitled



5th: Simon Cotterill; Moroccan Camels



Events through the Year

Some memorable occasions for current and former College members

Oxford Alumni Weekend Reunion 2009



The Saugman Common Room was full to the brim on Saturday 26 September 2009, when we welcomed back over a hundred guests for the annual Alumni Reunion Weekend. The atmosphere was vibrant, with College members past and present taking the opportunity to catch up over drinks in the familiar surroundings of College.

During the evening, the Master presented the St Cross Alumnus of the Year award for 2008 to joint recipient Dr James Dodd, whose continuing support, very much appreciated by the College, was reported in last year's edition of *Crossword*.



This year's Reunion Drinks reception will be held on Saturday 25 September, when the College will be pleased to present both the Alumnus of the Year Award for 2009 to Robin Wells (MSt Ethnology & Museum Ethnography, 2003) and that for 2010 to Daniel Forbes-Ford (DPhil Clinical Medicine, 1996). More details are to be found on page 18. All alumni are of course invited and if you would like to attend the reception, please contact the Events Office (see back page).

Winter Drinks 2009



Alumni, current members of St Cross and guests gathered at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London on Wednesday 9 December 2009 for the annual Winter Drinks Reception to celebrate the festive season. We were delighted to welcome back members from across the years for what was a very enjoyable evening.



Following the success of his BBC4 television series "A History of Christianity" (read more about this on page 8), Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch entertained our guests with a very amusing and interesting talk, giving an insight into the joys and miseries encountered whilst creating his six-part TV series over about three years. We were treated to stills pictures, mostly from behind the scenes of his global adventures, and it was fascinating to hear about what goes on to create the seamless effects in front of the camera.

We continue this annual tradition once again, and the 2010 Winter Drinks Reception will be held on Wednesday 8 December; more details will follow in due course.

Fred's Lunch 2010



On Friday 26 March, College members past and present came together once again to enjoy the annual Alumni Association lunch.

Known more fondly as 'Fred's Lunch' in honour of its founder, this has certainly firmly found its place in the college calendar, and is regarded as one of the most enjoyable occasions for coming back to St Cross. In his speech, Fred Hodcroft, Founding Fellow of the College, expressed how much he enjoys the annual lunch, and how

pleased he is that so many members return for it.

This year, we were joined by nearly a hundred guests, including alumni, Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Members of Common Room, and current students and staff of the College. Attending lunch in Hall certainly brings back some fond memories, and many commented on the ever-popular roast beef with all the traditional trimmings provided by the College chefs and kitchen staff.

New York Reunion



The University as a whole held a very well attended North American Reunion in New York during the Easter vacation in April 2010. Lectures, meetings and parties of various sorts were arranged through the weekend and a number of St Cross alumni attended the University intercollegiate drinks reception on the Friday night. On the following evening, Saturday

17 April, almost thirty alumni and guests gathered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for the Master's supper party there, a very successful and enjoyable event. By then the volcano in Iceland had erupted and all transatlantic air travel was suspended, so the Master had an unexpectedly long trip away, marooned in New York until the following Friday by the ash cloud.

Lecture series



Over the last academic year, St Cross has successfully added to the programme of extra-curricular lectures. As well as running the colloquia series on Tuesdays during term, which see us welcome senior members of the College and students alike to present their own research to an audience, we now regularly have many more additions to the academic calendar.

In Michaelmas Term, a most fascinating talk given by archivist Professor Emilie Savage-Smith on the history of St Cross served as a fitting welcome to our new Fellows and Junior Research Fellows. A shortened version of the

lecture, illustrated with several interesting photographs from the archives, can be read in the recently published 2009 edition of the College *Record*.

The series continued in Hilary Term: in February we welcomed journalist and author Mr Michael Peel to present the annual African Studies Lecture, and in March Professor John Stein (pictured with the Master), tutor of Medicine and Physiological Sciences at Magdalen College, talked about his research into the visual guidance of movement.

