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Cover image: Common Room Presidents at Gaudy (see p15). Photo by: Ros Connell.



# First Thoughts



Phil Sawyer

I'm kept busy keeping up with the switchback of Government Higher Education policy and its impacts on Linacre. In April we learned of changes to Disabled Students' Allowances. DSAs provide needs-based grants to support eligible UK university students with their extra costs of study. In future, funding is to be 'targeted to ensure better value for money', or in more straightforward language, cut. This is a pity. The scheme, which has been running for 40 years, is very effective. Students receiving DSA are more likely to finish and get better grades than those with similar disabilities who don't. Linacre will need to work hard to find resources for those UK and overseas disabled students who receive no state support. The College is building an impressive portfolio of scholarships to help remove some of the barriers preventing outstanding students coming to Oxford, but now another group of talented students faces increased obstacles. I wonder if Sisyphus would like to come and join the team in our Development Office!

We recently had the very sad news that former Domestic Bursar Lt Col Patrick Heffernan passed away this month after a brave struggle with cancer (p 13). Many of us have very fond memories of Patrick – a man of huge integrity, great humour and kindness. My greatest frustration is that I never got him to reveal how he persuaded New College to let us create the beautiful Rom Harré Garden on their land. He will be sorely missed.

October will see the arrival of 180 new students and our largest ever cohort of new Junior Research Fellows. Amongst their number will be the first ever Susan and George Brownlee JRF in Music – this year held by Dr Mark Doffman. Mark researches the psycho-social aspects of musical time, joint action in music and creativity, with a particular focus on contemporary music. He is also an accomplished jazz drummer and performed with his trio (p 9) to the delight of a large crowd in College at the end of September.

*Nick D. Brown.*

## Message from the Common Room



Linacre College has had another wonderful and exciting year. We continue to mix fervour with friendliness, hard work with happiness, and education with enjoyment. After meeting some Linacre Alumni earlier in the year and talking about the Linacre they knew, it appears that the College has barely changed; it entertains the same concerns, the same outlook, and the same feeling of pride in our collective achievements and ethos.

Our executive team and College reps have worked tirelessly through the year to continue, cultivate and nurture the environment which welcomes and respects diversity (Linacre is known as one of the most LGBTQ friendly colleges), as well as developing its reputation for good parties. Our members zealously take part in all aspects of College; sports are participated in with enthusiasm, the new Pizza Society joined with relish, and environmental concerns and initiatives debated and encouraged with regularity, so much so that this year Linacre successfully renewed its fair trade certified status, came a close second in the Switch-off campaign, hosted several pizza parties, and ordered football jerseys in Linacre colours. Our Gym manager, Georgios, continues to improve the gym beyond recognition, with new classes in ballet and aero-toning, and a jazz workout. Linacre gym is also home to Linacre Ladies that Lift, one of the most popular and well attended societies in College. The Vice-Principal, Dr Catherine Walter, is one of the society's most prominent members (see page 16).

Turning to the new year, we look forward to welcoming our freshest members in October, and anticipate Linacre will continue to go from strength to strength, and maintain its unique atmosphere that makes the College one of the best places to be in Oxford.

*Philly Howarth, Common Room President*

# Advancing Linacre



## News from our 50th Anniversary Campaign

### *Fully funded, in perpetuity*

Linacre's new **Oxford-Linacre African Scholarship** is an exciting fund, enabled by the Rhodes Trust, **Dr Keith Lloyd (1967)**, the **Rt Rev'd Carolyn Tanner Irish (1964)**, and Oxford University. Like the Oxford-EPA Cephalosporin Scholarship announced in 2012, this new opportunity is possible thanks to the generous donors above, and also – making it a full and permanent scholarship – to the University's 40:60 matched funding scheme, available for a limited period of time. The Oxford-Linacre African Scholarship will be awarded to a gifted student from Sub-Saharan Africa, and adds to our growing portfolio of funded opportunities for African students. We are thrilled, and warmly thank all the generous donors, and the Principal, who has worked tirelessly to ensure the successful implementation of the new scholarship.

### *Regardless of financial means*

It is our dedicated aim financially to support as many places as possible for Linacre students, through partial or full scholarship funding; this is a significant element of our 50th Anniversary Campaign work. To our great delight, in Michaelmas Term Linacre can offer scholarship places to 30 individuals, and this is all thanks to many generous donors.

New scholarships this autumn include the **Oxford-EPA Cephalosporin Scholarship** in Biomedical Sciences, **Ryle Scholarship** in Philosophy, **Sir Bryan Cartledge and Professor Paul Slack Scholarships** in Humanities, and the significantly increased **Gianturco Scholarship** in Musicology /Theoretical Chemistry. The generous new gift from Carolyn and Franco Gianturco means that two scholarships can annually be offered.

Funds for the **Brewer Street Scholarship**, and **Hicks Scholarship** in Economics continue to grow, and we hope to be able to offer both of these in the near future. In addition, we are launching a fund for a scholarship in **Anthropology**. So there are many options for your support!

### *Postdocs at Linacre*



David Cockayne

We are very pleased to have now exceeded our numerical target for JRFs in the Campaign, with 23 of these available. The most recent development is the **David Cockayne JRF**, kindly enabled by Mrs Jean Cockayne; we are thrilled that Jean, and David & Jean's children Sophie, Tamsin and James, are all committed to setting up this JRF for a postdoc in Materials, and wonderfully remembering David, Professorial Fellow at Linacre, and a valued member of the College for many years.

We celebrate the **Paul Nurse JRF** being offered for the first time this autumn, to Dr Rebecca Burton, thanks in large part to the untiring work of Dr Leonid Nikitenko, Adjunct Fellow, and we continue actively to encourage people to give to that fund. The **Susan & George Brownlee JRF** is also in its first year, and will be held by Dr Mark Doffman.

