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NEWS AND NOTES

Updates from Balliol alumni around the world

A supplement to Floreat Domus 2019



News and Notes

We are delighted to share the latest news from the Balliol community

1940s

David Grove (1941)

At 96 the most exciting thing that happens is the birth of great-grandchildren. My fifth was born in January to Melody Grove, actress; her sister, Leila Feld, lawyer, is expecting the sixth later this year. Good to know that my genes will continue to flourish, albeit somewhat diluted.

Hyla Holden (1942)

Rather deaf and wobbly, I continue to write – music and musings (neither publishable). I also play viola occasionally in a string quartet. No awards except those that I decided to claim recently for military service during the Second World War and later in Palestine.

Edward Gelles (1944)

About 20 years ago I began my study of Jewish history and the millennial migrations of European Jews. This has become an inter-disciplinary approach involving history, genealogy, genetics, onomastics, and other ancillary subjects and includes the study of genetic admixtures between ethnic groups. The results of my ongoing work – including my published books – can now be seen on the College's Archives & Manuscripts website under 'Papers of Edward Gelles'.

Emeritus Professor Malcolm Whyte (1948)

I gave a talk to a Probus Club recently as part of a session on the Rhodes Scholarship Scheme, about my experiences as a Rhodes Scholar in the 'Peculiar Scholars' scheme for ex-servicemen. Although I did not reside in the College, I was relatively closely associated with it. The moral tutor allotted to guide me was Sandy Ogston (1929, Fellow and Tutor in Physiology, 1937–1960). We both later

became professors at the Australian National University here in Canberra, Australia. He encouraged me to learn to play the recorder, as he did!

1950s

Professor Barry Cox (1950)

Well, at the age of 87, it seems the time has come to let my computer cool down – though I hope to keep my body warm for a few years more! A few years ago, I published the last of my research papers on the structure and evolution of a group of fossil reptiles older than the dinosaurs. Now, I have finally sent off to the publisher the last, tenth, edition of my book *Biogeography: An Ecological and Evolutionary Approach*, which has been in print ever since 1974. During that time, Wiley/Blackwell's have sold some 80,000 copies in the English edition, there is a Brazilian edition, and I've no idea how many copies the Chinese sold in the two versions in that language. I shall now have to find something to do in my newly increased spare time – but I know that my wife, Marie-Helene, will welcome that! Floreat Domus!

Professor Hugh Burkhardt (1952)

Was the winner of the first Emma Castelnuovo Award of the International Commission for Mathematical Instruction 'for the practice of mathematics education', jointly with his Nottingham colleague Malcolm Swan.

Kenneth Cavander (1952)

Staged readings of my versions of two late Shakespeare plays – *Timon of Athens* and *The Tempest* – will take place in New York City, at CSC Repertory Company Theater on 22 June and 29 June respectively. These readings are the culmination of a project begun by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival,

and now continuing with a life of its own, in which more than thirty dramatists were invited to revisit the entire Shakespeare canon and present versions that were completely intelligible to a contemporary audience while changing as few of Shakespeare's original lines as possible. As expected, considerable controversy followed this project in the American press, but in the case of the two plays for which I was responsible, both have already received sumptuous, full-scale productions at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, under the direction of a British-born and -trained director, Geoffrey Sherman; and, judging by audience and critical reaction, the risks of undertaking this experiment were fully justified.

Professor Ian Macdonald (1952)

For the first time since I have been sending a contribution to the Balliol News and Notes, I have nothing novel to report. I continue to teach public policy (for better or worse, there is no shortage of material) at York University in Toronto, play Oldtimer ice hockey twice a week (mainly for my own amazement), and prepare to drink a toast to Balliol and other formative influences in my life on the occasion of my 90th birthday on 27 June 2019.

Sir Geoffrey Owen (1952)

Having retired from teaching at the LSE, he is now head of industrial policy at Policy Exchange.

Robert Kernohan (1953)

Reduced mobility and other inflictions of age have reduced my writing, broadcasting, and travelling. But my wife and I managed a totter to London for the wedding of our granddaughter Juliet. The speech of her father (Hugh Kernohan, 1977) sustained the eloquence of Balliol, but the splendid occasion was very much an Imperial College affair.

John Ford (1954)

His latest book, *Rudolph Ackermann & the Regency World* (Warnham Books, 2018), has been well received in terms of both scholarship and book production.

John Littler (1954)

Recently downsized and moved to Woking, to be near my daughters. Pleased to become a great-grandfather on 26 December, on the arrival of a delightful great-granddaughter. Helping to set up a group to study global warming in the local U3A, and singing with Woking Choral Society.

The Revd Dr Peter Davison (1955)

For the last seven years Sabine and I have lived in Dundas, Ontario, conveniently close to our three sons and their spouses, our six grandchildren, and my sister and her family. In the last year, for the second time, I have been interim priest-in-charge at St James, Dundas, but I expect to be back in retirement by the summer. Many of us are concerned with the political populism which seems to be a mask for libertarianism at best, or neo-fascism at worst. May we find leaders who will care not only for the common good today but for the well-being of future generations whose future is precarious. Part of my hope resides in Balliol and its succeeding generations of members. Floreat Domus!

Professor Thomas Sherman (1956)

Book published by Oxford University Press in 2018, which makes reference to A.G. Ogston (1929, Fellow and Tutor in Physiology, 1937–1960), Baruch Blumberg (Master 1989–1994), Oliver Smithies (1943 and Honorary Fellow 2004–2017), and R.P. Bell (1924, Fellow 1933–1967, Honorary Fellow 1967–1996). Entitled *Energy, Entropy, and the Flow of Nature*, it has been kindly called by WorldCat.org ‘A fresh and unified exploration of the laws that govern natural change, examining the historical roots and meaning of the concepts of energy and entropy.’ A copy is in the Balliol Library.

Harry Johnstone (1957)

Has retired as General Editor of the distinguished series *Musica Britannica* after 17 years at the helm.

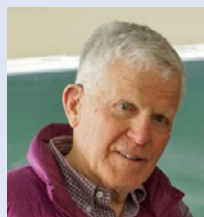
Brian Richardson (1957)

My wife and I were blessed with the birth of our first great-grandchild,

a beautiful baby girl, Evelyn Linda Lauriente, on 25 October 2018, in Richmond, BC, Canada.

Professor John-Christopher Spender (1957)

The Institute of Ethical Leadership at Rutgers Business School has appointed John-Christopher (JC) Spender as its first Emeritus Research Fellow. This position is for retired scholars who have had distinguished academic careers and are still actively engaged in research that is related to ethics and leadership.

**Anthony Sperry (1957)**

Anybody who wants to see what I have been occupied with of late is invited to Google my name (and search the extended entry). Also, to look at the public items on my Facebook page, in particular, my album ‘My Claim to Fame’. This is not journalism in a conventional sense, but it is a contribution to the cause of saving our world and caring for its people. I spend quite a lot of time reading and commenting on various, mostly political Facebook pages and websites. This is, incidentally, partly political, but my basis is my membership of the Church of England, which, at present, seems to be getting it more or less right. I would add that I am on public record for stating my view that the policies of the current British Conservative government are incompatible with Christianity.

Sir Richard Heygate Bt (1958)

I am still enjoying my unique role as international consultant to one of China’s largest state owned entities. Also I am a partner in Beyond Laboratories, a UK/China company that raises serious money for UK innovation. Met the CEO of Oxford University Innovation (OUI) at a dinner in Balliol Hall and learnt how Oxford, OUI and the well-funded OSI (Oxford Sciences Innovation) are now firmly UK leaders in this space. Very much looking forward to working with my old university.

Henry Lloyd (1958)

Much of my time is now spent with my grandchildren, aged six, a boy, and five, a girl. With 14 months between

them they are not technically ‘Irish twins’ but the dynamic is much the same. As all who have been there know, grandparenting is all joy. Otherwise I played wing man for my son, who had ‘gardening leave’, having left one investment bank for another, on travel through Morocco and Israel last December. The camels we rode in the Erg Chebbi desert were Xman and Bob Marley. I still teach trial practice every fall at George Washington Law School and occasionally try my hand as ‘second chair’ in civil trials. I would enjoy seeing any and all who may be passing through or near the Washington, DC area.

Dermot Glynn (1959)

Very pleased to say my eldest granddaughter has been offered a place, subject to A-Level results, to read physics at Balliol.

The Revd Dafydd Miles Board (1959)

Since my web-based poetic/allusive work on motherhood, inc. Alma Mater, to which I devoted all my creative effort this last decade (<http://conceptabercraf.com/new3/storymaster.html> if you’d like to follow icons to my rich Oxford Years), I’ve had a baleful reminder of getting ill at Holywell Manor with a sort of derivative smallpox and encephalitis in 1962. In the affected arm where all that started from that Balliol-time vaccination gone very wrong, I’ve had two recent cancer operations, the latest in November 2018, which removed all the lymph glands from the damaged underarm. Plus slight leukaemia. Frankly, the worst of it has been paralysing fatigue. No matter. I’ve had 80 fine years, for Pete’s sake! All passion duly spent. But I do not lack support. My close family of 29 progeny plus partners and offspring greeted me just before the op with a splendid 80th birthday celebration – as we say here – ‘up Wales’. May I use our new photobearing facility to include you, my dear and ancient contemporaries, into it (if you are still on earth. Even, hopefully, if you aren’t)?



Anthony Williams (1959)

It is bliss having given up being chairman of the Bristol branch of the English Speaking Union and just taking a back seat at meetings. I am still president, still enjoying playing golf – I've just returned from the Pedagogues North Norfolk tour, playing 36 holes at Brancaster and 18 at Sheringham – and enjoying my grandchildren, three of whom are taking their GCSEs this summer.

1960s

David Gordon (1960)

Maggi and I moved to California from New York in 2013 to be closer to our two sons, one of whom has since produced a grandchild and married a lovely Brazilian lady. We live in Sierra Madre, a small village within the boundaries of Los Angeles County, in the foothills of the San Gabriel mountains. When I got here, I discovered my contemporary Chris Brennen (1960) was nearby – but he has since gone East. I am president of the local small theatre, on the board of an extraordinary history museum in Culver City about the Cold War, and still a (founder) director of Profile Books, which, as a private company, has not yet aged me off the board. I hike a lot, do pilates, have a trainer and eat many oranges – but do not drive a convertible (yet). Visiting Balliolites of any generation welcome – but we tend to be in London during Pathfinder season.