In April, Professor Harold Jaffe, now Former Fellow of the College and former Head of the Department of Public Health (pictured with his wife at the St Cross Winter Drinks Reception in December 2009), gave his last lecture to St Cross members before heading back to the USA. Nearly 40 College members - current students, fellows and alumni alike - attended this one-off presentation looking at Professor Jaffe's research into the early days of the AIDS epidemic in the United States.



The series was completed in May by a visit from Mr Shingo Yamagami, Political Minister of the Embassy of Japan in London, who came to give a lecture on Anglo-Japanese Relations.

Cricket in the Parks

Beautiful weather and the prospect of a lazy time watching other people making an effort on an early June afternoon proved to be a lure for fellow St Crossers, who joined the Master of the College and the Events team in the University

Parks, to enjoy the Twenty20 Varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge.

The afternoon was a lovely end to the week and we are pleased to report that our support, despite



St Cross not being personally represented in the Dark Blues team, enabled Oxford to win the match. Students, Fellows and alumni found time to enjoy strawberries and wine in the late afternoon's sunshine!



Going Down Dinner 2010

Week 8 of Trinity Term can mean only one thing for our leaving students – the celebratory dinner for ‘Going Down’. This year’s dinner was no exception, with almost 100 leavers savouring their last few days as students of St Cross.

An enjoyable evening was had by all, and for some it proved to be a very emotional time too. But as you know, the college firmly believes in ‘Once a Member, Always a Member’ and this motto was certainly expressed in the speeches of the night. Alumna Sue Walters (DPhil Education Studies, 1999) told us tales of her gradual moves northwards dictated by her academic posts and then south again, inexorably feeling the pull of Oxford, and how she will always be aware of her connection with St Cross. The Master reinforced the message and assured our leavers of support from the college in the future.



Summer Ball 2010



Gorgeous ballgowns, smart dinner jackets and a red carpet – the scene was set on 24 June for the Oscars’ Night, otherwise known as the annual College Summer Ball. The Master, students, and guests put on their finery for an evening of Hollywood glamour. Committee

member Laura Hurst writes below of the ball’s highlights, and as you can also see from the pictures (taken by Daniel de Kadet, acting as ‘official photographer’ for the night), like any Oscars’ ceremony, it was certainly a night to remember...



‘As a perfect warm summer’s evening cooled to dusk, guests were welcomed down the red carpet to spend a night in Hollywood, accompanied by the likes of Marilyn Monroe and Humphrey Bogart. The night was filled with live music,

ballroom dancing and our very own Oscars Awards Ceremony; categories included Best BOP Outfit (Jeff Aviss, as himself), Best Dance Moves (Liam Atkinson), and Best Mario Kart Player (Hannah Collins), as well as a special ‘St Cross Lifetime Achievement Award’, given to Chris Elings for his contributions to College social life. The ceremony also proved to be the perfect opportunity to praise our many sports teams, which have given St Cross a series of victories and achievements this year.

After a sumptuous four-course dinner and the formalities of the evening were finished with, the party really began with a Rock ‘n Roll band made up of our very own David ‘Taffy’ Rogers, President Matt Bilski, Gary ‘Garipherous’ Slater and Jamie Berezin. After rocking to ‘Wild Thing’ and ‘Twist and Shout’, guests tested out their swing moves - inspired by the previous ballroom dancing performance - to the Oxford University Big Band.’

A vote of thanks goes to the Ball Committee for the efforts they put into making the evening a great success.



Coming up: University Alumni Weekend 24-26 September 2010

St Cross will be taking part as usual in the annual Alumni Weekend for the whole University, running from 24-26 September. The College will be holding a drinks reception on the Saturday from 5.30pm for alumni and guests: please book through the alumni office (see back page). The Master will be taking the opportunity to present the St Cross Alumnus of the year awards for both 2009 and 2010 (see page 18).