### *Feeling at home at Linacre*

As much as possible, we want to ensure comfort for our members; Neil Fraser-Bell House – opened in 2013 and funded by generous Old Members – is a shining example, and we are thrilled to report that the gifts from 30 Old Members in Japan for this house have been commemorated by a named '**Japan Room**'.



Library Reading Room

Sitting comfortably for meals and study is a very important consideration at Linacre, and so following on from our named Dining Hall chairs, the newly named chairs in the Small Dining Room and in the Reading Room in the Library, are a wonderful development. We warmly thank all donors. You can read the stories behind all the chair plaques in documents prepared by Ros Connell, available to borrow from Reception – or we will happily e-mail you a copy.

### *Campaign total*

It is wonderful to report that £6.2 million has been received for our 50th Anniversary Campaign, and another £850,000 pledged. There have also been some generous legacy pledges. We would like to invite you virtually, into our Development Office, to 'witness' the excitement and real appreciation generated by your gifts. There is huge gratitude for every gift made; pleasurable though reaching a target is, it is not so much the delight of reaching that target which we feel, but excitement that Linacre members and others have given money they could have used elsewhere, to enrich the lives and research of our students and early career academics. There is pleasure at Linacre relationships being deepened, at significantly enhanced research experience for Linacre's members, and at witnessing the College's ongoing success. The whoops of delight are not only heard for the large gifts; we are thrilled at all support – new, regular, renewed, legacy pledges. Many thanks to you all!

# Linacre Lawyers

*There are over 100 Linacre lawyers, in every continent, working as academic lawyers, barristers, criminologists, patent attorneys, and solicitors; the four articles in this magazine by Linacre lawyers illustrate that breadth and richness. For details of Lawyers' Network events, or to be in touch with other members, please contact me (p.England@taylorwessing.com); I would be delighted to hear from you.*

Dr Paul England (1993), Chair of Linacre Lawyers' Network

## Lawyer for Social Justice



**Elise Harriger (2003)** is Director and founder (in 2010) of the legal clinic at Casa Marianella, a local emergency shelter which has been serving immigrants in Austin, Texas for 28 years. Between her BA and JD from the University of Texas, she completed a graduate degree in theology from Oxford University.

People often ask me why I studied theology at Oxford if I didn't plan to use the degree. This question always makes me laugh. Nothing in my educational path had as big an impact on my life and career as my days at Linacre. During the countless hours I spent in the Radcliffe Camera and Theology Faculty Library poring over Jürgen Moltmann, Gustavo Gutiérrez, and N.T. Wright (while my husband was at the Common Room bar drinking Guinness), I encountered a school of thought that changed my life. I discovered liberation theology. I experienced what I've dubbed *my conversion to social justice*.

I now run the legal clinic at Casa Marianella, a homeless shelter for immigrants in Austin, Texas. We house people from Latin America, Africa, and Asia. We provide them with a bed, food, case management, English classes, legal services, medical assistance, and most importantly, a family in the United States. People come to Casa Marianella having fled war and poverty and knowing no one. They leave with friends from around the world who are all navigating similar challenges as they adjust to life in this country. Our former residents come back to visit, show off their newly arrived family members, and offer their help and wisdom to new residents.

I represent asylum seekers from our shelter in federal immigration court during their removal proceedings. The proceedings are adversarial, trial-like settings in which the government is trying to deport them. We use evidence of country conditions, expert witnesses, and the individual's own testimony to argue that he or she qualifies for asylum. In the United States, asylum may be based on one of five grounds: race, religion, political opinion, nationality, or membership in a particular social group. The majority of our clients are fleeing persecution based on political opinion, LGBT status, religion, female genital mutilation, or domestic violence.

I also represent immigrant victims of crime, victims of human trafficking, and abandoned, abused, and neglected youth in obtaining visas so they may remain lawfully in the United States. These clients are often young women who have been assaulted,

either in the United States or on their journey here. Our trafficking victims have been forced to work or have been recruited for sex acts by criminal organizations. We work closely with local law enforcement, prosecutors, and family courts in these cases to ensure the safety of the victim and to obtain the evidence necessary for the immigration benefit.

My clients have experienced suffering so great, few of us can imagine. They have been raped, beaten, tortured, left for dead, and forced to watch as family members were murdered. They remind me daily of the resilience of the human spirit and that my problems aren't so bad after all. They are determined to make new lives for themselves, at the cost of leaving everything behind and starting over. They stretch themselves to incredible lengths to fight for their cases. Their resilience and determination make real the words of Gustavo Gutiérrez. I first encountered these words on another continent more than a decade ago at Linacre, but they continue to move me: "[T]he witness of the resurrection is he who can always ask ironically (according to Scripture), 'Death, where is your victory?'" My clients embody such power. They struggle to make money and feed their children. Even in the face of great obstacles, they will not accept defeat. They inspire me to do the same. 'Such resurrection is revolution,' says Gutiérrez. The privilege of journeying with one of my clients through the challenging, convoluted process of obtaining status in the United States – allowing them to stay here, express political opinions, practice whatever religion they choose, or live openly as LGBT individuals – is nothing short of revolutionary. My time at Linacre opened my eyes to the possibility of such a vocation. And for that, I will forever be grateful.

## Shipping and Piracy Law



**Nicholas Craig (1994)** is a barrister who was called to the Bar in 1998 and practises from 3 Verulam Buildings, Gray's Inn, London. He specialises in commercial law and international arbitration.