Nick Vanston (1960)

During the annual British Screens Film Festival in Nîmes this March, I met Daniel-Konrad Cooper (2002), producer of the film *Dead in a Week (Or Your Money Back)*. Its blend of heartless humour and heartfelt emotion was much appreciated.

Ian Watson (1960)

In April in my capacity as a science fiction writer I'll be giving the keynote address at a three-day conference in the Faculty of Arts & Humanities at the University of Oporto, Portugal, regarding food resources and sustainability in utopian/dystopian settings, the conference title being 'More Meals to Come'. As every year, my wife Cristina and I co-organised Celsius 232, the biggest international festival of

SF and fantasy in Avilés in the north of Spain, and I was guest of honour at conventions in Sweden and France. Also, regarding food, we visited the giant permanent gastro-exhibition Eataly in Bologna.

**Andrew Hallan (1961)**

What job gets you to Kabul airport but no further? In the middle of the mess of migration, I have become a human rights monitor of forced returns of failed asylum seekers from the EU. I started doing this for forced returns from Luxembourg in 2010 and became a founder member of the EU pool of monitors in 2014. I have been responsible for the development of the monitoring protocol, and I am flying missions with different police forces every month and acting as a trainer for new monitors. What I am doing is just a very small part of implementing realistic border management for the EU. I do it in the spirit of the Schuman Declaration of 9 May 1950: 'L'Europe ne se fera pas d'un coup, ni dans une construction d'ensemble: elle se fera par des réalisations concrètes créant d'abord une solidarité de fait.' When I meet my colleagues in different European cities there is always this common determination to build something that works. It is a world away from a narrow view of the EU as a trading bloc!

Richard Morris (1961)

Nothing of great import to report; at my age, continued existence is possibly something of an achievement. I have prostate cancer, slightly complicated by having also had one of the rarer blood cancers (essential thrombocythemia) since 2013. Seem to have become something of a lay expert on the latter, but nothing positive to say about the former. Still try to keep physically active, but Aberdeenshire terrain has encouraged me to succumb to the lure of electric assistance for the bicycle.

Nicholas Tate (1961)

I was elected chairman of the board of trustees at Richmond University – The American International University

in London, in November 2017 for a three-year term. Richmond is a private not-for-profit university established in 1972 and the only university to hold both US and UK degree-awarding powers. I am also now a governor of Aiglon College, an HMC and IB boarding school in the Swiss Alps, and took over as chair of the Aiglon College Association earlier this year.

Reid Chambers (1962)

On 11 April 2019 I was honoured by the Federal Bar Association's section on Federal Indian Law with a lifetime achievement award for my advocacy of Indian rights, both when I served as chief Indian lawyer at the Department of the Interior from 1973 through 1976 and thereafter as a private practitioner in Washington, DC, representing Indian tribes and tribal organisations.

John Moisson (1962)

In 2015 I was awarded a distinction by the Open University for my MA dissertation, 'Anglo-Catholicism and the "Condition" of Frome 1852–1886: Liturgy or Charity?', inevitably relying on the work of Simon Skinner (Keen Fellow and Tutor in History).

Professor the Hon Robin Wilson (1962)

Two more books have been recently published: Robin Wilson and Amirouche Moktefi (ed.), *The Mathematical World of Charles L. Dodgson (Lewis Carroll)* (Oxford University Press, 2019); and June Barrow-Green, Jeremy Gray and Robin Wilson, *The History of Mathematics: A Source-Based Approach* (Mathematical Association of America, 2019). In March 2019, in Boca Raton, Florida, I was presented with the Stanton Medal by the Institute of Combinatorics and its Applications, for 'outreach activities in combinatorial mathematics'.

Robin Gilbert (1963)

When the 2019 Cheltenham Poetry Festival is done and dusted, I shall be hanging up my co-Director's hat and wearing the bottoms of my trousers neatly rolled.

Professor Graeme Davison (1964)

Last year I published *Hugh Stretton: Selected Writings* (LaTrobe University Press/BlackInc). In his prime, Stretton (1923–2015) was one of Australia's

leading intellectuals and a social democratic thinker of international stature. A Victorian Rhodes Scholar (1946), he was elected a Fellow of Balliol before his Modern History Finals, taught alongside Christopher Hill (Master 1965–1978) and his lifelong friend economist Paul Streeten (Balliol 1944, Tutorial Fellow in Economics 1948–1966, Professorial Fellow 1968–1978, Honorary Fellow from 1986), and returned to Australia as Professor of History at the University of Adelaide in 1954. His prolific writing on values in history and the social sciences, city planning, economics, housing and the environment owed much to the intellectual milieu of Balliol in the post-war years.

Sandy Gray (1964)

A big birthday passed two and half years ago, putting up travel insurance rates. Nine months have already passed since our golden wedding anniversary. Gloom about domestic and global politics is offset by keeping very busy with being in charge of a local group which records churches for the Arts Society/V&A; running our local Speedwatch group, which tries to educate drivers (with some success!) to proceed more safely; battling property developers as they try desperately to ravage the Conservation Area we live in (with somewhat less success); and, amongst many other good things, thoroughly enjoying our four granddaughters, who are growing up far too quickly. No basis for complaint!

David Willington (1964)

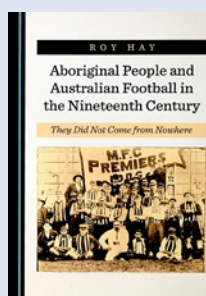
My second novel was published in September last year. One of its themes was the Resistance to Hitler and naturally Adam von Trott (1931) appears. I am hopeless at DIY and do not play bridge. Therefore I need an indoor occupation for the long Scottish winters. I am working on another novel, set in Palestine during the time of the British Mandate. An interesting period, with plenty of controversy and action to work into the narrative. I enjoy the research almost as much as the writing.

Bill Drayton (1965)

Elected a Member of the American Philosophical Society, America's oldest learned society (founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1743), April 2019.

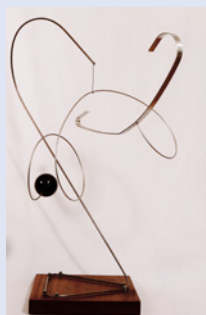
Roy Hay (1965)

My new book, *Aboriginal People and Australian Football in the Nineteenth Century* (Cambridge Scholars, 2019), has been published.



Hubert Murray (1965)

I have finally graduated from full-time professional employment. Now that I march to my own schedule I am as busy as ever, designing and developing a kindergarten in Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem; writing articles and giving talks on architectural and urban responses to a warming planet; and working on creating mobiles and other non-functional structures in my studio. Of the nine 'high impact' and 'high probability' risks identified by the World Economic Forum in 2019, six relate directly to the design of our built environment. I am pleased to have chosen the right profession, sorry only that our political leadership fails to recognise its importance in planning for a collective and equitable survival of the species.



Professor Brian Tanner (1965)

Like a number of retired physics professors, I have become fascinated with the history of science. I have been fortunate to be a member of the genuinely interdisciplinary Ordered Universe project studying the scientific works of the 13th-century polymath Robert Grosseteste. Prior to retirement in 2016, I thus managed to publish scholarly articles (in reputable places) in the three disciplines of science, social science, and arts and humanities. Somewhat unexpected outcomes have been public talks in the last six months at light art festivals in Napa, CA and Poole, and a forthcoming paper at the Leeds International Medieval Congress in July. Together with much double bass and organ playing and continuing to chair the County Durham Economic Partnership, I am kept out of mischief.

Bob Wallace (1965)

Philosophical Mysticism in Plato, Hegel, and the Present: forthcoming in fall 2019 or winter 2020 from Bloomsbury Publishing.

Graham Arthur (1966)

After seven years organising the Isle of Jura Fell Race I handed over to a new team last year, ran the West Highland Way race in a fraction under 24 hours, and started the process of joining a Highland mountain rescue team. My son, previously president of OULRC, coached Oriel to Torpids headship.

Stuart Baldock (1966)

Celebrated 50 years of living in France and birth of fifth grandchild. Very happy to be a French citizen and still working as a partner in our property consultancy, travelling between France, UK and Greece. Thirty-fifth wedding anniversary this year. Onwards, and usually upwards!

Stephen Bergman (1966)

As Sam Shem (my pen name) I have recently seen my first novel, *The House of God*, about medical internship – 3 million sold – celebrate its 40th birthday. It was honoured in 2016 on Publishers Weekly's list of 'The Ten Best Satires of All Time, as #2 (#1 Don Quixote, #3 Catch-22)'. NYU Medical School, at which I have been Professor of Medicine in Medical Humanities, Literature, and Bioethics, celebrated with a colloquium: 'The House of God at 40: Healing Then and Now'. In every speaking engagement I make, on the five non-iced-over continents, I talk about the same thing: 'Staying Human in Medicine: The Danger of Isolation and the Healing Power of Good Connection'. Big news: the sequel to *The House* will be published in November in the USA by Penguin/Random. It's called *Man's 4th Best Hospital* and it focuses on medicine now. While medicine has done marvellous things, in the USA despite spending \$10,000 per person, it is 39th in the world for quality, below Togo. Somebody had to write about this in 'fiction', and I guess it's me. As the narrator, Roy Basch, says, 'I'm called to write of a time when medicine could go one of two ways: either toward more humane treatment, or toward money and screens (computers), which means money and money. The general public does not realise that

the screens are not designed for good treatment, but are billing machines.' I envision that, because of the icon status of *The House*, the new *Man's 4th* will enter the conversation of healthcare reform in the upcoming presidential election. And I owe my writing to the Rhodes and Balliol: having failed my first writing class as Harvard I figured that since I was 4,000 miles away, I could try again, in a marvellous, exciting place and time, Balliol and the resistance movement that helped put the civil rights laws on the books and ended the Vietnam war. And resistance is called for even more vitally now.

Professor Roger Eatwell (1966)

Co-authored (with Matthew Goodwin) *National Populism: The Revolt Against Liberal Democracy* (Pelican, 2018), which was Sunday Times Books of the Year choice.

Professor Benjamin Fine (1966)

I retired after 20 years at Birkbeck and 27 years at SOAS.