The weekend is now in its fourth year and is getting more ambitious every time. Details of the lectures, tours and other events can be found on the university website and you can sign up for the weekend’s activities until Monday 23 August. Please visit www.alumniweekend.ox.ac.uk. A particular highlight for St Cross members may be Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch’s lecture on ‘Early Tudor England: A People’s Reformation’, to

be given at 4pm on the Saturday at the Said Business School. It might be just the thing to give you an appetite for drinks and canapés at St Cross immediately afterwards.

A Year of Sport

Successes wet and dry this year have given St Cross some fantastic sporting achievements

Rowing



In March 2010, an exceptional rowing triumph came about for St Crossers Maria Gerelle (DPhil, Organic Chemistry) and Claire Millican (DPhil, Medical Images and Signals).

They were both members of the crew competing in the Osiris (Oxford reserve open weight) boat, as part of the Women’s Varsity Boat Race 2010 held at Henley.

Osiris dominated the race, and defeated Blondie, the Cambridge reserve boat, by over 3.5 lengths - securing the Oxford ladies their ninth win in ten years. In addition to this success, Osiris also achieved a faster time than the Cambridge Blues 1st VIII – a truly exceptional achievement!

Here, Claire gives her personal take on the difficult journey to get there.

More rowing achievements this year came in the form of Summer Eights 2010, which proved to be an incredibly successful time for St Cross rowers (who compete as part of the Wolfson College Boat Club), with our strongest presence in crews to date.



The week’s tournament resulted in impressive performances from all crews and culminated with WCBC ranking third in the overall table of boat clubs. The male crews did especially well, finishing the 4-day spectacular as the most successful men’s boat club in terms of bumps earned. In addition, the ever-growing collection of Blades in the College continues to expand after the Men’s 1st VIII bumped every day!

Congratulations to all St Cross rowers:

Men’s 1st VIII: Chris Prosser, Clifford Sofield, Graham Davies (alumnus) and Nanda Pirie (cox).

Women’s 1st VIII: Victoria Reuter, Amanda Reiner, and Rachel King.

Women’s 2nd VIII: Annette Fayet, Lisa Mol, Nicole Yager, Caitlin McDonnell, and Alison Jameson (alumna).

Men’s 3rd VIII: Morgan Dirodi, Brian McQuinn, Paul Hermann, Jeff Aviss, and Tim Brooks.

Women’s 3rd VIII: Sandra Wagner, Evelynne Massa, Rosanne Mulder, Elina Sinkkonen, and Rebecca Schneider (cox).

Inside a women’s Boat Race crew



In glorious sunshine at 2.06pm on 28 March 2010 we cruised past the finishing line at Henley over 3 lengths ahead of Cambridge. I was a member of the Oxford open-weight women’s reserve team Osiris, competing in the women’s Boat Race, when we race over 2 km downstream.

Winning was the end of the story, but it all began in June 2009. After summer eights, the university boat clubs run development squads for college rowers with the aim of competing in Henley Women’s Regatta at the end of term, where I sat at bow and had my first taste of rowing for Oxford. It was amazing to hear people shouting ‘Oxford’ rather than for our separate colleges but we lost in the first round - showing just how much we’d need to improve to turn us into Boat Race athletes.

Trials and training began in September. We were thrust into an 11-session a week training schedule of 90 minute ergs, weight sessions, endurance circuits, hours of rowing on the water and cycling a 13-mile round trip to the boathouse, mostly twice a day. All this was in the most miserable of weather, cycling in darkness and rain and snow. Immediate goals are simply to survive another session. Friends are made warily (are they my competition for a seat?). However, improvements in fitness come quickly. Each improvement comes with greater scrutiny from the coach though and I was taken aside and told I was ‘technically rowing quite nicely but didn’t have the mental attitude’. This it turned out was to push so hard that you’re on the verge of feeling that you’re about to die - not just in a race, or in a practice row, but with every single stroke of practice. So I try it, and I don’t die. Then comes the setting of boats. I’m one of the unlucky ones - 4 of us fighting for 2 seats. Reassuringly, we are overtaking college men and think we might actually be getting somewhere. Coach eventually decides with 6 weeks to go that I am destined for the reserve crew. Absolute heartache (I can’t pretend otherwise). However, eventually you realise that you are still in a team trying equally hard to win and who have done all the same training sessions - that motivates you to keep pushing. We push so hard that we threaten the Blue boat a few times in side-by-side challenges.

