St Cross College Alumni Reunion Saturday 21 September 2013
A lecture by Professor Helena Hamerow on “The Origins of Wessex” and an elegant dinner are in the programme for this year’s St Cross College Alumni Reunion. The College event will coincide with the Oxford University Alumni Weekend.

USA Founders Feast, Georgetown University, Washington DC Saturday 16 November 2013
A new event for St Crossers and one we hope will become a regular fixture for our Alumni and friends in the US. Details to be announced.

SE Asia Alumni Reunion, Singapore Tuesday 19 November 2013
Hosted by Antony Phillipsoid, British High Commissioner to Singapore and Keble Alumnus, at his home, Eden House. Drinks Reception 6pm-8pm. This special event is shared with Wolfson and Kellogg Colleges.

Edinburgh Winter Drinks Monday 9 December 2013
For the first time, St Cross will host a Winter Drinks reception at the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh. Our Alumni will be offered a private viewing of the museum collections.

Carol Service Tuesday 10 December 2013
There is no better way to welcome the festive season than with the St Cross Carol Service. Following the performance of the St Cross College Choir in Pusey Chapel, guests will be treated to mince pies and mulled wine in the Common Room.

London Winter Drinks Wednesday 11 December 2013
The winter Alumni gathering in London will take place at the Oxford and Cambridge Club on Pall Mall. Vice-Master Professor Stanley Ulijaszek will give a lecture titled “Evolving human nutrition and its implications for public health”. As this is a very popular event, early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

1965 Club Dinner Friday 14 February 2014
A special dinner. Invitation only.

Asia Reunion, Hong Kong Friday 21 - Sunday 23 March 2014

North American Reunion Friday 11 - Saturday 12 April 2014

Audrey Blackman Lunch Monday 28 April 2014
Lunch for legacy pledgers. Invitation only.

Fred’s Lunch Tuesday 29 April 2014
St Cross Alumni are invited to this traditional lunch, honouring the first president of the Alumni Association, Fred Hodcroft.

In addition, a range of informal events take place throughout the year in various locations; please subscribe to our social media streams for information and updates.
The diverse nature of St Cross is well demonstrated in this fourth issue of Crossword, in which we hear about life in College in the 60s, 70s and 80s, learn about Hepatitis C and Diabetes, China’s economy, outer space and ballroom dancing.

The College has recently hosted several alumni events, including the Winter Drinks in London in December last year, New York, Washington DC in March and Madrid in April. More events are planned in the UK and overseas and I look forward to meeting more of the College’s interesting alumni community.

By now I hope you will have heard about the planned West Quad (update on pages 20 and 21), to be opened in October 2015 marking the 50th Anniversary of St Cross. We need to raise £10 million for the building, which will, I believe, transform the communal and intellectual life of our College. This is the largest fundraising campaign the College has undertaken and we do need your help. Feel free to contact me or Susan Berrington for an informal and confidential conversation at any time.

Sir Mark Jones

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St Cross greatly expanded its overseas networks in 2013. The creation of the “International Representatives Programme”, which recruited 17 alumni volunteers from Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North America and South America to help organise events and building local St Cross groups, received very positive feedback. Moreover, the College substantially increased the number of alumni reunions organised overseas. In March, the Master and the Director of Development met our New York and DC Alumni; inclement weather conditions (including a snowstorm) could not temper the enthusiasm of our American St Crossers and a thoroughly nice time was had by all. In May, St Cross, Wolfson and Kellogg colleges organised a joint dinner in Madrid as part of the Oxford University European Alumni Reunion. Additional events will be hosted in Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong and India over the next two years. The St Cross motto ‘Ad quattuor cardines mundi’ has never seemed so fitting!

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General news

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Honorary Fellowship Award for Former Master

Andrew Goudie Emeritus Professor of Geography, former Master of St Cross and Director of the China Centre, has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the International Association of Geomorphologists. He is one of the only three British geomorphologists ever to have received this award.