Philip Kendall (1966)

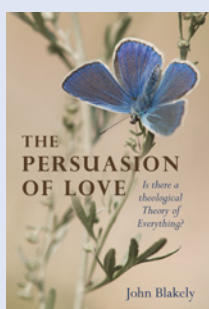
Adopted a year-old rescue dog from Cordoba, a Ratonero Bodeguero Andaluz. Very energetic. Anyone with a rat problem in their wine cellar can call me.

Andrew Scull (1966)

My new book, *Psychiatry and Its Discontents*, will be published by the University of California Press in August 2019.

John Blakely (1967)

My second book, *The Persuasion of Love*, has been published by Circle Books. It is an exposition of the idea that 'the meaning of the universe is love' and offers reasons for suggesting that care for the environment is at the heart of Christian belief – or should be. An endorsement by the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral says 'read it with joy'.



Professor Francis Green (1967)

My book, co-authored with historian David Kynaston, was published in February: *Engines of Privilege: Britain's Private School Problem* (Bloomsbury,

2019). The reviews covered all the bases! Paperback to follow in September.

Andrew Buxton (1968)

I had a dance published last year by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, 'Farewell to Balfour Road'.

Professor Anthony Ferner (1968)

A new novel, *Life in Translation* (Holland Park Press, 2019), Anthony Ferner's third novel to come out since he retired as a professor of international business in 2014, concerns a literary translator who finds it hard to make sense of the opaque syntax of his own life and relationships.

David Gartside (1968)

A recent addition to my modest volunteering portfolio has been helping a community group promoting a small-scale hydro plant adjacent to an existing weir on the River Dane in Cheshire. They seem to think my particular area of expertise is health and safety. My involvement is focused on trying to manage the wilder flights of impractical construction fantasy generated by the enthusiastic committee, while supporting them in getting all the necessary permissions from a range of authorities – all of whom proudly boast their green credentials, but can often prove remarkably reluctant to do anything that might result in any tangible action.

Roger Harrison (1968)

Moved back into our own home after 14 months of repairs post house fire. New granddaughter (sixth).

Peter Hutchinson (1968)

I now have three wonderful grandchildren, who bring so much fun and love. I have probably retired (for the second time) after four years consulting mainly in Paris.

Professor (Nigel) Patrick Thomas (1968)

Following my retirement in September 2017 I am of course as busy as ever – chair of trustees at our local theatre, helping support two Syrian refugee families, and still doing various bits of research, writing and lecturing. In other news I am now a grandfather: our son Gwyn and his wife Jess produced Kushla Non on 24 February. Needless to say she is wonderful, and will be

a climate warrior if it's not too late. I've also started using my middle name, Patrick, hoping finally to ditch Nigel. I should have done that 50 years ago when I arrived at Balliol.

Professor David Ulph (1968)

In October 2018 I was appointed as a Commissioner on the Scottish Fiscal Commission, the body that provides independent forecasts to the Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament of the flows of revenue arising from devolved taxes and spending. It plays a broadly similar role to that of the Office of Budget Responsibility in England.

Professor Lawrence Keppie (1969)

Published *Pontius Pilate: The Scottish Connection* (2018).

The Hon Bob Rae (1969)

A productive year! As we approach our 40th anniversary my wife Arlene and I are now grandparents to five (four in 2018). Leaving elected politics in 2013, I received Canada's highest civilian honour, the Companionship in the Order of Canada. I am now counsel to OKT LLP, a law firm focusing on indigenous law and policy, and am also a Professor of Public Policy at the University of Toronto, which includes a cross appointment to both the Law School and Victoria College. Since the fall of 2017 I have served as Special Envoy for Canada to Myanmar, dealing with the Rohingya refugee crisis. My report 'Tell Them We're Human' was published a year ago, and a second report is coming soon. I'm also working on a new book, my fifth. Warm memories of Balliol.



Professor Lindsay Watson (1969)

I have just published *Magic in Ancient Greece and Rome* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2019), my first fully fledged foray into a topic which has been of long-standing interest, and my third monograph to appear since retirement from the University of Sydney in 2012. The first

two of these volumes were co-authored with my wife and colleague Patricia Watson. Golf being now sadly at an end due to back problems, I divert myself with improving my Italian via courses in Sydney and Italy itself, along with opera-going in the UK and Europe and performing in amateur opera (a run of *Don Giovanni*, with myself as Leporello, is just coming to an end). We now divide our time between Australia and Europe, with eight months in the former (we have never regretted moving from Sydney to the beautiful Blue Mountains in 1995), and four months in the latter, based mostly in our Summertown flat, which allows us to avail ourselves of the resources of the Sackler Library. As ever we look forward to catching up in July–September with old friends from Oxford days.

Professor David Williams (1969)

I have been hugely fortunate in being able to keep in touch with Oxford life in recent years with two term visiting positions at Exeter (2009), St John's (2014) and Corpus Christi (2017). As my career as a full-time academic drew to a close in December 2018, a flurry of awards have come my way: Honorary Fellow of the American Society for Legal History (2017); Honours Tie from my old school, Wanganui Collegiate School (2017); and election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand (2018). What is pleasing is that the citations for each of these awards mentioned my contributions to advancing scholarship on the rights of indigenous peoples in post-colonial societies. Given that my work of such issues was dismissed and much maligned early in my career, it is very satisfying that such work is now considered important and worthy of accolades.

1970s

Peter Cookson (1970)

Term of office as chairman of the British Association of Barbershop Singers completed at the end of 2018. Commenced a part-time Master's research degree at York University in April 2019. Topic of study is 'Blend in Close Harmony A Cappella Singing'. Back to using the analytical tools I learned about all those years ago at Balliol!

Michael Hodges (1970)

Published *The Knights Hospitaller in Great Britain in 1540* (St Omers Press, 2018); *The Urns and Sepulchres of Mortality: The Church Monuments of Wiltshire* (St Omers Press, 2018); *Roll of Deceased British Members of the Order of Malta from the 19th century to 2018*.

Professor Ronald King (1970)

Professor Emeritus of Political Science at San Diego State University, Ronald King has been named recipient of the university's Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Faculty Contributions. His latest book, *Removal of the Property Qualifications for Voting in the United States: Strategy and Suffrage* (Routledge Press), was published in late 2018.

HE Philip McDonagh (1970)

I'm principal author of a report published in January, 'Religion and Security-building in the OSCE Context', and I continue to work in the same general area at Princeton and at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute (NUIM) in Ireland.

Sir David Gilmour (1971)

My book *The British in India: Three Centuries of Ambition and Experience* (Allen Lane, 2018) was published in September 2018.

Nigel Bryant (1972)

Following *The History of William Marshal* (2016), I have published a translation of another chivalric biography, *The Song of Bertrand du Guesclin* (Boydell & Brewer, 2019).

Martin Fisher (1972)

I retired in August 2018 after 42 years in trading standards with Hampshire County Council and Cornwall Council. I was made a Fellow of the Chartered Trading Standards Institute in 2014, so had presumably done something useful in that time. I am now at the point of packing second and last daughter off to Aberystwyth University. My main social activities these days are a return to choral singing, and helping run a chamber music society in Truro, for which I now write all the programme notes. So overdue thanks to Balliol Chapel Choir and the Musical Society: long may they prosper. Membership of the Cornwall branch of the Oxford Society stimulates the brain occasionally, and also the taste buds! Family visits to and from Stafford and

some joint concert trips keep me in close touch with Neil Robinson (1974), and also with Tim Boardman (1975).

Richard Grant (1972)

I retired from my full-time career in June 2017 having completed 23½ years as Finance Director of the Cadogan Estate in Chelsea, London, a privileged and generally enjoyable role for many years. Somewhat by chance I now find myself acting as a non-executive director for a number of property companies based in London, some listed, some private. This affords a much improved work–life balance and gives me a chance to spend time on a variety of leisure activities. I am part way through a circumnavigation of Great Britain on our Nelson 45 motor boat. Currently we have reached the west coast of Scotland and we are planning to return south through the Irish Sea and round Land's End, aiming to be back in our home port of Chichester towards the end of May.

Nicholas Morris (1972)

Last year I published *Management and Regulation of Pension Schemes: Australia: A Cautionary Tale* (Taylor and Francis). Also I received a new appointment as Adjunct Professor, La Trobe Law School, Melbourne, Australia, and my Visiting Professorship at China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong, China, was renewed.

Neil Record (1972)

In 2018 I became a grandfather to George, the son of my eldest son Chris (2006). I'm seeing a surprisingly large number of Balliol alumni at the free-market think-tank the Institute of Economic Affairs, which I chair. These include Mark Littlewood (1990) (Director General), Professor Patrick Minford (1961) (Trustee) and Shanker Singham (1986) (Head, International Trade & Competition Unit). I am also in touch with Charlotte Leslie (1997), who lost her seat as MP for Bristol NW in 2017. I am retiring as Vice-Chairman of Governors at Magdalen College School, Oxford, in December 2019; I have given up all my roles at Nuffield College, Oxford, with the exception of the college's Remuneration Committee, which I chair. Rather rashly, I have also recently become Chairman and funding co-founder of a tech start-up, operating in the health sector; I have done enough

unsuccessful start-up investing to have known better – but hope, as they say, springs eternal! Finally, I remain Chairman of Record plc, the currency specialist firm I founded 36 years ago.

Professor Martin McLaughlin (1973)

Retired as Agnelli-Serena Professor of Italian at Oxford in September 2017. In the same month he received the British Academy's Serena Medal for services to Italian literature and culture. In 2018–2019 he is Francesco de Dombrowski Visiting Professor at Harvard's Villa I Tatti in Florence.

Denis Nowlan (1973)

I am alarmed to realise that I have completed 30 years working for the BBC, the first half in programme production, the second in commissioning and channel management. I am now Head of Station Management for three national stations: Radio 3, Radio 4 and Radio 4 Extra. Like other broadcasters, we are preoccupied with the historic shift from linear schedules to on-demand listening and viewing. However, the underlying mission remains the same, yet seems more relevant than ever: to report and interpret our age truthfully and impartially, in all its complexity; to share the best that is being thought and said in the world; and to tell stories and play music that enrich the lives of the widest possible audience.

James Ramage (1973)

In November 2018 I jointly received the Institute of Physics Katharine Burr Blodgett Gold Medal and Prize for outstanding and sustained contributions to the application of physics in a commercial context.

