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NEWS AND NOTES

UPDATES FROM BALLIOL ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

A SUPPLEMENT TO FLOREAT DOMUS 2023



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Francis Marx (1946)

As I sit in my small retirement flat in Suffolk, I muse on times past and your publication *News and Notes*. I have had a very happy association with Balliol over the last 76 years. From my chair I see beautifully farmed countryside outside and, in pride of place on the mantelpiece, I am delighted by the personalised card from HM The Queen congratulating me on my 100th birthday. Next to it is a picture of me holding my great-grandson with a mere 99 years between us. Both these events bring light and happiness into what has become of necessity a very quiet life. It even occurs to me that I may be your oldest contributor but saying that will surely bring forward several competitors!

I was born in Heidelberg in May 1922 to a prosperous and secure professional family, and therein lay my first big challenge. My father was a judge/prosecutor, a socialist and Jewish. Come 1933, this was not a welcome portfolio and we fled after a tip-off that the Brownshirts were coming to pick up my father. We drove on back roads by night to the Swiss border where my mother's Swiss passport fortunately won us temporary sanctuary. From Switzerland the three of us fled onwards to Brussels and later Paris but threats to us continued to grow and, by 1935, my father decided that the European Continent was not safe. I was sent as a boarder to Charterhouse School, where I stayed for five years. My parents headed south out of Europe and thence to New York, where they stayed until they returned to Switzerland in the early 1950s.

I arrived at Charterhouse fluent in German and French but with only a few words of English. I was made most welcome at by the school under the leadership of the headmaster, Robert Burley, and had an excellent education including the English mannerisms and social norms. I have much to thank the school for, especially as I won a place at Balliol to read Inorganic Chemistry. However, the Second World War interrupted progress.

I left school in 1940 and was immediately arrested as an enemy alien. A brief internment on the Isle of Man followed, where I met fellow internees, some of whom have since gained international fame and recognition. Fortunately, with an intervention by



Robert Burley, who forcefully stressed to the authorities that I was not only unlikely to be a threat but also had won the Sword of Honour in the school corps and might be a useful soldier, I was quickly offered a position in the Pioneer Corp where I was eventually commissioned in 1945. My war was in general mundane, although in the end I was able to act as a liaison officer in Belgium interrogating German officers thought to be Nazis. I was injured in a motor bike accident in 1945 and suffered a significant skull fracture leaving me with permanent right ear deafness.

I was de-mobbed in 1946 and I went up to Balliol that autumn. Intake that year comprised many older men like me who had been backdated by war service, mixed with those coming straight from school. My friends were drawn from both groups and, over the years, I kept in touch with a few Balliol friends and last year still exchanged a Christmas card with one remaining contemporary.

With my Chemistry degree I moved to Coventry to work, initially, for Courtaulds and then moved into the car industry before finishing my working life teaching business studies in a college of further education. In 1951 I married Brenda Johnston, a remarkable lady from Cumbria, then a social worker who brought up our two daughters, became an upstanding supporter of the Anglican Cathedral and a long-term magistrate. I was, and remain, deeply proud of her forthright values and her achievements, including her influence on our daughters. We stayed in Coventry until all our close friends had passed before moving to my daughter and son-in-law's home in Suffolk, where I have remained for 15 years. Brenda



died in 2015. The relocation has been a quiet triumph from my viewpoint.

We had two quite outstanding daughters. Irene Dick, Oxford Law graduate, became a barrister, and then had a high-level career in Lloyds of London and then the City Corporation. Clare (Dame Clare Marx) became a doctor, then surgeon, and amongst many other distinctions the first woman President of the Royal College of Surgeons and the first woman Chair of the General Medical Council. Irene and her husband have given me two grandsons, both happily married, and I have three great grandchildren. How grateful I am for all of them.

So my life has shown huge variety and recurring great fortune and I consider myself truly blessed. I have come to terms with my past, including my flight from Germany and the fact that the Nazis struck my citizenship off in 1938, presumably for my temerity in escaping their clutches. So reconciled am I that recently at 100 I sought and re-obtained my German nationality, enabled by post-war legislation, and I am proud and grateful to have it back. I still speak fluent German and French and have tested both languages on nationals of those countries in the last few months. My favourite book has always been Goethe's *Faust* and my well-thumbed copy has been with me since my flight and is still beside me today.

I count myself as very lucky in life. There have been times of great disruption and challenge along the way. I was proud to have been at Balliol and Oxford and I have such fond memories of my time there. Thank you, Balliol.

Francis Marx died on 23 March 2023.

News and Notes

We are delighted to share news from the Balliol community

1940s

David Grove (1941)
If all goes well, by the time anybody reads this I shall have survived my 100th birthday. I'm fortunate, indeed privileged, to be in reasonably good health, and to have 22 descendants, of three generations, to help me celebrate. The downside of living so long is that all one's contemporaries have gone. I no longer expect to see familiar names in *News and Notes*, and I'm sure nobody reading this will have heard of me. Balliol seems a long time ago, but the College helped to give me something lasting: the confidence to be myself. I'm happy that most of my papers are in the College archives.

Edward Gelles (1944)
In last year's *News and Notes* I wrote about my ancestors and their pan-European migrations since the 16th century. From my immediate paternal line in the early 18th century came Moses Gelles, a noted scholar of the Brody Klaus, who was of Jaffe and Gelles descent. The forebears of my father's line include Gelles, Weinstein, Horowitz, Helman Halpern, and Shapiro rabbis. My mother Regina Griffel had a Wahl mother and a Chejes grandmother – my maternal ancestry went back to the 16th-century Saul Wahl, scion of the Katzenellenbogen rabbis of Padua and Venice. The Griffel's connection with the Chayes family linked them to their many rabbis far afield. Intermarriages between Gelles and Griffel sides of my ancestry included the marriage of Rabbi Nathan Nata Shapiro of Cracow with Roza Chayes-Altschuler. Another instance of such intermarriage is provided with rabbis of the ancient Horowitz line. Tracing ancestral lines back to the 14th century we come to the Treves rabbis of medieval France including Matityahu Treves, Chief Rabbi of Paris, who is also connected to both sides of my pedigree. The Shapiro line on my paternal side goes back to him, as does my maternal ascendency, the Griffel – Wahl – Katzebnellenbogen – Luria connection. The Treves family are descended from the 11th-century biblical scholar Rabbi Solomon Ben Isaac of Troyes, known as 'Rashi'. The latter's connections go to the Kalonymos family of Narbonne. Rashi's ancient descent remains a subject of interest for a following Note.



1950s

John Mallet (1950)
The year 2022 started well enough with the publication of *Another Life: Poems by John Mallet*, my 'début collection' but also my 'collected verse', all 19 poems written at intervals since about 1955, available from Pickwick Publications (pickwickpublications@gmail.com). Then my dear wife, Diana Edwards Murnaghan, became ill, and I was there when she died at her home in Baltimore, USA, on 26 November 2022.

Robin Minney (1950)
I am still in touch with several friends in Russia. We exchange personal news and Christmas greetings, but no mention of international affairs. I am so glad we can keep in touch, as many of them have actually come to visit us in Durham over the last two decades. At home, our old hay barn was blown down by Storm Arwen 15 months ago, but we have been left a generous and unexpected legacy by a friend from school, and we can now build a new barn, mainly constructed with steel. Meanwhile the wreck of the old hay barn gives us lots of firewood.

Fred Fishburn (1951)
Reading the news of others prompts me to add my own contribution before it is too late. I came to England in 1937, aged five, from Leipzig, Germany, with my family. We settled in Middlesbrough but on the outbreak of war moved to Guisborough, Yorkshire, which had a wonderful grammar school which educated me well enough to be accepted by Balliol.

Now 91, I am nearing my 65th wedding anniversary and blessed by a large family, including several great-grandchildren. I practised as a solicitor for 46 years, retiring 20 years ago from my firm, Fladgate, which grew from my starting as a sole practitioner to over fifty partners. My wife is an honorary professor at UCL and an authority on the Argentinian writer Jorge Luis Borges. We had visits to most of the South American countries as well as other parts of the world, from Israel to Iberia, and east to west coasts of America.

I recall with pleasure the friendships I made at Balliol which continued for decades, including Vernon (Tod) Handley (1951) with whom I shared rooms, and Clive Tayler (1951), both sadly deceased, and Glen Petrie (1951) who is now blind but remains cheerful and still writes. I remember with affection my tutor, Theo Tyler (1918

Cover photo by Stuart Bebb. Left to right: Elizabeth Kiss (1983), Andrew Copson (1999), Martin Edwards (1974) and Martin O'Neill (1993) on Christmas University Challenge: see *Floreat Domus 2023*, page 30.

and Fellow and Tutor in Jurisprudence 1927–1967), Russell Meiggs (Praefectus of Holywell Manor 1945–1969) and his family, and the Wards, who provided the best breakfasts ever. I enjoyed my studies and my play: chess and soccer for the College, and tennis and squash. We put on great events in the Manor, partaking in which was the greatest joy. My time at College coincided with a run of sporting successes and we had a series of bump suppers. Those really were the days.

Martin Foley (1951)
On 11 November 2022, the Mexican Network of House Museums (ICOM-Demeures Historiques) gave Martin Foley its annual award 'for his trajectory and generosity in the sharing of knowledge'. The ceremony was held in the central patio of the Casa Museo de la Bola.13. Martin, who has lived in Mexico for 63 years, founded the Casa Zaragoza in 2008 and the Casa Atrio in 2010, both in Jiquilpan in the state of Michoacán. The museums are projected to form a trio under the name El Porvenir (The Future) but the third (in Martin's house and gardens in San Angel, Mexico City), although ready, has not yet opened for lack of security in the city. Both museums have permanent collections of paintings, sculpture, textiles, folk art and furnishings; they house transient exhibitions, rooms for music lessons, children's art classes and a weaving studio with techniques ranging from six-heddle to backstrap. Both have columned patios that are used for temporary exhibitions, theatrical performances, concerts films and films and all the usual lectures and book presentations. Both houses formerly held the general stores of the Béjar family. The Casa del Atrio still has the shop which closed in 1995. The windows of both shops are used as additional display rooms and have the advantage of attracting people of the town for whom a museum is something considered out of their class or education and help the museum's aim of forming a community project.



Michael Hell (1951)
I was diagnosed with severe aortic stenosis on 29 November 2022. Two days later I saw the TAVI (Transarterial Valve Insertion) consultant, received the procedure, unusually without any sedation, on 23 December and was able to walk out of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital next day. The meals I was allowed were nutritious, hot and tasty. In an emergency, the NHS gets it right. I am now recovering fast with the support of my family.

Kenneth Cavander (1952)
This year I've found myself busy with three projects that started in the summer of 2022 and will take me through the summer of 2023. One has me working with a British director on the screenplays for two films about C.S. Lewis, Fellow and Tutor at Magdalen College and author, among many other works, of the Narnia Chronicles; this will be shot in and around Oxford in 2023. Another began as a commission to translate and adapt Sophokles' *Antigone*, and will be produced in the summer of 2023 at a regional theatre in the US, the Westport Playhouse. The third is a podcast of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, adapted in seven episodes for radio, to be aired in April of 2023. With the directors of these works in the UK, Canada, and Los Angeles respectively, I've spent most of the past few months in different time zones on Zoom.

Professor Ian Macdonald (1952)
Apart from mentoring public servants, my professional activities are greatly diminished. More often than naught, the rear-view mirror provides a more engaging view than the road ahead. As I contemplate Russia's attempt to recreate the Soviet Union, I recall an experience at the end of my second Balliol year.

In August 1954, the International Congress of the IUS (International Union of Students) was to take place at Lomonosov University, Moscow. Balliol JCR put up £25 to send a student to Prague, from where the IUS would pay the expenses to Moscow and the cost of attending the Congress. Three JCR members were nominated – one from the left, one on the right and a fairly neutral Canadian. The middle ground prevailed and I was chosen on the condition that I make a presentation to the JCR upon my return.

Since we were at the height of the Cold War, many friends expressed concern about my journey. It seemed prudent to consult the Canadian High Commissioner in London, The Hon. Norman Robertson (1923), who cautioned: 'We are living in a world of card indexes and filing cabinets. One day you may be in public life and confronted by the revelation that, in 1954, you attended an event organised and paid for by a communist organisation.' It turned out that he was correct, but I was 25 and anxious to broaden my understanding of international affairs and different cultures.

It was an extraordinary experience and resulted in the burning of much midnight oil during numerous conversations when I returned to College for Michaelmas Term.

Derek Clements (1953)
I have spent a large part of last year flat on my back. I had a most unfortunate trip in the shower while cruising up the Nile, resulting in a few weeks in a hospital in Luxor while my children fought the insurance company, who were refusing to meet my claim for assistance. Fortunately after four weeks they gave in and funded my return to the UK in an air ambulance – one of the best flights I have ever had, with a refuelling stop in Dubrovnic and a magnificent sight of the Alps on the way. On landing at Southampton's Eastleigh Airport I was met by an ambulance that had been despatched from St Albans (yes, really) to ferry me the few miles to Portsmouth. I then spent several months in various hospitals while specialists argued over why the NHS would not treat me for a fractured lumbar vertebra and ensuing trapped nerve. Having

discovered that the reason for my non-treatment was that I was by then over 90, I was eventually forced to pay for a private operation in Harley Street. Subsequently it has taken me the last few months to regain the proper use of my legs while I look forward to a reunion with my Oxford friends in May. This has taken place every year since 1957, arranged in turns by one of us who has had the luck to survive the vicissitudes of life (sadly a much-diminished number each year). I am still writing my memoirs but, having taken some 90 pages to reach the time when I left school to go to Oxford, I realise that I had better hurry to finish before it is too late!

Robert Kernohan (1953)
I am largely housebound but venture out for grand and sad occasions. My grandest was the wedding of my granddaughter Kirsty (one PhD marrying another), even if I had to submit to a wheelchair to get to the ancient Dalmeny Kirk. But I managed with a stick, and a Balliol tie rather than a black one, at the funeral of Ian Penman, my best man of 66 years ago, friend for life, and sometime upstairs neighbour on Balliol's Staircase III before the fortunes of Cold War and National Service kept us together in a series of Royal Air Force postings.

Ian Penman (1953) seemed destined to be a notable academic classical scholar when he went from Glasgow University, where I first met him, to be a Snell Exhibitioner at Balliol. He never lost touch with his superb grounding in the classics and bore to the end the stamp of its distinctive development in Oxford Greats. But opportunity came more readily in the Civil Service at the end of his stint in the RAF. He then began a long and distinguished exploration of the labyrinth of the Scottish Office, with notable contributions to its police responsibilities and elsewhere. Latterly he became its Head of Central Services, a key member of one of the ablest teams to lead the Scottish Office in the age of administrative but not legislative and demagogic devolution. He exemplified all that was best, most principled, and most efficient in that *ancien régime*, just as he did in his personal life of Christian enlightenment and of diligent service to the Church of Scotland.

Emeritus Professor Colin Apelt (1954)
For most of my career I was an academic at the University of Queensland, School of Civil Engineering. I have been retired for many years but recently a younger colleague there persuaded me to join him in writing two papers for publication in learned journals. In December 2022, I presented one of these at the Australian National Conference on Hydrology and Water Resources. I was delighted to catch up with colleagues from most states and meet many mid-career engineers who introduced themselves as past students whom I had helped to educate. Each year when I read the *Balliol College Annual Record* I note that William Weinstein is included in the list of Emeritus Fellows. I am reminded of the time when I shared digs with Bill Weinstein and two others in north Oxford. Coming from Brooklyn, the only wildlife Bill knew were sparrows and alley cats. He was amused at my interest in birds, but one day he met me as I returned to the digs and told me that he had seen the biggest most beautiful sparrow ever. I never worked out what bird that was.

The Revd Dr Peter Davison (1955)
In my 22nd year of retirement, I continue to be active as an honorary assistant priest in my parish, and maintaining my website sermonoftheweek.org. I mentor a couple of adult groups and edit our parish newsletter. My wife Sabine died suddenly in 2019, but I am blessed with the care of our three sons, six grandchildren and other family members, and with generally good health. I remain grateful for my four years at Balliol, and look forward to hearing from any of my contemporaries who are still with us! My email address is: peterdavison61@gmail.com. Floreat Domus!