Accolades for Professor Luciano Floridi

Professor Luciano Floridi, St Cross Fellow and member of the Philosophy Faculty and the Department of Computer Science, has been granted this year’s Weizenbaum Award for his “significant contribution to the field of information and computer ethics, through his research, service and vision”. The recognition is given every two years by the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology (INSEIT) “in recognition of Joseph Weizenbaum’s groundbreaking and highly influential work in computer ethics in the 1970s, which helped to shape the field as we know it today.”

St Cross students are very inspiring and talented individuals, often pioneers in many fields: Kelsey Leonard (MSc Water Science, Policy and Management, 2010) is no exception, making headlines all around the world for being the first Native American woman to get a degree from Oxford University in September 2012. To celebrate the occasion, Kelsey, an enrolled member of the Shinnecock Indian Nation of Southampton, NY, attended the pre-ceremony reception at St Cross College wearing beautiful Native American accessories.

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A transformative scholarship: the Healy
John Clavin, Professor of English and Director of the Office of Fellowships, Awards and Research (GOFAR) at Georgetown University, examines the impact of the Timothy S. Healy SJ Scholarship at St Cross College.

"The Timothy S. Healy SJ Scholarship was established at St Cross in 1989 to commemorate Father Healy’s extraordinary presidency of Georgetown University in Washington DC from 1976 to 1989. Georgetown began sending Healy Scholars to St Cross in 1995 with Richard Kavit and has continued with only one interruption (1997-98) since that time. Jonathan Askonas, who will matriculate in the fall of 2013, is the seventeenth Georgetown graduate to enjoy the benefit of this remarkable gift.

Timothy Healy was born in New York City in 1923 of Australian parentage. In 1983, he was elected a Supernumerary Fellow of St Cross. From his time as an Oxford student until his untimely death he was committed to the success of St Cross and used his extensive network in both the UK and the US for its benefit.

The Healy Scholarship has been transformative for all those who have received it. Christina Cuccia (MSt Women’s Studies, 2005) says that it “was at St Cross where I learned to think globally.” And that global character is underscored by Emily Solis-Cohen (MSt Oriental Studies, 2007), herself now lecturing at Oxford. “Were it not for the Healy, I would never have undertaken ambitious fieldwork for my Master’s thesis, where I began interviewing former rebels from the Sierra Leone civil war. The issue of information gained on fieldwork led the director of the programme - my now supervisor - to suggest I pursue a DPhil. That first year at St Cross was the most rigorous dedicated academic experience I had had.”

Indeed, Katie MacCullough, of all the happy Healy holders, may seem to have gained the most from her time at St Cross: “Without rigorous dedicated academic experience I had had.”

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"This spring, we saw the second passing of the Chinese leadership from one generation to the next. Beijing is now faced with a new problem: whether the social contract that the Party has imposed on its people can endure for another decade and more.

China’s economic growth has begun to slow. The government has a strategy: that domestic consumer growth should take up the slack that is left by the reduction of exports. Yet this transition will be far from easy to make. The emergent urban middle class may be 300 million strong and growing, but much of that income is taken up by paying for property. The massive cost of healthcare, perhaps the single biggest expense after housing, is yet another curb on discretionary spending on travel, clothes, or entertainment. If domestic consumer growth is really to take off, there will need to be a much greater concentration on health and social provision as the central point of government strategy.

History is an important lesson here and one that is too often forgotten. Throughout the imperial period, there were attempts to provide ways for refugees, flood and famine victims to gain relief from their troubles. This tradition was adapted strongly in the twentieth century by the Chinese Communist Party under Mao Zedong, who eventually managed to win control of China. With their “iron rice bowl,” they created a much more comprehensive social welfare system. The changes since the 1980s have meant that the old “iron rice bowl” may no longer be sustainable as it was in Mao’s time, yet the need for the state to provide for its most vulnerable citizens remains very strong. It’s not all gloomy. China has plenty of inherent advantages. It has a high literacy rate (95 per cent, over India’s 75 per cent), which is essential for a society that is urbanising rapidly and moving up the value chain economically. However, while its peoples’ aspirations have greatly expanded in the past decade, they still don’t match the fuel and resource hungry standards of the West. It is therefore apparent that the country will be faced with a huge series of challenges that will take immense creativity to solve.”

