



LMH News



LMH New Era Campaign launched

The campaign to raise funds for the new buildings at LMH is under way, launched on June 12th at a reception hosted at Christie's in London by Jussi Pykkänen, (English 1981), the President of Christie's Europe. Architectural drawings and a model of the buildings were displayed alongside a stunning selection of Impressionist paintings which were to be sold at auction the following day. Guests learned of the project's details, of the vision that it seeks to fulfil, and of the need to support it, from the speakers, the Chancellor of the University, the Principal, the Chairman of the Advisory Council Guy Monson (PPE 1981), and Dame Vivien Duffield, Modern Languages 1963).

The project in outline

This is the most ambitious building project LMH has undertaken in several decades.

A series of new buildings will integrate the whole site, provide a new entrance, and develop the quadrangular character established by the completion of Wolfson quadrangle in the 60s.

The new facilities will include:

- over 100 additional study bedrooms
- a spacious Graduate Centre
- a multi-purpose theatre
- seminar, dining and common rooms

The new undergraduate building will enable the College to house all undergraduates throughout their time at LMH, and the new Graduate Centre will help LMH recruit outstanding students from all over the world.

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The Challenge of Change

The theme of this edition of LMH News is the rapidly changing character of the world around us and the implications of that change for our society. Of course it can be a cliché to say the world is changing fast and topics such as climate change, technological advance and globalization may as often occasion a yawn as a quickening of interest. Yet a moment's reflection will surely underline how new and uncertain our world has become. Take climate change for example. There is no need to labour the enormous damage wreaked by the recent floods in the United Kingdom. These floods severely affected large parts of Oxford and brought fish on to the LMH tennis courts, though in many ways Oxford got off lightly by comparison with many other areas. What we do not know however is whether this experience of freak weather conditions is a one-off, or a harbinger of new and more extreme weather conditions and not just in Britain. Nor do we know whether we have the ability to deal with such changes: for even if the scientific expertise exists, the degree of political cooperation necessary to implement a coherent and successful policy seems elusive.



HOCKEY PITCH AND TENNIS COURTS, JULY 2007

Increasingly the major problems facing the world – climate change, disease, poverty, migration and terrorism for example - cannot be solved within the context of the nation state but demand trans-national cooperation. Unfortunately sustained international cooperation is difficult to achieve, not least because of the continuing pull of national self-interest and the weakness of international institutions for making and enforcing policy. Indeed the international arena is itself in flux as important new players such as China and India emerge and as the international economy becomes ever more inter-dependent.

Even at the domestic level the political world is being transformed by such factors as structural changes in the ownership of the media and by technological changes creating new opportunities for politicians and the public to interact. To the extent that new technologies push up the costs of politics, some of these developments may be regretted. However, as Tom Steinberg argues, the internet and the spread of new computer technology also create an opportunity for a more responsive citizen politics.

In such a fast-moving universe it is important that our educational institutions continually revisit their mission. Clearly we need our research capacity to be fully mobilized to solve the range of problems confronting the world. But scientific and technological advance by themselves are not enough. Translating the findings of research into policies which can endure takes the very different skills of knowledge and the understanding of the social, political and economic contexts in which those policies must be implemented.

Gillian Peele Tutor in Politics

New Honorary Fellows

Lady Antonia Fraser CBE (1950 History)



has been an internationally best-selling biographer and historian for the past forty years receiving numerous prizes and honorary degrees along the way. Her work includes *Love and Louis XIV: The Women in the Life of the*

Sun King (2006), *Marie Antoinette* (2001), *The Gunpowder Plot: Terror and Faith in 1605* (1996), *The Wives of Henry VIII* (1992), *The Weaker Vessel: Woman's Lot in Seventeenth-century England* (1984), *Cromwell, Our Chief of Men* (1973) and *Mary, Queen of Scots* (1969). Her writing has captured the imagination of filmmakers and is cited as an important influence on the new generation of popular historians. Twice a Booker Judge, her influence has also been felt as Chair of the Society of Authors and as President of the English Centre of PEN, the world association of writers, a post she held when the fatwa was first issued against Salman Rushdie in 1989. The Crime Writers' Association has benefited from her chairmanship too, for, besides Marie Antoinette and Oliver Cromwell, Antonia Fraser has also introduced readers to the fictional investigative TV reporter, Jemima Shore.

Dr Fiona MacCarthy (1958 English)



joined the Guardian in 1983 and has been a regular contributor ever since. In addition to her features, Fiona's books, among which are *Stanley Spencer: English Visionary* (1997), *Eric Gill* (1989), *William Morris* (1995) and *Byron: life and*

legend (2002), have made her a household name in biography and cultural history. She received the Wolfson History Prize in 1994, the Writers' Guild Non-fiction Award in 1995 and was awarded a Senior Fellowship by the Royal College of Art in 1997. Her latest book, part-memoir part-social history, *Last Curtsey: The End of the Debutantes*, made its own successful debut in 2006.

From The Principal



We have no choice about living with change and uncertainty. As several items in this newsletter emphasize, and as we all know from our own experience, they are part of the reality we inhabit. As I write this in mid-August, that general truth is being demonstrated again by dramatic fluctuations in world financial markets. We do not understand sufficiently the myriad factors that shape our experience, nor how to respond to them.

Higher education today has to move fast. Scholarly research has an urgent contribution to make to a better understanding of every aspect of life, including the physical environment, disease, the global economy, and the differences of culture and values that both enrich and endanger international relations. Our students develop high-level analytical, research, and communication skills honed on specialist work in their chosen disciplines. It is difficult to overstate their importance for contemporary society. Today, however, it is equally important to learn how to adapt swiftly and intelligently, work collaboratively, and understand different perspectives.

College life is a wonderful education in these intellectual and personal skills. The variety of academic study and the increasingly international composition of LMH open up great possibilities for intellectual and cultural interaction, in a learning community for the 21st century. That is why we plan new buildings – to permit more of our students to live in College and participate fully in its life. The new Graduate Centre will have a particular role to play, facilitating exchange between outstanding students from all over the world most of whom at present have to live out.

This building project is a major change that we are choosing to make. It will be hard to achieve. But it will equip generations of students better for the challenge of living and working in a diverse, dynamic, and rapidly-changing world.

Frances Lannon, Principal

Gavin Cameron **Fellow and Tutor in Economics 2000-2007**

As this publication was going to press, we were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Gavin Cameron, at the age of 38, of complications following chronic cystic fibrosis.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday 17 November at 2.00 p.m. at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, High Street, Oxford. There will be refreshments afterwards at LMH.

A full appreciation will appear in the next Brown Book.



Goodbye to...