Neil Stuart (1973)

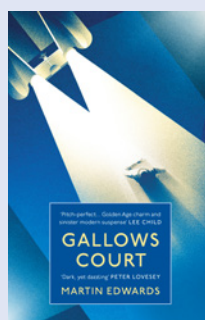
Well, I am afraid that I haven't written a book, received an award or had a baby. I have had two letters published in the *Daily Telegraph* in the last couple of months on that topic. I have also renewed acquaintance with Steve Venables (New College, 1972) (the first Brit up Everest without oxygen) who was a fellow member of the OU Mountaineering Club and we are planning climbing together in Spain in May. I continue to try to find European climbs that are easy enough for me to get up: it is becoming increasingly difficult.

Paul Taylor (1973)

Is now a contributing editor for the news website POLITICO, where he writes the 'Europe at Large' column, and a senior fellow at the Friends of Europe think-tank, for which he writes reports about European defence. His publications are available at www.friendsofeurope.org/index.php/project/european-defence-cooperation-studies. He retired from Reuters in 2016 after 39 years as a foreign correspondent, bureau chief, diplomatic and European affairs editor with numerous postings in Europe and the Middle East. He and his wife Catherine live in Paris with their two children and soon-to-be three grandchildren, and in Provence. He became a citizen of France in 2019, retaining his UK nationality. He decided to apply for French citizenship after being denied the right to vote in the 2016 UK referendum on European Union membership because he had lived more than 15 years abroad ... in the European Union.

Martin Edwards (1974)

I have had an interesting couple of years as chair of the Crime Writers' Association, while also serving as president of the Detection Club; my seven predecessors in the latter role include G.K. Chesterton and Agatha Christie. I'm the latest recipient of the CWA Dagger in the Library, awarded by UK librarians for a body of work, and last autumn my book for the British Library, *The Story of Classic Crime in 100 Books*, received the Macavity award from Mystery Readers International. My latest novel, *Gallows Court* (Head of Zeus), has just been published in paperback in the UK (see page 17 of *Floreat Domus*).



Gary Jenkins (1974)

Has moved to Brighton with his son Nicolas.

Professor David Kennedy (1974)

I retired in October 2017 – 41 years since I first started on a lectureship at Sheffield, and ending with 27 years at the University of Western Australia. Work soon returned – in the shape of

an invitation to direct a well-funded and immensely exciting programme of aerial archaeology around Al-Ula in Saudi Arabia, the outcome of two feature articles on my work in *The New York Times*. Officially 1½ days a week for two years but nearer 4–5. Happily I have four talented staff to make it all happen, and whirling in a helicopter above the superb landscapes and archaeology of the Hedjaz is magical. Publications in Roman archaeology continue (most recently a chapter on Christianity in the rural landscape of ancient Philadelphia (modern Amman)). A more recent interest in the western travellers 'East of Jordan' in the 19th century led to an article on those who visited Petra in 1857. My 70th birthday in 2018 was the opportunity to spend a weekend with old friends from my undergraduate days at the University of Manchester (1971–1974). Some I had not seen since we graduated but are now retired and as grey/white as I am. We continue to spend half of each year in Oxford, a delightful base for modest walks along the Thames Path or Oxford canal, a daily run round Port Meadow (for my wife) and longer supported walks (in north-eastern Spain and along the Ridgeway in 2018). In 2019 it will be Hadrian's Wall.

Giles Vardey (1974)

I am now an executive coach working with senior managers and CEOs as I complete my MSc in Coaching and Behavioural Change at Henley Business School. Thoroughly enjoying helping people; otherwise I continue to enjoy board work and veterans rowing.

Professor Ronald Beiner (1975)

Published *Dangerous Minds: Nietzsche, Heidegger, and the Return of the Far Right* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018).

Derek Delves (1975)

I am living in Vienna, Austria in (partial) retirement from the International Atomic Energy Agency after 31 years of service, for which I received the IAEA's distinguished service award. I was fortunate to meet HE Philip McDonagh (1970) and his wife Dr Ana Grenfell-McDonagh while Philip was Ambassador of Ireland to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Vienna, and I participated in Balliol Master's seminars that Philip hosted. I am still chairman of the Vienna 1% for

Development Fund, which has supported 319 community development projects in 72 countries since its inception. Present and former staff members of UN System organisations based in Vienna pledge to contribute at least 1% of their incomes to the Fund.

The 1% Fund was endorsed by former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan. I co-founded the Fund in 1985 – inspired in part by the Refugee Scholarship Fund which I had helped to run at Balliol and the University in the 1970s. I was pleased to learn that it has been reconstituted.

Dato' Dr M. SHANmughalingam (1975)

My new book of humorous short stories, *Marriage and Mutton Curry*, published by Epigram Singapore, is No. 1 on the MPH bestseller list in Malaysia. It covers three major periods in Malaysia's history, i.e. British Malaya, the Japanese Occupation and the early years after Independence. HRH Sultan Nazrin Shah has commented: 'Dato' Dr Shan is a master storyteller, as this collection amply demonstrates.' Many other comments are available at <https://shop.epigrambooks.sg/products/marriage-and-mutton-curry>, where an e-version is also available. Storytel has just acquired the audio rights.

Chris Turner (1975)

A lot of revision taking place in the Turner household: my son Charles with his GCSEs and myself with photography qualifications. Putting together a 40 years since leaving Oxford celebration for Balliol and St Hugh's chemists.

John Was (1975)

The state pension at last! I don't suppose anyone wants *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* (48 volumes spanning 30 years), assiduously (sit venia verbo) copy-edited and typeset by yours truly?

The Very Revd Dr Kevin Alban (1976)

Published 'Fighting Lollardy with the Rule: Thomas Netter and the Doctrinale' in M. Sauer and K. Alban (eds), *Celebrating St Albert and his Rule: Rules, Devotion, Orthodoxy and Dissent* (Edizioni Carmelitane, 2018); 'Carmelite Marian Studies in the Twentieth Century' in *Sentire cum ecclesia Festschrift for Christopher O'Donnell O. Carm* (Edizioni Carmelitane, 2018); 'Beauty in the Liturgy: The Carmelites



and the Resurrection' in *Pastoral Review* 15 (2019), 56–61; ed. with Johan Bergström-Allen, *Revisiting the Fountain of Elijah: Essays in Honour of Wilfrid McGreal* (Edizioni Carmelitane, 2018). I attach a photo of myself with Sir Ronnie McIntosh (1939), a member of a parish run by the Carmelite Friars [who died 1 April 2019 at the age of 99].

Russell Campbell (1976)

A year and a half into life as Resident Judge at Taylor House, London's immigration and asylum tribunal hearing centre. Bewitched every day by Clerkenwell's lanes, coffee shops and delis. Both daughters gainfully employed. Progress!

Professor Jonathan Michie (1976)

The third edition of my edited book *The Handbook of Globalisation* (Edward Elgar Publishing) was published in April 2019.

Mathur B. Bijoy (1977)

Teaching science to middle school children has opened a new dimension of the teaching–learning process. Using the Oxford tutorial system and space-ed., we managed to have children perform at high levels of excellence. The memory of Professor Stephen Hawking is nostalgic because he worked in the science area when I was in College.

Andy Buchanan (1977)

I have just published *World War II in Global Perspective, 1931–1953: A Short History* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2019).

David Christie (1977)

A year ago (and the year before that!), I wrote about Brexit and Trump. We watch on with incredulity how those two stories are still unfolding, or perhaps unravelling. The actual Brexit date has become fuzzy. Meanwhile, repressive autocrats are in power in many places around the world, some even in the EU or nearby. The Swiss retain their own particular sense of

detachment, while trying to work out how to keep their reasonable deal with the EU – a sort of Swembrace (not a Swexit as we are still outside). At least climate change has started to come onto the political agenda at last, at least in Switzerland. On the family front, my younger son Áedán is in his third year at the ETH in Zurich (Electrical Engineering and IT) and apart from running his start-up he is also project managing an IT project with a budget of CHF 1 million. Not bad for a 22-year-old! His brother Seán will start studying Life Sciences at the ZHAW in Wädenswil, near Zurich in September. In the meanwhile he is working on ecological projects as an intern. My wife has become Chief of Staff for the Design Department of the Zurich University of the Arts. I am still studying. In the meanwhile I have two Certificates of Advanced Study in Design Thinking and Design Technologies and am halfway through CAS Design Cultures. This year, I aim to complete the Master of Advanced Studies in Strategic Design. Otherwise, my employer is forcing me into early retirement, but I am already getting involved with a start-up myself! I'm also still active on the music front, mostly singing and conducting singers.

Francis Dodds (1977)

The obituaries for John Prest (Fellow and Tutor in Modern History 1954–1996, Emeritus Fellow 1996–2018) in the 2018 *Annual Record* reminded me of the formidable team of history tutors – Maurice Keen (Fellow and Tutor in Modern History 1961–2000, Emeritus Fellow 2000–2012), Donald Pennington (1938, Tutor in History 1965–1982, Emeritus Fellow 1982–2007), Colin Lucas (Fellow and Tutor in History 1973–1990, Master 1994–2001, Honorary Fellow) and John – given the unenviable task of moulding this ill-formed intellect into something capable of critical analysis and argument. I've tried to repay my time at Balliol by deploying those skills in the world of academic publishing, a sector I've now worked in for over 30 years (proving the adage that those who can do, those who can't teach, whilst those who can't do either publish the other two). In between my duties as Editorial Director, I've found time to publish a few articles reflecting on trends in academic publishing and apparently now have an impact factor (though, in my case,

slight dent would be a more apposite description). In 2018 I celebrated 25 years of marriage to Philippa and just over 20 years of being a father to my daughters Imogen and Isobel (all three are still talking to me, so I count myself a success). I'm currently the most unlikely of entrepreneurs as co-founder of Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing which, though it sounds like a second-rate wrestling act, is having some impact publishing monographs in agricultural science. We hope to play our part in a more sustainable agriculture able to feed the 9 billion people expected on the planet by 2050. Looking back, though Balliol was a sometimes traumatic experience for a shy, state school pupil, it set a standard for excellence and engagement to which I still aspire each day.

Professor Neil Harris (1977)

The birth of a daughter, Anjuli Ellen Harris, on 5 November 2018 (mother Shéza Moledina).