Brian Doman (1955)
I would like to report the posthumous award of a PhD for a thesis by my daughter Juliette Doman entitled 'Truthtelling and Seeking Justice from Below: Mayan Women's Voices on Transitional Justice in Guatemala'. Collection of the material for this work involved travelling to a part of Guatemala where atrocities had been committed during the civil war and, with the help of an interpreter, interviewing Mayan women who had lost their husbands. She also attended the trial of two army officers accused of atrocities. Following her untimely death in March 2019 the thesis was completed by a research student in the Department of Humanities and Modern Languages in Liverpool University and the degree awarded in June 2022.

Alexander Hopkinson-Woolley (1955)
My third book, *What is the Gospel Truth?*, is being prepared for publishing by Matador. This book establishes, almost beyond doubt, that I am in a minority of two – my wife, Margaret, and me. As I am sure that my interpretation of the evidence is right and anyone else who has the temerity to disagree wrong, I am content to be in this unusual position. Let the reader decide!

John Stabler (1956)
I survived a heart attack in April followed by insertion of four coronary artery stents and an aortic valve implant. Am pursuing my interest in furniture history with submission of articles to various publications.

Jonathan Platts-Mills (1957)
Stuart Spence (1957), who died on 29 May 2021, came up to the College in 1957 as a Winchester Scholar to read physics and I met him then. We did practicals together. One was to measure the force of gravity in Oxford using a Kater's pendulum. This involved tying in to the ceasium crystal clocks at Teddington and our measurement was in Kaye and Laby, the book of chemical and physical constants, for five years. Another was to photograph a set of three lines in the mercury emission spectrum which were hidden behind a much stronger line. Our practical supervisor suggested this to us, as 'There have been no new Fellowships in optics for five years.' We placed a wire in the way of the strong line and obtained two good pictures of our lines with exposures of 24 and 36 hours. Unfortunately our films 'got lost', but when Stuart gave me a copy of our paper a few years ago I found I could understand 90 per cent of the words but not more than 20 per cent of the sentences! At a Gaudy, I suppose 20 years after going down, I mentioned this story to Heine Kuhn (Fellow in Physics 1950–1971), our tutor, by

then retired. 'Oh good,' he said. 'Your supervisor applied for a fellowship [of the Royal Society] a few years later using your photos. I opposed this, as I thought he could not defend them well enough, and he was not elected.' Stuart spent at least one long vacation with me on my father's (John Platts-Mills, 1928) farm in Sussex – a real holiday working 14 hours a day, with just three days off for agricultural shows. In 1959 we both rowed in the Torpid which went head and it was Stuart who, in 2007, persuaded the eight of us, plus the two who had had to get out of the boat in the last few weeks, to get together during Eights Week, to join the Boat Club dinner and to go out in an eight on the Sunday morning. He continued to organise this, without the rowing, pretty well every second year since then, except that now that he has gone, we shall be down to only four left.

Anthony Sperryn (1957)
The year has been difficult for most people and I am no exception. My health has not been good, with lots of things needing fixing – not easy. Without the NHS, I would be bankrupt many times over and it is heartbreaking how difficult it has been for medical staff on the front line. I continue with my writing (mostly comments on Facebook, where I am a 'top fan' of many pages and I put forward criticism and proposals for change). The British political establishment is corrupt and doesn't believe in democracy (which, if properly applied, could solve many problems) or fair distribution of wealth. Conventional economics does not work for this, because we are in the real world. Unfortunately, the tag 'effortlessly superior' has had to be seen as 'we mess up everything we touch' and our alumni have been prominent in that process. I have donated a batch of my mountaineering books to the Balliol Library, which is willing to take lots more and on a range of subjects. Fortunately, in the last part of the year, I was able to repair the roof of my house and to dispose of the dozen buckets that caught the water coming into the top floor.

Jack Wofford (1957)
In October 2022, I received the Interdisciplinary Award from the Family Firm Institute, the international association of advisors to family-owned enterprise, for my 28 years mediating conflicts in families owning businesses, second homes, other real estate, family offices, etc. I often teamed with colleagues in other professions (law, finance, management consulting, and therapy) in conducting the mediations. I am also the author of 'Simple Tools for Complex Conflicts: Cross-Over Concepts from Environmental and Family Enterprise Mediation', *Association for Conflict Resolution Quarterly Magazine*, Winter 2015. I continue to mediate in these areas, based at my home office in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

David Allen (1958)
Although I left the BBC in 2002, I've had dealings with it ever since. Recently we launched the BBC Computer Literacy Project Archive – a fully curated collection of ten years' worth of programmes and other material from the 1980s multimedia education initiative, which included the BBC Micro. I was Project Editor and told the story last year in a lecture at the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park to mark the BBC's centenary. I've also been interviewing ex-BBC staff as part of the BBC Pensioners Association's 100 Voices initiative. These oral histories have included people from shop floor, as it were, to top management. It was fascinating to talk to people ranging from cameramen and film editors to David Attenborough and Balliol alumni Roly Keating (1979) (Controller, BBC2, and now Chief Executive of the British Library) and Nicholas Kenyon (1969 and Honorary Fellow), who ran the Proms before moving to the Barbican. All these recordings can be heard on the association's website.

Sir Richard Heygate (1958)
With all my Chinese activity arrested by Covid, I have turned to my 15-year-old search for the Visigothic treasure stolen from Rome in AD 410. I believe I have found two tombs – one in southern Italy and one in south-west France – but getting the authorities' permission to explore is very complex, given all the publicity and abortive searches by people like Himmler.

Professor Malyn Newitt (1958)
In 2022, my 23rd book, *The Zambezi: A History*, was published by Hurst and Co.

Peter Snow (1958)
Peter Snow together with his Canadian wife Ann MacMillan has just had a new book published: *King and Queens: The Real Lives of the Monarchs* (Welbeck, 2022). They spent early December in tented safari camps in Kenya, where they saw elephants and lions in abundance – thanks, they were told, to Kenya's shoot-to-kill poachers policy.

Stephen Winkworth (1958)
My last contribution to *News and Notes* concerned a book commissioned by Roberto Calasso for his publishing firm, Adelphi. The subject was a Balliol scholar, my father W.W. Winkworth (1918) – a connoisseur, aesthete and eccentric on the Bloomsbury fringe: expert on netsuke and oriental china. Since then, Roberto has died, and no further contacts with Adelphi have been successful. I feel like the owner of an unfinished work by a great master (by which I mean Calasso, of whose brilliance as publisher and author there can be no doubt). What was it about William Wilberforce Winkworth that made him part of Calasso's private pantheon, along with Indian deities and forgotten French metaphysicists? Was he for Calasso some kind of sacred emblem of a lost civilisation, of an unworldly past of ease and contemplation, where aesthetics ruled? The book, a selection of my father's writings and a biographical essay, is now nearing completion, but I am at a loss to know what to do with it.

Malcolm Brahams (1959)
Our local Hampstead Garden Suburb U3A continues to occupy much of my time. With 500+ members and 50+ group activities it really is a lifeline for the retired. I have been elevated (if that's the right word) from being merely a 'Groups Organiser' to 'Joint Vice Chair'. Although I'm no longer a member of the Council of the Medico-Legal Society (I joined it in 1983 to help reduce the average age and left it in 2020 for the same reason) I have been helping the society to run and record hybrid meetings and to establish a YouTube channel which has an international audience.

Professor Richard Rubenstein (1959)
I will retire from full-time teaching and become Professor Emeritus of Conflict Resolution and Public Affairs

at George Mason University, beginning in July 2023. In April, I delivered a public lecture at the University of Malta, sponsored by the President of Malta, on the topic 'The Weakness of Peace Movements: Causes and Cures'.

Anthony Williams (1959)
I have now moved from a four-bedroom house to a two-bedroom flat in what used to be a school, Redland High School, where I used to teach. I am now President of the Bristol Branch of the English Speaking Union, as opposed to being chairman. I still play golf twice a week and am looking forward to the Master's Lunch in April. My three granddaughters are at university: Exeter (History), UCL (Latin and Greek) and Newcastle (Finance and Accountancy). Another of my former pupils in the South Pacific is now President of Vanuatu, which complements pupils who have been Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Finance Minister. At my age, 83, I don't think I have much else to contribute.

1960s

Timothy Ades (1960)
Pumping out poems (translated) on Facebook, YouTube … running a bookstall. Danish grandchildren joined Irish ones in London.

Stephen Blackburne (1960)
My wife, Jutta, a graduate of Heidelberg University, whom I met while up at Balliol in 1963, died on 29 January 2022. We had been married for 53 years.

Ian Watson (1960)
The most uplifting event of 2022 for me was an invite to CERN (Geneva) as part of a commission to write for an anthology, *Collision*, due from Comma Press (Manchester) – especially a visit to the Antimatter Factory, which makes as much antihydrogen as it can, magnetically bottled as otherwise it would annihilate dramatically with any normal matter. This is the theme of two super SF novels of the late 1940s by Jack Williamson, which marvellously were in my local library when I was a schoolboy: *Seetee Ship* and *Seetee Shock*. Seetee = Cee Tee = Contraterrene, in other words antimatter. As a future SF author I was very excited by these.



David Gordon (1960)
David Gordon married Sandra Ludig Brooke on 3 January 2023. Sandy is Director of the Huntington Library. David is running the Sierra Madre Playhouse, a small live theatre in the town within Los Angeles where they live. David's wife Maggi died of cancer in June 2021.

Little did I imagine that in a future century (yes!) I'd be standing near the world's total stock of Seetee. The Antimatter Factory is the domain of the ingenious Jeffrey Hangst. To date, CERN has accumulated about 75,000 anti-hydrogen atoms. That's just Zero.000000000000000000126 grams. But CERN is champion at minuscule measurements and that's enough anti-hydrogen for Jeffrey Hangst. His next trick, under construction, into which we clambered, is the most perfect vacuum chamber. Into this nothingness Jeffrey will toss all his treasure of antimatter to see whether the antimatter heeds Earth's gravity by falling downward – or whether it drifts upwards, manifesting antigravity. If the latter, this will be epic, Jeffrey's Nobel Prize will arrive the next day, and we may travel to the stars.



Neil McQueen (1961)
Nothing remarkable, but a pleasant lunch in Paris with Stephen Jessel (1961) and Bob Huddie (1961), during which we raked somewhat nostalgically over the embers of our Balliol days. Ireland figured substantially with talk of Brendan Behan, Seamus Heaney and James Joyce (Bob has read *Ulysses* 26 times – is this a record?). I recommend Heaney's 'The Sharping Stone'.

John Dalton (1962)
I left Balliol in 1965 to take up a position in the Department of Politics at the University of Glasgow. In 1967 I joined the Department of Politics at Monash University in Melbourne, where I remained for some 29 years until I took early retirement in 1996. I then did part-time teaching in various Australian universities. I ended my academic career in 2011 as a Professor of Politics at the Fiji National University. On a personal note, I was divorced in 1981 and subsequently partnered with Leanne Gail Crowe. We had a son, John Brodie Dalton (known as 'Jack'), in 1984 and were married in 1985. Jack went to Wesley College Melbourne, Monash University and the Australian National University. He now is a senior public servant with the Commonwealth Government of Australia based in Melbourne. Jack has a partner, Gina Papas, and they have a daughter, Sophia Grace Dalton, born in August 2020, our darling granddaughter. Jack and Gina are to be married in May this year, so much joy and excitement here. I live a quiet life in retirement nursing a damaged heart but have enough spark left to pursue my interests of reading, music and British TV series. I greatly enjoy *The Oldie* magazine.

Mike Morris (1962)
My wife Chris and I are walking the South West Coast Path. We have reached the Lizard, having started in 2019 at Minehead. Halfway to Poole in Dorset. Here's the url to our blog: www.longsteephill.co.uk.

Professor Richard Portes (1962)
Gave 'dinner speech' introducing European Central Bank Annual Forum, June 2022, 'Threats to Financial Stability' – see https://youtu.be/QT9A9Am1Sd4. Other web appearances include interview with NASDAQ 'Trade



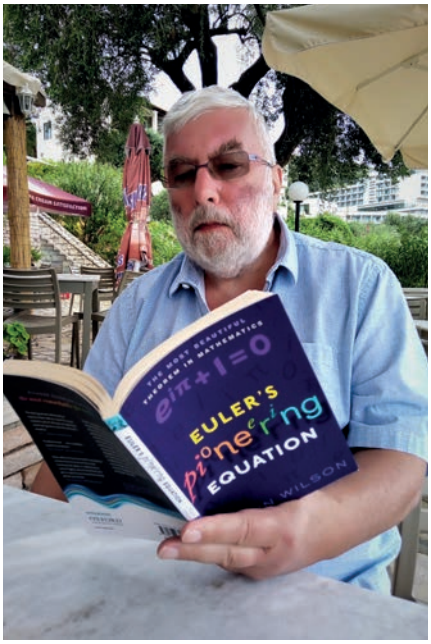
Talks', at https://youtu.be/CScQf1VeFvo. Co-chaired European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) 'High-Level Exploratory Group on Crypto and DeFi', spring 2022, which laid the basis for ESRB Task Force on Crypto Assets and DeFi, which I also co-chair and which will report in March 2023 with policy proposals to ESRB General Board (EU central bank governors and agency chairs).

Professor Russell Bryant (1963)
As a youthful octogenarian, thanks to all those Boat Club laps around Christ Church Meadows half a century ago, I still jog daily as well as continue to out-swim alligators at my nearby state park. Otherwise, I am trying to finish my biography of the English financier-turned-diplomat Lord D'Abernon. What is interesting about this project, as with the H.A.L. Fisher diaries I edited, is the number of Balliol men who were part of D'Abernon's life. They range from Prime Minister Asquith (1870) to Foreign Minister Curzon (1878) to D'A's closest friend, Evan Charteris (1887), who succeeded him as chairman of the Tate Gallery in 1934. What a golden age the first part of the 20th century was for Balliol! It makes me grateful I was lucky enough to study there and had supportive parents.

Professor Brian Cosgrove (1963)
Our first granddaughter, Sadhbh, was born in 2020, and is now just over two years of age. Delighted to report that she now has a sister, Nell, born in the summer of last year (2022).

Derek Davis (1963)
My translation of Pushkin's 1829 *Journey to Arzrum* [Erzurum] was published by Cambridge University Press last July as a supplementary volume to the *Royal Asiatic Society (RAS) Journal*. The first full English edition, it captures a critical moment in Russian political struggle between reaction and reform. This initially came to a head in 1825 and sadly remains unresolved a full two centuries later. Publication has attracted interest in Russia and been positively received by Russian specialists. At the launch in October I briefly outlined Pushkin's content. Sir Tony Brenton, a Whitehall colleague from the days of Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, who later served as HM Ambassador to Moscow, then gave us his take. The gas industry, whose 1986 privatisation I led, is rightly back in the news. I designed its regulatory principles, nursed its first steps towards competition and have contributed to a BBC Radio 4 programme aired in February 2023. My wife Diana is currently at work on a follow-up to her highly successful *Tastemakers* (2020). This will explore later development of the antiques market. Rebecca (St John's, 2007) and Josh (2009) join us when work commitments in the law and publishing allow, for much-valued family get-togethers.

Paul Williams (1963)
Two recent enjoyable activities linked to Balliol. In Greece with my holiday reading – one of Robin Wilson's (1962) maths books (pictured). My family thought I was mad! Interesting lectures and very pleasant company at dinner with the Balliol Medical Society.



Professor Charles Burroughs (1964)
Among various (too many) projects Charles Burroughs is completing a study of the former Pan-American Union Building in DC – now the Organization of American States (OAS) – in conjunction with the involvement of his wife, art historian Lynette Bosch, with the American Museum of Art, part of the OAS, and with the AMA's great, well-documented but long-neglected collection of mostly Latin American art. For members in or visiting DC, the OAS Building (on the Ellipse) and the AMA (in the *casita* behind it) are well worth a visit. Look out for the Aztec deity Xochapilli, the 'Prince of Flowers', at the head of the reflecting pool. Also the patio with the 'Peace Tree' planted by Teddy Roosevelt when the Pan-Am Union was (still) a response to US imperial policies.