Dr Jeff Sanders

Dr Jeff Sanders has been elected Emeritus Fellow following a long and distinguished association with LMH since his appointment as University Lecturer in Computation in 1986. He left LMH in February 2007 to take up his post as Senior Research Fellow at the United Nations University's International Institute for Software Technology (UNU-IIST). His interests lie broadly in the applications of mathematical methods to reason about complex or novel forms of computation (such as probabilistic algorithms, distributed protocols, security and hardware design). He is also intrigued by the philosophy of information. The mission of UNU-IIST, located in Macao, is to help developing countries improve their education and research in Computer Science and to strengthen their ability to produce computer software.



Robert Stevens

Congratulations to Robert Stevens who leaves Oxford and his posts as Fellow and Tutor at LMH and CUF Lecturer to take up the Chair of Commercial Law at University College, London at the start of the academic year 2007/8. Robert was elected to a Fellowship in 1997 and with Ann Kennedy has provided great stability in Law teaching at LMH for the last ten years. His stints as Dean will be remembered too by LMH student miscreants. The Colleges wishes him well and thanks him for all that he has done. His areas of research interest are Corporate Insolvency, Restitution and the Conflict of Laws, and his forthcoming book, *Tort and Rights*, will be published by Oxford University Press.

Good bye to Jane Day (in conversation with Simon Price)

I read Greats at Somerville (1959-63), initially hoping to be a lifelong classicist. But philosophy captivated me, and after Greats I did the Philosophy B.Phil., then taught in Leeds for a year. I came to dinner at LMH, as I thought to see if I might apply for a job. The Principal's first words to me were 'When can you start?'

I started in 1966, now 41 years and 5 Principals ago. The SCR was more close-knit than now. The fellowship was smaller (only 22 up to 1979), and we met one another much more often, especially at morning coffee and afternoon tea, served then at set times. There was more of a family feeling than now (for better and worse). Our colleagues were often among our closest friends. Everything to do with college was discussed in the SCR, from student achievements and delinquencies to anecdotes about past Oxford life – all much less discreetly than today.

Dame Lucy, the Principal, was perceived by many undergraduates as reserved and rather severe, but in the SCR she would perch on a tiny chair and regale us with the latest hot story. Winifred Hicken, the Classics tutor, was the life and soul of the SCR: smoking vigorously, she would sit on the central sofa, telling stories, with her audience, also smoking, around her. Winifred loved a good argument. She also gave wonderful Mods parties, doing all the cooking herself. Anne Jeffery, the Ancient History tutor, was my closest SCR friend; we picked kingcups together; she also helped me greatly with writing. Katie Lea, the Vice-Principal, always the first at breakfast, deeply upright, seemed at first too principled for comfort, but in fact she was a very warm-hearted and companionable friend, full of humour.

A different set of memories surrounds the arrival of the men in 1979-1980. The process of going mixed proved an easy passage in LMH, helped by a clear mandate from the start. It was also the catalyst for a vast increase in the Fellowship, leading both to better staffing and to a looser structure.

Undergraduate attitudes to the other sex changed. For the women, the mystique of men disappeared (when I was an undergraduate, we conversed about how

men were superior, and women were second-class even if they got Firsts). Going mixed also led to personal change for me, as in 1981 I married another Fellow of the College, John Day – the first intra-LMH marriage of very many others. Altogether, the LMH SCR is now a much looser society, but broader and richer, if only we can pause in the rat-race long enough to enjoy one another.

How have undergraduate attitudes to their studies changed? I feel they have become if anything more, not less, responsible over my time. The undergraduates don't seem younger and younger as I leave; they may look young, but they seem to take a lot of responsibility for their lives. LMH Philosophy flourishes, indeed has gained rather than lost attraction for its students, partly because the subject itself has refreshingly broadened out from

the narrowly linguistic approach which dominated when I started.

I am delighted that five LMH Philosophy finalists this year achieved Firsts – a record, I think. I am delighted that I leave with a full-time colleague in post in the person of Christopher Shields. All my best wishes to Chris, to his future colleagues, and to present and future LMH Philosophy students, and greetings and thanks to all the past students whom I've had the privilege and pleasure of teaching.

Jane Day (née Osborn) was Tutor in Philosophy at LMH 1966-2007 (Fellow from 1967), Senior Tutor 1981-86, Vice-Principal 1998-2003. To celebrate Jane's long career at LMH we will be holding a Philosophy Day in 2008 to which all LMH philosophers will be invited.



Good bye to Ann Kennedy

Ann Kennedy retires this year as Fellow and Tutor in Jurisprudence after 33 years at LMH. She came to LMH as a solicitor from Messrs Joynson-Hicks & Co and has been a much valued member of the SCR. Here is a small selection of tributes we received from former students. All tributes will be collated in a booklet to be presented to Ann at her retirement celebration in January.



'On our first evening, Ms Kennedy invited our little group of first year Law students for drinks in her room to welcome us to Oxford, LMH and the law. It was a room that we would all end up in many times after that, and as fresh-faced teenagers we could not realise that we were standing next to future lifelong friends; but looking back, there are two moments that will always strike me about that first night. The first, was Ms Kennedy handing each of us a glass of wine the second we entered the room. Now that we were lawyers, it was clearly time for us to get used to having a glass of wine in our hand. The second was her little talk to us about starting our law studies. All I can remember about it was being told that each of us should make a will (if we hadn't already done so). There we were on our first day at university and Ms Kennedy was telling us to prepare for our deaths! Both those moments set the tone for my whole experience of Ms Kennedy. She always wanted to make sure we were sufficiently prepared for everything – whether it was our finals, future careers or enjoyment of our time at Oxford. If you were willing to do your part, then she would do more than you could hope for in return. Part teacher, part mentor and part parent, you knew that you could always count on Ms Kennedy. And each of us did at some stage. For those moments, of which there were many, I will always be thankful.'

Jun Wong (1996)

'ASK was the first person to know us only as adults. And she treated us as adults, revealing a world of gossip, intrigue and college politics worthy of CP Snow, while feeding us chocolate digestives, coffee and sherry (not necessarily together).'

Emma Slessenger (1977)

'I...learned more Spanish law in one year in Oxford than in five years in Spain... with Ms Kennedy I learned how to argue and criticise the law, instead of just memorizing legislations and case law without question.'

Juan Bonilla (1999)

'It was Ms Kennedy who first exposed me to the joy of legal contemplation that forever remains the driving force behind the type of practitioner I am today.'

Nir Shtolzberg (1993)

'...during my undergraduate studies... for a period Ann was paying for some of our essential texts out of her own pocket. I have not forgotten.'

Deborah Tompkinson (1980)

'I... still remember Ann's advice about starting an exam. She said "turn over your paper and smoke an imaginary cigarette before starting to write".'