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The Universe to be viewed with the Square Kilometre Array

St Cross Fellow by Special Election Dr Matt Jarvis gives us an update about a ground breaking project that will revolutionise our view of the Universe.

“We are about to enter an era in astronomy where the Universe viewed through radio waves will begin to rival and exceed our view of the Universe using the more traditional visible and near-infrared wavelengths of light. This is important as radio emission allows us to trace different physical processes that are occurring in distant galaxies and also gives us a unique method of tracing the building block of all the luminous matter we can see in the Universe today, hydrogen.

We can only begin to do this now due to technological advances in the telecommunication technology that underpins radio telescopes. With this new technology, culminating with the construction of the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) from 2016, we will obtain the most comprehensive view of galaxies over the history of the Universe.

As we move towards the full operation of the SKA, there are several facilities that are testing the technology and are in themselves revolutionary telescopes, both in the UK (eMERLIN) and the Netherlands (LOFAR and APERTIf) and the two telescopes that will eventually turn into different parts of the SKA, the South African MeerKAT and the Australian SKA Pathfinder telescopes.

In Oxford we aim to meet both the technical and scientific challenges presented by the new facilities, on the pathway to the SKA, that are now in operation. In particular, we plan to make the first measurements of the cosmological parameters (i.e. how much dark energy and dark matter there is in the Universe and how these may evolve) and to measure the large-scale distribution of galaxies in the early Universe.

Just to give an idea of how revolutionary the SKA will be, let’s consider these facts: it will contain thousands of antennas with a combined collecting area of about one square kilometre (that’s 1 000 000 square metres), collect data in a single day that would take nearly two million years to playback on an iPod and use enough optical fibre to wrap twice around the Earth.”

Too sweet for your own good: the link between sweeteners and diabetes

Introducing sweeteners as a low-calorie substitute for sugar in our daily diets could be potentially harmful: St Cross Vice-Master Professor Stanley Ulijaszek explains why.

“Professor Stanley J. Ulijaszek, Director of the Unit of Biocultural Variation and Obesity at the University of Oxford and Vice-Master of St Cross College, is the co-author of a new study that finds a link between high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) and increased global prevalence of diabetes.

According to the article, ‘High Fructose Corn Syrup and Diabetes Prevalence: A Global Perspective’, countries that use HFCS in their food supply have a 20 percent higher prevalence of diabetes than countries that do not use HFCS. The link between sweeteners and diabetes is determined by the higher amount of fructose in foods and beverages that contain HFCS. While ordinary sugar contains fructose and glucose in equal amounts, HFCS contains a higher proportion of fructose, which not only makes foods sweeter but it also gives them better appearance and stability. However, current studies reveal that fructose is metabolised by humans differently from glucose and independently from insulin.

Professor Ulijaszek commented: ‘Most populations have an almost insatiable appetite for sweet foods, but regrettably our metabolism has not evolved sufficiently to be able to process the fructose from high fructose corn syrup in the quantities that some people are consuming it. Trade and agricultural policies set quotas for HFCS production and while some countries, such as Sweden and the UK, do not take their assigned quotas, other countries, such as Hungary and Slovakia, are able to purchase extra quotas from countries that do not accept them. There is the need to rewrite national dietary guidelines and review agriculture trade policies’.”

Mapping the silent epidemic

Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) infects around 180 million people worldwide. Prolonged infection will eventually lead around one out of five patients to liver scarring (cirrhosis) and/or cancer. The virus, which infects mainly through contaminated blood, was identified in 1989, but by then it was already spread around the world.

Dr Gikas Magiorkinis, St Cross Emmanuel Lee Junior Research Fellow, has been researching the HCV virus for years. By taking a step further on basic population genetics theory and studying data from the biobank of the National Retrospective Reference Center in Greece, he and his colleagues were able to disentangle a more than 20-year-old mystery of when and how HCV spreads more efficiently.