Professor Stephen Clark (1964)
Recent publications: *Can We Believe in People: Human Significance in an Interconnected Cosmos* (Angelico Press: New Hampshire 2020); *Plotinus: Ennead VI.9: Translation and Commentary* (Parmenides Press, 2020); and *Cities and Thrones and Powers: Towards a Plotinian Politics* (Angelico Press: New Hampshire 2022).

Sir Michael Burton (1965)
I was finally extricated from the Commercial Court by the blunt axe of compulsory ageism, and have since been touting for work as an arbitrator and mediator, apart from continuing as a Judge of the Abu Dhabi Commercial Court and President of the RICS Appeal Tribunal. An additional grandchild expected in April will take me up to a football team. Thespian activity has included fulfilling an ambition of playing the part of Sir Robert Morton in *The Winslow Boy*.

Professor Alan Knight (1965)
In the past year I published a book: *Bandits and Liberals, Rebels and Saints: Latin America Since Independence* (University of Nebraska Press, 2022).

Hubert Murray (1965)
Having graduated the first class of five- and six-year-olds from the Zahrat Al-Yasmeen Kindergarten in the Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem, we are now embarking on the design and construction of a third classroom. Integrating children with special needs into the classes has proved to be transformational in the life of the community and a great joy to parents. Reading *The Curious Enlightenment of Professor Caritat* by Steven Lukes (1958 and Emeritus Fellow) was one of the highlights of my reading year.

Professor Brian Tanner (1965)
Despite formal retirement over six years ago, I remain academically active, still publishing on materials physics and medieval science. A 2022 paper on a 12th-century report of ball lightning in the Royal Meteorological Society's journal *Weather* received extensive media coverage, descriptions being carried by 313 outlets worldwide with a collective reach of 3.4 billion people. I was honoured not only to be asked to open some newly refurbished laboratories in the Durham University Physics Department this year, but also to have a new X-ray facility named after me. So, still alive, kicking and with our eldest grandson now a university undergraduate.

James Aitken (1966)
I am retired unfortunately. I find I really miss the companionship of meeting people in the course of work. Still active, walking, skiing and, indeed, a bit of climbing; but still live in London because of the theatre and opera. Doing charity work maintaining a computer system for music scores, specially oriented towards the blind and partially sighted. Very much looking forward to our Gaudy in September 2023.

Stephen Bergman (1966)
I have just finished my fiction writing spanning 40 years: four novels that came from my real life as a doctor, ending with Covid, under the pen name of Samuel Shem. These four novels together form 'The Healing Quartet'. I started with my medical internship in 1973, called *The House of God*, listed by many critics as the best medical novel in the world; second, in 1997, was my residency in psychiatry, called *Mount Misery*; third in 2019 my going back into medicine, called *Man's 4th Best Hospital*; and finally in 2023 (to be released in July) *Our Hospital*. This last is situated in my home town, Hudson New York, where we'll be launching it, at the newly re-fixed Opera House, renamed Hudson Hall. To my astonishment, this series covers a total of 50 years. It will be the 'real' medicine: after all these years I have come to believe that fiction, with just that 'one step off of real', tells the truth. And it's the only way to change the mess in medicine, both in America and England, we have now. My best novel, published in 2008 and set in Hudson New York, is called *The Spirit of the Place*. It is my slightly shaded novel and 'imagined' autobiography. And all of it started by deciding to write when I first came to Oxford. I was incredibly lucky to have as my teacher at Oxford Professor Denis Noble (Emeritus Fellow), and all these decades of our great friendship.

Martin Walker (1966)
Martin Walker was awarded the Best Food Writing prize by Gourmand International for his short story collection *Bruno's Challenge and Other Dordogne Tales* (Quercus, 2022).

William Allen (1967)
I'm currently working on a book, to be called *Poland and the International Monetary System, 1918–1939*, with my collaborator, Dr Thea Don-Siemion of Cambridge.

Professor Paul Corner (1967)
His latest book, *Mussolini in Myth and Memory* (Oxford University Press, 2022), was selected as a Book of the Year by the *Financial Times*, *History Today* and the Indian current affairs magazine *Open*.

Professor Günter Hollenberg (1967)
In 2022 I published a 70-page account of the history of the Landgraviate of Hessen from the Reformation to the Peace of Westphalia in a new *Handbook of Hessian History*, based on latest research. Most fascinating are new aspects of the Thirty Years' War. It will probably be my last scholarly work, having now reached the age of 82.

Anthony Sheppard (1967)
I stepped down as Hon. Treasurer of the British Institute at Ankara in December 2021, having probably passed my Charity Commission 'use by' date. Since then, I have been endeavouring to catch up with the rest of my life!

Professor Rory Putman (1968)
I have never bothered to report my various books and other publications, since they have been largely more

academic or technical books and articles. However, I have recently released two more popular books (with another currently in press). Colleagues may be amused by *A Biologist Abroad* (2021) and an earlier title, *Understanding Animal Behaviour* (2018), both published by Whittles Publishing: www.whittlespublishing.com/Rory_Putman.

David Satter (1968)
I have been named to the board of directors of the Research Initiative for the Study of Russian Philosophy and Religious Thought at Northwestern University.

Professor Patrick Thomas (1968)
I can report that according to an analysis by Hodge and Turner published in *Research on Social Work Practice*, 'Who Are the Top 100 Contributors to Social Work Journal Scholarship? A Global Study on Career Impact in the Profession', I am in at number 88, 18th in Britain and Ireland. Naturally I have no desire to question the methodology.

Sir Michael Arthur (1969)
Having retired from the Diplomatic Service in 2010 (Ambassador in Germany, High Commissioner in India), I moved to the private sector, first with a variety of part-time work, then joining Boeing in 2014. I have just retired after four years there as President of Boeing International (first ever non-American on the ExCo!). What now beckons is to pick up the threads of my Nettleship Music Scholarship to Balliol and try at long last to become a better pianist and violinist. Back to the chamber music playing that travelling the world had pushed aside. And, yes, there are those nine wonderful grandchildren to engage with too. A new start at 72!

The Revd Hamish Fullerton (1964)
On 1 October 2022 I celebrated a Michaelmas Eucharist and party at the church of St John the Divine, Kennington, in south London, where I have served as a priest for 11 years. It happened to be 42 years since I was ordained priest; but the occasion was really to thank all those in the NHS and in the community who have taken care of me during the previous three and a half years.

Sir John Holmes (1969)
After ten years as chair of the International Rescue Committee in the UK, now a trustee of the Red Cross with a particular interest in its international activities. Also a trustee of the Institut Français in London to help promote Franco-British relations.

Rhion Jones (1969)
Late in life and 19 years after becoming the Founder Director of the Consultation Institute, I have re-branded myself as the Consultation Guru. Having written more about public consultation than anyone else on the planet, I think I can claim the epithet. I just hope it won't create expectations of transcendental public engagement!

Professor John Maier (1969)
I received the G.C. Pimentel Award 2022 for Advances in Matrix Isolation Spectroscopy. I continue to enjoy golf, bridge, books and four grandsons.

Robin Poulton (1969)
Having been forced by Brexit to close down my peace consultancy (because we worked for the EU), I have retired into writing in my French hideaway in Brittany. I produce two bilingual blog monthly newsletters in English and French: 'The Richmond Chiwara' (archive: https://tinyurl.com/yrsammpk) describes life in French West Africa and 400 years of shared history in Virginia. Some of it will become a book on the history of Ségou, Mali's second city, which is twinned with Sister City Richmond, in Virginia. When the pandemic forced dancers to stay home, I launched an amusing blog 'The Dancing Hippo' (archive: https://tinyurl.com/mpvyhwdr) to provide laughter and dance anecdotes to the Scottish dance community. It is filled with good jokes. As well as my blog 'Dance Fit and Healthy at 70' (https://tinyurl.com/yerr2nrj) I am working on a memoir describing my career managing peace and development programmes across Asia and Africa. My title 'Afghanistan … Is That in Africa?' gives some of the flavour.

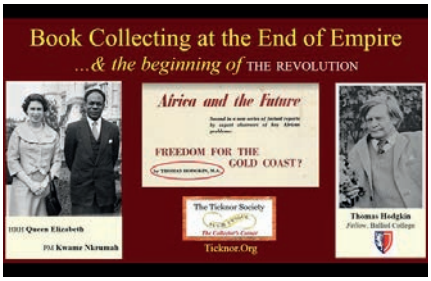
The Hon Bob Rae (1969)
I continue to serve as Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York at a time of a multitude of crises. Also Vice President of States



Martin Kettle (1967) (left) and the Hon Bob Rae (1969) in New York.

Parties of the International Criminal Court. Have served as Special Envoy of Prime Minister on Myanmar, Refugee and Humanitarian Issues, and, most recently, Haiti.

Professor Timothy Weiskel (1969)
As a social anthropologist and historian trained as a student at Balliol over fifty years ago, I am now at work on a project relating to Balliol's impressive strengths in working in and on Africa over the last five decades. Balliol has in recent years launched an important 'Balliol and Empire Project' which will capture and present much important material about the College's history in the British Empire. Combined with its ground-breaking presentation of 'Slavery in the Age of Revolution' these projects have meant that Balliol is among the leaders in Oxford – and the UK more broadly – on re-framing our understanding of the modern world. My own work in the last several months has contributed to this direction in Balliol's programmes by focusing upon the key role of Thomas Hodgkin (1928 and Fellow 1945–1952), a



crucially important actor in what has been called 'the End of Empire'. A forthcoming talk highlights some of Thomas Hodgkin's timely insights and key actions as Britain ceded control over its former colonies in Africa: see image. This is a contribution to the larger effort to enhance the collections at the Balliol Historic Collections Centre, which seeks to explore Balliol's own history, that of its dons, and the history and the careers of its alumni over the years in African political life and the evolution of the study of Africa around the world.

Professor Emeritus David Williams (1969)
Professor Emeritus David Williams has been appointed a Member of the Waitangi Tribunal. This tribunal is a permanent commission of inquiry with a bicultural membership that inquires into grievances (both historical and contemporary) raised by indigenous Māori people concerned that laws or policies of the Crown are in breach of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. The tribunal holds hearings and then issues reports comprising findings and recommendations to the government.

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His Excellency Philip McDonagh (1970)
Our centre at Dublin City University continues to promote a better understanding of the relationship between day-to-day political decisions and an underlying ethos or sense of direction. Back to William Temple (1900)! Our centre's partnership with churches and faith communities supports engaged research on the future of Europe, the economics of belonging, and resilience in world food systems. In October I was invited to address the assembly of Catholic bishops in Brussels.

Michael Reid (1970)
I have retired from the staff of *The Economist* after 29 years. My book *Spain: The Trials and Triumphs of a Modern European Country* was published in March by Yale University Press. We are leaving Madrid after seven happy years and returning to London, at least for the time being. Plans include becoming a Visiting Professor in Practice at the School of Public Policy at the London School of Economics, more books, some journalism and more time with my grandson, aged eight.

Sir David Gilmour (1971)
In the summer of 2022 I was awarded the Biagio Agnes Award for a 'lifetime's contribution to Italian culture'. But as the Passport Office failed to renew my passport for 13 weeks, I was unable to attend the ceremony in Rome.

Pravin Goutam (1971)
Retired from general practice six years ago but became involved in property 20 years ago and still continuing – keeps us active, as does our 18-month-old grandson! Now living in Rickmansworth, which is just outside northern Greater London, so if any friends from Balliol (from 1971 to 1974) would like to visit and stay, please feel free to get in touch.

Ravi Sekhar (1971)
My father would be 100, if he were alive today. After joining the British Indian Army at a young age and drafted into the Royal Deccan Horse (9th Horse), the oldest and most decorated armoured regiment, he saw action in the Burma campaign of the Second World War. Veterans will recall the 'Chindits' formed under Major General Orde Charles Wingate. After the end of the war, he was selected as one of the earliest members of the Indian Civil Service, the backbone of government administration. He held several key posts in government as Principal Secretary at New Delhi and thereafter was promoted to the prestigious office of Chief Secretary, A.P. Following an unexpected and untimely heart attack he died in situ. He was 55. I recall his



mentioning once that the values and sense of discipline he imbibed in his early career in the 9th Horse made him what he is. The gleaming Sword of Honour he was presented with at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, is one of my prized possessions. The credit for motivating, selecting Balliol, taking an educational loan and getting me to Oxford goes entirely to him. Oxford made me. As one nears the age of three-quarters of a century oneself, his words resonate with me. This story is remembering you, Dad. Photo taken at the Dale Carnegie Convention with a cut-out of Mr Carnegie.

Simon Walker (1971)
In June 2023 I will be standing down as chairman of the Trades Remedies Authority, which has overseen anti-dumping and other trade disputes since Britain left the European Union. I then plan to spend much more time in France and New Zealand, as well as enjoying life with my three granddaughters.

Simon Commander (1972)
Published *The Connections World: The Future of Asian Capitalism* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). Co-authored with Saul Estrin.

Richard Shaw (1972)
News from the Balliol and West Pickens Angling Society (BAWPAS). After a three-year hiatus due to Covid, the society was able to resume its accustomed activities last August. We welcomed three new members, Fred Lynam (2017), Daniel Pavesio (2017) and Shreya Kirpalani (2019), all of whom took on the denizens of Lake Mullinax with energy and aplomb. Fred in particular is to be congratulated on his record-breaking catch of 11 bass and bream. Hatched in 2014, BAWPAS has grown to a membership of more than 20, including Pathfinder visitors to, and select residents of, western Pickens County, which lies about an hour north of Atlanta.

His Excellency the Honourable Kim Beazley (1973)
Left WA Governor job, 31 June 2022. Appointment as Chair of the Council of the Australian War Memorial, 1 December. Chair of US/Asia Center University of Western Australia. Fellow of Australian Strategic Policy Institute.



Ian Bell (1973)
I thought you might like to see some photos from when my wife Sandy and I met up for the first time since 1975 with Robin Oliphant (1972) and his wife Julie during a visit to Sydney to see our son, Matthew, and his family. It turned out Robin (on the right in the photo) lives only a few miles away, so we met at his golf club in Killarra and recognised each other straight away – we had barely changed! It was great to recall our time at Balliol, including making four bumps with the mighty 4th VIII in the 1974 Summer VIIIs.

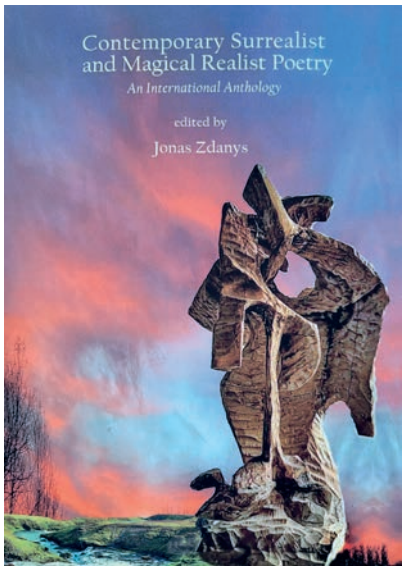
Professor David D'Avray (1973)
Published *Papal Jurisprudence, 385–1234: Social Origins and Medieval Reception* (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

Paul Flather (1973)
Paul Flather has recently stood down as chair of the Oxford Adam von Trott Memorial Committee, which supports scholarships, lectures and workshops, providing many insights into the resistance thinking of the former Balliol Rhodes Scholar Adam von Trott (1931), who lost his life following his role in the failed July Plot to kill Hitler in 1944. Through this work Flather has had many enriching experiences with international students and with German counterparts during the past four years.

Brian Groom (1973)
My book *Northerners: A History, From the Ice Age to the Present Day*, published in April 2022 by Harper North, became a bestseller, reaching number three in *The Times* top ten for hardback non-fiction.

Professor Sir David Skegg (1973)
In November 2022, I received the Blake Medal for 2021–22: http://www.blakenz.org/person/professor-sir-david-skegg-knzm-obe/.