Nicholas Simpson (1989)

'... we all knew her as the absolute Saviour of our Souls... with a wonderfully down-to-earth common sense and dry sense of humour.'

Jess Granger (2003)

'Ann Kennedy was tireless in her efforts to help students achieve the best possible positions after graduation...Such devotion to students' careers will be extremely difficult for LMH to replace.'

Heather M. Caswell (1992)

'Ann Kennedy was my Tutor in Law and, if I remember right, my despairing Dean of Discipline... I am not sure she ever forgave herself for letting me in. I learned a little law and a lot of debating, which seems about right as I later joined criminal practice at the Bar. I am now helping the UN in Tanzania to prosecute the Rwanda genocide of 1994 and often recall my halcyon days under her tutelage.'

Iain Morley (1984)

'Some people leave a positive impression that lasts for ever, and she is one.'

Bryan R Shacklady (1997)

'The BCL was my third university degree. I had learned from many fine teachers before I came to Oxford, but I had not experienced anything like Oxford's particular commitment to the individual student, and to the whole person. To my mind, Ann epitomizes that commitment.'

Geoffrey Gomery (2005)

'Ann Kennedy is pretty much the sole reason I am where I am today, why I have the job I have and why I have the enthusiasm I have for it.'

Katharine Landells (1997)

'I had three exams on the trot: Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. By Thursday lunchtime, I was shattered, over-emotional and convinced I had failed so I went to see Miss Kennedy. She took one look at me and poured me the biggest sherry I have ever seen.'

Ruth Clare (Zanre) (1994)

All Ann Kennedy's students are warmly invited to a Reception and Lunch in her honour to be held in College on Saturday 19 January 2008 at 12.30pm. Invitations and booking forms will be sent out shortly. Bookings may be made now on the new alumni website: www.lmh-alumni.org

Congratulations to Alumni...

Ann Leslie (1959 English)

was made 'Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire' in the New Year's honours list 'for services to journalism.' Working as a foreign correspondent for the Daily Mail, Ann Leslie has been wiring first-hand accounts from over 70 countries (and counting) for the past 40 years. She considers reporting on the release of Nelson Mandela and the exodus of East Berliners after the fall of the Wall as career highlights. Industry accolades include numerous British Press Awards and the prestigious James Cameron Award for 'an outstanding contribution to journalism'. She is also much in demand by broadcasters on TV and radio.



ANN LESLIE



JACQUELINE LEVENE

Dr Sultana Feroze Al-Qu'aiti (Rashid 1968 Modern Languages)

was awarded an MBE in the Birthday Honours List of Her Majesty The Queen for 'services to disadvantaged communities in the Yemen and to British relations with Yemen and Saudi Arabia'.



JOSIE LONG

Jacqueline Levene (Perry 1970 Jurisprudence)

was made QC in July 2006. Jackie is a member of the LMH Advisory Council. In her career she has been involved in many high profile personal injury cases for example, acting for the claimants in Thalidomide, Clapham rail disaster, Paddington rail disaster and for the defendants in the Kegworth air crash. She is also a member of the Californian Bar.



VERONICA VAN HEYNINGEN

Dr Edward Danson (2003 Clinical Medicine)

was awarded the Rolleston Memorial Prize 2005/6 for 'original' and 'significant' Biomedical Research. The prize was awarded for his D.Phil. work in cardiovascular biology, carried out in the Burdon-Sanderson Cardiac Science Centre between 2000 and 2003. Whilst continuing his research in this field, Dr Danson currently works in the intensive care unit in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

Josie Long (2000 English)

won the 2006 Best Newcomer *IF.comedies* award for her first full length show at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The *IF.comedies* replaces the Perrier Comedy Award and is the most prestigious accolade of the Edinburgh Festival, relied upon by audiences and broadcasters for recognising exciting talent.

Professor Veronica Van Heyningen (1970 Biochemistry DPhil)

of the Human Genetics Unit of the Medical Research Council, Edinburgh, and Honorary Professor, University of Edinburgh, was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 2007. Her speciality is the developmental regulation in eye disease and normal eye development, mechanisms of mutation and gene regulation. Following a first degree in Genetics at Cambridge, her Oxford DPhil was in early gene mapping studies using somatic cell hybrids, working with Walter Bodmer. She was a Howard Hughes International Research Scholar 1993-1998, and is currently a member of UK Human Genetics Commission.

LMH in The Shadow Cabinet

Two LMH Senior Members were appointed to posts in the Shadow Cabinet of Tory Leader David Cameron in July.



Dame Pauline Neville-Jones (1958 History) was made Shadow Security Minister and National Security Adviser to David Cameron. She will be nominated for a peerage. Dame Pauline has had a distinguished career in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In the 1990s she was Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, acting as adviser to the Prime Minister on all foreign, defence and intelligence issues. In 1994-96 she led the British Delegation to the Dayton Peace talks on Bosnia. She is a former Chairman of QinetiQ and a former Governor of the BBC. She spoke at the LMH London Dinner in 2005 on the subject of 'What do we do about rogue states: when are democracies justified in military intervention?'



Michael Gove (1985 English) moved from Housing to become Shadow Secretary for Children, Schools and Families. His opposite number in the Commons is the new Secretary of State Ed Balls. Michael was elected MP for Surrey Heath in the 2005 General Election. A journalist by profession, he became well known as a regular writer for The Times and a broadcaster on the BBC.



...and Fellows

Dr Michael Broers, Fellow and Tutor in Modern History, was awarded the prestigious Grand Prix Napoléon 2006 for the best non-Francophone book written on the First Empire. *The Napoleonic Empire in Italy. Cultural imperialism in a European context? 1796-1814* was published in 2005 by Palgrave Press. The prize of a plaque, a case of champagne, six glasses and 8,000 euros was presented by the Princess Imperial at the Jockey Club, Paris, on 21 November 2006.



MICHAEL BROERS

Dr Garry Brown, E P Abraham Fellow and Tutor in Biochemistry, has been chosen for a Teaching Excellence Award for his significant contribution to teaching by the Medical Sciences Division of the University of Oxford. The award was presented on 16 October 2007 in the George Pickering Education Centre at the John Radcliffe Hospital.



GARRY BROWN

Professor Richard Jenkyns Winifred Hicken Fellow and Tutor in Classics and Professor of the Classical Tradition, has been selected by The Leverhulme Trust in the 2006 round for a Major Research Fellowship for his project entitled 'God, space and city in the Roman imagination'.