Jeffrey Hawthorne (1977)

Having spent 35 years teaching science and promoting international educational links, I was inspired by a Balliol friend to train for Licensed Lay Ministry in the Anglican Church and my wife and I are now into our second year. However, my four grown-up children are not always impressed if I have an essay crisis! Our jazz band continues to play monthly in St Christopher's Hospice restaurant and we are also playing for their Fun Walk in May.

Neil Johnston (1977)

Sharing my time between the UK and Grand-Champ, Morbihan, France, where I kayak, sail, cycle and walk (old friends welcome). Volunteering includes helping with maths and science in a primary school in Stevenage and teaching French children to make (English) bread!

Richard Fisher (1978)

Since January 2018, I have been Deputy Chairman of Yale University Press and Vice-President of the Royal Historical Society; I was winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award for British Academic Publishing, 2018.

Professor Adrian Moore (1978)

A third edition of my book *The Infinite*

(Routledge, 2018) has just been published, and a collection of my essays entitled *Language, World, and Limits: Essays in Philosophy of Language and Metaphysics* (OUP) is due out in the summer.

John Sloan (1978)

My most recent book, *Robert Louis Stevenson: A Life in Stories* (VesaliusUK), was published in 2018.

The Revd Michael Wilcockson (1978)

I have been busy writing several religious studies textbooks for the new A-Level and for the new Key Stage 3 Theology, Philosophy and Religion course which I have been developing – all published by Hodder Education. I was ordained deacon in the Church of England at Christ Church, Oxford, last June and am now curate at Eton College – probably the first one for more than a century. I retired as Commanding Officer of Eton College CCF but plan to join the Royal Army Chaplains' Department at the end of this academic year once I am priested. This will be my final year at Eton after 23 years; in July we will return to our house just south of Cambridge.

Ian Harnett (1979)

Life continues much as before for Sara and myself. I continue to help run Absolute Strategy Research, an independent economics and investment strategy research and consultancy business, and Sara remains Deputy Head at Godolphin & Latymer School in Hammersmith. Our son, George (2007), was appointed Counsel in the International Dispute Resolution Team at Squire Patton Boggs. Our daughter Elizabeth (Jesus College, Oxford, 2010) was awarded a DPhil for her thesis 'Responsible Investment and ESG: An Economic Geography', analysing the mainstreaming of responsible investment knowledge and practice from an economic geography perspective. She now has a position as a Postdoctoral Research Associate with the Oxford Sustainable Finance Programme in the Smith School.

Andolie Marguerite (1979)

I am now Dr Marguerite. I studied for my PhD in the Education Department at Goldsmiths. I successfully defended my thesis in October 2018. The title is: 'Who Do They Think They Are and What Do They Think They Are Doing:

The Construction and Establishment of Trans and Non-Binary or Genderqueer Identities in a Trans Youth Group'.

Tom Minney (1979)

Tom is a consultant, focused on capital markets development in Africa. He is also a journalist and writer, mostly about African business, maintains a blog and writes for Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment, as well as editing. With all the children graduated and working, there is more chance to explore new ideas, such as how blockchain technology transforms business in Africa (and UK). Based in London, he also enjoys advising small and medium enterprises – on governance, investors and strategy.

Daniel Nanavati (1979)

My mother, the poet Shanne Sands, died in July 2016. So begins the second chapter in my life. Launching Blueskin Saves America in Detroit this August. Have been in Washington, DC for four months avoiding the White House. Met up with Nancy Ann DeParle (1979) and Bennett Freeman (1979) – great evening. Appointed European Editor for the journal *New Art Gazette*. Happy to hear from anyone interested in writing clearly and with passion about art.

Penny Phillips (1979)

After 35 years in book publishing I am jumping ship, and from 29 April I shall be the Sub-Editor of *The Oldie* magazine. There's life in this old(ie) dog yet.

The Revd Dr Stephen Spencer (1979)

In 2018 appointed as Director for Theological Education in the Anglican Communion, based in London. Also published *Growing and Flourishing: The Ecology of Church Growth* (SCM Press, 2019).

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Mahir Ali Khan (1980)

My wife and I had the delightful experience of becoming first-time grandparents when Olivia was born on 30 March to our son, Rahul, and daughter-in-law, Lisa-Marie.

Professor Hilary Carey (1980)

Hilary Carey has published *Empire of Hell: Religion and the Campaign to End*

Convict Transportation in the British Empire, 1788–1875 (Cambridge University Press, 2019). This campaign had some parallels with the anti-slavery campaign and used some of the same tactics, including the extensive involvement of religiously minded advocates for reform and later abolition. For a blog post which looks at some of the issues see www.cambridgeblog.org/2019/03/empire-of-hell/. There are also interesting Bristol links with the convict trade, which you can read about in another story: www.bris.ac.uk/news/2019/march/empire-of-hell.html.

Geoffrey Carr (1980)

Published a novel (my first!). A techno-thriller about artificial intelligence, called *Genesis* (Elsewhen Press, 2019). Still running the Science and Technology section of *The Economist*.

Christopher Gallop (1980)

Pleased and proud that Cloudfm, the facilities management company I joined as a business advisor in 2013 when it was still a start-up and where I am now Group Managing Director, has been granted a Queen's Award for Enterprise, in the Innovation category. We opened offices in Dublin and Barcelona over the past year and now employ well over 300 people.

Duncan Taylor (1980)

We are now living in Oxford and I am doing all those things I should have done but never did as an undergraduate – including going to lectures. Alas, I no longer have the appetite or stamina for doing all the things I like to think I did when I was a student, so living here is a very different experience second time round. A number of old Balliol friendships have been rekindled recently, and with the prospect of an imminent second Gaudy within the space of four years (just like the proverbial buses) I hope that there will be more coming down the line.

Peter Telford (1980)

I spent six happy and interesting months of 2018 in Stamford, Connecticut, on secondment. Just how my US colleagues came to hear about University Challenge (1982) I still want to know.

Mark Gray (1981)

Spent the last five years as Chief Risk

Officer for the British Business Bank, helping to set up and create the UK's development bank. Am now the Chief Risk Officer for Homes England, the government agency responsible for delivering on housing policy. Have also advised the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency and Land Registry on the Risk Management Frameworks.

Angela Jackman (1981)

I was granted Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy in October 2018.

Jonathan Ostry (1981)

I have published two books: *Taming the Tide of Capital Flows* (MIT Press, 2018); and *Confronting Inequality: How Societies Can Choose Inclusive Growth* (Columbia University Press, 2019), the latter with a foreword by Nobel Laureate Joe Stiglitz. I have also co-edited, together with Nobel Laureate Robert Shiller, *Sovereign GDP-Linked Bonds: Rationale and Design* (CEPR Press, 2018). I was appointed a Research Fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) in London in 2018. I continue to serve as Deputy Director of Research at the International Monetary Fund, though I will assume new duties shortly as Deputy Director of the Asia-Pacific Department.

Professor Jane Stapleton (1981)

In 2018 I delivered the Clarendon Lectures in Law, Oxford University; received the John Fleming Prize in Tort Law, a biennial international award for outstanding contributions to the field; and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) by the University of Adelaide in acknowledgement of distinguished service to the law in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Jonathan Vernon (1981)

Engrossed in developing online learning using video and virtual reality. Coaching swimmers to national events and about to spend the Easter weekend at the London Aquatics Centre. Digital Editor for education charity the Western Front Association. And so riled by Brexit politics that I find myself a town councillor candidate and potentially an MEP candidate as the May 2019 election season approaches. Not satisfied with MAs in geography, history and education, let alone sports coaching qualifications, I am starting

a module on Learning Design at the end of May. Celebrated 25 years of marriage to Wanda Pelczynski at the New Year. Zoe graduated from Goldsmiths in English and creative writing, while Toby is both a fashion student and part-time employed, working regularly on London and Paris fashion shows. Still mates with friends from across the University. Long may that last! 'Til our dying days, I suspect.

David Waller (1981)

Published *The Reputation Game* (Oneworld, 2017), co-written with Rupert Younger, which is all about how to build and hold on to a good reputation in business and private life. Moved to Bermondsey and grew a beard, so at last in my fifties I have become a hipster!

Alan Whiteley (1981)

After a small disagreement with 37.5% of the UK voting population and their seeming animus towards our neighbours in Europe, Andy and I have upped sticks and moved to France. We are now quietly establishing ourselves in Poitou-Charente, having taken on a wonderful property, and are slowly improving our language skills while simultaneously enjoying good cuisine, sampling fine wines and tackling the complexities of French bureaucracy. *La vie est belle*, as they say over here.

Timothy Galpin (1982)

Dr Galpin defended his PhD dissertation, 'Repealing the Glass-Steagall Framework: Deregulatory Impact and Policy Considerations in Historical Context' at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, on 3 April 2019.



Kenneth Lee (1982)

Making the regular trek from Lancashire to Oxford once again, as my younger son is reading classics at Brasenose. Never thought that the old gown would see the light of day again.

Patrick McGuinness (1982)

In 2018 I left government service after more than 33 years, latterly as the lead in Cabinet Office on National Resilience and Security. I am now enjoying a portfolio career as a Senior Adviser at Brunswick Group and working

with investment funds on emerging technologies for cyber security and national security purposes. Government is still using me as an envoy on access to data in the context of Brexit. I live near Oxford and am joining the Master on an Oxford Internet Institute-organised commission on elections and technology. I am also proud to be chair of trustees at St Joseph's Hospice in Mare Street, E8, looking after the sick and dying of Newham, Tower Hamlets, Hackney and the City. Balliol folk willing or able to help are welcome!

Mary-Anne Newman (1982)

I started planning this year for life: phase three, having decided that I have spent a third of my life on education and a third on building a pension pot (assuming I live until I'm 81). I'm currently toying between two options: doing a George Orwell in a Jura bothy, or making like Hester Stanhope and going off on a mad travel scheme – I haven't yet decided. In the meantime I've been working on an investigation for the Department of Health and I am currently trying to write up a very complicated report.

Daniel Walker (1982)

I am still working at Liverpool University, teaching various aerospace- and control-related subjects. Research interests still in linear multi-variable control and multi-body dynamics, especially as they apply to rotary-wing aircraft. Son James (19.9.96) and daughter Karina (19.12.98) grown up and making their own way. Took my C and C+E (class 2 and 1) licences in 2016 and 2017 respectively, and drive articulated lorries around the country a fair old bit, which makes a change. Just about got the hang of reversing, and can now (usually) put a 45' Tri-Axle trailer where it needs to go. (My Balliol education wasn't wasted.)