In a study published by Plos Computational Biology in February 2013, they showed for the first time that most of the transmissions of HCV occur amongst active intravenous drug users within the first two years of their infection. Each infected person spread the disease to 20 others (ten of these in the first two years); the carriers do not develop symptoms for up to 20 years and spread it to others without realising.

These findings highlight that diagnosis and treatment of HCV should be intensified, in striking contrast to the current state where most of the people with HCV are not aware of their infection and receive treatment only at very late stages. From this, the need emerges for escalating Public Health policies towards an intensified test-and-treat intervention strategy to mitigate the spread of HCV.

Gikas commented: ‘Our research paves the way for a modelling study to show what kind of public health interventions could really make a difference. This approach could also be useful in other infections such as HIV’.”
Rosie Kay, St Cross MCR and the first choreographer to be appointed as Artist in Residence at the University of Oxford’s School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, talks about her artistic career, her interests and future projects.

When first meeting Rosie Kay, one immediately notices her spatial awareness and the fluidity of her movements. She is, quite obviously, a professional dancer and her many talents extend to direction and choreography. Rosie’s journey of exploration and artistic development started after moving to Poland to tour with Polish Dance Theatre, renowned for its strong discipline and experimental projects. Here, following the election to the papacy of John Paul II, a distinctive political and spiritual element permeated the arts, which were often used as an effective form of protest against the communist regime. Returning eventually to the UK in 2004, Kay set up Rosie Kay Dance Company. This spiritual element of the arts clearly influenced Rosie and it returns in her recent projects. She explains: “After winning the Rayne Fellowship (a prestigious prize for choreographers) I had sufficient funding and support to research the themes that interested me the most. Therefore, I decided to explore physicality and the use of the body seen through three different lenses: the military, religion and politics. This really pushed me out of my comfort zone, as I explored realities that I had never really encountered before.”

For the first project (5 SOLDIERS - The Body is The Frontline) Rosie spent a period of time with the British Infantry to study the effect of extreme situations of danger and combat on the body and its effect on the soul. Her latest production, There is Hope, on tour in the UK in 2013, has religion as the theme. In a journey similar to Dante’s Inferno, the spectator is first lost in Hell, then taken to Purgatory and lastly allowed to ascend to Heaven. A strong physicality characterises the production, which also combines a deep transcendental aspect. It is a work about religion and symbolism and how the universal impulse to believe in the power of good can be manipulated by evil forces for selfish gain. Rosie’s next project - exploring politics - will focus on the use of the body by the State, in circumstances such as torture and protests and also as dystopian scenarios; in a critique of capitalist society, the question is how does the State limit and perhaps deprive us of our physicality?

As Rosie has been appointed Artist in Residence at the University of Oxford and MCR at St Cross College, she is also contributing to local projects. She has started working at the Unit for Biocultural Variation and Obesity (UBVO), part of the School of Anthropology, in close collaboration with St Cross Vice-Master Professor Stanley Ulijaszek, to develop new ways of understanding eating disorders through a synergy of anthropological research and contemporary dance practice. About the city, she says: “It’s incredible being in Oxford, being able to attend so many interesting lectures and meeting so many inspiring people. I really feel at home here. Watch out for more events during the year.”

St Cross student Maria Fidórez (DPhil Education) directed “La vida es sueño”, a play performed at the Oxford Playhouse at the end of April. St Cross student Carlo Ferri (DPhil Geography and the Environment) was also an actor in the play. Congratulations to both for what was an extraordinarily original and dreamy performance.
Student Photography Competition 2013

The Cross Photography Competition, a showcase of the artistic talent at College, is now in its fourth year and keeps generating enthusiasm amongst both experienced and budding photographers. In 2013 we received several high-quality entries and the competition judge, Dr Christopher Morton (Curator of Photograph and Manuscript Collections at the Pitt Rivers Museum), had to take a difficult decision in selecting the five best submissions. The first prize went to Timothy Rose (MSc Engineering Science) with his evocative photo “Discovering The Good Times (Lancelin Dunes, Western Australia)”. The other winners were: Heloise Vande Wiele - “Under the bridges, Ispahan, Iran”, Akash Verma - “Stairways to heaven”, Pär Gustafsson - “Escalation II”, Kitty Wheater - “What Was Beached, France”.