RICHARD JENKYNs



DAVID MACDONALD

Professor David Macdonald, Wildlife Research Fellow, Professor of Wildlife Conservation and Director of the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU), was placed amongst the top ten Most Influential Living Conservationists in the July 2007 issue of BBC Wildlife magazine. According to the panel of conservation campaigners, advisors and journalists, his main achievement has been 'founding and running the WildCRU, one of the most high-profile science-based conservation groups in the world'. This year Professor Macdonald also received the American Society of Mammalogists' Merriam Award and the British Mammal Society Award for outstanding contributions to Mammalogy.

Dr Adrian Thomas, Fellow and Tutor in Biology, was made Professor of Biomechanics in the Recognition of Distinctions exercise for 2006.



ADRIAN THOMAS

Welcome to...

Dr Jochen Koenigsmann, Fellow and Tutor in Pure Mathematics

Dr Jochen Koenigsmann joins us from the Max-Planck-Institute for Mathematics in Bonn where he was a Research Fellow. Prior to this he held a five year Heisenberg research fellowship from the German Science Foundation (DFG), a one year professorship in Ulm and a one year visiting professorship at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. His area of research is algebra and model theory and he has proved several major conjectures.



JOCHEN KOENIGSMANN

Dr Gunther Martin, Domus Fellow in Classics

Dr Gunther Martin comes to LMH as Domus Fellow in Classics taking over from Professor Richard Jenkyns whilst the latter is on three years' research leave.

'This is my third time at Oxford. I had been here for one year as a Visiting Student and for the three years of my D.Phil. course in Ancient History. The time in between I spent in Munich (where I graduated in Classical Languages and Literature) and Berne, where I worked as a researcher. The fields within Classics I am particularly interested in are Greek oratory and historiography. In the spare time that remains I enjoy reading, chess and cycling (though keeping in mind the Solonian motto 'nothing in excess').'



GUNTHER MARTIN



JANET HENSHALL MOMSEN

Professor Janet Henshall Momsen, Starr Visiting Fellow

I came up to LMH in 1958 as a Harkness Scholar to study Geography and stayed on to do a Diploma in Education and a B. Litt. I then went to McGill University in Montreal on a Commonwealth Scholarship and did a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics. I returned to the UK for a Ph.D. and to teach geography at King's College, London. After three years in London I got married, had two sons, and began a peripatetic career during which I worked in Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, the USA and again in the UK. A Starr Fellowship at LMH brings me back full circle.

Dr Gianluca Gregori, Junior Research Fellow

The RCUK Fellowship in Plasma Physics and LMH have jointly appointed Dr. Gianluca Gregori to a University Lectureship in Atomic and Laser Physics. Dr Gregori joins us from the Central Laser Facility in the Rutherton Appleton Laboratory, Chilton UK. Beginning his academic life at the University of Bologna, Dr Gregori has conducted research in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in the University of California, the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the University of Minnesota and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California.



GIANLUCA GREGORI



GUY MONSON



GEMMA SEDGWICK

Guy Monson, New Chair of the Advisory Council

Guy Monson (1981 PPE) became Chairman of the LMH Advisory Council at the end of June 2007. Guy has been an exceptionally active member of the Council, which guides and supports the LMH Development Programme, in proposing initiatives in both the fundraising and alumni relations areas, and in contributing to these both personally and by influencing donations from other sources. He and his wife, Lady Rose Monson, sponsor the Rose Research Fellowship in International Relations at LMH.

Guy is Chief Executive and Chief Investment Officer of Sarasin Chiswell. He was the winner of the Asset Manager of the Year Award at the HNW Awards Ceremony at Sotheby's in July.

Guy takes over the leadership of the Council as we launch the New Era Campaign and embark on the challenge of raising £15 million to fund the new buildings at LMH.

Gemma Sedgwick promoted to Conference Manager

Gemma Sedgwick has been promoted to the exceptionally busy post of Conference and Events Manager. She started at LMH as Bursar's Secretary in July 2003, joining us from Lloyds TSB Private Banking. Gemma has been enjoying the newly created role of Conference and Events Manager since October 2006, following the restructuring of the Bursary. Alumni with enquiries concerning booking rooms, whether for special events, conferences or accommodation, are advised to contact Gemma directly for ideas and advice: email conferences@lmh.ox.ac.uk, tel: 01865 274 320.



FAY WELDON AND TOBIAS HILL WITH ONE OF THE CANDIDATES.

LMH Literary Festival 2007

In April the College gathered, from amongst its many distinguished writers, a group of Senior Members to take part in the first LMH literary festival. The day, attended by alumni, parents, friends and local residents, was structured around a series of themed sessions: writing lives, writing crime, writing for children, trends in contemporary fiction, dramatic voices, teaching writing, the tyranny of deadlines, and poetry. Throughout the day participants could also drop in on "the reading room", ably moderated by postgraduate student Laura Varnam (2004 English), where writers read more sustained passages from their work. A temporary bookstall set up by Blackwell in one of the Talbot seminar rooms did brisk business – selling far more books than anticipated, proving that LMHers are avid readers as well as writers.

The final session of the day was the announcement of the winner of the Hélène du Coudray prize for the best novel written by a UK undergraduate, judged by festival guests Fay Weldon and Tobias Hill. All the short listed candidates received a small prize, and the overall winner, Heather McRobie of Keble College, read from her novel "Psalm 119". The novel, set like Ian McEwan's "Saturday" during the anti war demonstrations of February 2003, will be published by the Maya Press, sponsors of the prize, in 2008.



JANE HAVELL (1972 ENGLISH) OF THE MAYA PRESS WITH TOBIAS HILL

LMH writers who contributed to the festival were: Victoria Blake (1982 History), Sarah Bradford (1956 History), Guy Browning (1983 History), Chris Considine (1960 English), Mary Corran (1977 History), Janet Davey (1968 English), Mary Dejevsky (1970 Modern Languages), Margaret Doody (1960 English), Siobhan Dowd (1978 Lit Hum), Ellen Dryden (1957 English), Georgina Ferry (1973 Psychology & Physiology), Nicci Gerard (1977 English), Philip Hensher (1983 English), Libby Houston (1960 English), Kathryn Hughes (1978 History), Kate Kellaway (1976 English), Simon Mason (1981 English), Clare Morgan (1988 English), Michelle Paver (1979 Biochemistry), Diana Quick (1964 English), Valerie Sanders (1978 English), Victoria Schofield (1974 History), and Marina Warner (1964 Modern Languages).

The day was everything that such a list of participants promised, and the thanks that came from audience and writers alike spoke of a rich and stimulating day. The Development Office plans to make further literary festivals occasional features in the events programme.