Professor Matthew Bell (1983)

Thanks to the generosity of the Leverhulme Trust, I'm on study leave from this summer until January 2021. Time to finish *Goethe: A Life in Ideas*. May also get another dog.

Bridget Fox (1983)

I will be starting a new job by the end of May: Regional Head of External Affairs (London and South East) at the Woodland Trust.

John Lazar (1983)

David Cohen (also 1983) and I have launched Enza Capital to invest in early-stage African technology companies that are tackling pressing problems.

Professor Murray Pittock (1983)

Chaired the Scottish Heritage Partnership project on the evidence base for the future development of immersive technologies in heritage, collections and visitor attractions, which was funded by UK Research & Innovation as part of the Audiences of the Future section of the UK Industrial Strategy. The policy report was launched at Scotland House, London, on 21 March 2019. He is also currently being funded by the Scottish Government for the first full economic impact study of a writer, 'Robert Burns and the Scottish Economy', which reports in late 2019, and published *Enlightenment in a Smart City* (Edinburgh University Press, 2018), which uses modern urbanist and innovation theory on early modern data to show how Enlightenment happened.

Professor Christine Sypnowich (1983)

Will take leave from her position as Head of Philosophy at Queen's University, Canada, to come to Oxford as a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College in Trinity 2020, to work on her book about fellow Canadian and Oxford political philosopher G.A. Cohen. She is also currently researching questions of political philosophy and cultural heritage, following up her book *Equality Renewed: Justice, Flourishing and the Egalitarian Ideal*, which came out in paperback in 2018 with Routledge.

Nozomu Takaoka (1983)

Since October 2018, I am serving as Consul General of Japan in Edinburgh.



Professor John Derrick (1984)

New book published, with Eerke Boiten: *Refinement: Semantics, Languages and Applications* (Springer, 2019).

Professor Sean Freeman (1984)

Chair of Science Board, Science and Technology Facility Council 2016–2018. Head of School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Manchester, 2017–.

Thomas Hirschfeld (1984)

Together with his daughter Leila Hirschfeld, Tom Hirschfeld has just published *It's Up to You, Abe Lincoln* (Crown Books for Young Readers, 2018). A children's biography, it focuses on the ten key choices Lincoln made in his life. It is the first in a series of biographies. Tom and Leila are publishing with Random House. *It's Up to You, Ben Franklin* is due for release this fall.

Jens Meurer (1984)

Judy Tossell and Jens Meurer (1984) are still living and working as film-makers in Berlin. Judy is currently producing *Dead & Beautiful*, a vampire comedy set in Taiwan. Jens is in Cromer, filming a kind of Brexit feel-good documentary about the world's last 'End of Pier'-show – old school on 16mm. Our son Jasper decided not to go to uni in the UK following the 2016 referendum, and is studying European Culture and Politics in Groningen, Holland. Good man.

Rupert Read (1984)

Published a new book called *A Film-philosophy of Ecology and Enlightenment* (Routledge, 2018). Book cover review: 'Rupert Read is one of the most significant environmental philosophers alive. He is changing the way people think about and talk about the catastrophe of anthropogenic climate change. Any thinking person who cares about non-human animals or about our ecological crisis – and that means any thinking person – will want to read this book.' Gary Francione (Board of Governors Distinguished Professor of Law and Nicholas deB. Katzenbach Scholar of Law and Philosophy, Rutgers University, USA). Aside from that, my talk on climate change to Cambridge University students in November last year has been receiving a lot of attention, with over 58k views to date! www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzCxFPzdO0Y

Emma FitzGerald (1985)

We moved to Geneva in January 2019 so that I could take up the role of CEO of Puma Energy, a global integrated energy solutions business with an emerging market focus. We are now spoilt for choice in terms of outdoor pursuits to spend our weekends on. Our big dilemma is whether to buy a car or a boat! David also graduated

with a first-class honours degree in engineering and design from the Open University in 2018. We had a very happy day with his parents celebrating his success.



Mridul Hegde (1985)

In 2018, I joined the board of HSBC UK, where I chair the Risk Committee.

Professor Ahuvia Kahane (1985)

Has been appointed Regius Professor of Greek (1761) and A.G. Leventis Professor of Greek Culture at Trinity College Dublin from August 2019. He remains Senior Associate at the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies in the University of Oxford.

Professor Howard Brown (1986)

Professor of History at Binghamton University, SUNY, Howard G. Brown has recently published his fourth book, *Mass Violence and the Self: From the French Wars of Religion to the Paris Commune* (Cornell UP, 2018).

Michelle Cale (1986)

I am in my third year as the board chair – and seventh year as a board member – at the Women's Foundation of California, looking forward to being part of the leadership for its 40th anniversary celebrations (and engaging in major fundraising!). I have also returned as an Oxford student, enrolled in the Advanced Undergraduate Diploma in Local History (online), which is significantly more nerdy than anything I studied as an undergrad the first time round. Duncan and I are still living in California, but our older daughter, Katherine, is also at Oxford (Jesus College) in the second year of her engineering degree. Our younger daughter, Charlotte, is horse-obsessed, which led me to my current role as the District Commissioner at our local Bay Area pony club.

Duncan Greatwood (1986)

February 2018, became the CEO of Xage Security Inc, based in Palo Alto, CA, which has created a

blockchain-based security product for industry's internet of things.

Theresa Heskins (1986)

I'm having quite a summer, transferring my production of *Around the World in 80 Days* to New York and Florida, then returning home to transfer *The Worst Witch* to the West End. It would all feel impossibly glamorous if it wasn't such hard graft – so somehow it feels just like business as usual!



Edward Morgan (1986)

My company Northern Town made a BBC documentary in 2018 about Hull campaigner Lillian Bilocca, leader of the women who fought for safer shipping after the triple trawler tragedy of 1968. We made *Final Say* with the brilliant Diana Athill for Sky in 2019. With Hugo Dixon, I helped to set up new pressure group, Common Ground, to work for a fairer Britain where the underlying problems that fed Brexit are addressed. 2019 is the 25th anniversary of marrying Mog. Our three boys, Will, Arthur and Charlie, are young men now and making their own way in the world.

HE Nigel Casey (1987)

Is enjoying being back in South Africa, this time as British High Commissioner, 25 years on from his first diplomatic posting there at the time of the end of apartheid and Nelson Mandela's election as President.

John Hancock (1987)

I've been a member of the New Zealand Government's Electricity Price Review Expert Advisory Panel for the last year – fascinating to be on the other side of the



fence for the first time – and have been exploring NZ coasts and lakes as the Scandinavian sport of Swimrun takes hold down under.

Anne Houtman (1987)

I am currently Provost and VP for Academic Affairs (and Professor of Biology) at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Indiana. On 1 July I will become the President of Earlham College, also in Indiana (<https://earlham.edu/news/article/?id=67477>).

Mark Kotecha (1987)

Nita and I were blessed with a beautiful, healthy daughter, Tara. Would love to hear from any old and new friends.

Joe Carey (1988)

In 2014 I resumed my childhood hobby of breeding and exhibiting pedigree chinchilla rabbits. In December 2018 our adult buck won the coveted Sir William Ingram Gold Cup, which is awarded for best in show at the National Chinchilla Rabbit Club (NCRC) adult stock show. In the same year we won best chinchilla at both Bradford and London 5* Championship shows (Crufts equivalent) and won 18 out of the possible 23 national and regional chinchilla stock shows plus a few open shows (all breeds). In 2020 the NCRC celebrates its centenary year and I am currently writing a book that reviews both the history of the club and the development of the breed since its introduction from France in 1919. If any Balliol members are interested in a lovely chinchilla rabbit as a pet or exhibiting, then please contact me.



James Harris (1988)

I have been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Professor Charles Spence (1988)

His *Gastrophysics* (Viking, 2017) was awarded the Académie Internationale de la Gastronomie's Prix de la Littérature Gastronomique 2019. AIG's goal is to nurture and promote national and regional cooking cultures and culinary heritages all around the world, while encouraging creativity in contemporary cuisine. Each year, AIG awards prizes to individuals or institutions who distinguished themselves in a specific country at a national level.

Lai Yahaya (1988)

I was appointed Senior Special Assistant to President Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria, in charge of policy and strategy. I have since resigned, and have relocated to Kenya.

Professor Neil Ghani, 1989

I've become Head of Department of Computer and Information Sciences, University of Strathclyde.

Gareth Johnston (1989)

In September I moved to the Executive Office at Stormont, to be Director for Human Rights, Victims, and Equality. Needless to say, the absence of an Executive and Assembly since early 2017 represents an unprecedented challenge for civil servants here. Outside work I chair the board of the Rainbow Project, Northern Ireland's largest LGBT charity.

Shed Simove (1989)

As a professional speaker on creativity, sales and guerilla marketing, I continue to present to blue chip companies and organisations around the world. I've also just released my latest app, Deets (short for 'Details'), which allows you to create a digital business card on your phone and swap your contact information by simply moving it next to someone else's mobile. I'm currently seeking genius coders, partners and investors to help launch this idea worldwide.

1990s

Richard Cayzer (1990)

I have founded www.G20Cyber.ai: fractionalised cyber marketplace, targeting military, communications and finance sectors, independent brokerage of #1 or #2 named advisors,

solutions, products, etc. Targeting formal launch at G20 Riyadh, 2020.

Graeme Garrard (1990)

Published this year my (co-authored) book *How to Think Politically: Sages, Scholars and Statesmen Whose Ideas Have Changed the World* (Bloomsbury, 2019).

Professor Andrew Hone (1990)

I have spent just over a year as a Visiting Professorial Fellow in the School of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, since September 2017, as part of my five-year EPSRC Fellowship project 'Cluster Algebras with Periodicity and Discrete Dynamics Over Finite Fields'. Jemma came with me, as well as Laura, Merlin and Shantih, and we've all had a wonderful time with beaches, bushwalks, and a road trip along the Great Ocean Road. I've been back in the UK for a few months doing some lecturing in Kent and London, but am spending a bit more time in Sydney this year as the younger two children continue to benefit from their Australian experience a little longer. Laura is now working in London and is taking up a place to read human, social, and political sciences at Clare College, Cambridge, this September.