The High Court of Admiralty was established in the fourteenth century. According to the National Archives, its original jurisdiction was in connection with matters of 'spoil' (goods taken from an enemy in time of war) and 'piracy,' but subsequently it developed a jurisdiction in 'prize' (a ship or goods captured legally during war) and with collisions and salvage. In the sixteenth century, it was given jurisdiction over all criminal matters at sea. It was enabled to conduct criminal trials of pirates and could

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impose a sentence of death upon anyone found guilty of piracy. This was a long-arm, international jurisdiction. By way of example, Captain William Kidd was tried and convicted by the High Court of Admiralty in London in 1701 for crimes (piracy and murder) allegedly committed on the Indian Ocean (including the seizure of the *Quedagh Merchant* about 125 kilometers from modern day Kochi, India and the murder of his gunner off Madagascar) and after he had been captured and imprisoned in Boston, Massachusetts; he was hanged at 'Execution Dock', Wapping, and his body was left to hang for three years as a warning to other pirates.

The High Court of Admiralty's criminal jurisdiction was removed in 1834, leaving only jurisdiction in relation to private, civil disputes. Eventually it became part of the Queen's Bench Division along with the newly established Commercial Court. Today, the Admiralty and Commercial Court is regularly required to determine international maritime disputes; its long-arm, international jurisdiction remains. This is by reason of the fact that English law is frequently chosen as the law which governs shipping contracts (in other words, the parties to the contract agree that the contract and disputes arising under it shall be determined by reference to English law principles) and England is chosen as the place to litigate disputes even though the parties themselves have no connection to England; such contracts include shipbuilding contracts, charterparties, bills of lading and finance documents. Given that, according to the International Maritime Organisation, over 90% of the world's trade is carried by sea (it is the most cost-effective way to move manufactured goods and raw materials around the globe) there is a large number of disputes which arise (for example, by reason of a vessel not being constructed on time or in accordance with plans, a cargo of oil crude being damaged by seawater ingress during transit, or a mortgagor failing to keep up the payment of instalments on a ship mortgage).

Issues concerning piracy still arise. Given that (according to the Suez Canal Vessel Statistics) approximately 1300 vessels per month transit the Suez Canal and in order to do so such vessels have to pass through the Gulf of Aden (the current 'hot-spot' for acts of piracy) this is, perhaps, unsurprising. The pirates themselves no longer come before the Admiralty Court to be tried and then hanged. More prosaically, the issues in disputes heard in the Admiralty and Commercial Court are now more normally concerned with who bears the risk of loss or damage to the vessel or her cargo following an act of piracy, the owner or charterer.

By way of example, in January this year in **Trafigura Beheer BV v Navigazione Montanari SpA** [2014] EWHC 129 (Comm) Andrew Smith J had to determine whether the owners of the mt "Valle di Cordoba" were liable for the loss of about 5,000 metric tonnes premium motor spirit (petrol) 'stolen' by pirates who, temporarily, took control of the vessel off the coast of Benin and transhipped the petrol onto another unidentified vessel. This was a question of the proper construction or meaning of the charterparty (the agreement between the owners and the charterers for the hire of the vessel); the judge determined that the owners were not liable for the loss. Although the cargo would have been different (perhaps gold instead of petrol) similar cases may well have been heard by the High Court of Admiralty almost 700 years ago. The Admiralty and Commercial Court does not have the power to order hanging at Execution Dock; but its judges are still encountering pirates and being required to make decisions where losses have resulted from their actions.

## A Career in Patent Law



**Dr Zoe Birtle (2003)** earned her DPhil in Bioinformatics at Linacre 2003-2006. After graduating, she joined D Young & Co LLP in Southampton as a trainee patent attorney in January 2007, qualifying as a European Patent attorney in August 2010, and as a UK chartered patent attorney in April 2011.

I knew quite early on that, while I enjoyed my DPhil, I didn't really want to become a research scientist. An acquaintance was a patent attorney and this piqued my interest in the profession. After further research at the careers service, I began applying for training positions around a year before graduation.

Patent attorneys usually either work for a law firm like I do, or work in-house for a company. Training is mostly on the job, with some time out for courses and exams. Trainees work on real patent cases straight away, with supervision from a qualified attorney.

In order to qualify as a UK patent attorney, there are currently two sets of exams (though this is being reviewed at the moment), foundation and final. Foundation exams are taken after around one year in the profession, and final exams after two to three years. In addition, there are also European Qualifying exams, which consist of a foundation exam (known as 'pre-EQE') after two years and final exams after three. On average it takes five years to qualify.

Most patent attorneys have a particular speciality. Mine is Biology, but from time to time I do some work outside of the field.

There are several stages in the life of a patent. Firstly there is drafting, which involves liaising with inventors or managers to write the patent. Next comes the prosecution stage, wherein the patent is filed and I correspond with the Patent Office regarding any amendments necessary in order to obtain allowance of the patent application. Sometimes this involves attending a hearing with the Patent Examiner in person. A small number of patents will be opposed, which will lead to me defending them for my client. It is also possible that my client may ask me to oppose someone else's patent on their behalf. Some patent attorneys specialise in this kind of work. Finally, it is possible that a patent owner may wish to pursue someone who is infringing their patent. At this stage, a barrister is usually involved if the case ends up going to court.