Eights Head in March is only our second race (due to weather cancelling almost everything)

and the first race against Cambridge. The Blue boat are 8th (out of 300), Osiris are the 5th fastest university crew. We beat even the Cambridge Blue boat in the last half, coming 37th overall. It looks promising. The next weekend we race the ‘old girls’ - stars of the past who are still rowing, some at a very high level. Osiris wins, something almost unheard of. We move to Henley for a week before the Boat Race to learn the course inside out and manage to catch glimpses of Cambridge training - but we won’t really know until the race itself.

Race day. Our perfectly practised start goes well. Already we are ahead, soon we are breaking clear, and then we hit our stride, pushing away every single stroke. By the end of the day we realise we are faster even than the Cambridge Blue boat. We are one of the ‘best reserve crews ever seen’. Cambridge are heartbroken, their coach walks out without even saying goodbye. We meet them at the ball put on for the races and realise that they are just the same as us. They lost. We won. It doesn’t seem fair but that’s the race.

Reflecting on the end of the story, I honestly don’t know whether it was worth it. The actual race didn’t seem a worthy end to an epic fight throughout the year. The Cambridge crew of our imagination, that had pushed us mentally through every training session, didn’t exist, and it was truly disappointing to not get a really close race at the end. So we look to the other victories: course records, beating the Cambridge Blue boat, achieving personal bests we never imagined, trophies. We have no TV or sponsorship deal, meaning each athlete has sacrificed a great deal financially for the privilege of donning dark-blue kit and racing for Oxford. But I would certainly, if not exactly recommend it, challenge anyone to see what they’re made of and how far they can come in 6 months. It will be hard: many times you’ll want to throw it all away and stay in bed. But you’ll get through it with your team and you’ll have met exceptional people who’ve done it all, at times, only because they have 8 other girls relying on them, and that kind of dedication means you’ll have made friends you can trust and rely on absolutely. That’s what rowing for Oxford is all about, not the winning or losing (though, did I mention, we beat the Cambridge Blue boat?)

Claire Millican



Water Polo



Trinity Term 2010 saw an exciting addition to the St Cross sporting calendar in the form of Water Polo. The report here is by team member Hsien Chan:

After finishing last in their pool in Water Polo Cuppers 2009, the St Cross team were looking to an improved performance in Trinity 2010. This year's team included a number of players who have represented Oxford in a variety of sports: former Water Polo Blues Captain James Felce (DPhil, Clinical Medicine), Water Polo Half Blue Hsien Chan (DPhil, Clinical Medicine), Blues Swimmer Philippa Pettingill (DPhil, Clinical Neuroscience), Blues Surfer Hubert Bastide (DPhil, Sociology), plus US import Taylor Holt (MPhil, Latin American Studies). Thanks must also go to the three girls from Wadham who filled in so we could meet our requisite number of female players.

Going into the first match against Lady Margaret Hall, the final score came out at 2 -1 (Felce 1, Chan 1). This was backed up by a solid performance against Queen's where St Cross comfortably controlled possession for most of the game and never looked like losing. Final score 2 – 0 (Felce 1, Holt 1).

These strong showings meant that we went into our final pool match against Lincoln only needing a draw to progress through to the knock-out rounds. Alas, our game plan to approach this preliminary round match just like the English football team would signal our fate and eventual exit from the tournament, the final difference being the single goal scored in the match, Lincoln 1 to St Cross 0.

St Cross may have lost on the water, but we can take solace in the fact that on the land, St Cross has the best looking Water Polo outfit in the University!

Varsity Match Blues



Oxford was sadly defeated in this year's Varsity Match at Twickenham in December 2009. In a thrilling match, the final score ended at 31 - 27 to Cambridge.