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Rowing

The Wolfson/St Cross rowing teams did well at this year’s Torpids in February, despite the unfavourable weather conditions (strong currents and floods in the early winter) that made training particularly difficult and also in Summer Eights in May. Congratulations to W1, who successfully secured their position in Division 1 in Summer Eights. Moreover, most of the other crews bumped their way up in the divisions.

“Wolfson and St Cross are technically two different Colleges, but we really feel part of one big happy family” said St Cross student Stefany Wragg (DPhil English) who coxed W1 in Eights 2013.

Summer Eights:

Cross Country Champion: Jacob Wiebel


In December 2012, Jacob Wiebel (DPhil History, 2009) represented the College for the first time in the 122 editions of the Cross Country Blues Varsity Race since 1880. His hard work and training made him triumph over the other contestants; earlier in the year, he arrived first in the annual Oxford University Cross Country Club vs RAF match. Here Jacob recalls some moments of the Varsity race:

“I originally started running with the Oxford University Cross Country Club; before the Varsity, I had to intensify my individual training up to 70 miles a week. Cross country is, in my opinion, the purest form of racing; Terrain changes and variations make it very challenging – it is much more psychological.

The Varsity 2012 was an intense race. A Cambridge contestant started speeding up, but eventually fell and remained behind. This was the moment when I realised that not only was I ahead of the group, but also there were just five miles between me and the finishing line. I had a 40-metre gap between me and the other contestants. At one mile from the finishing line, with the gap becoming bigger and bigger, it dawned upon me that I was actually going to win.”

After this spectacular success, Jacob would like to keep competing and representing St Cross College and he is now training for the 3000 metres Athletics Varsity.

Running to glory

A fter last year’s success in the 138th Oxford vs Cambridge Varsity Athletics Match, Adam Lewandowski (DPhil Cardiovascular Medicine) had his last glorious Varsity race as an Oxford Dark Blues runner in May 2013. He placed second again in the 800m, running 1:52.89 (a second and a half faster than in 2012).

With just 450m to go in the 2013 Varsity race, Adam Lewandowski is pictured wearing no. 54.
Congratulations to the St Cross/Wolfson/St Antony’s/Nuffield women’s football team, the Foxes, who won the semi-final Cuppers game against Keble 3-1 on 3 March 2013! The St Cross/Wolfson Men’s Football team reported an equally stellar victory in MCR Cuppers (February-March 2013), winning against St Edmund Hall 3-1 and against OUP 3-1.

Dancesport has been rapidly growing in popularity, in the UK, in the University and at St Cross. Every year over five hundred students join the Oxford University Dancesport Club; some dance socially, others take it a little more seriously and travel the country competing.

It may surprise you to learn that St Cross is known for having some of the best dancers in the University behind its doors. Despite only making up 2.3 per cent of the student body, we provide nearly 10 per cent of the dancers for the Blues Squad and have in residence the Blues Captain (myself), a Full Blue (Oliver Zeldin, DPhil Life Sciences) and a Half Blue (Zsolt Kiss, DPhil Politics, 2009). Last Manor (DPhil Psychology, Anatomy & Genetics), who is rapidly rising up within the team, will most likely receive his Half Blue before graduating.

There is the impression that to get that good you have to have danced since you were a child; nothing could be further from the truth - most of us started when we came to university. Oliver and Latt both started in the OUDC beginners team whilst students here and with their help we have won the national championships for three of the past four years, as well as the Varsity Match!

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There’s so much more to it though than the sparkles and glamour of the competitive floor. Dancing is an inherently sociable activity; we run balls most terms and there are socials on a regular basis. Thanks to the support Dancesport has received from St Cross we were able to bring free taster classes to you for the past two years and those of you who were in attendance at last year’s St Cross Summer Ball, or the Gaudy, will have seen one of the demonstrations we provide.