On a typical day, I mostly deal with the drafting and prosecution stages. This involves reviewing correspondence from the various Patent Offices (primarily UK and European) and reporting and explaining this to clients. I also write to the Patent Offices and amend patent applications. I often need to read and review scientific literature so that I can submit arguments to the Patent Office explaining why a patent application differs from existing inventions and is not obvious. I may also discuss Patent Office objections and amendments with clients, and we may form a strategy for patent filing for a particular invention. It is also important to liaise with overseas attorneys in order to obtain patent protection in other countries. For example, I may send one of my patent applications to a US attorney, and then correspond with him/her throughout the prosecution of that patent application in the US. *Continued on p 6.*

# Old Members' Focus

## Zoltán Lengyel (1994)

### *The Rule of Law*



I feel privileged for many reasons: a loving family around me, my career and, of course, my time at Linacre. I started my Master of Studies in Legal Research in Oxford in 1994, six months after receiving my law degree from Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. My studies in Oxford were jointly funded by the UK Government and the Open Society Foundation set up by

Mr George Soros. The idea of the programme was that young people from Central and Eastern Europe gain the experience of top western education and then return to their home country where they can help to rebuild democracy and a market economy.

As the communist regimes on the East collapsed at the end of the 1980s we had a few years of transition to a new kind of society – which was a fantastic experience. Witnessing the birth of a democracy and the rule of law, especially when you are a student, is really something euphoric. You know that the time you live in will be a milestone in history. Also, the state-controlled, run-down economy was gradually replaced by a free market and foreign investors who brought in new technology and know-how.

Today, 25 years after the Berlin Wall came down and all the changes above, we are observing a process in the opposite direction. Many are aware of what has been going on in the last five years in Hungary. The current government controls more than two-thirds of the seats in parliament, which enables them to change the constitution and practically do whatever they want to do. And they do. They cut back the freedom of press and the power of the constitutional court, and now even the ordinary court system appears to follow what is expected from it by the government. Laws are passed retroactively and taxation is used to punish specific people and businesses rather than to collect a fair contribution. The irony (or tragedy) of the story is that several officials of the current government, including Mr Orban, the prime minister, had the opportunity to study in Oxford under the same programme as I did. They apparently did not learn what 'rule of law' means.

After my studies in Oxford I returned to Budapest and worked for Baker & McKenzie, a US law firm where I was involved in privatisations, stock market listings and many more transactions which were novel in the then transforming economy. A few years later I returned to the UK where I practiced law in the London office of the firm for nine months so I could see what it is like working in the financial centre of Europe. I joined Allen & Overy, a UK based international law firm in 2000 and ever since have been advising on mergers and acquisitions as well as capital

markets transactions. I am currently the managing partner in the Budapest office of the firm.

When I was a student I had no idea about the things I currently do as a business lawyer, and my case is far from being unique. Helping students to understand their career options is important, so ten years ago, together with my colleagues at Allen & Overy, I helped put together a course for my old university in Budapest. The course provides an explanation of the economic rationale, the applicable rules and the documents we use in the transactions we do here. My colleagues and I are still very enthusiastic about the teaching experience and the joy of sharing knowledge with students ahead of their careers.

I thank Oxford for two friendships and – my wife. When I arrived at Linacre the Abraham Building was not complete so Vladimir Strelko, a Ukrainian student, and I got temporary accommodation – at the Principal's house! Sir Bryan Cartledge, the then Principal of Linacre, lived with his wife at 40 St Giles. Vladimir and I each got a room in a house which was a few hundred years old as the guest of the Principal. Quite an extraordinary start! Sir Bryan, as former UK ambassador in Hungary, has a close relationship with my home country and even wrote a book about our history, *The Will to Survive*, which is admired by many. He visits Hungary from time to time, which is always a good opportunity to catch up (see p 7). The other friendship is with Vladimir. He did research in chemistry at Oxford. A few years later he received his PhD and now lives in Germany. And last, but not least, the love story (my wife will read this). Márta, a 20-year-old Hungarian girl, worked as an au pair at an old lady's house in Oxford and was returning from home where she spent her Christmas break. So was I. Both of us were waiting for the coach to Oxford at Heathrow bus station. We started to chat. That was 20 years ago, and now we have three children: Anna (14), András (12) and Júlia (9).

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## A Career in Patent Law *continued from pg 5.*

Patent work is very deadline-based. It is necessary to meet strict legal deadlines, for responses, amendments and fees, almost every day. A career in patents suits someone who is organised and enjoys writing.

It is a requirement to have at least a first degree in science in order to take the UK and European qualifying exams to become a patent attorney. However non-scientists may be interested in becoming a trade mark attorney. This is a similar career in many aspects. Further information may be found at the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys: <http://www.itma.org.uk>

Further information on qualifying as a European Patent attorney can be found at <http://www.epo.org/>, while information on becoming a chartered UK patent attorney can be found at <http://www.cipa.org.uk/pages/home>.

Most countries have their own form of professional qualifying exams for patent attorneys. For the US and a small number of other countries, it is necessary to obtain a graduate degree in law in order to practice as a patent attorney. For further advice on this I advise contacting the US Patent and Trade Mark Office at <http://www.uspto.gov/>

# Linacre Events

## Linacre Old Members' Dinners

Eating together is one of the activities in which Linacre members excel. So the *Lawyers' Dinner* at the Oxford & Cambridge Club on March 27th, the *Old Members' Dinner* at the University Club of Chicago in April and, later that week, at the Yale Club in New York, the *Thomas Linacre Circle Tea*, and the *US Lawyers' Dinner* in New York, were all convivial events at which Linacre members either caught up with those they knew, or forged new friendships. We warmly thank those who made these events possible, in particular **Dr Paul England (1993)**, **Dr Tom Bednar (1963)**, **Mr John Morrison**, **Mr Bruce Reynolds (1973)** and **Mr Jaesan Subramaniam (2005)**. The Principal was pleased to meet all the diners, and also many other Old Members, during the US visit in April.