John Snelling (1973)
I have had four poems published in an international anthology of surrealist and magical realist poetry. It is called *Contemporary Surrealist and Magical Realist Poetry* and is published by the Literary Press of Lamar University in Texas. It is edited by Jonas Zdanys, who has previously taught at the State University of New York and Yale University. He is currently Poet in Residence and Professor Emeritus of English at Sacred Heart University. The ISBN of the book is 978-1-942956-68-6.



Martin Edwards (1974)
In 2022 I published my history of crime fiction, *The Life of Crime: Detecting the History of Mysteries and Their Creators* (Collins Crime Club) and also another crime novel set in the 1930s, *Blackstone Fell* (Head of Zeus). I've also written an audio drama for *Doctor Who*, starring Colin Baker as 'the Sixth Doctor', a fresh direction for me in terms of writing which proved a very enjoyable experience – the first time I've written an audio script since my student days.

Professor Nick Eyre (1974)
I am still leading the Research Councils' main research centre on energy use. As from last year, I am also acting as an interim Director of Zero-Carbon Energy Research Oxford (the ZERO Institute), which is the University's initiative in climate mitigation.

John Foley (1974)
I am organising the 9th London Chess Conference this spring: www.chessconference.org. The theme is Chess and STEM – how strategy games can enrich learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This is an international event sponsored by the International Chess Federation, the European Chess Union, Chess in Schools and Communities, and the English Chess Federation. The main talks will be recorded and made public. In my opinion, games should be part of education, particularly strategy games.

Professor John Helliwell (1974)
In March 2022 I presented the opening lecture of the USA National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, US National Committee on Crystallography and USA National Institute of Standards and Technology 'Crystallography and Structural Databases' Course. See www.nationalacademies.org/event/03-21-2022/keynote-the-exemplary-crystallography-and-structural-databases.

Professor David Kennedy (1974)
After two years of being unable to leave Australia, we returned to Oxford last April for five months. Time enough to complete walking the Thames Path (for the second time), fit in a week in Seville (largely exploring the wonderful Roman ruins), then a month in Italy (mainly walking from near Florence to Rome). Not to forget completing a book (the transcription and commentary on a travel diary of an Abingdon vicar who went to Petra in 1854).

Professor Sinclair Stockman (1974)
Time passes too quickly. As progress moves positively for normality in Northern Ireland, 2022 led to new potential both locally and international. We have been blessed with family who have travelled and engaged across the globe. Development initiatives played key roles in overcoming hunger in remote regions along with major earthquakes, where we had the opportunity to use technology to rescue millions from hunger and death from disasters. At home in the UK, we had the honour of building new advanced development centres in the far north, which has resulted in thousands who now engage across the nation. After all of this, 40 years on, I am moving back to the country, where I can spend time next year

to write and possibly a book. A final thank you – my education at school in Northern Ireland, support from Queens University Belfast, previous time at Oxford, all have allowed me to make changes across many countries. Now it is time to help the new wave of new waves to take us through 2030 and beyond. A final thought: I and others profited from the honour of having time to spend time with universities such as Oxford; now it is time to offer the same opportunities both locally and globally. Best regards and good health for the year ahead and make the future even better.

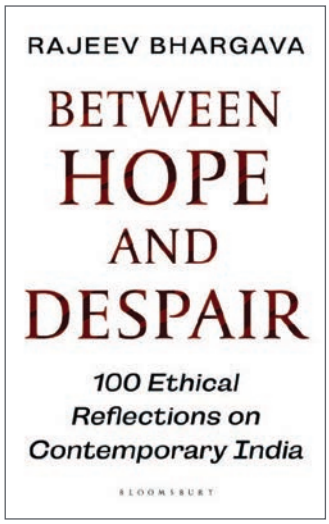
Giles Vardey (1974)
I have no plans for retirement, and I am enjoying coaching senior executives working with a delightful Teddy Hall man who was captain of the Dark Blues cycling team. Given my Dark Blue rowing pedigree, we advertise ourselves as coaches and 'sitting down sports specialists'.

Robert Waller (1974)
Retired from teaching in secondary schools in 2018 but still very active as a private tutor in history and politics. Publications: contributed quite a few of the entries in Iain Dale, *On This Day in Politics* (Allen & Unwin, 2022). Forthcoming: 'King Stephen' in *idem* (ed.), *Kings and Queens* (Hodder, 2023). My *Almanac of British Politics* is also being updated online to include the Parliamentary constituencies on the latest boundaries at https://vote-2012.proboards.com/board/161/vote-uk-almanac-british-politics.

Professor Rajeev Bhargava (1975)
I continue to be the Director of the Parekh Institute of Indian Thought, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi. In 2022, I published the following books:

- *Politics, Ethics and the Self: Re-reading Gandhi's Hind Swaraj* (ed.) (Routledge, London and New Delhi, 2022). Based on a conference on Hind Swaraj's centenary. Puts together essays by the most eminent contemporary writers on Gandhi.

- *Between Hope and Despair: 100 Ethical Reflections on Contemporary India* (Bloomsbury, New Delhi, 2023). This book, written for a wider, non-



academic readership, is on the crisis of India's collective ethical identity.

- *Bridging the Two Worlds: Comparing Classical Political Thought and Statecraft in India and China*, ed. with Amitabh Acharya, Daniel Bell and Yan Xuetong (California University Press, 2023).

Chris Bower (1975)
After managing to avoid contracting Covid-19 through the worst of the pandemic, to everyone's surprise, not least my own, I was mysteriously struck down by pneumonia in August (!) and had to spend eight days in hospital being pumped full of antibiotics. Although it's taken the best part of six months to recover fully, fortunately I was well enough to attend our daughter Ellen's belated graduation ceremony in Cambridge in October and the December recording of Carols from King's in which Ellen again led the procession. From a state of actually being delirious to one of being deliriously happy in such a short time!

Lieutenant General Sir Simon Mayall (1975)
I was delighted to attend the Balliol Gaudy in 2022, and see so many old friends. The College looked reassuringly familiar. I left the British Army in 2015, after almost 40 years, having completed four years in my last appointment as the first Defence Senior Adviser Middle East. Since leaving I have served as Lieutenant of the Tower of London for five years, and I am now Chairman of the National Army Museum, and of the Sandhurst Trust. I also have a range of portfolio appointments, mostly to do with the Middle East. My book *Soldier in the Sand: A Personal History of the Modern Middle East* was published in 2020, and I am now working on a new book called *House of War: The Confrontation Between the Papacy and Caliphate, Told in 10 Great Sieges and Battles*.

Anthony Teasdale (1975)
In July 2022, I retired from the European Parliament, where I had worked for the last 25 years. Since 2013, I had been the founding Director General of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), the Parliament's new in-house research centre and think-tank in Brussels. I am now living full-time back in London, keeping my toe in the water as a visiting professor at both the LSE and Columbia University, where I teach EU politics and policy. I'm still in close touch with my former economics tutor, Andrew Graham (Master 2001–2011), who I often see when I'm up in Oxford.

Ian Fletcher (1976)
Hanging out with Confucius. My 26th year in Taiwan.



Alan Murdoch (1976)
It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that I retired from full-time employment in November 2022, with the goals of spending more time with my family, travelling, and supporting England Rugby (they *really* seem to need it). I suppose I should also note that I have opened a part–time consultancy business and already have a few engagements, so life is still busy, but a great deal of fun. Initially as a result of the pandemic lockdowns

around the world, and now regularly, I meet up electronically with Robert Griffiths, Simon Guest, Tim ffrench, and Graham Dunbar (all 1976), which is very gratifying. Additionally, my wife and I attended the Gaudy last year and thoroughly enjoyed seeing and chatting with old friends, many of whom I hadn't seen in over 40 years. Nancy and I still live in Maryland, USA, just outside Washington, DC, so if you are in the area, please do get in contact – unless the Rugby World Cup is on of course, which won't work as we'll be in France watching England win (hopefully!).

James Ogilvie (1976)
I had the privilege of crewing a century-old tall ship to Antarctica in 2022, following in Shackleton's footsteps from Elephant Island to South Georgia. In a nutshell: 1 barque, 2 months, 3 continents, 4 time zones and 5 thousand nautical miles.

David Rossington (1976)
Happily settled in east Oxford with my civil partner Sarah Mossop. Continuing semi-retirement with part-time work for a variety of public sector bodies, and a couple of charities.

Professor Tom Schwartz (1976)
I made my first visit to Japan this January for an academic conference and had the opportunity for a wonderful lunch with my Balliol classmate and old squash partner – he won 90 per cent of the matches – former Ambassador Koro Bessho (1976). Koro is now retired from the diplomatic corps, having finished his career as Japan's Ambassador to the United Nations. He now serves as Grand Chamberlain to His Majesty the Emperor, a very distinguished position.



Charles Tannock (1976)
I'm now fully retired from both British politics and NHS medical practice and have moved abroad and am now living in Brexile in Bratislava, Slovakia, with my family. Still active on social media watching UK and commenting from afar.

Tjalling Ypma (1976)
My paper on the history of Newton's method for the solution of nonlinear equations has now been cited over 1,000 times. My statistical colleagues have calculated that the probability of a paper in mathematics being cited this often is approximately .00000021.

David Christie (1977)
Under the shadow of Covid, Christmas was a muted affair. This year, back to some new kind of normality, we could at least perform Nine Lessons and Carols in Fischingen Abbey, where I conducted an ad hoc choir including my wife singing soprano. Snow came punctually for the weekend, giving first real feelings of Christmas, albeit under restrictions on energy consumption because of Putin's war. We've settled into a new régime of partial home office, the main result of which is that most meetings are online, even when in the office!

Seen from Switzerland, the picture we get of Britain is rather dark, with strikes, severe restrictions, and high food and energy prices. Brexit and years of austerity haven't helped, but blaming the state of affairs on others is not really honest. I only hope that Britain will find its way out of its difficult, nostalgic corner to a more positive future.

I officially reached old age this year and will continue working at 80 per cent for one more year. The values of both Euro and pound are plummeting against the Swiss franc, so my two foreign pensions don't promise a lot. At least the cat food and coffee will be paid. My wife continues to work for a few more years. We are in the middle of the building permission process for our new barrier-free 'tiny house' on a 13.5 x 5.5-metre plot behind our current house, with three floors, lift and roof terrace in central Zurich, so that we can stay independent as long as possible.

I still hope that we might start taking global warming and biodiversity seriously. Sadly, neither of the COPs this year helped much.

David Felton (1977)
Now into my fifth year of retirement after the second half of a teaching career spent at King's, Canterbury (MFL and Art History), I welcome visitors to the cathedral and volunteer in a local Pilgrims Hospice charity shop.

George Levy (1977)
My recent activities include: working part-time for an energy company, singing in the local church choir, retrofitting and splitting my parents' house into two dwellings, and representing Wallingford as a district councillor for South Oxfordshire District Council. I have spent the last four years as a district councillor urging the council to improve building standards/energy efficiency and also build new council houses – they were all sold in the Thatcher era. I am therefore very pleased that the district council will purchase about thirty houses which they will administer as council-owned housing for social rent.

Jeremy Mayhew (1977)
It is, I fear, decades since I last submitted any update here. Now, having a bit more time on my hands, I offer an inevitably somewhat edited version of my activities. For over 25 years, I was an elected non-party Member of the City of London Corporation which, amongst other things, is the local authority for the City of London; but, at least in part because of its age, it has various private and charitable functions. Over the years, I chaired the Finance, City Bridge Trust, Audit & Risk Management, and Education Committees, as well as the Barbican Centre Board. Over the same period, I have served as a non-executive on multiple public bodies, including the Strategic Rail Authority, the London Development Agency, the Regulatory Policy Committee, the Mayor of London's Office for Policing & Crime, the British Transport Police Authority, the Legal Services Board, and now the Competition Service. In the 2022 New Year's Honours, I was awarded an OBE for public service. Helping me to earn a living, I became a board director of BBC Worldwide, then the BBC's main commercial division – after which I was a partner/director/senior adviser in various consulting firms, specialising in advising clients in and about the media sector.

Professor Hugh White (1977)
Having been kind enough to appoint me to a chair in Strategic Studies (despite my having only a BPhil rather than a PhD) back in 2004, the Australian National University gave me an honorary DLitt in 2022. I retired from salaried work in 2018 to become an Emeritus Professor, and was surprised and delighted to be elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in 2021. I continue to think and write about strategic and foreign policy questions, especially as they relate to Australia. I have been preoccupied by the rise of China and its implications for Australia for many decades, so I find much to interest me in current developments.

Rhodri Williams (1977)
Two new appointments this year to mention. In July I was elected a Member of Council at Chatham House, and in November appointed to a Visiting Professorship at the University of Strathclyde, where I'll be working with the Institute for Future Cities. Another high point of 2022 was reuniting with fellow 1977 historians at September's Balliol Society – heady nostalgia, great fun!

Mark Joseph (1978)
The best thing is progress in the big band I play with. I am learning to take solos in a way that allows me to hold on to my desire to enter chaos/disorder, while managing to hear and relate to the structure of the tune. And I am beginning to access sources of feeling that I have often filtered out in certain restricted projections of self with which I have approached the music. The saxophone – I have always known it – is a kind of research instrument. I am such a beginner. I play tenor and soprano. Since translating a Hebrew biography of the poet Yehuda Amichai I have lacked the regular income that that work gave me; work is patchy and finances low, which at least allows time for other things. Our beloved dog died and it is the first death I have approached with any level of conscious understanding of mourning, to some extent becoming an agent in the process rather than a passenger. Learning Palestinian colloquial Arabic with reading and writing is exciting, and anchoring the sounds and meanings in the letters (rather than phonetics) actually makes it easier and more real. The government is far right and one reads a recently translated lecture by Adorno from 1967, with Hebrew commentary, about the new right, written since 6 January 2021, amongst other texts, for some kind of refuge, as if knowledge of what is happening would help.

Professor Adrian Moore (1978)
My latest book, *Gödel's Theorem: A Very Short Introduction*, was published by Oxford University Press in November 2022.

John Sloan (1978)
My latest book, *Andrew Lang: Writer, Folklorist, Democratic Intellect*, a biography of the late-Victorian writer and thinker (Balliol, 1865; exhibitioner 1865–1868), will be published in 2023 by Oxford University Press.

Ian Harnett (1979)
I continue to work as the Chief Investment Strategist of Absolute Strategy Research, the independent macro-strategy research company I founded with David Bowers in 2006. ASR was rated as Europe's leading Independent Research Provider in the 2022 All-Europe Institutional Investor Survey and I was ranked as the leading All-Europe Independent Research Analyst. It's been great to get back travelling to see our global client base in 2022. I look forward to presenting our macro and market views to clients and more broadly for many years more. Besides writing articles for the *Financial Times* and appearing on CNBC and Bloomberg TV, I have finally joined the 21st century and taken to social media – you can follow my views via Twitter @IanRHarnett and on Linkedin. The big news since I last submitted any news is that our son George (2007) married Katherine Sidders (Trinity, 2008) last year, as lockdown finally came to an end, and is working as Senior Associate at Hogan Lovell in the arbitration team, while our daughter Lizzy (Jesus, 2010) has moved to Boulder, Colorado, to work for the Rocky Mountain Institute, continuing her research and thought leadership in Climate Aligned Finance. Sara (1980) and I continue to split our lives between Hertfordshire and Hammersmith (where Sara is a senior leader at Godolphin & Latymer).

Sir Geoff Mulgan (1979)
Sir Geoff Mulgan has published two books on imagination: *Another World Is Possible: How To Reignite Political and Social Imagination* (Hurst/Oxford University Press, 2022), and *Prophets at a Tangent: How Art Shapes Social Imagination* (Cambridge University Press, 2023). He is editor in chief of a new academic journal on *Collective Intelligence* (Sage/ACM) and this year is chairing a European Union programme on 'Whole of Government Innovation'.

Penny Phillips (1979)

I'm still at The Oldie (the sub) –
No breathing space … ay, there's the rub:
    I love what I do
    But sometimes, it's true,
I'd rather be off down the pub.

But (mostly) my job's so diverting,
My friends will have heard me asserting,
    With work so inspiring
    The thought of retiring
Is frankly a bit disconcerting.

Retirement's outside the equation –
I'm not even ripe for persuasion;
    And when I have time
    I'm still writing rhyme
For just about any occasion.