It only remains for me to quote Brucie – Keep dancing!"
Alumni news

St Cross through the decades

Alumnus Ed Macalister-Smith (MSc Forestry, 1978) remembers St Cross College in the 70s:

“I was fortunate enough to be one of the few early postgraduate students to attend St Cross, for a year from 1978-79, in the days of the “wooden hut”.

I had obtained a place to study the MSc in Forestry and Land Management as a self-paying student, but I needed a College to take me as well. My research into funding opportunities identified a bursary for forestry in St Cross, which had never been used. Success!

Colleagues and staff at St Cross were most welcoming and the lunches were a particularly attractive feature for an impoverished student. Further funding became available which was marvellous and since I used to work in the evenings in the library / chapel, extra lighting was provided for me.

The Halliwells also rather took me under their wing and were kind enough to point me in the direction of the College kitchen fridge, so that I could snack as I worked when the rest of the wooden hut was empty. I also have a fond memory of the mulberry tree in the garden and spent a week in August collecting the ripe fruit as it fell off the tree. I gather (from a colleague at the recent Fred’s Lunch) that the mulberry is still there…”

Alumnus Brent Jenkins (DPhil Metallurgy, 1985) remembers St Cross College in the 80s:

“It was with great anticipation that I had planned to visit St Cross College during a business trip in October 2012. It was 24 years since I graduated with a DPhil; it was clear that the College had grown significantly since 1985, when I knocked on the front door of the College to start my postgraduate studies. January was an odd time to arrive, which I realised when I was met by an almost empty college and deserted laboratory. I was shown to my room on the top floor of the original college building: luckily I left my cat behind as I would not have been able to swing it in that room! I was not surprised to see that the room is now used as an office/broom cupboard.

As the rest of my fellow residents returned from their festive season break and life at the College began to rekindle, I felt more at home. The residents of the original College building were actually very nice and we quickly became friends. We were also drivers of a number of college events and activities: video nights in the bar, punting, sunbathing in the back of the college (frowned upon), the college choir and various evening events ensued. On one particular evening I was introduced to a Long Island Iced Tea by one American student that really had an impact – especially that night and the next day!

The College was growing fast at that time and I was joined by two other Australians and it was nice to have some company from down-under. However, one of these Australians suffered some major injuries when he fell from the top floor of the original College building after trying to climb into his room. I clearly remember visiting him in hospital and him hobbling around during his rehabilitation.

It was with very fond and sad memories that I left the College towards the end of 1988 after successfully completing my stressful viva. I was off to London and beyond, enriched by my academic experiences but also with the benefit of the relationships created within the College. It was like stepping back in time as I wandered the halls in October and shared my memories with Monica Esposito from the Alumni Office. I also saw the growth in infrastructure and ambitious plans for the future which will hold the College in great stead as it continues to provide for the needs of graduate students and fellows from around the world.”

Alumnus Douglas Wigdor (MLitt Politics, 1993) remembers St Cross College in the 90s:

“The 90s at St Cross (of which I was present for only two years, 1993-1995) were a time of positive change and progress for the College as it became more prominent and distinguished amongst other students and faculty. St Cross lunch was undoubtedly the best in Oxford and the collegiality was well known. Master Repp was integral in expanding the college – on St Cross Road as well as Wellington Square. Everything you needed to know (and more) for most of the 90s could be ascertained by the College’s friendly and gregarious porter Bob Vincent. During my two years at Oxford we were visited by President Bill Clinton and former General Secretary to the Communist Party/President Mikhail Gorbachev. The early 90s saw the increasing use of the internet and email (although both were really in their infancy).”

The Blackwell quadrangle in 1983

The wooden hut
St Cross – The Future

The 2015 50th Anniversary Campaign for the West Quad at St Cross College.

Following the insights from the 60s, 70s and 80s, we skip to the future vision of St Cross. There is so much to designing and constructing a new building, especially within the historical environment of Oxford.

Many planning meetings, consultations, committees and approvals form part of the process. An archaeological survey recently undertaken, gives a tantalising glimpse of the past, seen on the historical maps of Oxford dating 1578 and 1675.