PROFESSOR MARGARET DOODY SURVEYS THE BLACKWELL LMH STORE



THE PRINCIPAL



THE CHANCELLOR



ALUMNI SPECIALIST EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF THE BUILDINGS COMMITTEE, CAROLE GANNON (1977 GEOGRAPHY) AND MICHAEL CLARKE (1982 MATHS)

LMH – The New Era Campaign

About 150 guests were present at the official launch of the New Era Campaign for the LMH buildings at a reception at Christie's in London, which was generously hosted by Jussi Pylkkänen (1981 English), the President of Christie's Europe. The Chancellor of Oxford University Lord Patten was present and spoke in support of the project along with the Principal, Guy Monson (1981 PPE), and Honorary Fellow Dame Vivien Duffield (1963 Modern Languages). The Principal was delighted to introduce Guy Monson in his new role as Chairman of the LMH Advisory Council, which he has undertaken from the beginning of July. The architect John Simpson and members of his team were on hand to discuss their designs. We are seeking an ambitious target of £15 million to realise this project. We were pleased to announce on the night some of the first major gifts to the Campaign, and others have been pledged since. An updated list of all donors to the project is given in the table below.

Dame Vivien Duffield is to chair the major fundraising campaign for the entire Collegiate University which is expected to be launched in the spring of 2008, and of which LMH's new buildings project will be a part. The campaign will address the goals and aspirations of all parts of the University, including the Colleges. Commenting on this appointment the Principal said "We are delighted that Dame Vivien is to chair the Oxford University campaign. She has been and continues to be an inspirational and generous philanthropist, in the arts and education. LMH is enormously grateful for her advice and support over many years." The Clore Foundation, which Dame Vivien chairs, currently supports the Clore Management Fellowship at LMH, held by Dr Dana Brown.

The New Era Campaign activity will accelerate from the autumn of 2007 and we intend to contact, in person, by phone, email, and letter all our alumni and alumnae – and our many other friends to invite their support. By the time this newsletter is published many of you will have spoken with a student caller during our annual phone campaign and I hope that large numbers will have joined the ranks of our donors in this exciting project for the LMH community.

The Campaign will be launched in North America in the autumn, with a reception at the new New York offices of the Oxford University Development Office at 500 Fifth Avenue on October 25th, following the first meeting there of the North America-based members of the Advisory Council.



JUSSI PYLKKÄNEN, DAME VIVIEN DUFFIELD AND GUY MONSON

Building on Success - Thank you!

For the first time ever annual fundraising last year reached £2 million. We will give detailed results for 2006-7 in the Annual Report, but we wanted to put on record right away our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to this achievement. We

shall recognise all donors in the next edition of *Development News*. It is a wonderful platform from which to move to our Campaign for the first major new building work at LMH for thirty five years. Your gifts, year on year, make a tremendous difference to the lives of all who study, work and live at

LMH. The total received over the seven year period since 2000 is £7.9 million, an average of over £1 million a year which compares favourably with results reported in the most recent Benchmarking Study conducted by consultants which charts the performance of College fundraising activity in Oxford.

Over half of this income has been from legacies, and we were most grateful to receive several during the year. Two are outstandingly generous and deserve special mention.

Hilda Pipe (1939 History) died in May 2006, leaving a substantial sum as a residuary legacy for the general purposes of the College, and the College has



HILDA PIPE

decided to allocate this towards the new buildings. Hilda Pipe was a much-loved Headmistress who inspired both pupils and colleagues. She also worked tirelessly to advance the cause of LMH. She edited the *Brown Book* for several years and with Cathy Avent compiled the *LMH Register 1879-1990*. We shall recognise her exceptional generosity in a permanent way in the new buildings.

The bequest of **Barbara Scott (1956 English)** to the College was received this year. Although she had lived for many years in France, her fondness for LMH was undimmed and her memories of LMH were amongst the happiest of her life. It was her express wish that after her death the College should receive a substantial sum from her discretionary trust to complete the Campaign to endow one of the English Fellowships. We are delighted to have the Barbara Scott Fellowship, whose first holder is Dr Christine Gerrard, and we are most grateful also to everyone who contributed to the Fellowship Campaign.



BARBARA SCOTT

Donors will be invited to a reception and lunch on December 8, to celebrate the completion of the Campaign.

More details of the lives of these two remarkable benefactors of LMH can be found in their obituaries, published in the *Brown Books* for 2003 and 2007. We are proud to have their names commemorated permanently at LMH.

Thanks are due to all our donors, and also to all who give freely of their time to speak at events or contribute to our publications or help the College in other ways. We are especially grateful to Margaret Hodgson (1953 PPE) who stepped down in June as Editor of the *Brown Book* after 12 years of sustained dedication and hard work. Mary Haynes (1959 History) is nearing completion of the major task of compiling a fully documented electronic catalogue of the LMH picture collection. Mary gave a fascinating

account of her project at the 2007 Gaudy. We are most grateful to her for undertaking this work, and also to her husband Antony Haynes for his support, and to William Knight for the excellent photographs.

There is another new era, of communications, that is upon us, with a completely redesigned and greatly extended set of web pages relating to alumni and development, developed with great skill by Deputy Director Julia Gibert. It offers much more information and a whole host of new facili-

ties for keeping in touch with LMH and with fellow alumni. Do please visit the new pages, which are on the alumni tab of the main College website www.lmh.ox.ac.uk. It will keep you well up to date with progress on the new buildings and on alumni activities. The rest of the LMH site is undergoing a similar redesign and will be introduced later in the year, but we wanted to get the alumni pages online right away.

Peter Watson, Development Director

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Democracy and the Internet

When I left LMH in 1999 I was stewed in a heady mixture of contemporary political theory and a love-at-first-sight relationship with the Internet. The possibility for potentially fascinating interactions between the technological and political worlds seemed obvious, and people were starting to talk about what might occur. The press had been calling every election since 1992 'the first Internet election' (they still do) and some voices could even be founded heralding the end of representative democracy as obsolete.

PHYLLIS STARKEY



Like most putative revolutions the reality has been somewhat more sedate. MPs are as dependent on Google as anyone else. They use email and mobile phones obsessively and often complain that they can't cope with the amount of incoming mail. Most have websites, although their primary use seems to be to tell citizens, who know who their MP is (about 40% of the population), how to get in touch.

Strangely, though, it may only be now when the use of Internet in our democratic system is no longer noteworthy that it is starting to have deeper, more structural impacts.

The organisation I run, mySociety, is a non-profit group that aims to give citizens various tools to engage with and get things done using the democratic systems that already exist. We run sites like WriteToThem.com that tell people who their politicians are and how to get in touch with them, and TheyWorkForYou.com, which automatically compiles a huge amount of information about how MPs vote, speak and do other things in their capacity as a member.