My children's book (last year brand-new)
Is now out in paperback too –
    Two bites at the cherry:
    When Cherry Lost Terry
On sale in a bookshop near you!

Paul Shotton (1979)
Having retired from my banking career in 2018 I have since been building a portfolio of board roles. During 2022 I discovered that they are, indeed, like proverbial London buses; you wait two years for one and then suddenly, out of the blue, half a dozen turn up all at the same time. As a result I am now chairman of two senior healthcare companies and a board advisor to companies in the natural botanical medicine, wealth management and energy sectors. To top that off I have recently taken on a new role as CEO of an aerospace technology company, allowing my career to come full circle in a return to my first love, of science and technology research. To keep my feet on the ground, in 2022 I joined the tree committee in the town where I live in Connecticut, and make full use

of the many parks and woodland walks in the area, both for the benefits of physical exercise for me and my dogs, but even more importantly, as a quiet period every day in which to think.

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Peter Andrews (1980)
Joined the Archives Committee of the South Oxfordshire Amateurs Cricket Club. I caught Covid twice in 2022: from watching the Oxford *v.* Cambridge chess match in March; and from playing bridge for the Bank of England *v.* other European central banks in November. Dangerous sports.

Christopher Bish (1980)
Winner of the DuPont Pedersen Medal in 2022 for the development of innovative new products. Retired from DuPont in 2022 after 37 years. We are now living in North Carolina, USA.

Christopher Gallop (1980)
Semi-retired as planned last spring and for the past year have been enjoying my advisory role for the facilities business I helped to build from a start-up over ten years ago to a repeating £50m annual turnover. Deepening my new interest in social anthropology via a series of short courses; we'll see where that might lead. Meantime, Chloe and I now spend a few days each month in Glasgow, visiting our daughter there and exploring Scotland more generally. We are still based in the family home in London for now.

Matthew Hamlyn (1980)
The main professional event for me in 2022 was the completion of the project to refurbish the Elizabeth Tower, better known as Big Ben. I've chaired the project board from the start, and it has been very satisfying to see more than five years' work by a lot of very talented colleagues come to fruition. The tower is now positively gleaming following its most extensive conservation, inside and out, since it was built more than 160 years ago, and it is now equipped with building services fit for the 21st century as well as looking amazing. Public tours will resume in 2023. The full set of bells was reconnected to the renovated clock mechanism in autumn 2022 and they officially started chiming permanently again on Remembrance Sunday. But before then, Big Ben had played a role in the ceremonies connected with the Lying-in-State of HM Queen Elizabeth II, being sounded once each minute while the cortège moved from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall, and again after the service at Westminster Abbey. On a personal note, I was astonished, and touched, to be awarded a CBE for services to Parliament in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June 2022.

Philip Kolvin (1980)
I continue to work as a barrister specialising in licensing, and a Recorder of the Crown Court. I have been appointed chair of Betknowmore, a gambling harms charity, and The Loop, a drug-testing charity. I also remain co-chair of Crystal Palace Park Trust, a community charity, which is taking over ownership of this wonderful historic space from Bromley Council this year.

Derek Wax (1980)
Our original eco-thriller series *The Rig*, written by David Macpherson, launched on Amazon Prime in January 2023, starring Iain Glen, Martin Compston, Emily Hampshire, Mark Bonnar and Owen Teale, to be followed sometime later this year by our BBC mini-series *The Sixth Commandment*, written by Sarah Phelps, and starring Timothy Spall, Anne Reid, Eanna Hardwicke, Annabel Scholey and Sheila Hancock.

Rukmini Banerji (1981)
Was awarded the Yidan Prize for Education Development in 2021: https://yidanprize.org/resource-center/press-release/2021-yidan-prize-announcement/.

Kym Bills (1981)
In my retirement from paid work I am in Adelaide combining a mixture of volunteer work, research, helping ageing parents, and filling in to lead worship and occasionally deliver a sermon. It is not all selfless; HiFi and music and Australian wine remain cherished hobbies and I will be catching up with an Oxford friend (Oriel, 1981) at this year's Australian Open tennis. A rather nice acknowledgment of my safety work was announced in the form of Life Membership of the Australian Institute of Health & Safety: https://www.aihs.org.au/news-and-publications/news/kym-bills-awarded-aihs-life-membership. My best wishes to all at Balliol.

Wayne Henderson (1981)
As the Australian international border opened at the beginning of the year, my wife Liane and I flew out from Melbourne to Florence, UK and US. Much of this was for my work but we also took time away for a wedding, our wedding anniversary and two 60th birthdays. In the US we had a fast tour of Chicago, New York, Long Island, the California desert, Death Valley, and Las Vegas (for 45 minutes). We drove down the Pacific Coast Highway, rather too fast for Liane's liking – we were running late. Then we crossed the desert, through miles of pistachio and almond plantations that require enormous irrigation fields in said desert, then into Death Valley for an overnight stay. We didn't have much time in Vegas so just drove around the Strip. High points of the US trip were the Chicago Institute of Art, the river walk in Chicago and the wedding in Long Island. In the UK it was two 60th birthdays on one weekend, a stay at Heckfield Place and seeing old friends. I have been back and forth between Australia and UK three times this year. Work is progressing in our cryptographic/cybersecurity start-up, and I have had a paper published that gives an overview of our technology: 'Fully Decentralised, Post-Quantum Secure Networks' by Henderson, Magal and Autry in the *International Journal of Mathematics and Computing Research*, Vol. 10, Issue 04 April 2022, pp 2644–2645.

The Revd Dr Simon Horne (1981)
From Balliol it was first nursing in Southampton and then teaching in Zimbabwe and now, after 14 years as a vicar in parish ministry and 8 years as a chaplain in the Royal Navy, I've



mothballed the dog collar and moved on again, collecting another line of work. I'm currently a workplace and family mediator, living west of Glasgow and working online across England and Scotland. Having just entered my seventh decade, and here in Scotland received my bus pass, it seems a zig-zag journey with plenty of unexpected twists along the route. Several years to go before the pension kicks in, so maybe there's time for another career or two!

Jonathan Ostry (1981)
After a 34-year career at the International Monetary Fund, latterly as Acting Director for the Asia-Pacific region and Deputy Research Director, I have moved to academia as Professor of the Practice of Economics at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. The transition has been a busy one: I have a very full teaching load, delivering courses in macroeconomics and a specialised course on the relationship between economic growth and income inequality (which draws on my recent book, *Confronting Inequality*, published by Columbia University Press in 2019). It is nice also to be free to speak more freely about economic issues (rather than being bound by institutional strictures). I have done so in op-ed pieces in the *Financial Times* over the past several months: one arguing that the costs of gender discrimination for economic growth are larger than previously thought; and another arguing that there is a large optimism bias in public debt forecasts which is particularly dangerous in a world where debt distress is widespread and increasing. Both pieces draw on my academic writings. I have also co-authored a recent op-ed with my dear friend Professor Joe Stiglitz, on the IMF's revamp in 2022 of its policy on capital controls – we argue that it is a small step in the right direction, but largely a missed opportunity for a fundamental rethink. On the personal side, my wife, Rachel, remains at the IMF and is currently mission chief for Italy; and our two boys have, respectively, just finished a PhD in Economics (from Cambridge in the UK) and just started a PhD in Economics at the Graduate Institute in Geneva. Our older son will take up a position as an economist at the Bank of England in the coming weeks, having previously held a dissertation fellowship at the Federal Reserve in Washington. As a close friend put it recently, we should open a family economics consultancy.

Robin Stuart (1981)
Over the past several years I, along with various collaborators, have been investigating the celestial navigation methods that were used by Captain Frank Worsley on Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition using his original log books housed at the Canterbury Museum in Christchurch, New Zealand. When it was announced that searches were to be undertaken for the wreck of Shackleton's vessel, *Endurance*, these investigations placed us in a good position to make predictions on where it might be found and provide them to the search teams. On 5 March 2022 the Endurance22 expedition located the wreck 5.4 nautical miles from the log position at a location fully consistent with our predictions. A webinar was presented to the Royal Institute of Navigation which can be found at https://youtu.be/y3sMS5p8Pgk along with links to earlier related publications.

Carlos Tello Diaz (1981)
Happy to be back in Oxford this Hilary Term after so many years, living in Balliol, near Holywell Manor, and working as a Visiting Fellow at the Latin American Centre on a biography of general Porfirio Díaz, perhaps the single most important character in the history of Mexico.

Jonathan Vernon (1981)
Embracing being ADHD now that it has been diagnosed and happiest doing at least seven things across the day/week on a three-hour rotation. Sometimes paid, sometimes a volunteer, this now takes in: Green Party Lewes Town Councillor, social media for Lewes Greens and the Association of Green Councillors, digital editor for the First World War education charity the Western Front Association, social media for Lewes Railway and Nature Reserve, Friend of Markstakes Common, swim teaching and coaching for the East Sussex County Champions Mid-Sussex Marlins (including coaching water polo and teaching para swimmers) – as well as life drawing (for the last eight years) once a month and printmaking once a week. All made possible now that the children have left home and settled. Sleep is an inconvenience. and ask me in a month's time and I may have dropped something and started further postgraduate study.

Gordon Willoughby (1981)
2022 was full of changes – altogether positive. At the end of the summer, after five and a half years, I stepped down as CEO at WeTransfer, packed up my apartment with its wonderful views over the Amstel river and returned to rejoin my family full time in the UK. In September we drove down to Milan to drop our daughter off at university and in October made a family trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos islands, which had been on the 'bucket list' for some time. The trip did not disappoint and my admiration for wildlife photographers has gone up many times over. I am now aiming to put together a variety of interesting projects – both pro bono and more commercial NED roles. On the pro bono side I am the first overseas mentor for Unlock Her Potential, a primarily US based foundation supporting women of colour in the tech world; have joined the digital advisory board of the Continuo foundation which helps period ensembles thrive; and will become a school governor in March. The paid NED roles seem to involve longer conversations!

Jeremy Cohn (1982)
I have just got as far as Moo (Mary-Anne Newman)'s entry in last year's *News and Notes*, and decided it is time to report in once more. I will never be as droll as her, or as accomplished as many of the other contributors, which is probably why I took such a long break. We now have four grandchildren, three here in Israel and one in New York (which is why I was there, and finally succumbed to Covid, in November). When you are two old people rattling around in a big house, working from home is idyllic – so much so that I am still steadfastly refusing to budge. Image is not everything (but it helps make you look accomplished). Still aspiring to be a big-shot private client lawyer, and still amusing myself playing soldiers.

Paul Compton (1982)
Having several years ago begun a period of active retirement, I'm now the proud author of an unpublished book, *County by County: A History of England with a Sense*

of Place. My goals for 2023 are to secure a publisher for this volume and to decide where next to focus my energies.

Professor Piers Daubeney (1982)
With my presidency of our national body, the British Congenital Cardiac Association (BCCA), coming to an end this year, and my NHS commitments taking a more focused role in cardiomyopathy, I have increasingly concentrated on my executive role as the CEO of Phaim Pharma, a scale-up biotech company of novel therapies in autoimmune disease. We have a lead drug in type 1 diabetes which we are looking to get into first-in-human trials this year. This potentially disease-preventing therapy is very exciting and we look forward to its progress.

Lloyd Evans (1982)
My new satire, *DOM – The Play*, ran for two weeks at the Other Palace, Westminster, in February and two weeks at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in April. More details at https://theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/dom-the-play/.



Professor David Kinloch (1982)
In 2022 I published a new pamphlet of poems, *Iggleheim's Ark* (Stewed Rhubarb) and a sixth book of poetry, *Greengown: New and Selected Poems* (Carcanet). I also received a Cholmondeley Award from the Society of Authors given in recognition of my work to date.

Mary-Anne Newman (1982)
I decided to concentrate on family last year. So I invited various siblings to stay in my house with their families and used the opportunity to go off travelling whilst they looked after the cats and the chicken. It was an excellent idea for everyone! I went by train looking for everywhere in Europe described as a local Venice, without actually stopping off at the real thing (I hate tourists). I went on a pilgrimage with a load of devout Roman Catholics who took three days to find me out. I stopped at every major ancient Roman tourist resort along the Danube. I went to Cork to discover my ancestors whom I later discovered to be from Limerick. I always knew research is important …

Jason Balla (1983)
In July 2021 my partner and I moved from Chicago, USA, where I had been living since 1994, to Nelson, New Zealand. Robert secured a position as a GP in a practice in Nelson, which is a small city at the top of New Zealand's South Island. The scenery is stunning and the people very relaxed and friendly. We managed on day one to find a wonderful house on the ocean with views across the bay to several mountain ranges and national parks. In November 2021 we officially got married and on 27 December 2022 we welcomed our baby daughter Vivienne Gertrude Balla Peterson into the world. Vivienne was born via surrogacy in the USA and we are currently arranging passports and paperwork to take her back home to New Zealand. I have been busy since arriving in Nelson with some local choirs and orchestras and have conducted three productions to date with the Nelson Civic Choir and Orchestra as their new Music Director and with the Marlborough Symphony Orchestra as a guest conductor. There is an active and keen local amateur music scene and all of the concerts so far have been sold out and well received.



Mark Heywood (1983)
Still living and in Johannesburg. Now editor of *Maverick Citizen*, an online news publication focusing on human rights and social justice in South Africa; also, adjunct Professor at the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town, teaching, writing and researching on the past, present and future role of civil society in democratic governance in Africa. Last year I was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for my contribution to public health in South Africa.

Professor Murray Pittock (1983)
In 2022, I published *Scotland: The Global History* with Yale University Press, which made an immediate impact, ending up with three Christmas/Book of the Year choices, including William Dalrymple's for *The Spectator*. I was also Scotland's national Knowledge Exchange Champion of the year, for my government and heritage industry reports on Robert Burns and the Scottish Economy and immersive experiences, and for the development of a combined university, city and national library complex at Kelvin Hall in Glasgow and the placemaking consultancy for Barclays Bank technology, operation and functions HQ in the International Financial Services District. I also joined the board of the Scottish Council on Global Affairs (https://scga.scot), the new defence and foreign policy think-tank supported in the Labour, Liberal Democrat and SNP Scottish manifestos launched at Edinburgh Castle in March. Elsewhere, I joined the investment committee of the National Trust for Scotland and co-authored the CIVIS EU HE civic engagement policy, now with the European Commission.



Professor Richard Susskind (1983)
A few updates: appointed an Honorary King's Counsel in March 2023; after 11 years, stood down in 2022 as Chair of the Advisory Board of the Oxford Internet Institute (of which Balliol is the founding college); publication of revised and updated edition of *The Future of the Professions* (OUP, 2022), co-author Daniel Susskind (2006); publication of *Online Courts and the Future of Justice* (OUP, 2019).

Professor Christine Sypnowich (1983)
My spouse David Bakhurst (1983) and I were finally able to take up our long-awaited Oxford visiting fellowships, me at All Souls, David at Exeter. After two years of pandemic isolation, it was wonderful to reconnect with many Balliol friends and colleagues. Whilst in Europe I also attended a workshop in Barcelona on my manuscript about the Oxford political philosopher Jerry Cohen, engaging with several Balliol Old Members who have gone on to thriving academic careers. In November 2022 I was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. 2023 is my last year as Head of the Philosophy Department at Queen's University, and I look forward to being liberated from administration to concentrate on research, including 'Toppling Monuments', for which I am the PI on a team grant, which explores the impact of colonialism on cultural heritage. I hope to be back in Oxford soon to consider the many interesting cases throughout the University.

Nozomu Takaoka (1983)
The Cameroonian Ambassador to Japan joined me in my hometown, Fuchu in Tokyo, to inspect sacred Japanese drums made from Cameroonian wood imported in the 1980s. A nearby famous shrine, Okunitama Shrine, founded in the 2nd century AD, houses the largest drum in Japan made from a single tree, again imported from Cameroon. Great combination of tradition and international exchange!



Natasha Beschorner (1984)
After nearly 29 years at the World Bank, most recently in the Digital Development Global Practice, I joined Amazon Web Services Singapore in October 2022. I work on public policy issues related to cloud computing across Asia Pacific and Japan.