Designed by Niall McLaughlin, whose recently completed Bishop Edward King Chapel for Cuddesdon Theological College has won universal admiration, the new building will complete a second ‘West Quad’ for St Cross. Opening out onto our lovely garden, faced with Clipsham stone and responding gracefully to the example of Temple Moore’s Pusey House, with deeply mullioned windows and a three storey oriel looking out to Pusey Chapel’s great west window, it will be an outstanding piece of 21st century design. 53 new study bedrooms, cunningly varied in size and outlook and clustered around communal kitchens and living areas with views over the garden, will bring the number living on site to 71; enough to enable the College to provide regular evening meals at last. A new library, incorporating a café style room opening onto the garden, will provide work spaces for 45 students (compared with 12 now). Along with a lecture theatre and two seminar rooms this will transform the intellectual and communal life of the college.

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The project is now at a crucial stage. If you have thought of giving to the College, the time really is now. You will be participating in one of the most exciting and fulfilling projects in the College’s history and have the opportunity to see your name live on at St Cross permanently. For a copy of the brochure including the latest plans contact Susan Berrington, Director of Development.

Artist’s impression of a student bedroom.

The new building seen through the arches beneath Pusey Library.

Lecture Theatre seating up to 90 delegates.

Agas’ Map of Oxford 1578

Loggan’s Map of Oxford 1675

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Dr Caroline Schoenam, DPhil Astrophysics 2004

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EMBA, 2010

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Jamie Bartholomew Aller

MSc Comparative Social Policy, 2002

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Deaths

Dr Ian Allan, 27 May 2012; Former Fellow, University Lecturer in Modern Chinese Studies

Mrs Estella Bradley, 1 November 2001; Benefactor

Professor Muhsin Mahdi, 11 October 2011; Former Fellow

Dr Alfred David Petford, 13 April 2012; Emeritus Fellow, Senior Research Officer, Department of Astrophysics

Ms Muriel Spencer, 7 October 2011; Associate Member

Dr Godfrey Tyler, 18 June 2012; Emeritus Fellow, University Lecturer in Agricultural Economics

Mr Charles Desmondt Walshaw, April 2013; Former Emeritus Fellow

Dr Geoffrey Smith, 25 June 2013; Emeritus Fellow.

Marriages

Merit Hietanen and Matthew Richard

MSc Forced Migration, 2008 and MSc Water Science Policy, 2008

St Cross Alumni Jonathan Gorrie and Bronwen Everill would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Bryony, born on 1 June 2013. Her St Cross vest was provided by fellow Alumnaus, David McCabe (DPhil Atomic and Laser Physics, 2005).

“Both attended St Cross College during the 2008/2009 term: “Merit was studying for the MSc in Forced Migration and Matthew was studying for the MSc in Water Science Policy and Management. We have been together since, with the romance blossoming in St Cross, at rowing practice and among the dreamy spires of Oxford. We married on 30 June 2012 in Helsinki. The ceremony was amongst the Finnish nature in a giant tent where we danced until morning. The wedding was attended by friends and family across the world, many of them friends from our Oxford studies and St Cross College.”

Jamie is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter, Lydia Hannah Alles, on 20 October 2012. Jamie says: “She is an absolute delight. We look forward to introducing her to St Cross College on our next trip to the UK.”
New books from Alumni

Dr Efrosini Camatsos (DPhil European Literature, 1999)

Bronwen Everill (MS European Archaeology, 2001)
Abortion and Empire in Semiregion and Libya (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012)
The volume focuses on transatlantic anti-slavery networks. Americans in Africa, the abolitionist propaganda war and slave trade interventions.

Dr Patrick Flanery (DPhil English, 2001)

Dr Roger Collins (DPhil History, 1971)
Colonies and Kings: Spain, 796-1031 (Cambridge University Press, 1992)

Dr Fiona Moore (DPhil Social & Cultural Anthropology, 1998)
Dr Fiona Moore has just been promoted to Reader at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies and has been publishing, including two co-authored reports for the UNDP.