Anne Keene

## Summer Reception



Dr Jef McAllister (1979)

Linacre's annual London Summer Reception migrated out to the Thames Valley this year, thanks to the kind invitation of **Dr Jef McAllister (1979)** (pictured) and his wife, Dr Ann Olivarius, who along with their son, Jack, welcomed us to their gracious 1817 home, Hennerton House. Their faithful Labrador, Wicker, was also on hand to set a relaxed and welcoming tone for the occasion. It was a perfect summer evening, and the guests, including Old Members from as far afield as Colombia, students, Fellows, and their guests, enjoyed drinks and canapés on the terrace, as well as explored the beautiful garden with its impressive modern art installations. Two guests made a particularly stylish arrival in a vintage Bentley, while another enterprising couple traversed the Thames by boat, completing their journey by bus and on foot. Linacre hospitality ensured that everyone had a ride back to Oxford, London or their boat mooring at the end of the evening.

## Budapest Reunion



In April, **Sir Bryan Cartledge**, former Principal and now Honorary Fellow of Linacre, travelled to Budapest to assist in making two documentary films for Hungarian television: one on Hungary's history from 1914 to 1945, based on his book *The Will to Survive*, and one about Sir Bryan's own 'life and times'. He took the opportunity to contact Old Members in Hungary and a reunion was held on 9 April at the very atmospheric Cafe Hadik, on the Buda side. In addition to **Dr Andrea Velich (1992)**, third from left, who worked very hard to make all the arrangements, the reunion was attended by (L-R) **Dr Pal Jedlovsky (1991)**, **Dr Lajos Vargado (1989)**, (Andrea and Sir Bryan), **Zoltán Lengyel (1994)**, and **Dr Tibor Fuisz (1990)**. Others would have liked to attend but were prevented from doing so by their professional commitments or their distance from Budapest. Duna TV insisted on sending a camera team to film the occasion, with plans to conduct follow-up interviews with the participants about their Oxford experience.

## Looking Ahead...

**Monday 10th November 2014 • Thomas Linacre Circle Lunch** for legacy circle members.

**24th-26th April 2015 • Meeting Minds: Alumni Weekend in Europe** Linacre dinner in Vienna on Friday, 24th April, with an after-dinner talk by **Professor Carolyn Gianturco (1967)**, OM and musicologist.

**Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July 2015 • 2015 Gaudy**  
A weekend for 2001-2013 matriculands.

A **Linacre Lawyers' Network** event, as well as a **BFL (Business, Finance & Law)** gathering, will be held in London during this academic year. Details will be published on the Linacre website, and also e-mailed to network members. All Linacre Members are welcome.

**Keep up to date** on Linacre events, which are published on the College website, <http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/old-members-friends/old-members-friends-events>

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Abdossalam Madkhali

## Summer Gaudy

While Saturday rowing, the Domus Prize competition, an open house and croquet, a gala dinner, late drinks and chats in a buzzing Common Room, and the culminating garden party are common to all Gaudies, each one takes on an individual flavour. A special pleasure this year was to see so many Gaudy attendees returning with their children for the Sunday garden party. The group photo on the steps of the Rom Harré Garden with many Linacre parents and children and other guests captures both the informality and the strong bonds and shared interests that are part of Linacre life. Next summer's Gaudy on July 4th and 5th, 2015 will be for our most recent students, who matriculated from 2001 through 2013.

## Murder Mystery

The hidden talent among Linacre members is astonishing, and it was very much on display during the Murder Mystery Dinner at Linacre on 28 March. *Murder in the Common Room*, penned by Linacre's Director of Development, Anne Keene, was produced with a cast of ten Linacre members – Fellows, students, and Old Members – who donned 1970s garb to ad-lib the roles of suspects and investigators. Attendees questioned the suspects over dinner, and then cast their vote for the culprit, before all was revealed in a dramatic dénouement culminating in the arrest of the 'murderer'. Warm thanks go to **Priscilla Baines (1964)**, **Dr David Bauer**, **Dr Philippa Cullen (1968)**, **Professor Matt Gibney**, **Philly Howarth (2012)**, **Soraya Liu (2013)**, **Robin Simpson (1969)**, **Dr Nicky Warren (1995)**, **Professor Anne Watson**, and **Dr Yan Wong (1995)**. Cast photos may be viewed at <http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/old-members-friends/gallery>.

### Linacre news and information

posted Friday on Twitter, Facebook & LinkedIn



## Too good to fail?

On Tuesday 10th June, **Professor Jan Filochowski**, a Linacre Old Member from 1973, gave the Tuesday Linacre Seminar, based on his recent book – *Too Good To Fail?*.

After several posts turning round failing NHS Trusts, Jan was perfectly placed to talk on failure within an organisation. He described the warning signs of denial and low staff morale. The key, he believes, is in perception versus reality. Once change is underway, then communication is vital. He made the point that any organisation is as unlikely to always succeed as always fail. And that maybe OK-ness is acceptable most of the time.



The interested audience had a number of questions to ask and Jan kindly stayed for dinner and continued with a conversation with a group of students over the meal. We are grateful to Professor Filochowski for coming to Oxford and giving such an interesting talk.

*Ros Connell*

Informal photos are often taken at Linacre events, and may be used in College publications or on the website. Please let us know if you do not want to be photographed.

# Linacre Events

## Dinner and Jazz

Linacre is making a pitch to be not only the greenest, but also the 'coolest', college in Oxford following a 'Dinner & Jazz' evening held on 19 September in conjunction with the University Alumni Reunion Weekend. Linacre Old Members, Fellows and guests relaxed to the alternately mellow, nostalgic, and exciting renditions of jazz classics by *Trio Spin*, a highly regarded Oxford jazz ensemble of Raph Mizraki (double bass), Pete Oxley (guitar) and Dr Mark Doffman (drums). Warm thanks go to all the musicians, and particularly to Mark, the incoming Susan and George Brownlee JRF, who made the event possible.