About two years ago we started to hear strange rumours about TheyWorkForYou. The Times ran an article claiming that our site was encouraging people to vote and to table questions on things that they really didn't care about, just in order to keep looking good on our rankings. We didn't believe it at first, and conducted analysis that suggested that whilst there had been a statistically significant number of Written Questions tabled, it was more likely to be the new profile of fresh members elected in 2005 that was to blame. Nevertheless, we took precautionary measures and changed our statistics so that they looked less like a race that needed winning, all the while trying to balance the need not to create perverse incentives with the need for the public to understand what sort of things their politicians were doing in their name. It was a version of the targets debate that has dominated education and health policy brought home to the policy makers, and a remarkable sign that the way that politics behaves as a discipline may be shifting in relation to the technological environment surrounding it.

As a sign of this shift, Parliament is now seriously preparing to introduce online petitions, similar to those that we built for 10 Downing Street at the end of 2006. What interests me greatly are the calls from



MICHAEL GOVE

inside the House not just to bring the petitions system online, but to use it to trigger debates of matters of interest to the public, if enough people sign a petition. On hearing this I was initially amazed that Parliament should choose to 'make trouble for itself' in such a way, especially when it seems to be allowing itself to be driven by the success of a rival website, rather than a desire for constitutional reform. But the more I thought about it the more I came to realise that all sorts of cultural and political changes have happened, first and foremost because the technology allowed it to be so and it was easy to do (think of the social role of the Today programme), and not because anyone sat down and worked out that it was the right thing to happen to our democracy at this time.

Parliament appears on the cusp of choosing a way to create pressure on itself that derives directly from the citizens, with the media only chasing behind the story, instead of leading it. I think we should give this unprecedented move to give a smidgen of direct involvement to the citizens a cautious thumbs-up, and be prepared to learn from it and improve it when it does (inevitably) get branded a PR disaster by the media, simply for letting the public air their views.

Tom Steinberg (1996 PPE)

MATTHEW TAYLOR



5 LMH MPs in the Digital Age

Michael Gove (1985 English) Conservative MP for Surrey Heath

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Global Migration Governance

International migration is a highly political issue. To define the rules that govern the entry and exit of non-citizens into and out of a state entails reconciling a range of conflicting interests and values. How a society weighs up these competing claims to membership and participation is of crucial importance because it lies at the heart of defining the identity and composition of its political community. Between the extreme positions of 'open borders' and the communitarian logic of a closed society, there is a spectrum of difficult ethical and political choices that all contemporary states need to make about what type of migration policies to adopt. These political choices have become increasingly part of mainstream political debate in the context of globalization. The growth in transnational interconnections and the movement of capital, goods, services, information, and ideas have contributed to opening up the means and motives for people to move across national borders. This acceleration in the transboundary movement of people is highlighted by the growth from 82 million international migrants in 1970 to over 200 million today. With improved transportation and communications networks, a growing proportion of these people are moving from South to North. The motives for moving are often complex, and are only partly captured by policy categories such as 'labour migration', 'asylum' and 'tourism'.

The response by Northern states to the growth in migration has, almost without exception, been to try to restrict and deter immigration. Although many states have continued to allow the entry of highly skilled labour in shortage areas, 'less desirable' categories of migrant – especially those coming from the South – have been subject to a growing range of exclusion mechanisms such as interdiction, detention and deportation. Such measures have

emerged in the broader context of debates on integration and multiculturalism. With growing media coverage of the social tensions that have emerged from competition for jobs and fears about security in the post 9/11 era, politicians have needed to be seen to be in control of immigration even if the practical scope for migration control may be limited. However, the 'containment' agenda that has emerged in many Northern states, attempting to limit or 'manage' immigration has had a high human cost. Northern states have generally resorted to unilaterally controlling their borders in ways that have often made transit routes from South to North even more treacherous. The media coverage of deaths in the Mediterranean, on the US-Mexican border and crossing between the Horn of Africa and Yemen exemplify this human cost, as well as the complexity of many of the transit and human smuggling routes from South to North.

What Northern states and the media often forget, however, is that migration is not simply a 'Northern problem'. Rather Southern states have their own concerns relating to international migration, which are often bypassed by the unilateral approaches of Northern states. Some 40% of the world's 200 million migrants move from a developing country to another developing country. For refugees the picture is yet more compelling: 72% of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries. Southern states have a range of concerns. The so-called 'brain drain' of skilled labour – particularly from the health sector – represents a significant dilemma for many states. The presence of refugees in longstanding camp-like situations, with minimal international support, can be a source of insecurity and political tension. Meanwhile, other states rely on





their diaspora for economic development. For many states remittances from the diaspora are a major source of income – estimated to be up to \$500 billion per year globally. Furthermore, the revival of the debate on environmental migration, in the broader context of climate change, poses a challenge for Southern states. At the extreme, this may imply ‘sinking islands’ in the Pacific Ocean; however, perhaps more significantly, climate change will have subtle effects on crop yields, disease and livelihood opportunities that may drive movement in and from the South.

Although a range of partnerships agreements have begun to emerge between Northern and Southern states, these have generally been based on bilateral partnerships or small groups of states engaging in informal inter-regional

summits, rather than sustained attempts to develop equitable and inclusive multilateral cooperation. Where debates on the global governance of migration have taken place – such as in the context of the ongoing High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development or the Global Commission on International Migration – these have generally taken place on the terms of Northern states. There has so far been little sustained debate on the adequacy of existing multilateral institutions governing international migration and the scope of possible reform. In order to address this gap, and to stimulate new research and policy-level debate on the subject, a new three-year project on the Global Governance of Migration will begin in October 2007. It will be based primarily at the Global Economic Governance Programme and the Centre for International Studies,

and is likely to be funded by the MacArthur Foundation. Firstly, the project will evaluate existing global governance arrangements in relation to a range of areas: refugee protection, labour migration, the protection of internally displaced people, remittances, environmental migration, and development-induced displacement, for example. It will attempt to explore the extent to which these institutional frameworks are effective, efficient and equitable in meeting the realities of contemporary migration. Secondly, it will attempt to explore the international politics of these various areas in order to assess the feasibility of reform.

Dr Alexander Betts leaves us this year as Rose Research Fellow in International Relations to take up the Hedley Bull Research Fellowship at Wadham College.

The British Ball

The end of the academic year was celebrated in pan-Britannic style with the British Ball that was held in the College's grounds and halls. Around 800 guests attended with all three Common Rooms represented as well as alumni and friends of the College. The Committee responsible for the organization of the event comprised current students, but the Ball

would not have proved so successful without the keen assistance of LMH staff. A British Ball could only expect some rain, but in true 'Glastonbury' spirit, the revellers partied on until dawn as Britain expected every man and woman would do.

This year the Ball Committee raised £3000 for the 'Campaign to End Fistula',

which works to raise awareness and overcome the stigma associated with obstetric fistula, an injury of childbearing with a devastating impact on the lives of girls and women.