Alan Taylor (1990)

From Berlin to Marrakech, and aiming for the home ground of Ireland. Meanwhile: again, I will be co-editor of and contributor to the 21st Century Film, TV, and Media School Project. Our Volume 2 will focus on the teaching and learning of directing, which was not included in Volume 1. It will 'serve as an axis from which to reflect on every aspect of screen art, craft and business, such as new platforms, modalities of expression, narratives, and digitization, along with the evolving relationships between directing and other screen crafts' (CILECT: Centre International de Liaison des Ecoles de Cinéma et de Télévision).

Professor Ruth Chang (1991)

Has been appointed to the chair in jurisprudence at Oxford and a Professorial Fellowship at University College.

Mark Harrison (1991)

I have worked in schools in Hong Kong for the last 18 years and have

recently completed my doctorate in developmental and educational psychology.

Martin Meenagh (1991)

I was called to the Bar in 2008, after lecturing in universities, and then went into the independent teaching sector. Since 2016, I have been Principal of Chelsea Independent College, but have kept my hand in academically by editing dictionaries, writing articles, teaching on university alumni courses, and doing the odd bit of online teaching. I am married, and live in west London.

Professor Saam Trivedi (1991)

I was recently promoted at work and am now a Professor of Philosophy at Brooklyn College, New York. My book *Imagination, Music, and the Emotions: A Philosophical Study* (State University of New York Press, 2017) was issued in paperback in July 2018.

Binnie Goh (1992)

Together with Ross Breckenridge (1991), I moved the family to the San Francisco Bay Area, taking a two-year career break from the Civil Service. We had a marvellous time exploring Anglo-American cultural differences and discovering some unfortunate political similarities. We returned in August 2018 to find that Brexit hasn't really moved along since we left. I am back in the Civil Service and am in charge of data protection legal policy at the Department for Culture Media and Sport. I've only experienced a few months of the Brexit maelstrom and am in awe of colleagues who have had years of it. Despite all this, I am happy to be back.

Radu Ispasoiu (1992)

After many years, I visited Balliol with my wife Jenny and daughters Jasmine and Daisy, shown in the photo below in the College grounds.





Professor Alex Jadad (1992)

I contributed to creating and describing the best integrated healthcare network in the world, featured in my book *Trusted Networks: The Key to Achieve World-class Health Outcomes on a Shoestring* (Beati Inc., 2018). This could be of great potential value to the NHS at this time of crisis. I received the 2018 ASMEDAS Global Award for Contributions to Human Well-Being, and was selected (by an international panel) as a member of the Council of the Wise for Colombia, a group charged with generating recommendations to help guide the country's future in the following 25 years.

Josh Harlan (1994)

Facebook, Inc. recently installed *Spectrum Fragments*, an installation commissioned from Josh Harlan, in one of their headquarters' buildings in Menlo Park, CA. Josh makes geometric abstractions derived from data sets and visualisations that he encounters in the course of his work in New York as an investment fund manager. *Spectrum Fragments* is comprised of eight dye-sublimation metal prints, each of which is a fragment derived from of a chart of US spectrum allocations. (Spectrum allocation, or frequency allocation, is the allocation and regulation of the electromagnetic spectrum into radio frequency bands by the government, enabling uses such as broadcast television, AM and FM radio, cellular telephony, aircraft and satellite communications,

etc.) For more information, please see www.joshharlan.com.

Becky Ashton (1995)

In September 2018 we adopted a brother and sister aged four and three.

Carsten Flohr (1995)

I was recently promoted to a chair in dermatology at St John's Institute of Dermatology, King's College London.



Eleanor Richardson (1995)

As well as working as a property solicitor through Keystone Law, in my 'spare time' I run a branch of the Family Network in East Surrey to support mums and dads and anyone else who runs their business around other family commitments, whether that is looking after children or looking after parents or other relatives. I provide child-friendly business networking opportunities and affordable workshops, and also run a Twitter hour on a Monday evening. I have grown the East Surrey branch from 350 when I took over nearly two and a half years ago to 1,500 business owners in the East Surrey region and have been recognised for the work I received by winning the Outstanding Contribution to the Family Network in March this year.

Roopa Unnikrishnan (1995)

This has been an exciting year. My book *The Career Catapult* (New Page

Books, 2017) was translated and published in China and I look forward to buying a few while I'm there!

While my work as Head of Strategy at Harman International lets me get into interesting new spaces like Smart Cities, I also see new worlds through my 15-year-old twins: my son's blog critiquing recipes and my daughter's work as the NY ED of Coalition Z, which facilitates political advocacy among the youth both make me an extremely proud mom. I've spoken about innovation and transformation this year in Trinidad and Tobago, DC and NYC – you can find me at TheCareerCatapult.com and on Twitter @roopaonline.

Sam Carr (1996)

Got divorced, moved house (not unrelated), very much back on my feet with my two kids. Working at Tesco HQ in Welwyn, building software to make shopping better. It was fantastic to catch up with people I hadn't seen for 20 years at last year's Gaudy. You've all not changed a bit.

Ben Lynch (1996)

Published the 14th edition of *MacGillivray on Insurance Law* last year, with the First Supplement coming out later this year. If you don't like insurance law, I would advise against reading this from cover to cover.

Michael Rans (1996)

My transformation from atheist to Christian several years ago continues to have repercussions in my life. I am glad that I pursued my calling to work in the humanitarian sector, leaving the world of investment banking behind. My spare time is spent on writing articles for a subreddit that I started about cruciform theology – that Jesus' life reveals the character and nature of God: www.reddit.com/r/cruciformity/.

Geoff Cowling (1997)

Tara and I had a great trip back to the UK in March with our family, catching up with the English clan and celebrating our fortieth birthdays with friends, many of whom are also Balliol 1997.

Rose Grimond (1997)

I started the business Nettlebed Creamery, which is an award-winning, artisan, organic cheese-making business about 20 miles south-east of Oxford.

Chris Nattrass (1997)

I have lived in New York City for 15 years and teach English and creative writing at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School. I spent several happy summers at the Bread Loaf School of English in Middlebury, Vermont, working towards my MA degree. In July 2018 I got married to Anne Lind at an apple orchard in Altamont, New York. I'd like to thank Balliol alumni Phil Jockelson (1997), Gabrielle Lynch (1997), Chris Davenport (1999) and Emma Lindsay (1998) for joining the celebrations. I play the double bass in various groups, including the Dirty Waltz Band, and can be heard on Rebecca Hart's most recent album *The Magician's Daughter*.

**James Orr (1997)**

I have been appointed University Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion at the Faculty of Divinity in the University of Cambridge.

Mark Bell (1998)

Was recently named Head of Family Office and Private Capital at Balentine, a boutique asset manager in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr Bell is also in his 12th year as a Senior Research Fellow and Lecturer in Finance at Emory University, Atlanta, and has enjoyed continuing to serve on the Bodleian board under the leadership of a solid Balliol man in the person of Bodley's 25th Librarian [Professorial Fellow Richard Ovenden].

Rosie Foster-Carter (née Bennett-Rees, 1998)

In January my husband, Tom, and I had a baby girl, Lily, to join our son

Freddie. I've been working as an advisor to entrepreneurial founders for the last five years, most recently as Chief of Staff for a medicinal cannabis start-up in London and Jamaica.

**Jonathan Baggs (1999)**

Working hard as regional director at the Institution of Civil Engineers, responsible for member activities across London and south-east England. Also learning lots as a parent governor at my sons' primary school. I will be marking 20 years since matriculation by picking up my Oxford MA.

Andrew Copson (1999)

Published *Secularism: A Very Short Introduction* (OUP, 2019).

Niall Kennedy (1999)

After a few left turns in my career, academic and otherwise, including some years spent abroad, I finally completed a PhD, in Modern French Philosophy, at the Centre for Research in Modern European Philosophy, Kingston University London, in 2017. Since September 2018 I have been working in the French department of Trinity College Dublin and planning a book on the question of authorship in the philosophy of Gilles Deleuze. For my first-year literature classes I have been greatly enjoying using, as a teaching resource, *French Literature: A Beginner's Guide*, the last book published by my old tutor at Balliol, the late Carol Clark (Fellow and Tutor in Modern Languages 1973–2004), Emeritus Fellow 2004–2015).

Thomas Maloney (1999)

The paperback edition of my second novel, *Learning to Die*, is published by Scribe in July 2019.

Professor Paul Williams (1999)

Professor of Atmospheric Science at the University of Reading, Paul Williams was a key on-screen contributor to two recent Channel 4 documentaries (*The World's Wildest Weather*, *Britain's Wildest Weather*) which were watched by 1.5 million viewers. Two of his scientific studies appeared in Carbon Brief's list of the top 25 climate papers with the most media coverage. Paul recently spent a period in residence at the Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems in Dresden, and he has given seminars internationally in Honolulu, Montreal, New Orleans, Virginia, Nanjing, Paris, Munich, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Dublin, and Toulouse. He recently won a £5,000 prize for his work in forecasting aviation turbulence; see *Floreat Domus* 2019 page 14 for more information!

2000s

Ella Kaye (2001)

Ella and her wife Natasha were thrilled to welcome their daughter, Esther Alexcia Kaye, born on 29 January 2019.

**Daniel-Konrad Cooper (2002)**

Works as an independent film producer through his company Rather Good Films Ltd and this year released his enigmatically titled hitman comedy *Dead in a Week (Or Your Money Back)*. The film stars Tom Wilkinson and Christopher Eccleston and has been released internationally from Hollywood to Taiwan. In the UK the film was in Odeon cinemas and will soon come to Netflix to join his other titles *Burn Burn Burn* and *Another Mother's Son*. He has also just completed filming on a new musically rooted comedy *The Man in the Hat*, which sees Ciarán Hinds

on a caper across France in a small car with supporting cast including Stephen Dillane and Maïwenn.



Christian Hansen (2002)

On 6 October 2018 I married Joanna O'Brien.

Tom Lane (2002)

I continue to work full-time as a professional composer in Ireland, Germany and the United Kingdom. In June of this year my fourth chamber opera will be performed in Cork Opera House. I am looking forward to marrying my fiancée Maeve Casserly in Dublin this July!

Lucinda Woods (2002)

James Arthur Wellesley O'Sullivan was born on 12 April 2019 – a little brother for Robbie.