Abdossalam Madkhali

## 'Meet a Chief Executive'



Networking over supper in the SDR

The text of the heading above was how the tray supper with **Dr Chris Hanvey (1974)** on Friday May 23rd was publicised, and it was a real privilege for assembled College members to meet with Chris, CEO of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, over an informal tray supper in Linacre's Small Dining Room. We warmly thank him for giving of his time, and for a fascinating talk, and 'Question and Answer' session, informing and guiding Linacre's students and other College members, as they plan their professional future.

Anne Keene

## 2014 Tanner Lecture on Human Values



Jo Metson Scott

**Ms Shami Chakrabarti**, Director of Liberty and Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University, delivered a fascinating lecture on *Human Rights as Human Values* as part of the Tanner Lecture Series at the University Museum on 15th May 2014. The purpose of the Tanner Lectures is to advance and reflect upon the scholarly and scientific learning relating to human values. This intention

embraces the entire range of values pertinent to the human condition, interest, behaviour, and aspiration. Appointment as a Tanner lecturer is a recognition for uncommon achievement and outstanding abilities in the field of human values. Ms Chakrabarti's lecture can be viewed or downloaded as audio or video from <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/human-rights-human-values>

## 2014 Linacre Lecture

The Albert G Milbank Professor of Geosciences and International Affairs at Princeton University, **Michael Oppenheimer**, delivered the 24th Annual Linacre Lecture on 5 June 2014. Professor Oppenheimer, a long-time member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), spoke on *Migration, Interconnection, Conflict: Emergent Issues and Indirect Impacts in IPCC's Fifth Assessment*. He is currently a coordinating author of the Fifth Assessment Report, and coordinating lead author of SREX, a special report on extreme climate events and disasters. Before moving to Princeton he spent over two decades with the influential Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) as their chief scientist and manager of the Climate and Air Program. The Linacre Lectures are a series of high-profile public lectures on a range of environmental subjects which has run annually since 1991, with funding from Tetra Laval.

## Admission of Ertl as Proctor



The Admission of Linacre Fellow, **Dr Hubert Ertl**, as the University's Junior Proctor for the 2014-15 proctorial year took place on 19 March. Led by the University Bedel,

Linacre Fellows and members of the Common Room Executive made a stately procession from Linacre to the Sheldonian for the formal ceremony; **Simon Bailey** (Keeper of the University Archives and Linacre Fellow) and **Alison Reid** (Linacre Bursar and Fellow) were admitted as Pro-Proctors. College Fellows and students, as well as University dignitaries, celebrated at a special lunch in College following the ceremony.

# Fellows' Focus

## Dr Asma Mustafa



Abdossalam Maackhal

**Asma Mustafa** is a Senior Research Fellow on Muslims in Britain at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies as well as Linacre's Senior Tutor. She received her DPhil from Oxford University in 2011, having spent several years researching and examining the role of ethnic, religious and national identities in

the political participation of young second generation British Muslims. Her book of the same title is due for publication by Palgrave Macmillan in early 2015.

The tragedy of the 2001 Twin Towers attacks has had an adverse effect on Muslims; the decade that followed has seen emboldened attacks on faith in public life, frenzied tabloid media reports creating a clash of civilizations; and an overwhelming sense of mistrust towards Muslims in social opinion. European Muslims are perceived as reproducing at a fast rate, loyal to Islam alone and sharing the same radical theological ideas as other Muslim extremists. Statistically, British Muslims make the second largest religious group in England and Wales with 2.7 million members (4.8% of the population) according to the latest 2011 census (ONS, 2013b). Among religious groups, Muslims continue to have the youngest age profile with nearly half of Muslims (48 per cent) aged under 25 (1.3 million) and 88 per cent aged under 50 (2.4 million).

'Muslims in the West' is a growing area of research, from fields as diverse as sociology on the one hand, and security studies on the other; the existing research on 'Muslim integration' generally measures the reality by looking into the structures of the host society. This is usually examined around indicators of employment, political participation, educational achievement and community cohesion. The research I have conducted has focused on political engagement, which is a significant method for gauging integration and belonging; I also have a particular interest in identity re/formation. Identity is a fascinating area which gives insight into the multi-faceted nature of human beings; it sheds a light on the fluidity of self-perception, as well as its delicate ability to be influenced by wider society.

Generations of young Muslims are finding new strategies of managing their varied identities. They demonstrate various responses to the misinformed generalizations about Muslim identity. We have seen the hijacking of Twitter hashtags (e.g #MuslimRage, #creepingsharia in 2012 and #askTommyRobinson in 2013) to mimic and mock stereotypical news stories. British comedic films have evolved, attempting to highlight the renegotiation of identities; these

include *East Is East* (1999), *Four Lions* (2010) and *The Infidel* (2010). Such dramas resonate with various young Muslims negotiating with the identities of the first generation, traditional religious and cultural attitudes, as well as expectations, while juxtaposing them against their modern lifestyles, newer religious perspectives and challenging the extreme views that are perceived as their own.

In terms of political engagement, I'm captivated with the change in political activity over time, and the new methods of engagement amongst youth, including graffiti, music and political blogging. The most challenging work was conducting the fieldwork in two stages and incorporating visual methods alongside qualitative interviews. I enjoy working in a multi-method approach, especially when focusing on identity.

The Research Fellowship at OCIS is balanced alongside my exciting role as Senior Tutor at Linacre. The pastoral role is widely varied, and holds many responsibilities including observing and advising on the welfare and academic progress of College students; the elections to and the administration of the College's scholarships and other prizes; and working alongside Jackie Favarin, the College Secretary, to ensure the efficient and effective administration of student academic affairs, including examinations and much more.