James Maclaine
(2004 Literae Humaniores)





FAURÉ REQUIEM: JANET MCMULLIN

LMH Music

Lady Margaret Hall has enjoyed a flourishing music scene this year. The chapel choir, as always, remains strong and numerous under organ scholars Jonathan White (2002 Music) and Gerard Lee (2006 Literae Humaniores). Similarly, the orchestra, founded in 2005, has gone from strength to strength giving performances both in and out of College. Michaelmas term 2007 saw the orchestra's outing to the University Church for a concert including Beethoven's 2nd Symphony under the conductorship of Christopher Tarrant.

The LMH Arts Festival, a new initiative this year, brought together current students and alumni to give a performance of the Fauré Requiem with soloists Peter and Janet McMullin (1982 Music & 1981 Literae Humaniores respectively). The orchestra contributed to the week with an afternoon performance of the 4th Brandenburg Concerto of JS Bach (dir. Geoffrey Lim, 2006 English) and the

charming cantata 'Come, ye Sons of Art' by Purcell, with guest soloists, conducted by Jonathan Davies (2005 Music).

The Lady Margaret Howlers, the college's contemporary alternative choir, has also seen much success under the direction of Cat Fung (2004 Experimental Psychology), giving a spectacular concert including such classic hits as 'Summer Nights' (arr. Rachel White, 2005 Chemistry) and 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. There have also been a number of quality performances on a much smaller scale. For instance, Geoffrey Lim has given recitals in college and at the Holywell Music Room and LMH's resident chamber group 'The Shelley Trio' comprising Christopher Tarrant on violin, Geoffrey Lim on piano and Alice Hyland (2005 Music, Brasenose) on cello, have established themselves as a regular performing ensemble.

Christopher Tarrant (2004 Music)



AND PETER MCMULLIN

LMH Drama

Over the years LMH has seen no shortage of students eager to tread the boards of Oxford's theatres. This last year proved no exception as – yet *again* – Michaelmas saw not one but *two* Cuppers entries from the new batch of enthusiastic first years. This year the entries came from Natalie Tamiko Holden, who directed *The Creation of the World and Other Business* (which received several nominations), and Craig Owens who directed *Kafka's Dick*. Meanwhile, second-year English student Henry Oliver directed fellow English student Shaun Passey in *Educating Rita* at the Burton Taylor while Kat Ross assistant directed second years Andrew Erskine, Maria Trkulja, Ben Hunt and Annie Burton in *The Threepenny Opera* at the Oxford Playhouse. Messrs Oliver and Passey teamed up a second time to act in *Crime Passionel* at the Playhouse. Later on in the term Ellie Nairne performed in *Butley* at the O'Reilly Theatre and Ben Hunt premiered experimental piece *Hardboiled Wonderland* at the Burton Taylor. Throughout the term LMH was lucky to host acting workshops by visiting SCR member Dr. Rob Clare who was also imparting his knowledge to the cast of the RSC's *Richard III* when not providing one-on-one or group tuition to budding actors at LMH.

In Hilary term Ben Hunt starred in the one-man show *Diary of a Madman* at the Burton Taylor; Kat Ross directed *Our Country's Good* at the Playhouse with Henry and first year Louis Brooke acting; and Shaun and Ellie were joined by Henry to play that suspicious triumvirate Claudius, Gertrude and Polonius in *Hamlet*, which also starred Andrew Erskine. After their Cuppers success first years Natalie Tamiko Holden, Jack Chedburn, Nat Gordon and Charlie Holt burst onto the Burton Taylor stage again with *The Weir*. This was but the first of three performances in the same term for Jack, however, who went on to act in *Gloss* at the Burton Taylor and *The Awakening* at the O'Reilly.



SHAUN PASSEY (SECOND FROM LEFT) IN SARTRE'S CRIME PASSIONEL

Trinity saw an abundance of garden shows but the first, *Private Lives*, directed by Henry and starring Ellie, was a "hard act to follow", as one critic put it, for those to follow in its wake. Jack Chedburn found time to hobnob at *Abigail's Party* at the Old Fire Station while Henry went *al fresco* once more, this time with Shaun, to perform extracts from *King Lear* as part of the Oxford University Dramatic Society Shakespeare Festival at Christ Church. Trinity also saw Louis Brooke co-found the "theatre laboratory" Co-opted, a group which meets and experiments regularly at LMH.

As the summer weather came and swiftly went the long vacation brought forth many more opportunities for LMH thespians. Jack Chedburn and Ellie Nairne performed in the OUDS Summer Tour, *Arcadia*, which toured country manors in the South of England, including the cathedral gardens of Christ Church, before transferring to Edinburgh for

a very successful run as part of the Festival. Ben Hunt took his new devised piece to the Festival and Charlie Holt hung around in Oxford to be an extra in the new film adaptation of *Brideshead*. Louis Brooke, Henry Oliver and Shaun Passey performed in the 2007 Thelma Holt/OUDS Japan Tour, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which played at Westminster Abbey, St. Hilda's College gardens, Stratford-Upon-Avon and Lincoln's Inn before transferring to the Metropolitan Art Space in Tokyo.

We are very privileged at LMH to have a good support base for the dramatic arts from among the college staff. Special thanks in particular to Treasurer Mark Robson, who comes to see virtually everything, Domestic Bursar Bart Ashton for allowing us to book rehearsal rooms, and to the Porters, as always, for their help and patience!

Shaun Passey, (2005 English)

Student Sport

It has been an eclectic year for LMH Sport with teams fielded for lacrosse, rugby, football, rowing, tennis, cricket, netball, darts and pool. Football and cricket have been popular enough to put out a men's and a women's team each, rugby had a men's and a mixed team and lacrosse reconciled LMH sportsmen and women in another super mixed team.

Individuals worthy of mention are: Tom Ovington (2004 Economics and Management), who became the top striker for Blues football; and Conor Kennedy (2005 Jurisprudence) and Katie O'Sullivan (2004 Mathematics), who achieved the captaincy of Blues judo and Blues netball respectively.

Leo McGann (2005 History)



Off the Beaten Track

Only 48 hours after graduating from LMH I found myself standing in my new flat in what was to be my adopted country for the next year. I had taken a post as a 'Foreign Expert in Culture and Education' in a top boarding school in the Guangdong Province of southern China. After realising that my flat was rat infested, that I was being stared at continuously, that no matter how hard I tried I still couldn't speak the language and that even trying to catch a bus or understand what foods are in the supermarket was an impossible task, the question "what on earth have I done?" was highly appropriate. Now, 8 months on, I have grown to appreciate my surroundings, learnt to embrace the culture and culinary differences and learnt that patience is indeed a virtue. More practical skills such as how to stop sewage backing up the kitchen sink and how to eat eyeballs with chopsticks have also been acquired as a matter of necessity.