Oxford, pictured here during their pre-match warm up, started the match strongly and

dominated a good majority of the first half, going in to the second half 2 points up. But in a match dubbed 'Grudgby' after the eventful 2008 match narrowly won by Oxford, Cambridge came back fighting and scored several tries. The dark blues didn't give up easily though, and scored their final 7 points in stoppage time, but it wasn't quite enough to ensure victory.

Congratulations to our two St Crossers in the Oxford team; Ian Kench (MSc, Water Science, Policy and Management) who had been a member of the previous year's victorious team, and David Rogers (MPhil, Modern Japanese Studies) who earned his first Blue coming on during the second half. Ian has continued his rugby career since leaving St Cross (see page 19). A coach party of College members went down to Twickenham to support the team.

Yachting



Griffith Rees (DPhil, Sociology) has earned a Half Blue for competing for Oxford during the Varsity Yachting event, which took place in June this year. Unfortunately this time Cambridge were victorious, but nevertheless the overall score to date still stands in Oxford's favour at 4-3. After only having been sailing for 18 months, Griff – a bowman – was picked for the second boat in the Oxford team.

Racing and training is done on Sunfast 37s (the standard 37-foot yachts used by BUSA, the British University Sailing Association). It all takes place in the Solent, the stretch of water between the mainland and the Isle of Wight, which notoriously has some of the trickiest tides in the world, approaching from both directions round the Isle of Wight at different times of day.

Ice Hockey



The snowy weather during Hilary Term provided a suitable background to wintry sports this year. In a dramatic match watched by 700 spectators, Oxford came out as winners for the 90th Ice Hockey Men's Varsity Match on 27 February, helped by St Cross junior member Vladimir Mukanaev (MSc, Financial Economics).

The Dark Blues went into this match with a 5-match winning streak; Cambridge were determined to come back fighting, and an impressive match ensued, resulting in a 7-6 win for Oxford. To add to this success, the Oxford team has also become national champions of the British Universities Ice Hockey Association.

The next day, Janna Wessels (MSc, Forced Migration) was a member of the Women's Ice Hockey team, who came back fighting after being defeated by the Light Blues for two years running, to win their match 5-4.

Women's Football



Two St Cross ladies were part of the winning Blues Women's Football team who in March 2010 secured Oxford's first victory in the nationwide British Universities and Colleges Sports Association Trophy Cup.

Amy Massey (MSc, Forced Migration) and Amanda Stellato (MSc, Global Governance and Diplomacy) were part of the team who took on a range of women's teams, including those from St Mary's College, Worcester, Essex and Exeter Universities on their way to the final.

Both St Crossers made important contributions in each match; Amanda (third from right in back row) scoring in the opening match and Amy (second from right in back row) being awarded 'Woman of the Match' in the final against Bedford University.