Raghu Karnad

Raghu returned to India after his course and began working as Editor of Time Out magazine in New Delhi, after quitting, he has continued to work as a journalist between Bangalore and New Delhi. In December, he wrote an essay about India’s forgotten experience of the Second World War that won a prize in the Financial Times-Bodley Head essay competition.

Aly Kassam-Remtulla

Aly married Dr Lee Philip James at the Princeton University Chapel in New Jersey. She received her DPhil from Balliol College in November 2012. She has been working as the Associate Director in the Office of the Provost at Princeton University since 2013.

Technology – where are the girls?

James studied physics at the Universities of London, Oxford and Cambridge. He was awarded his DPhil in Theoretical Physics from Oxford University in 1976 and conducted postdoctoral research at the Cavendish Laboratory, 1977 – 78. Since then, James has accumulated over 30 years experience in technology and finance worlds focusing in particular on telecoms companies and related technology industries. He has participated in many of the largest telecom and technology financings including the privatisation of BT and other European PTTs, the IPOs of a host of new operators such as Telewest, Colt, Orange, Energis etc. and a number of smaller IT IPOs and venture fundings.

James founded and chaired of ETT, a data-networking company which he led through several financing rounds and which was successfully acquired by Global Telecom and Technology Inc. (MTS, GTF) from 2002 to 2012. James was co-founder and a Managing Director of Anthem Corporate Finance which successfully conducted a variety of transactions in telecoms and technology. He is currently sits of various boards in the technology and finance sectors and is active in the financing of a variety of academic institutions.

James receives the Alumni of the Year Award for his loyal support of the College, which includes the largest pledge from the Alumni community towards the 50th Anniversary West Quad Campaign to date. James has also volunteered to sit on the 50th Anniversary Campaign Board.

Alumni updates

Dr Patrick Flanery

After finishing his DPhil in English in 2001, Patrick Flanery had an exceptional literary debut, winning the Spear/Laurent Perrier First Fiction Award 2012. His first novel, Absolution, came out in paperback from Atlantic Books in March 2012 and his second novel, Fallen Land, has been published in May 2013.

Laura El-Katiri

Laura El-Katiri is now a Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies and has been publishing, including two co-authored reports for the UNDP.

Rory Browne

On leaving St Cross in 2008, Rory spent a year at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and was subsequently commissioned into the Queen’s Royal Hussars. In 2011, he went Afghanistan for six months on Operation Herrick 15. That year he resigned his commission and he is about to start an internship in corporate finance with JP Morgan in London.

Dr Fiona Moore

Fiona Moore has just been promoted to Reader at Royal Holloway, University of London. She has recently co-authored a two-volume guide to Battlestar Galactica, By Your Command, available from Telos Publishing (first volume published, second coming out in late 2013).

Matthew Syddall

Matthew lives at The Oratory School in Reading with his wife Spring and his 16 month old son Emmanuel. At the School, he is both Head of Sixth Form and Head of Classics. He is currently expecting his second child, due on 20 July 2013.

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Marcia Favaile

Marcia has been working on the novel Kazakh privatization programme (People’s ROI), which she developed whilst at Oxford as her Entrepreneurial Project. She successfully led the implementation working alongside Citigroup, LBS and legal advisors.

Dr Rosa Solinas

DPhil Italian, 1995
Dr Rosa Solinas, previously Head of Music at the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, has taken up a new job as Chief Executive of the Ulster Orchestra.

Brian Fence

MSc Modern Japanese Studies, 2008
After graduating and living in Japan, Brian debuted as a novelist in May 2013 with a science fiction/fantasy novel, Librarian. He also runs a very witty and entertaining blog, www.brianfence.com.
St Cross alumni events

The St Cross College events calendar has been excitingly busy in 2013, with events in Oxford and all over the world: many thanks to our Alumni for their enthusiasm and support and for making St Cross an even more vibrant and active community. Many more events are to come in late 2013 and 2014, check the back cover for dates!

London Winter Drinks 2012

North American Reunions 2013

Madrid Reunion 2013

Fred’s Lunch 2013

Audrey Blackman Lunch 2013