## Emeritus Fellow

**Dr Rom Harré**, Linacre Emeritus Fellow, is the recipient of the 2014 Theodore Sarbin Award made by the American Psychological Association for work in historical and philosophical psychology.

## What could you make a gift for?

*Anthropology Scholarship*

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*Canadian Alumni Scholarship*

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*Common Room Presidents' Fund*  
(£500 in monthly payments)

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*Hardship Fund*

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*Hicks Scholarship in Economics*

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*Paul Nurse JRF in Biomedical Sciences*

# Fellows' News

## New Fellows



**Dr Silke Ackermann**, who was appointed Director of the Museum of the History of Science as of 1 March, is the first woman to head a museum at the University of Oxford. Following her academic training in her native Germany, she became Curator of European and Islamic scientific instruments at the British Museum, where she held numerous leadership and management roles over a period of 16 years. In 2012, she accepted a professorship at the University of Applied Sciences in Schwerin, Germany, and thereafter was appointed president of the university. She is currently President of the Scientific Instrument Commission of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science. Dr Ackermann is acknowledged as a leading researcher on scientific instruments from Europe and the Islamic World, and has a particular interest in the transfer of knowledge between cultures, civilisations and generations. She succeeded Professor Jim Bennett, who is now an Emeritus Fellow of Linacre.



A warm welcome to **Professor Luca Cardelli FRS**, Royal Society Professor of Computer Science at Oxford, who became a Linacre Adjunct Fellow in April. His current interests include molecular programming, systems biology, natural computation, and quantitative semantics. He is also a Principal Researcher for Microsoft Research Cambridge who recently

honoured him with a 'Luca Cardelli Fest' <http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/events/lucacardellifest/>

**Dr Shonil Bhagwat** was elected Linacre Adjunct Fellow when he stepped down as Senior Tutor following his move to The Open University as Lecturer in Geography and Director of Research Degrees in the Faculty of Social Sciences. Shonil, a Linacre Old Member and former Rhodes Scholar, was previously a Linacre Fellow, Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford School of Geography, and Course Director for the MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management. All in College thank him for his hard work and dedication to the welfare of Linacre students, and for the thoughtful and calm approach he brought to a very demanding and important College position.

**Dr Asma Mustafa** is now a Senior Research Fellow at Linacre, as well as the new Senior Tutor and Dean. (See Fellows' Focus, p 10.)

**Dr Assad Kotaite**, an Honorary Invited Member of Linacre and President Emeritus of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), died on 28 February 2014 aged 89.

## Fellowship for Liverman

Congratulations to **Professor Diana Liverman**, who has won a prestigious 2014 Guggenheim Fellowship. Professor Liverman, a Linacre Supernumerary Fellow, and former Director of ECI, is now Co-director of the Institute of the Environment at the University of Arizona, and Regents' Professor in UA's School of Geography and Development. The one-year fellowship will enable her to write on poverty and climate change in the Americas, which will 'synthesize 20 years of research by me, my colleagues and my students,' she said. 'I'll ask how the poor experience the warming world and how climate policy can respond in ways that reduce the risks of climate change and move people out of poverty.'

## JRF Research

**Dr Katerina Douka** is co-author of an exciting article published in August in *Nature* which changes our understanding of the chronological relationship between Neanderthals and modern humans. Rather than a rapid replacement of European Neanderthals by anatomically modern humans, high-precision dating of materials from 40 archaeological sites reveals that the disappearance of Neanderthals occurred between 41,000 and 39,000 years ago, with a temporal overlap between Neanderthals and modern humans of 2,600 to 5,400 years, allowing for cultural – and possibly genetic – exchanges between the two groups. The article can be found here: <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v512/n7514/full/nature13621.html>

## Visit Africa/Support Linacre African Scholars

Linacre Old Member **Dr Margaret McCutcheon Faber (1993)** and her husband, Dr Pierre Faber, left Oxford with the dream of sharing their knowledge and love of the beauty and magic of southern Africa, and went on to found their specialist safari company, Classic Africa. In keeping with their philosophy of making a positive impact on the region, they have kindly offered to alert their clients to the opportunity to support higher education for young Africans via established scholarships for African students at Linacre. In addition, if clients come to them via Linacre (from publications or word of mouth), then Classic Africa will donate 5% of the trip cost (ground arrangements and charter flights) to the scholarships when this connection is mentioned to them. We are grateful to Margaret and Pierre, who also personally support our African scholarships, and are excited about this creative way to support higher education for African students at Linacre. For information on their safaris to Africa, see [www.classicafrica.com](http://www.classicafrica.com)

# College News



## Best Wishes

All good wishes go to **Dominika Hanusz**, who is making a career change to catering, and was presented with the traditional Linacre bear and other farewell gifts, at a staff gathering in the Nadel Room on 3 April.

## Award for Scholar

**Adam Bridgen** was a member of the 2014 Oxford University Animal Ethics Society team which won two trophies at the International Business Ethics Case Competition in Tucson, Arizona in May with their presentation on the ethical and business opportunities of in vitro meat. Adam, a DPhil candidate in English, currently holds the Raymond and Vera Asquith Scholarship at Linacre, and is President of OUAES.

## Diane's 35th



A great cheer and applause rose up through the College at the conclusion of an otherwise ordinary Linacre lunchtime as Linacrites poured into the Dining Hall on June 18 to fete **Diane Morgan** on 35 years at Linacre. Vice-Principal Catherine Walter led the congratulations, saying that she realised she was truly a member of College when, on her second lunch, Diane greeted her by name at the till. Diane's daughters Nicola and Sally,

also Linacre staff, were there along with students, Old Members, Fellows and staff, as all raised a glass to mark Diane's milestone. She was presented with flowers and a lovely stone birdbath for her garden, in addition to many hugs, kisses, and good wishes from all present.