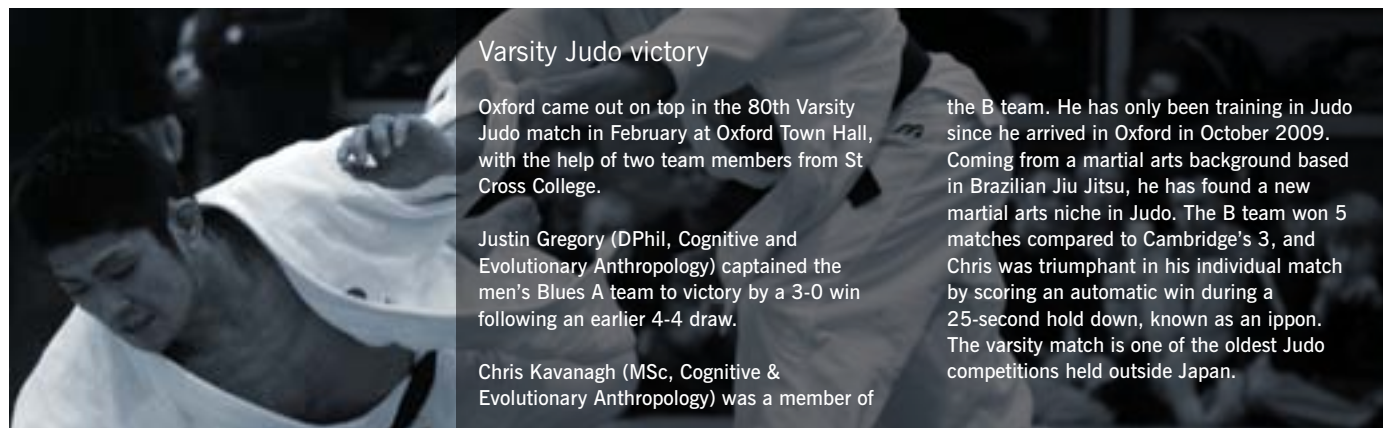
Men's Football



The Wolfson-St Cross Football Team secured another sporting success early in Trinity Term, helped along by two of our junior members.

Simon Cotterill (MSc, Modern Japanese Studies) and Chris Taylor (MSc, Contemporary India) were part of the winning team in the MCR Cuppers final against Exeter College, watched by over 200 supporters at the Iffley Road Football Stadium. Pictured here are Chris (left) and Simon (right).

In a dramatic match, the teams went in to the second half drawing 0-0, but after a significant foul from Exeter on the Wolfson-St Cross captain, a free kick resulted in a lead for our team. Exeter equalized in the 85th minute of the game, but a pass from Simon in the 5th minute of injury time helped score the winning goal. Wolfson-St Cross 2 : Exeter 1.



Varsity Judo victory

Oxford came out on top in the 80th Varsity Judo match in February at Oxford Town Hall, with the help of two team members from St Cross College.

Justin Gregory (DPhil, Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology) captained the men's Blues A team to victory by a 3-0 win following an earlier 4-4 draw.

Chris Kavanagh (MSc, Cognitive & Evolutionary Anthropology) was a member of

the B team. He has only been training in Judo since he arrived in Oxford in October 2009. Coming from a martial arts background based in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, he has found a new martial arts niche in Judo. The B team won 5 matches compared to Cambridge's 3, and Chris was triumphant in his individual match by scoring an automatic win during a 25-second hold down, known as an ippon. The varsity match is one of the oldest Judo competitions held outside Japan.

Alumni News

Keeping up-to-date with College alumni across the world

Alumnus of the Year 2010

Daniel Forbes-Ford
DPhil Clinical Medicine, 1996

We are delighted to announce that the recipient of the St Cross Alumnus of the Year award for 2010 is Dr Daniel Forbes-Ford. He has made a great contribution to the College through his expertise in financial and business matters and has been an enormous support to the College in formulating its investment policy. The award will be presented at a reception in St Cross on 25 September 2010 during the University Alumni weekend, at the same time as the presentation of the 2009 award, reported in last year's *Crossword*, which goes to Robin Wells (MSt Ethnology & Museum Ethnography, 1993) for his contribution to the College, in particular the provision of the Robin and Nadine Wells Scholarship.

The St Cross Alumnus/a of the Year Award exists to celebrate those College members who have contributed their time, skills and resources to the College. It is also in recognition of achievements of the highest level attained in pursuit of excellence in the professional world.

Nominations are now open for the 2011 Award.

If you would like to propose an Alumna or Alumnus for the award, please contact the Alumni Office (see back page).

Roger Kitching
DPhil Zoology, 1966

We are very pleased to report that in the Honours list published on Australia Day, January 26th 2010, Roger was made a member of the Order of Australia (AM), for service to conservation science as an academic, researcher and educator, particularly in the field of tropical rainforest ecology and ecosystem management. Roger has had a most distinguished career and has been Professor of Ecology at Griffith University in Brisbane since 1992.

Roger's link with St Cross began in its very earliest days: he was one of the founding students of the College from 1966 to 1969. He and his wife Beverley can also claim the very first College wedding, having been married in St Cross Church on 12 April 1969. The reception that followed was held in the College common room – what we now, perhaps rather pejoratively, call the 'wooden hut'. The omens were good as the Kitchings are still going strong 41 years later.