His Excellency Donald Bobiash (1984)
Since September 2022 I have been appointed as Canada's Executive Director at the Asian Development Bank in Manila. Prior to this assignment I was Canada's Executive Director at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington for three years. My current assignment in Asia also has me as the representative of the Nordic countries, Ireland and the Netherlands. I can't think of a nicer group of countries. One of the travel highlights of last year was a trip to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, two dynamic Central Asian countries at the crossroads of the world. The picture is taken in Bishkek, Kyrgystan. I'm the one on the left.



Julian Ellison (1984)
Currently living in Belfast but working as a civil servant in Dublin for an economic development agency. I'm also working on a Master's in History at Queen's University Belfast, where I am exploring the relationship between climate and history, specifically the impact of the Icelandic volcanic eruptions of the late 18th century on the economy of Ireland in run-up to the 1798 Rebellion and Act of Union in 1800. I have three children, two of whom are reading PPE in Manchester and the third due to leave school in Sligo this summer.

John Gardner (1984)
I left Babcock International Group as its Head of Government Relations in March 2021. This ended a fascinating 14-year stint at a company which grew hugely in my time (revenue increasing by a factor of six over the decade 2006–2016), becoming MOD's second largest supplier in particular. Although a provider of many complex engineering services to many customers in the UK and overseas, the Babcock era for me was bookended and exemplified in practice by the start and finish of its immense contribution to the Queen Elizabeth class aircraft carrier programme, with both ships assembled at the company's dockyard at Rosyth in Scotland. In spring 2021, I returned to the world of multi-client political consultancy (with an up-and-coming agency, 5654&company) and then briefly, in summer 2022, as an interim Special Adviser/Chief of Staff to UK Health Secretary Steve Barclay MP. I am currently dipping my toe in freelance political consulting (whilst keen too to re-enter in-house, corporate comms life, if the right opportunity emerges), celebrating such family milestones as my elder son's 18th birthday recently – and inflicting myself on the good followers of my sundry LinkedIn posts and comments.

Joanna Hindley (1984)
Prompted by the lack of decisive action coming out of COP26 in 2021, after 30 years as a registered midwife I have stepped back from clinical practice to take non-violent disruptive action with 'Just Stop Oil' – in April I climbed atop an oil tanker to blockade distribution of fossil fuels out of Kingsbury oil terminal – and to engage with my community in Balsall Heath, inner-city Birmingham, to retrofit local homes. Home retrofit transforms an existing home infrastructure using energy-saving measures (mainly insulation and draughtproofing). Many homes in my neighbourhood currently have energy performance certificate (EPC) levels D, E, F, even G. These homes are cold, damp, and unhealthy, contributing to high levels of infant mortality and morbidity. This autumn I have gone door-to-door

with 'Retrofit Balsall Heath', assisting over 1,000 householders to apply for £10,000 'warmer homes' grants. But the number of homes we can retrofit is a drop in the ocean of the billions of inadequate homes that there are, and the funding available (to bring homes up to only EPC level C) is merely tickling the surface of what needs to be done to make these homes approach efficiency. Meanwhile, households in Balsall Heath have family in India, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia caught up in floods, drought, crop failure and war driven by climate change fuelled by UK carbon emissions. The irony is cruel. But Retrofit Balsall Heath is joyful. We are coming together, all faiths and none, inspiring one another to do what we can and take what we are doing 'to the next level': to transcend – not just with houses, but with habits, hearts, minds, souls.

Reyahn King (1984)
After seven hugely enjoyable years as CEO of York Museums Trust and with a very kind send-off, I moved to Edinburgh to take up the role of Director of Heritage Properties at the National Trust for Scotland. It's a vast and exhilarating portfolio with nature reserves, islands (including Staffa and St Kilda), castles, mansion houses, cottages (including Burns' birthplace), gardens – a never-ending source of interest. I was also really pleased and honoured that a poem started when I was still at Balliol was included in Poetry London's special 100th issue.

Jens Meurer (1984)
Judy Tossell (1984)
We have been producing films together since 2001. The latest one is *Seaside Special*, a German theatrical documentary about a very British place, which Judy produced and Jens directed. Shot on crisp 16mm Kodak film, *Seaside Special* follows Norfolk's Cromer Pier Show over the course of a year from the perspective of the performers and the seaside town's locals. 'Genuine, funny and cleverly bittersweet' (said a critic), it showcases the trials and tribulations of a professional life on stage and the clashing political views of a once close-knit community. It's an homage to the Cromer End-of-the-Pier variety show – the last one of its kind in the world – and also a year spent in a close-knit seaside community during the mad Brexit year of 2019. The film had a successful cinema run in Germany in early 2023 and won the 'Best Documentary' audience award at the Cambridge Film Festival. On the poster it said 'A European Love Letter to Great Britain'. Other films we produced or co-produced include Ron Howard's *Rush*, *Hector and the Search for Happiness* starring Simon Pegg and Golden Globe-winning series *Carlos*, directed by Olivier Assayas.

Rupert Read (1984)
Rupert Read has had another busy year. Key events include the launch of a short film, *Out of the Ashes*, with some of the award-winning team behind *The Age of Stupid*. Since its release, the short, which invites the viewer into a little-explored place of climate honesty, has been viewed more than 300,000 times across social media. It can be viewed via this link: https://youtu.be/vi166hJv6Qk. Last year also saw the publication of *Why Climate Breakdown Matters*, published to critical acclaim by Bloomsbury, and also *Do You Want to Know the Truth? The Surprising Rewards of Climate Honesty*, which can be downloaded on a pay-what-you-can-basis via https://tinyurl.com/38kaj76p. In July, Professor Read was a key part of the team behind 'Dodo, Phoenix, Butterfly: Dramatising the Climate Crisis', a symposium in Norwich which saw the performance of three new works by Professor Steve Waters. The title and inspiration for the works was drawn from a section of Professor Read's popular book *This Civilisation is Finished* (Simplicity Institute, 2019), where he explores three potential futures: the 'dodo', where our civilisation becomes defunct and collapses completely; the 'phoenix', where civilisation still collapses but a successor is born out of the ashes; and the 'butterfly', where our civilisation manages to transform before it's too late. The aim is to take the plays on the road during 2023 to bring them to a much bigger audience. Lastly, Professor Read is co-director of the new Moderate Flank Incubator (https://moderateflank.org) with the aim of catalysing the coming tip towards mainstream, serious climate action.



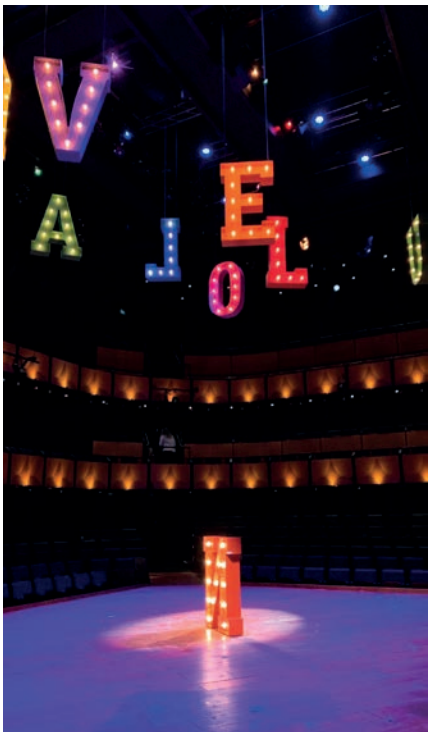
Professor Riccardo Viale (1984)
I send the news about my new book *Nudging*, published by the MIT Press in 2023.

Ned Bigham (1985)
Under the name Raflo, released 'I'm Comin' Home' and 'Sunshine after the Rain', which reached 11 and 6 in the UK pop/club charts; vocalist is my daughter, who is currently reading Music at Catz. Chichester Festival performance in the cathedral last July of 'Together and Apart', a piece I was commissioned to compose to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the West Sussex Youth Orchestra with the West Sussex Youth Choir and Young Voices. Three new singles released as Anti Atlas with French/Malagasy singer Fred Lessore and Radiohead manager Chris Hufford.

Keith Fisher (1985)
My book *A Pipeline Runs Through It: The Story of Oil from Ancient Times to the First World War* was published by Penguin/Allen Lane on 4 August 2022 (www.penguin.co.uk/books/447/447699/a-pipeline-runs-through-it/9780241558225.html).

Professor Stuart Martin (1985)
I am now a Professor of Pure Mathematics and also Associate Secretary of the Senior Tutors Committee, University of Cambridge.

Theresa Heskins (1986)
Still Artistic Director at the brilliant New Vic Theatre in North Staffordshire. Last year I co-wrote and directed *Tom, Dick & Harry*, a new play about the Second World War escape from Stalag Luft 3, which transferred to Alexandra



The New Vic's production of *Marvellous* on stage at the new Soho Place Theatre in London's West End.

Palace; *Marvellous*, a new play about Stokie local hero Neil Baldwin, which opened at the brand-new West End theatre Soho Place; and adapted and directed *Alice in Wonderland* for the New Vic. I was awarded an Honorary Doctorate for services to the theatre and cultural contribution to North Staffordshire by Keele University. According to *The Stage*, I'm one of the 100 most influential people in theatre. At a time when people my age are starting to consider retirement, my career seems to be finally taking off.

Edward Morgan (1986)
My production company Northern Town is opening a base in Liverpool. We're working with Coram on a documentary about foundlings in the 18th and 19th centuries, shaped by care-experienced young people. After lots of research on JFK's time at the White House, I've written a play. Harder than it looks, playwriting.

Shanker Singham (1986)
Shanker Singham is now CEO of Competere, a trade and economic policy consultancy. Shanker is an academic fellow of the IEA. He sits on the Trade and Agriculture Commission and Wilton Park Advisory Council, and is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and Bretton Woods Committee. Shanker was an advisor to the US Trade Representative on SPS and TBT issues, and to the UK Trade Secretary on international trade issues. He is a non-government adviser to the International Competition Network. He is one of the world's leading international trade and competition experts and advises governments and companies on trade, customs, competition and regulatory issues. He is a regular commentator on TV, radio and in newspapers. Shanker has chaired the market access/WTO practices of two global law firms. He has advised parliamentarians and government ministers on the overall approach to UK trade policy, including the Brexit negotiations. He is also the Policy Lead of the Trader Support Service Consortium, which is delivering on behalf of His Majesty's Government the implementation of the Northern Ireland Protocol. Shanker has authored over 100 articles and book chapters, as well as the leading textbook on the interface between trade, competition and regulatory issues. His two latest publications are Shanker A. Singham and Alden F. Abbot, *Trade, Competition and Domestic Regulatory Policy* (Routledge, 2023) and Shanker Singham, *Market Distortions in Privatisation Processes* (Routledge, 2022).

Daniel Talbot (1986)
I have plastered the sitting-room ceiling and had a note accepted by 'Notes & Queries for Somerset and Dorset'. I have never felt more alive.

John Hancock (1987)
Just in time to make the *News and Notes* cut-off, I managed to swim across Cook Strait, the notoriously tidal channel between New Zealand's North and South Islands.

Ramani Langley (1987)
A very varied year's performances, from singing in the Proms with the BBC Symphony Chorus to playing a rapping elf, complete with hand puppet, in a children's opera in Ireland. I now feel justified in adding 'puppeteer' and 'international rap artist' to my list of skills. I started an opera company, Not Just Opera, and I'm now producing and directing operas as well as singing in them. We have twice staged Purcell's *The*



Fairy Queen in a much-shortened, family-friendly adaptation. We have plans to stage *The Essential Fairy Queen* again this year as well as other operas. I've just finished writing my first libretto, for which the music is being composed right now. I am also a non-executive director of a housing association that specialises in developing and providing accommodation for people with learning disabilities. We sold our house in Surrey in December and have temporarily moved to France to enjoy the ski season until our new house purchase in London goes through.

Andrew Lavender (1987)
I married the wonderful Annabel Watson in Zurich Zoo in April 2022. I would like to dispel any notion that either of us may have been in captivity there; we were merely borrowing the location.

Lucy Ward (1987)
My first book, *The Empress and the English Doctor* (Oneworld 2022), was shortlisted for the Pushkin House Book Prize 2022. The book is an account of Catherine the Great's decision to have herself and her son inoculated against smallpox by an Essex-born Quaker physician, and then to promote the forerunner of vaccination across the Russian Empire. The paperback was published in 2023, and the book will also be published in China, Russia and Brazil.



Joe Carey (1988)
Our stud of chinchilla rabbits had a good year, winning best of breed at both the Bradford and London Championship Shows along with several other notable wins. Unfortunately we again missed out on winning the prestigious Ingram Cup, penning second and third again. Winning the 'treble' will hopefully happen this year, as we have some nice kits coming through!

James Harris (1988)
I'm currently Head of the School of Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies at the University of St Andrews. *Hume: A Very Short Introduction* (2021) is now out with Oxford University Press, replacing a book with the same title by A.J. Ayer.

Christine Rice (1988)
After the miserable couple of years when theatres and concert halls were mostly dark, 2022 has been a blast! I debuted several new roles, including Elizabeth I in Britten's *Gloriana* at English National Opera; an evening of extreme emotion for all, as ENO had only the week before received news that they were being cut by the Arts Council. I was also nominated for an Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Opera and given an MBE in the King's New Year Honours list.


Nirah Sanghani

Thomas Henman (1989)
Tom Henman has been recognised in a series of industry awards over the past three years for work in his chosen sector, land contamination assessment and remediation. This has included receiving three national Brownfield Awards, two of which related to his environmental consulting project work at RSK: firstly advising the Scottish Government on soil contamination issues on a school campus where investigations had been triggered by a health scare, and secondly for an exemplary case study of investigating complex soil and groundwater contamination issues on a flagship regeneration project (see photo: receiving the award from esteemed energy and environmental journalist Roger Harrabin). The latter related to the proposed development of a long-term vacant and derelict land site for green space and nature conservation uses, and his advocacy on the beneficial reuse of marginal brownfield land recently led to an opinion piece being published in *The Scotsman*. Tom was also a co-author of technical guidance on assessing the risks to development from mine gases, published by CL:AIRE in November 2021; this was recognised in the 2022 Brownfield Awards for Best Research, Innovation or Advancement of Science in the Brownfield Sector. In April 2022, Tom took on the role of chair of the SiLC Professional and Technical Panel. SiLC is a professional body responsible for assessing and accrediting senior land condition professionals and championing high quality assessment and better regulation of land affected by contamination. He can be found on LinkedIn here: https://www.linkedin.com/in/tomhenman/.



Dorte Rich Jørgensen (1989)
In my work, I feel privileged to be contributing to solving climate change and so help meet the Paris Agreement. My role is as a consultant engineer in the built environment, specialising in sustainable and environmentally friendly solutions for buildings and infrastructure design. In 2020, an industry guide on sustainability for the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers was published, to which I am a contributing author. The pandemic was challenging. It also inspired a series of online webinars that I co-curated, based on my opinion piece, about learning from disruption from Covid for climate change. I spoke on why we need systems change to solve climate change. As sustainability lead on Cambridge Children's Hospital, I got Passivhaus (a gold standard for energy efficiency), procured for the first time ever for a hospital in the United Kingdom. I am co-leading the Elementa Consulting sustainability team of 18 members. Elementa has led on founding the renowned London Energy Transformation Initiative (LETI). In my role, I act as the sustainability lead on several major projects, including large master plans in London. In 2022 I have been honoured to act as a judge for the Architects Journal's Architecture Awards. I am an expert panel member for New London Architecture, which focuses on understanding the priorities for London to achieve net zero, and the role that the built environment must play in meeting this target. As always, I enjoy the company of my cat Romeo, I socialise with friends and family, and I have extensive involvement in personal development.

Sebastian Lawson (1989)
In May 2023 I shall be taking a break from my work as a lawyer with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and starting a two-year secondment to Safe Ukraine 2030, a newly established NGO set up to assist in the reconstruction of Ukraine. I look forward to working on infrastructure projects as well as helping to attract financing from international donors and investors.