Robert Apsimon (2003)

My son, William John Apsimon, was born on 30 June 2017 (slightly old news now) to myself and my wife, Öznuur Apsimon.

Harriet Bailiss (née Jones, 2003)

Robin Olive Ray Bailiss, our first daughter, was born on 6 August 2018 to Harriet and John Bailiss.

Valerie Kenyon (2003)

I recently became a partner at the law firm Hogan Lovells International LLP, focusing on product liability and product regulatory law. I welcomed my second little boy, Harvey Oscar, into the world on 9 April 2019.

Kristina Hakansson (2004)

Kristina Hakansson and Dmitry Kuvshinov (2004) have a new baby. His name is Victor and he was born on 11 October 2018.

Tim Soutphommasane (2004)

I concluded my five-year term as Race Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission in August 2018. I am now Professor of Practice (Sociology and Political Theory) at the University of Sydney. My latest book is *On Hate* (Melbourne University Publishing, 2009).

Aneurin Ellis-Evans (2005)

The book of my Oxford DPhil was published at the end of April with OUP: *The Kingdom of Priam: Lesbos and the Troad between Anatolia and the Aegean*.

Lucy King (2005)

Our Save the Elephants' Elephants and Bees Project in Kenya has gone mobile! We are now taking our innovative



idea of using interlinked beehive fences to protect rural African farms from crop-raiding elephants to new communities across Africa. With on-site and online support we now have beehive fences in 17 countries in Africa and Asia in 56 sites. With funding help from Disney, we also collared 30 elephants in the Tsavo Ecosystem in order to understand their movements in and out of the community lands better and to help focus our efforts to reduce human-elephant conflict. For more information check out www.elephantsandbees.com.

Dan Nicolau (2005)

I can report that I am busy as a PI in an EU research consortium – we are working on building massively parallel 'living' computers using biological components like proteins and cells. The idea is that Life does everything all at the same time, so if we could make computers that work like that, we may be able to do exciting new things. I was elected to the Future Fellowship, one of Australia's flagship research awards.

Jodie Ewin (2005)

Jodie (née Rabin) married Nathan Ewin (2005) on 16 December 2017.

Dominic Weinberg (2005)

I got married to Sarah Oxley in July 2018. Tessa Roberts and Liz Gunstone (both also 2005) were two of my 'crew' (the chosen gender-neutral term for grooms/brides-people) and Balliol was strongly represented.

William Davies (2006)

Will Davies was recently appointed to an Associate Professorship and Tutorial Fellowship in the Philosophy of Mind at St Anne's College, Oxford.

Timothy Trudgian (2006)

Roaringly splendid times here in Canberra. In April 2017 I took up a permanent position at UNSW Canberra at the Australian Defence Force Academy. Loving life there: the students are up every morning doing push-ups, laps of the oval, and heaven knows what else, before turning up fresh as daisies for my calculus lectures. My wife, Di, continues to take our garden to the next level in a sustainable, food-rich, native-garden paradise. My sons Archie (eight) and Monty (five) are enjoying tennis, cricket, hockey, rugby, soccer (yes,

yes, football, sure, but we've got four types of football in Australia: what's a man to do?) and card games. Every Sunday arvo we take in an hour or so of an opera, and have worked through nearly twenty classics. Such was the boys' keenness that Archie suggested Monty invite some of his favourite operatic sopranos to his birthday. I declared that, since I had had a crush on Dame Kiri Te Kanawa when I was 16, it seemed meet and right so to do.

Kate Kettle (2007)

This year, I set up my own business, Varsity Scholars, to ensure all young people get the support they need to secure a top university place. I'll be drawing on all the expertise I developed at Balliol as the David Freeman Outreach and Student Support Officer between 2012 and 2017, and I am currently working on a digital education masterclass to support UCAS personal statement writing. Please get in touch via my website if you'd like to hear more: varsityscholars.co.uk. On a personal note, Henry Moore (2005) proposed to me on Christmas Eve. We are getting married in the College Chapel in October – 12 years since we first met at Balliol. We're delighted that so many friends from our time at Balliol will be with us on the day to celebrate.



James Villalard (2007)

Was awarded his Doctorate of Philosophy in History from the University of Exeter on 16 April 2018,



attending formal graduation on 14 December 2018. His doctoral research was supervised by Professor Jeremy Black and Dr Michael Duffy, and his thesis was entitled 'A Re-Assessment of the Strategic Role of the Channel Islands during the Great French War (1792–1815)'. Following the award of his PhD, Dr Villalard accepted an offer of employment with the States of Jersey. He holds the position of Assistant Legal Adviser within the Criminal Division of the Law Officers' Department, being assigned to the Mutual Legal Assistance Team. Seeking to further his legal career, Dr Villalard intends to take up part-time study for an LLB. Tuition will be provided through the Jersey Institute of Law, with the degree being awarded by the University of London.

Eleanor Watkins (2007)

My husband (Nicholas Phillips, 2006) and I met at Balliol in 2007 and had a baby girl in August last year (28 August, Lily Rose Watkins-Phillips).

Edward Grefenstette (2008)

Edward and Renie Grefenstette are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Marceline Constance Grefenstette, born 3 December 2018.

Harssh Poddar (2008)

Read for the BCL at Balliol in 2008–2009. Thereafter he worked briefly with a Magic Circle law firm in London, before moving back to India to write the Indian Civil Services Examination (arguably one of the toughest competitive examinations in the world). This was a decision he was able to make because of the informed support and guidance of his mentor at Balliol, Professor Jeff King (Fellow and Tutor in Law 2008–2011). Having cleared the examination, he is now an officer of the Indian Police Service (IPS) and has been serving in the state of Maharashtra. He is presently posted as the Deputy Commissioner of Police of Nagpur.

Paolo Gandini (2009)

I married Dr Diana Di Paolo (St Catherine's College, 2011) in Città Sant' Angelo Italy in June 2018. In January 2019 I published a paper in *Physical Review Letters* (journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.122.012001), which got a

nice mention in the most important national Italian press agency, ANSA.

Ronan Lyons (2009)

Our second son, Cullen Adrian Timothy Lyons, was born in May 2018. Big brother Morgan (b. December 2015) is as excited as anyone! On the professional front, I am the first academic ever to have been shortlisted three years in a row (2017, 2018 and 2019) for a Provost's Teaching Award at Trinity College Dublin, where I'm an Assistant Professor of Economics.

Christopher Miller (2009)

In the last year my book *Planning and Profits: British Naval Armaments Manufacture and the Military Industrial Complex* was published by Liverpool University Press (in the UK) and OUP (in the USA). I was also appointed to a Lectureship in Global Economy at the University of Glasgow, and I was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Lucy Tucker (2009)

Lucy Brooks (now Tucker) married Ben (St Edmund Hall, 2007) on a sunny day in Warwickshire. Plenty of Balliolites in attendance, including Balliol bridesmaids Nathalie Hoon, Tonya Semyachkova, Caitlin McMillan and Rowan Roberts (all 2009).



2010s

Claire Parry (2010)

I'm going to be performing my debut one-woman absurd clown show, *Intolerable Side Effects*, about contraception this summer at Brighton and Edinburgh Fringe festivals.

Samuel Roberts (2010)

I have received my PhD in Organic Chemistry from UCL. I was under the supervision of Dr Matt Powner

and produced a thesis entitled 'Towards the Prebiotic Synthesis of Furanosyl-Nucleosides'.

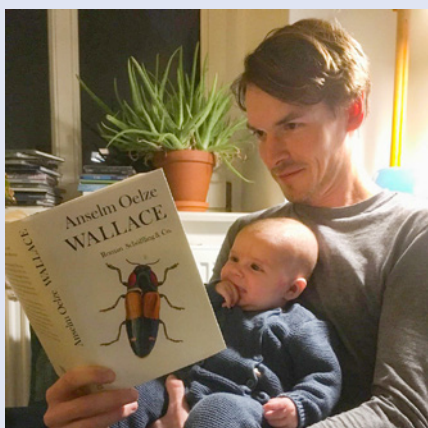
Nauman Asghar (2011)

I worked in the Civil Service of Pakistan for five years. Last year I won an HEC Paris Foundation Award for my PhD in Strategy & Business Policy. I am close to finishing my first year of my PhD at HEC Paris. The focus of my research lies in behavioural strategy. I am attempting to incorporate insights from behavioural economics to the science of organisational design. It is a very novel and emerging field. Previous studies on organisational design treated members of an organisation as unitary actors and focused mostly on the issue of incentives.



Anselm Oelze (2011)

On 7 August 2018, our daughter Aava was born, and on 5 February 2019, my first novel *Wallace* about the forgotten co-discoverer of the mechanism of natural selection, Alfred Russel Wallace, was published in Germany by Schöffling. There's already a second edition in the bookshops and if things continue as well as they've started there will also be an English translation in the (near) future.



Vikramaditya Malik (2012)

I was able to crack the Indian Civil Services Examination with an All India Rank of 48. I am now a member of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), 2018 batch, borne on the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Cadre. I'm currently undergoing training at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie. As a part of the foundation course in the training, I was awarded the Director's Gold Medal for excellence in 'Political Science and the Constitution', in December 2018.

Laurence Warner (2013)

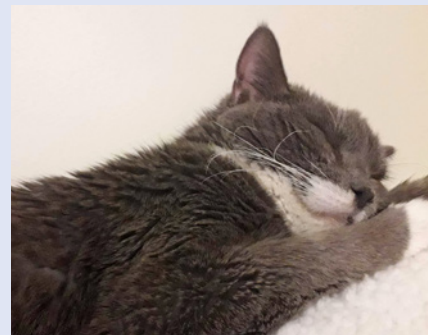
Tushar Kelkar (2013) and I crafted a challenge called First Week Flip Phone, to live a more mindful seven days without a smartphone. We did it ourselves every month for a year and are grateful to the dozens of young people who joined us along the way. See FirstWeekFlipPhone.com for stories, including our podcast 'Flip Phone Diaries'.

James Letten (2014)

Having commissioned into the Royal Navy this time last year, I was promoted to the rank of Sub Lieutenant last September. I've been working in the Mediterranean in HMS Duncan in support of the French Carrier Strike Group 'GAN 19' since the start of this year.

Ele Saltmarsh (2015)

Ele Saltmarsh and Steven Rose are pleased to announce the arrival of a new member of their family, Wren.



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).

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