I teach one thousand 16-17 year olds oral English and deliver lectures every month to approximately 800 students on various subjects relating to English Culture. The educational system is surprisingly different from that of the UK. The school day starts at 6 am with chores and morning exercises and finishes at 10.30 pm. The only real break is the two hour 'sleep time' between 12 pm and 2 pm. The majority of students in China are required to board at school due to the length of the school day and are only allowed home on a Saturday afternoon. They must return to school by 7 pm on Sunday to sit an exam. This is then followed by more studying until 10.30 pm. Life for the teachers is much the same. Nearly all teachers live in dormitories within the school enclosure. They are forbidden to leave the campus during the school week and there is no time for them to have a social or family life outside of school. Their work is their life.

A teacher's salary is relatively sought after in China, especially with the yawning gap between the rich and the poor. This growing dichotomy of wealth is surpris-

ingly noticeable in all parts of China. During the Spring Festival Tom Harris (2002 Engineering Science) and I undertook three weeks backpacking around the country. I was fascinated to see the poor, old China merging with the new. Peasants from the countryside with torn clothes and gaunt faces, carrying heavy loads on a stick balanced across their shoulders, wander awestruck through the brand new streets of Guangzhou amidst the Starbucks outlets, Chanel concessions and huge banking corporations. Whilst floating down the Li River in Guilin, in Guanxi province, I passed one side of the river bank populated by women doing their laundry in the filthy water, children bathing and men wading out to my little boat begging for money with fishing nets. The other side of the bank was dotted with belching factories, building sites and newly constructed roads and bridges. Unfortunately, as time goes on the rich get richer and the poor find it difficult to prosper. A trip to the nearest supermarket means walking past tens of beggars, many with disabilities ranging from horrific diseases to having no limbs and using a skate board to move around. These people simply cannot afford healthcare so they are forced to take to the streets. Whilst this is happening a gleaming new BMW will zoom past them, the owner carelessly throwing a McDonald's wrapper out of the window. China is changing at such a rapid pace that it is hard to visualise how it will support the citizens that its policies are leaving behind.

I have experienced China at a crucial time in its history. China's people have seen so much hardship in past generations and are now immensely proud of what they are currently achieving. However, one can't help but notice that in boosting their economy they are slowly destroying what was once so enchanting about the country: parts of its landscape, its traditions and culture.

Despite these undeniable changes, much of rural China, especially in the south west, remains untouched. During the May holidays a colleague and I spent one week trekking through the gorges and countryside near the Tibetan border. Cycling through little rural villages felt like we had stumbled upon idylls lost in time, so little had changed. I was enthralled by the beauty of the scenery. We sipped yak's milk tea looking out over green, terraced rice paddies and snow capped mountains whilst typical Naxi women (one of the many minorities in China) attended to the soy bean harvest. I found the 'peasants' to be some of the friendliest and most accommodating people I have ever met.

It is now early May and my time in this incredible country is drawing to a close. I have yo-yoed between laughter and tears, learnt how to live and behave in a communist country and eaten things I didn't even know existed, at the same time as having the time of my life.

Emily Bisco (2003 Classical Archaeology and Ancient History)



Dates For Your Diary

For all events please book on the website www.lmh-alumni.org or contact the Development Office development@lmh.ox.ac.uk or call 01865 274362

LMH: A New Era - Campaign Launch in New York

25 October
Oxford North American offices
500 Fifth Avenue, 32nd Floor,
New York 10110

Fresher Family Day

4 November
11.00am - 3.00pm.
£16 adult. £8 child 5-12
£8 LMH student, to include lunch

LMHA Informal Get Together in London

7 November
Tea from 4.30pm or drinks and tapas at 6.30pm at All Bar One, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden. No charge; buy your own drinks and tapas

Memorial Service for Gavin Cameron

17 November
2.00pm University Church of St Marys, High Street, Oxford
Refreshments afterwards at LMH

Carols by Candlelight

25 November
5.30pm in the Chapel,
followed by wine and mince pies.
No charge, but booking essential

LMH in the City

27 November
Guest speaker Chris Sanger (1988 Engineering and Computer Science). Chris is a Partner at Ernst & Young and is their National Head of Tax Policy Development. He was formerly an adviser to HM Treasury, advising the Chancellor of the Exchequer, (now PM) Junior Ministers and Special Advisers on the reform of the business taxation system.
6.30pm, Allen & Overy, One Bishop's Square, London E1 6AO, hosted by Stuart Burnside (1998 Modern History). £15

Ann Kennedy Retirement Lunch

19 January 2008
Reception 12.30pm, Talbot Hall
Lunch 1.00pm in Hall. £16

Futures Fair

26 January 2008
Senior Members talk about the work world with current LMH students and recent graduates. 11.00am - 1.30pm, Talbot Hall. No charge

LMHA Local Drinks Reception

23 February 2008
Sparkling wine and canapés in the Old Library. £7.50

Heron Allen Lecture

29 February 2008
Professor Linda Partridge, BBSRC Professorial Fellow, Centre for Research on Ageing, Department of Biology, University College London will speak on the subject of her research. 5.15pm Talbot Hall, followed by a reception in the Old Library. No charge

Oxford North American Reunion

4-5 April
Waldorf=Astoria, NYC. LMH details to follow.

Founders and Benefactors Dinner

16 April
By invitation

Boat House Open Day

20 April 2008
Boatman Mark Seal and members of the LMHBC will be on hand to host an open day for alumni and LMH staff at the LMH Boat house. Some tuition in a boat will be possible, culminating in a series of short races in the afternoon. Family and friends are welcome.

London Dinner

8 May 2008
With guest speaker. £65 approx

2nd Year Parents Lecture and Lunch

10 May
11.30am. £16 parents.
£8 LMH student

Gaudy Dinner 2008 - Matric Years 1984 - 1988 + 50th Anniversary 1958

24 - 25 June 2008
Reception & Dinner £40; B&B £30

Gaudy Sunday 2008 - for all Senior Members and their Guests

25 June
See booking form with 2008 Brown Book for details

Oxford Alumni Weekend 2008

19-21 September 2008
Once again LMH will host a dinner and offer accommodation to participating alumni. Programme and costs to follow

MA Ceremony & Reunion for Matric Year 2001

27 September 2008
5.30pm Ceremony in Talbot Hall;
6.00pm drinks in the Old Library.
£25 Graduands. £7.50 guests and non graduands

Beaufort Circle Lunch 2008 (by invitation)

18 October 2008
Talk and reception Talbot Hall, 12 noon.
Lunch in Hall 1.00pm.
No charge.