Jonathan Richards (1989)
I was very pleased to be appointed as a High Court judge, assigned to the Chancery Division, with effect from 11 January 2023. The job is both interesting and humbling: interesting because of the complexity and breadth of the work done in the division and humbling because of the trust people put in us to decide disputes that really matter to them. With (Mr Justice) Sir Julian Knowles (1987) having been appointed a few years ago, there are now at least two Balliol mathematicians that I know of on the High Court bench. Obviously Frances Kirwan (1981 and Emeritus Fellow) and Keith Hannabuss (Emeritus Fellow) (the mathematics Fellows when we were there) instilled in us something more than just an abiding love of pure and applied mathematics!

1990s

Gary Diamond (1990)
I am now working as a Research Advisor in the biomaterials division of Stora Enso, a renewable materials company, and I have helped with development of bio-based chemicals and materials essential to the growing circular economy, working closely with our Innovation Centre in Stockholm and new pilot plant in Ghent, Belgium.

Sara Smith (1990)
I finally have some noteworthy career news for the College *News and Notes*. After 32 years at Oxford – initially as a student, latterly as a Policy Advisor in the University's Equality and Diversity Unit – I am going back home to Scotland. I am moving to Edinburgh to take up a new role at the Financial Conduct Authority, leading on the development of the FCA's regulatory approach to diversity and inclusion. I will miss Oxford, but I am looking forward to fresh challenges and a fresh start. Wish me luck!



Danielle Clode (1990)
The coming year will mark 30 years since I completed my DPhil with the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit in Oxford led by David Macdonald (Junior Research Fellow 1976–1979). Dividing my time between the literary and cultural world of Oxford and fieldwork in wild and rugged Outer Hebridean seascapes proved formative, and both unexpectedly inspired me to pursue writing as a career. The year 2023 marks a return of sorts to this starting point, with the UK publication of my latest book *Koala: A Natural History and Uncertain Future* by W.W. Norton. Ironically, this very Australian title will be the first of my books to be actively distributed in the UK. It also marks a return to my original training in animal behaviour and conservation biology. While my previous books have been united by an environmental and natural sciences theme, they have ranged across the many forms and genres of creative non-fiction – including biography, memoir, nature-writing, essays, history, children's books and scholarly fiction. So, despite the title, *Koala* is far from being a traditional natural history. Working closely with scientists has reminded me just how diverse creative non-fiction can be, allowing complex scientific information to be woven into personal, descriptive accounts that reflect our emotional and cultural connections with animals and the environment as well as our intellectual discoveries – and hopefully reach new audiences as well. While sadly I'm not able to return to the UK physically, I am looking forward to a range of virtual events for the launch – further details at danielleclode.com.au.

Bob Watt (1990)
I thought I had completely retired (aged 65) from legal academia in 2018, but my last publication – a chapter in Schulz & Toplak (eds), *Routledge Handbook of Election Law* – was recently published. I am now spending my time painting in the surrealist tradition – see www.surrealism.co.uk/bob_Watt/index.html – and have just registered for what will be my sixth tertiary qualification: an MPhil in the philosophy of perception and the phenomenology of selected works of Salvador Dalí. I have not yet made a final career choice.

Andrew Little (1991)
Andrew Little has been appointed chair of Canada's Competition Tribunal. He has been a judge of the Federal Court since May 2020.

Martin Meenagh (1991)
In 2020, I stepped down as Principal of Chelsea Independent College, and am currently working as a lecturer and consultant, as well as an 'academic' barrister for various American and British colleges and clients. In the past two years, I have published works on British and American history, such as *Clouded Hills and Burned Gold* (2022), and two novels, *Rend My Prey* and *The Starry Red Knights* (both 2021). I still live in London, but teach regularly in Oxford and Bath.

Eleanor Naughten (1991)
I have just completed 15 years at Standard Chartered Bank and am still enjoying it.

Professor Saam Trivedi (1991)
Saam Trivedi was admitted to the doctoral faculty at the City University of New York Graduate Center. He is now a Professor of Philosophy at Brooklyn College and the CUNY Graduate Center.

Tom Hayhurst (1992)
I have implemented my own private Brexit by becoming a citizen of Singapore in January 2023. *Majulah!*

Henrik Klagges (1992)
Things are good and bad. TNG, the IT company that I thought up and co-founded, is now 22 years old and still affectionately dubbed 'The Nerd Group'. We're programming from Munich over Budapest to Melbourne and reached a turnover of 100M US-$ for the first time. TNG has now grown to 754 full time employees; 99.9% are academics, with over 400 PhDs in computer science, physics or mathematics. This resulted in a first place in the consulting sector of the CASE Employer Ranking 2022 for the brightest employees in Germany, ahead of all the big names. Unofficially, TNG ranked first across all sectors and all companies in the country – *touché*. The sad tale is that our youngest son, Viktor (pictured), died at the age of six from a restrictive cardiomyopathy, a deadly disease of – in children – mostly unknown origin that affects about one in a million kids. There is no established treatment besides a heart transplant, but we did try SGLT-2 inhibitors as a new



research direction. He is buried at Nordfriedhof in Munich, in grave 183A1, if you are in town and would like to bring a flower for our smallest Balliol man who is now quietly gazing at his beloved sunset and the stars.

Ray Mia (1992)
Beyond joining the advisory boards of several public and private organisations – the Thames Estuary Growth Board, backed by the government as the UK's biggest growth opportunity; the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury, Theatre of the Year at the Stage Awards 2022; InHouse Records, an award-winning social initiative, operating out of UK prisons since 2017; the Institute of Cultural and Creative Industries; and also Kent Music, an education charity that supports the aspirations of children, young people, adults and teachers in Kent – in 2022 Ray produced the entire works of Christopher Marlowe on stage for the first time in history, directed by three theatre stalwarts and starring a cast of award-winning RSC talent, including Alan Cox, Michael Maloney, Elliott Cowan, Adrian Schiller, Nancy Carroll and Dominic West. He has also advised on the largest film/TV/music studio build in the UK and London's largest property real estate development deal of the last decade, and recently joined Ecoflix, a leading environmental conservation content platform as their Chief Innovation Officer.

Professor Alex Jadad (1992)
On 31 January 2023, Dr Alejandro (Alex) Jadad (1992, DPhil Clinical Medicine) and his daughter, Tamen Jadad-Garcia, published a book titled *Healthy No Matter What: How Humans Are Hardwired to Adapt*, released by Crown/Penguin Random House. Building on data and experiences from millions of people around the world, this book shows you how a healthy and long life is possible, even with serious diseases. It condenses the best scientific knowledge and insights from medicine, psychology, and sociology, from the microscopic to the colossal. As much as the healthcare system can be very beneficial, it can also be a hotbed of lethal threats. The book gives you evidence about whether, how, and when to use it, to get optimal results and avoid being harmed. Through engaging stories and case studies, the authors show you how trees



can heal, how fake pills can still work, and why making comparisons with your peers can kill you. Throughout, the Jadads ask you questions, including one able to predict whether you could lose 20 years of life. With wisdom and empathy, they underscore that you can overcome practically any obstacle that prevents you from being healthy with your natural gift of adaptation. Wellness enthusiasts, medical practitioners and curious readers will find this book to be an illuminating exploration into the vast world of health, and will leave them empowered with immediately actionable tips to have the healthiest and longest life possible.

Michael Miller (1992)
Married in early 2022 to the gorgeous Louise Jervis and enjoying a twilight of parenthood with our beautiful one-year-old daughter Olivia Louise, who was proudly delivered at home. Having endured the exigencies of a serious cancer last year, diagnosed only a month after our marriage, we look forward to the future with positivity and optimism. We have established a



family blog posting unit at www.stressbustingexpert.com to share our experiences and coping mechanisms with others similarly affected, through which alumni are more than welcome to make contact.

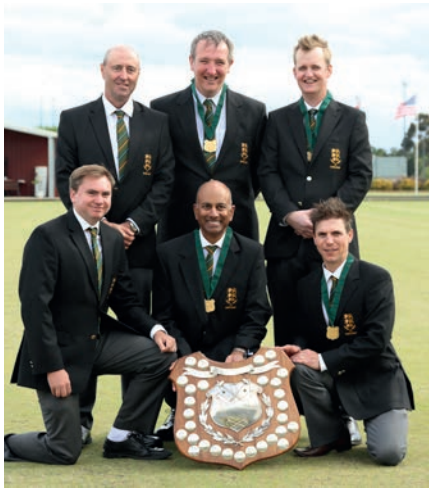
Laurie Walker (1992)
Coordinating and negotiating the accession of Finland and Sweden to NATO has been intense, challenging and rewarding. As allies, Finland and Sweden will be safer, and the alliance will be stronger. Their membership is a strategically important part of the response by democratic nations to aggression and authoritarianism.

Adrian Woolfson (1992)
Adrian Woolfson is the Executive Chairman, President, and Co-founder of the KKR-backed, San Diego, California-based genome writing and cell therapy biotechnology company Replay Inc, www.replay.bio. He lives in San Francisco, and is a regular contributor to the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and *Science* magazine. He is Book Reviews Editor of the *GEN Biotechnology* journal.

Katharine Collier (1993)
Over the past few years, I have been lucky to work with amazing colleagues in Ghana on a documentary film about women's activism. Following a programme of screenings for specific stakeholders and the general public in Ghana, and appearances in several international film festivals, *When Women Speak* will be made available free-to-view on open access. In February 2023, I left the University of Birmingham to become a Professor of African History at the University of Bristol.

Professor Sarah Hart (1993)
In 2023 I'll be going into my final year as Gresham Professor of Geometry; it's been my great privilege to be the first woman in this role since its inception in 1597. My book *Once Upon a Prime: The Wondrous Connections Between Mathematics and Literature* was published in April, by Flatiron in the US and HarperCollins in the UK.

Samir Patel (1993)
A long way from a small croquet lawn in the Garden Quad, in Melbourne, Australia, I captained England to the World Team Croquet Championship in November 2022. Pictured: (back, left to



right) Mark Avery, James Death, Christian Carter; (front left to right) Harry Fisher (St Edmund Hall, 1996), Samir Patel (1993), Jamie Burch.

Sabrina Di Addario (1994)
I married on 5 August 2022 Matteo Scarpelli. We already have two kids, Niccolo and Luca.

Alexandru Popescu (1994)
The day after the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I attended an Oxford Brookes University graduation ceremony to be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma with Distinction (ranked first of a class of senior NHS clinicians, managers, and chaplains enrolled on the first British post-graduate course in Psychospiritual Care).



Professor Lauren Stewart (1994)
As Professor in Psychology at Goldsmiths, University of London, I have been leading research projects relating to the impact of music on the mind and brain. A highlight over recent years has been a project around perinatal mental health in the Gambia, including a collaboration with the Kanyeleng groups – local women's groups who make prolific use of participatory music to support others in the community. Another was a public outreach project involving a live musical tour with the King of Kora, Jaliba Kuyateh, who I recently hosted on a visit to receive an honorary fellowship from Goldsmiths.

Adam Heppinstall (1995)
Continuing in practice as a silk, in particular being involved in various climate change and alleged modern slavery matters. Also spending more time on the Dordogne and in the vineyards of Montravel.

Carol McQueen (1995)
I have now returned to Ottawa, after a number of years abroad as a diplomat for Canada, to work for the Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada as Director General for Resettlement and Asylum Strategic Operations. My husband, two children and I are reacquainting ourselves with winter and enjoying reconnecting with old friends.

Philip Wood (1995)
Professor Phil Wood has become Chief Executive of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. He joined the Trust in 2002 as a Consultant Immunologist and has since held operational and strategic roles including Medical Director for Strategy and Planning and Clinical Director for Pathology and for Oncology. He was Chief Medical Officer from 2020 and more recently Deputy Chief Executive, working closely with colleagues across the Trust and providing leadership through the pandemic, regularly briefing staff and updating patients and the general public through the media. He also led the West Yorkshire region as Senior Responsible Officer for the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccination programme, which was one of the most successful programmes in the country. He is Chair of the North East & Yorkshire Genomic Medicine Service Board and a member of the national Genomics England (GEL)/ NHSE Joint Board. He is former Chair of the West Yorkshire Vascular Surgery Service. He was awarded an Honorary Professorship in Healthcare Leadership from the University of Leeds in November 2022, recognising his leadership contribution across research, innovation, education and training.

Gerald Clancy (1996)
Rebecca and I were blessed with the arrival of Ruairí Caleb on 12 May 2022. He appears to be a happy, healthy, inquisitive fellow. Elsewhere I've taken up a GMP partnership in Oxfordshire and I have dusted off my running shoes to train for a half marathon in April 2023.

Charles Goldsmith (1996)
In November 2022 I finished at CGA Technologies, the company I had founded in 2011, and which is cracking ahead under the ownership of Lutheran World Relief of the United States. I am now doing work for Abyrint, a Norwegian specialist international development consultancy, and Windracers, who make cargo UAVs. I am still looking after the Sunday School at St Mary Magdalene, Kabulonga, Lusaka.

Thomas Hegghammer (1996)
I moved from Oslo to Oxford after being elected Senior Fellow in Politics at All Souls College. I will be living in Summertown with my wife Målfrid and our two teenage children.

Ben Lynch (1996)
We finally got a puppy, Tarlae, which it transpires does *not* mean Princess in Fijian.

Simon Clarke (1997)
I have been appointed Director of the Core Program at the Asian University for Women, located in Chittagong, Bangladesh. It's a challenging role, organising the set of liberal arts courses that all undergraduate students must take in their first year. Students are women from less developed countries across Asia, including a large contingent who have recently fled Afghanistan. I also continue to teach and do research in political philosophy.



Michael Fullilove (1997)
In June 2022 the Russian state paid me the high compliment of blacklisting me for criticising its brutal and illegal invasion of Ukraine. In October I was honoured to host the Lion of Kyiv, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, at the Lowy Institute, via Zoom. *Slava Ukraini!*

Sarah Johnson (1997)
I am eight years into renovating a derelict vicarage and enjoying developing the family publishing business (the White Horse Press, which specialises in academic books and journals on environment and society). We are navigating the transition in scholarly publishing from subscription/reader-pays towards open access, and trying as hard as possible to resist author-pays models, in particular for our new journal on human-plant relationships: see www.whpress.co.uk/PP.html. In other news, my daughter Miranda has just started secondary school: where have the years gone?

Judge Eleena Misra (1997)
This year I became Judge Misra KC. I was delighted to be appointed King's Counsel in the first cohort ever under the reign of King Charles III. I remain in practice at Old Square Chambers in London, specialising predominantly in Employment and Equalities law and Professional Discipline and Regulation. I was also appointed as a judge of the Employment Tribunals in 2022 and became the Chair of the Law Reform Committee of the Bar Council, the latter of which is a position I shall hold for up to four years. With the legal challenges thrown up by Brexit and industrial disputes, I'm sure I will have my hands full. I hope to return to my theatrical passions before too long, once I get used to this step up in my legal practice. For now the courtroom remains my stage!

Satish Selvanathan (1997)
I was featured on the cover of the Columbia Business School magazine (Winter/Spring 2023 edition) (pictured) for my work on climate, both in my business in Malaysia and Indonesia,



and in my personal capacity in Sri Lanka: see https://business.columbia.edu/spring-23-magazine/people/satish-selvanathan-09.

Giovanna Arenare (1998)
Quite a few years have passed since I last sent information. In 2019 I decided to take a break from teaching and I resumed academic studies. I spent three years in Barcelona, working on a PhD in Translation and Language Sciences at Universitat Pompeu Fabra. I am very happy to say that my dissertation by compendium of articles on 'Romance Languages and EFL: friends or foes? Intercomprehension as a strategic and motivational booster for young learners in a school context got me a distinction' (*Sobresaliente cum laude*) as well as a few publications. I have been back in Milan since June, where I've recently resumed school teaching with great satisfaction (though I do miss Barcelona very much). My daughter Angelica is now 15 and started studying at Liceo Classico here in Milan.

James Dingley (1998)
After joining the leading Russian law firm of Ivanyan and Partners in October 2020, I helped establish its first international office in London. Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the firm's partners took the decision to close the London office. After overseeing the orderly conclusion of Ivanyan and Partners' operations in London, I joined the partnership of Omnia Strategy LLP, the

law firm founded by Cherie Blair CBE KC in June 2022, where my practice remains focused on the resolution of complex, high-value and politically sensitive disputes: https://omniastrategy.com/omnia-strategy-hires-promotes/.