Tilman Brück
DPhil Economics, 1997



In October 2009 Tilman was appointed Professor of Development Economics at Humboldt University in Berlin, a position which he will hold alongside his existing duties at the German Institute for Economic Research.

Joël Ouaknine
DPhil Computer Science, 1995



In May 2010 Joël was named the 2010 recipient of the Roger Needham Award, which is presented annually to those who make a distinguished research contribution in computer science by a UK based researcher within ten years of their PhD.

Joël, pictured left with his family, is now considered one of the UK's most innovative young computer scientists, due to his seminal mathematical contributions to the field of timed systems modelling and analysis.

Amanda Petford
DPhil Materials, 1985



Amanda has recently been appointed Director of the Center for Nanoscale Materials at Argonne National Laboratory, in Illinois, USA. The institution's goal is to support basic research and development of advanced instrumentation that will help generate new scientific insights, and create innovative materials with novel properties.

Of her new position, Amanda said that although it is keeping her very busy she is greatly enjoying it. Before relocating to Argonne in 2005, Amanda (daughter of St Cross Emeritus Fellow David Petford) was a tutorial Fellow at Corpus Christi College in Oxford and a titular Professor in the Department of Materials.



Ian Kench
MSc Water Science, Policy & Management, 2008



After successfully completing his degree last year, Ian is now a member of the first team for Sale Sharks Rugby Club, Stockport. He began playing rugby at just 5 years old, and has an impressive CV of membership of previous teams – including the England Under 18 squad. He decided to turn down a professional contract at Bedford Rugby Club to come to Oxford in 2008.

You may remember from last year's issue of *Crossword* that Ian was part of the winning Varsity Match rugby team in December 2008, and he also secured another Blue in the 2009 Match (see report on page 16).

Alumni in Politics

Cath Arakelian
MPhil Migration Studies, 2005

Steven Baker
MSc Computer Science, 1999



During the general election in May, two St Cross alumni stood as candidates. Cath Arakelian stood for Parliament as the Labour Party candidate for Chingford and Woodford Green. She lost to Iain Duncan-Smith but Labour held onto their second-place position, with candidate Cath getting 9,780 votes; and Steven Baker, pictured here, was elected Conservative MP for Wycombe.

Ed Furgol
DPhil Modern History, 1977

Ed is part of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, DC, who have recently offered a new member of the St Cross alumni body – Judith Barr (MSt Classical Archaeology, 2009) - an internship during the summer of 2010. She will be working in the museum education department, and is very much looking forward to starting during late July. We hope to bring you a follow up of this story in the next issue of *Crossword*.

Richa Dudani
MSc Applied & Computational Mathematics, 2004



Congratulations to Richa, who was married in December 2009 in New Delhi. Her traditional ceremony was attended by 200 family and friends, who helped make her special day truly unforgettable.

Claire Pullinger
Master of Business Administration, 2005

Claire is pleased to announce her engagement and forthcoming wedding. The happy couple will marry in the University Church in Oxford on 30 December 2010.



Frances Taylor
PGCE Educational Studies, 2007



After meeting in 2004 whilst both were studying at St Anne's College, Frances went on to marry Tom Ashton in April this year, at the Randolph Hotel just round the corner from St Cross. They continue their connection with Oxford, and after completing her PGCE at St Cross in 2008, Frances is now teaching at Didcot Girls' School.

Jacqueline Berlin
MSt Anthropology & Geography, 1996



A long-time romance that began to blossom in Oxford has resulted in marriage for Jacqueline. After meeting him 16 years ago at a night club in Oxford, she married Keith Santer in October 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Keep in touch

We are always pleased to hear of news from alumni, whether academic, professional or personal, so do keep us informed. And if any reader would like to contribute to next year's edition of *Crossword* with an article of general interest to members of the college, please email the Alumni Office (see back page) with your suggestions.