Kathryn Howard (1998)
A new addition to report! We welcomed our baby boy Sebastian Paul Siney Howard on 3 February 2022; he is enjoying life with his three older sisters Evelyn (7), Lily (6) and Audrey (3).

Robert Mahapatra (1998)
We are delighted to announce the birth of our baby girl, Tara, who was born in June 2022.

William Booth (1999)
In 2021 I moved on from teaching modern history at St Catherine's College, Oxford, to take over full-time as Undergraduate Programme Director and Lecturer in Latin American History at UCL Institute of the Americas. Leaving Oxford was sad but it's nice to be among my own kind (Latin Americanists), which I'm afraid to say is still a gaping lacuna there.

Arunabha Ghosh (1999)
2022 was busy and fulfilling. I was conferred the 2022 Asia Game Changer Award by the Asia Society in New York. The United Nations Secretary-General appointed me to the High-Level Expert Group on the Net Zero Commitments of Non-State Entities. The UNSG also nominated me for a second term of the UN Committee for Development



Policy. The organisation I founded – Council on Energy, Environment and Water (https://ceew.in/) – completed 12 years with a staff of more than 200 outstanding researchers; and in 2022, CEEW was appointed the knowledge/strategic partner to 11 ministries for India's G20 Presidency. On behalf of member states of the UN Environment Programme, I co-led the global scientific report for the Stockholm+50 conference, 'Unlocking a Better Future'. I co-chaired the Global Future Council on Clean Air for the World Economic Forum; and my TED Talk on air quality ('Mission 80-80-80: 5 Steps for Clean Air in India') has exceeded 260,000 views. I was appointed as a Commissioner for the Global Commission on the Economics of Water. The High-Level Panel on the Environment of Peace (of which I was a member) published its report. Finally, India's National Green Hydrogen Mission (the largest in the world), which I had proposed as the co-chair of the energy and climate track of India's Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, was approved by the Union Cabinet.

Lina Nerlander (1999)
Lina Nerlander will start as Principal Expert in sexually transmitted infections at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) in Stockholm. ECDC is the European Union public health agency and Lina started work there in 2017 on hepatitis and then Covid, after having spent six years at the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In June 2022 Lina also defended her PhD at Karolinska Institute, which she based on her work at the CDC on HIV in high-risk populations in the US.

Edward Swann (1999)
I decided for my 42nd year to do a marathon a month in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital; this is double the half a month I did for 41st year. Please see Facebook for more information. Suggestions for my 43rd year are welcome.

Professor Paul Williams (1999)
My research group at the University of Reading (pictured; I am second from the left) won a major prize at the Times Higher Education Awards: we won Research Project of the Year (STEM) for our work on designing greener flight



routes. The trophy was presented at a dazzling awards ceremony in London, hosted by the comedian and actor Stephen Mangan.

2000s

Peter Baker (2000)
I married Barbara Kennedy in August 2022 at All Saints' Church, Didcot.

Natalya Vince (2000)
In October 2022, I returned to Oxford to take up a post at University College as the Sanderson Tutorial Fellow in Modern History and in the Faculty of History as Associate Professor of the History of Modern France and the Francophone World.

Katy Islip (2000)
In February 2022, my husband Tom and I were thrilled to welcome our second beautiful daughter, Beatrice Honoria. Big sister Thea is proving to be quite the character, especially now she's Big Girl Three!

Farrah Jarral (2000)
I made the radio programme *First Contact* for the BBC World Service, which was also broadcast on Radio 4. I'd been pitching it for about five or six years rather doggedly, and so when it was eventually commissioned I was thrilled. It's an anthropological exploration of humankind's anticipation of possible contact with aliens. Before you laugh, it really is a serious and interesting subject! The link is: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct4lvr. If you have the chance to listen I hope you like it. I particularly enjoyed sitting in a Suffolk field with an 'experiencer' who told me the story of how she believes she was abducted by aliens in 1993.

Aly Kassam-Remtulla (2000)
I wanted to share with you the news that I was inducted into the Stanford Multicultural Hall of Fame, which recognises diverse alumni leaders for their exceptional service to the university and society. https://news.stanford.edu/report/2022/10/24/stanford-welcomes-newest-members-multicultural-alumni-hall-fame/. Oxonians who have received this prize in the past include Cory Booker, Goodwin Liu, and Susan Smith.

Meera Sabaratnam (2000)
I will be taking up an academic post at Oxford this year and with a fellowship at New College in politics: www.politics.ox.ac.uk/news/meera-sabaratnam-join-dpir.

Iryna Kuksa (2001)
I have published *Understanding Personalisation: New Aspects of Design and Consumption* (Elsevier, 2022), for which I am a lead author.

Lizzie Boothroyd (2002)
I was made a partner at my law firm, Mills & Reeve LLP, in June this year. We have just opened an Oxford office, so perhaps I will be able to find more opportunities to come back to College!

Harriet Bailiss (2003)
Harriet Bailiss (née Jones) and husband John were thrilled to welcome their second daughter, Nina, a little sister for Robin.

Professor Richard Ekins (2003)
On 23 December 2022, the King approved my appointment as Honorary King's Counsel. See www.gov.uk/government/news/new-kings-counsel-welcomed-by-lord-chancellor.

Laura Sheen (2003)
I'm delighted to share that my daughter Lilian Aria was born in June 2022. We're having a wonderful time together!





Tom Lane (2002)
In 2022 I continued to work as a composer in Dublin and further afield. New score commissions included 'Refractions' for the Banbha String Quartet and *The Wanderer*, a dance opera which was performed in Cork Opera House in June 2022. I also wrote music for the première of a new stage adaptation of *The Blackwater Lightship* by Colm Tóibín, and a new production of Conor McPherson's play *The Weir* at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin.

Dermot Green (2004)
Our third child, and second boy, Naoise Dermott was born in March 2022. On the physics front, I was elected chair of the Institute of Physics Ireland (2022–2024), and my research group's work on antimatter interactions with molecules was published in the journal *Nature* (www.nature.com/articles/s41586-022-04703-3) and also featured in *The Irish Times* (www.irishtimes.com/science/space/2022/06/25/antimatter-mystery-solved-by-physicists-at-queens-university-belfast-and-trinity-college/). As always, I'd be happy to hear from any Balliol physics students interested in PhDs or postdocs with us.

Rebecca Hodes (2004)
I moved to Pretoria to take up the position of the Director of the Centre for Sexualities, AIDS & Gender and Associate Professor in the Department of Heritage and Historical Studies.

Keith Tse (2005)
After the successful completion of my PhD at the University of York, I am now working remotely for Lancaster University from my residence in York, with many apologies to the Tudors and the Belligerents of the War of the Roses. While my position at LU is mainly technological and administrative, I have kept doing research in linguistics and am participating in conferences and producing peer-reviewed publications. The Covid pandemic has moved many conferences to an online/hybrid space, which is wonderfully time/cost effective, since it allows us conference attendees to participate in conferences from the comfort of our homes (or from my bed on many occasions!) without having to worry about travel/accommodation costs. It is also fantastic for our environment, as the reduction of air travel has slowed down the rate of climate change somewhat since lockdown protocols were put in place in many countries. As we enter the aftermath of our pandemic, I hope that virtual conferencing remains an option for future conference participants for the many benefits (silver linings) mentioned above. I have been mainly working from home on multiple projects and it is refreshing to be able to switch between administrative and academic research projects.



Philippa Bartlett (2006)
My husband and I were delighted to welcome our son, Edward Joseph Sutton, into the world on 11 April 2022 – and to celebrate his first Christmas together!

Daniel Carden (2006)
Daniel is a Statistical Programming Lead for a Phase III oncology immunotherapy clinical trial. Anybody who fancies meeting up in Madrid, please do get in touch. Daniel has a three-year-old and a second on the way, so he has to negotiate evenings, but in any case he lives near the four/five towers. He is about to buy a house in Brunete, a commuter town to the west of Madrid, with his wife Alejandra.

Tom Garvey (2006)
My partner Jessie and I celebrated the birth of our daughter, Chloé Siena Garvey Schmitz, on 10 June 2022. We live together with our pet corgi Maki in Camberwell, south London.





Jasmine Parkinson (2006)
James and I are delighted to announce the birth of our son at the end of August 2022, who weighed in at just 2.66kg (5lb 14 oz). We named him Lorcan, meaning 'little fierce one', and he's been living up to his name ever since! Lorcan's favourite things include bath time, tummy tickles and watching *University Challenge*. We're incredibly proud of our little boy and look forward to watching him grow up.

Christina Schoenbach (2006)
My husband Rinse Willet and I are thrilled to announce that our daughter Frieda Elisabeth was born on 1 December 2022. She is an incredibly sweet and relaxed baby and we cannot wait to watch her discover the world!



Rachel Jones (2007)
Jonathan Jones (aka JJ) and I welcomed our son, Nathaniel, on 21 May 2022. He is perfect, and we are exhausted!

Alf Bo (2008)
I am pleased to tell you that I am engaged to get married to the beautiful Helene and that I have been appointed to a full position as assistant professor in legal philosophy and ethics at the University of South-Eastern Norway. I am also a lecturer in legal philosophy at the University of Oslo, Norway.



Professor Edward Grefenstette (2008)
My wife Renie, and our two children Marceline and Corentin, continue to enjoy life in Richmond as the world slowly returns to 'normal'. Professionally, I have left big tech (Meta) for an abortive attempt at small tech (start-up), which led me to medium tech (mid-sized start-up) as I took up the post of Head of Machine Learning at Cohere, a Toronto-based (but global) AI company focusing on language technologies. With my (honorary) Professor hat/mortarboard on, I continue to co-supervise seven (!) PhD students as part of the DARK Lab at UCL's AI Centre, with whom I have published a number of papers (14, apparently) about how artificially intelligent (?) agents might learn in open-ended and dynamic environments (aka the 'real' world).

Kelsey Jackson Williams (2008)
Kelsey Jackson Williams and Dawn Hollis (2009) have now lived in the Scottish coastal village of Crail for almost a decade. We are building a workshop in our garden to house one of the oldest iron printing presses in the UK and both of us have books for the trade market under contract – Dawn on mountains before mountaineering, Kelsey on book collecting – so expect shameless self-promotion in the fullness of time. Vera (3) and Sorley (17 months) continue to be sources of delight and entropy in equal measure.

Georgina Sturge (2008)
In November 2022 I published the book *Bad Data: How Governments, Politicians and the Rest of Us Get Misled by Numbers* (The Bridge Street Press). The launch was held at the wonderful new bookshop Backstory in Balham, south London, owned by fellow Balliol alumnus Tom Rowley (2008). The book explains where statistics come from and why numbers can't always be relied upon

as a solid form of evidence, and uses examples of policy mishaps spanning several decades. It was inspired partly by my experience as a statistician at the House of Commons Library. It has been featured in *The Times*, on BBC radio, and was a *Guardian* book of the week. I also got married in 2022 and was pleased to have some Balliol friends at the celebration in the Netherlands, where my wife Kyra is from.

2010s

Ramin Sabi (2010)
My news is that I won a Tony Award for producing the musical *Company* on Broadway.

Britt Smith (2010)
Following two Covid delays, my husband and I were finally able to get married at our home in Scotland on 30 July 2022. It was a beautiful day full of sunshine and love, and we couldn't be any happier.



Nauman Asghar (2011)
I started my PhD programme in 2018 following the completion of an MSc in Law and Finance at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. I will be graduating with a PhD in Strategy and Business Policy from HEC Paris in May/June 2023. I spent the year 2022 as an exchange scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the United States. In January 2023,



I joined NEOMA Business School (France) as Assistant Professor in Strategy and Entrepreneurship. My research examines various behavioural biases in organisational decision making. Moreover, I explore ways to mitigate those biases through organisational design.

Lisa Kestler (2011)
After my MJur degree, two German law degrees and five hard years of additional training, I was appointed notary ('Notar') in Memmingen, a lovely town situated in the middle of green valleys near the Alps in southern Germany. This made me an independent holder of a public office with my own small business. In this position, I am reminded daily of our wonderful time at Oxford: when drafting and signing deeds of all kinds (from marriage contracts to wills and company law), my academic degree from Oxford is always indicated on the first page of each document. So I come back to Oxford and Balliol quite often …



Anushree Narain (2012)
I would love to share that I got married in February 2020, and my husband (Arjun) and I have been blessed with a baby girl (Aaira) in April 2021. Looking forward to visiting Balliol really soon!

Emily Freeman (2013)
Last October, I hopped across the road to St Cross College to start my DPhil in History of Art.

Lucia Waldner (2013)
I'm happy to share the link to my profile on Forbes, where I was able to publish to articles in the course of 2022: https://tinyurl.com/3evyh27p.

Laurence Warner (2013)
I'm a singer-songwriter-rapper, releasing a new song each month in 2023: LaurenceWarner.com.



Liza Hadley (2014)
Liza Hadley and Eric LeGresley (St Hilda's, 2014) would like to announce their marriage. They wed on the beach in Tofino, BC, Canada, in August 2022 and had a beautiful, beautiful day. Many of their good friends from both Oxford and Cambridge flew out to join them, and it was a healing opportunity for the rival universities! Liza and Eric currently live in Cambridge, where Liza is completing her PhD in Epidemiology and Mathematical Modelling at St John's College and Eric is studying graduate medicine at Wolfson College.





Wenmiao Yu (2015)
I have been selected to be one of the first members of the UK Young Academy, taking up membership from 2023 to 2028 to develop and guide its strategy. Over the next five years, I am most looking forward to working and learning from an interdisciplinary cohort of 66 other early career private and public sector professionals, and researchers to creatively address our society's biggest challenges.

Engin Demirel (2016)
I have been promoted to lead the Sales and Marketing for Digital Health business at Olympus for Europe Middle East and Africa.



Tania Shew (2016)
In 2022 Tania successfully defended her PhD in History at the University of Manchester, passing her viva with no corrections. Her thesis was titled 'Sex strikes and birth strikes as tactics in the women's suffrage movements of Britain and the United States, 1890–1920'. She has since started an appointment as an Early Career Fellow at St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford. An article based on Tania's PhD was recently published in *Historical Journal* and she appeared on



an episode of BBC Radio 3's *Free Thinking* to discuss suffragette sex strikes in commemoration of International Women's Day 2022.

Kudzai Chigiji (2018)
I received the Geoffrey Heywood Award in June 2022. The Geoffrey Heywood Award is given to a young consulting actuary who has provided significant services to the public and the actuarial profession. The intent of this award is to help bring the consulting actuarial profession into the public domain and to encourage the successful development of consulting actuarial practices and actuarial literature. It is awarded to one young consulting actuary a year. Additionally, I was elected to be a Council Member of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. This is the highest governing body of actuaries in the United Kingdom, also with a strong presence in emerging economies. Finally, I launched my venture studio and venture capital fund which builds and invests in early-stage technology start-ups in Sub-Saharan Africa and the United Kingdom.



Katie Tyner (2019)
Katie co-authored a published piece in *Politics & Policy*, a Wiley journal, this year, titled 'Women prime ministers and COVID-19: Within-case examinations of New Zealand and Iceland' with her co-author Professor Farida Jalalzai. The article analysed women's leadership in New Zealand and Iceland during the pandemic, including interviews with 45 politicians, civil servants, medical professionals, local journalists, and other leaders, including Iceland Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir and New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister Grant Robertson. Katie and Farida then wrote an article for *The Washington Post* on the topic in December.

2020s

Grace Egan (2020)
I'm delighted to announce that, since graduating in August 2022, I have moved to Edmonton to work for the government of Alberta in a public policy and strategic development role.

Keeping in touch

Thank you very much to everyone who sent in News and Notes. We have been delighted by the response this year.

We are always pleased to hear what Old Members of Balliol are doing. You can send us any news, at any time during the year by email (development.office@balliol.ox.ac.uk) or by post (Development Office, Balliol College, Oxford OX1 3BJ). If you have news you would like to share in the next issue of *News and Notes*, please email it to newsandnotes@balliol.ox.ac.uk or send it by post to the Development Office as above: deadline end of January 2024.

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