## [www.linacre.ox.ac.uk](http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk)

The web address may be the same, but the Linacre College website has had a complete redesign over the summer. It is hoped the new website will provide greater information on the College that is also much easier to retrieve and update, and in a format that is compatible with smart phones and tablets, as well as traditional pcs. You might enjoy looking at the new photos in the expanded Accommodation section, reading about our excellent College Library or gym, checking out activities in the Common Room, or finding out more about upcoming events, visiting the College as an Old Member, or making a donation to College. We hope you'll take a look, and visit it often.

## Sir Anish Kapoor

On Wednesday June 25th, because one of Linacre's Fellows is currently a Proctor, the College had the great honour of hosting an Encaenia honorand. Sir Anish Kapoor, one of Britain's foremost sculptors, received a Doctorate in Letters from Oxford University; together with his partner, Ms Sophie Walker, he was hosted at various Encaenia events by the Principal, the Vice-Principal and the Director of Development, including at the ceremony itself. Charm personified, Sir Anish was a convivial and welcome guest, and it was a great privilege to witness this important day in the life of the University, and in the lives of all five honorands. The Most Reverend Dr Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and 16 other nations, who is a colleague and friend of the **Rt Rev'd Carolyn Tanner Irish (1964)**, received the Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

*Anne Keene*

## In Memoriam

**Man Mohan (1961)**, a Founding Member of Linacre (BLitt, Anthropology), died on 24 February 2014.

**Dr Arvind Kenkare (1962)**, a very popular member of the first cohort of Linacre students, died on 25 July aged 82. After completing his DPhil in Engineering Science in 1968, he lectured and wrote on energy engineering, heat transfer and applied thermodynamics at the University of Hertfordshire until his retirement in 1997. Arvind had a great attachment to Linacre, and regularly returned to College for gaudies and anniversary celebrations, adding much to these occasions.

**Mrs Doris Levenson**, mother of the late Jaki Levenson (1968), died peacefully on 1 July 2014 aged 96.

**Professor Christopher Brooks (1971)**, who died on 19 August 2014, was 'a leading historian of early modern England, with an international reputation for world-class research on English society, constitutional history, and the common law of England.' After Linacre (1971-1976), he held posts at Brasenose and Wadham before he was appointed Lecturer in Early Modern History at Durham in 1980, becoming Professor in 2001. Over the course of his distinguished career, he also held Mellon and Leverhulme Fellowships, as well as the Fletcher-Jones Foundation Distinguished Fellowship in British History at the Huntington Library, California.

**Dr Brian Dancer (1970)** came to Linacre in 1970 after his first degree at the University of Sheffield, and completed his DPhil in Biochemistry under Professor Joel Mandelstam in 1974. After a two-year postdoctoral position at Rutgers University in New Jersey, Brian returned to the Mandelstam group to continue his research. During this time in Oxford he met his future wife Betty; their first daughter Rachel was born in 1980, with Claire (Linacre 2004) following in 1982. In 1981 the family moved to Cardiff where Brian took up a lectureship in the School of Biosciences, Cardiff University, where he remained throughout his career until his retirement in 2008. His academic interests in microbial

# In Memoriam

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### Lt Col Patrick Heffernan



who died on 23 August 2014, was Linacre College Domestic Bursar from 2001 to 2011. Patrick arrived at Linacre in 2001 after an impressive career in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), which he joined as a raw recruit at the age of 17, rising through many promotions to the prestigious rank of Lt Col – the highest you can go in the British

Army if commissioned from the ranks, and a pinnacle which very few achieve. His career included both international and UK postings, and he met Louise, his wife of 38 years, in Germany. Patrick was a military Clerk, administrator, and Quartermaster, responsible not only for supplies, but also for the care of soldiers – their accommodation and feeding, their families and their welfare. It was this genuine and heartfelt interest in other people, and concern for their wellbeing, which stood out in Patrick's tenure at Linacre, as well as in the Army.

From a career all over the world, to a College with a similar global diversity, Patrick enthusiastically embraced the role as Domestic Bursar, which carried much responsibility for the overall maintenance and safety of Linacre's buildings. In addition to his normal day-to-day responsibilities, Patrick played a major and hands-on role in the conception, planning and construction of the Griffiths Building, completed in 2008. But putting up a new building is not just about bricks and mortar. Thought has to be given to the impact and disruption to students and staff during construction, and to the complex and sometimes delicate interpersonal relationships that play a crucial role in such an intricate operation. Patrick especially excelled at this. Most importantly, it was Patrick's impressive relationships with others outside College, including the Bursar at New College, which enabled him to quietly but persuasively negotiate with New College for the land which became the Rom Harré Garden. Without Patrick, there would not have been the lovely new garden oasis, neatly replacing almost the exact area of old garden which had been given over to a wonderful and modern accommodation building. Thanks to Patrick's efforts, College was able to have

genetics took him around the world for research and lecturing, and this joy of travel was certainly well exercised in retirement, with trips including Australia, New Zealand, New York, Hong Kong, and the Cook Islands. Brian died at home in Caerleon, South Wales on 23 November 2013.

**Dr Samuel Cogan (1974)** was one of the many Chileans forced into exile after the coup of 1973. In Oxford he completed a DPhil – which I examined – on the intervention of the textile industry by the socialist government of President Allende. On his return to Chile he eventually had a successful career in business as the finance manager of one of Chile's largest retail chains. When he retired from that post he taught business studies at one of the universities in Santiago. I knew him well and he was a generous

both additional and high-quality student accommodation on the main site, and a beautifully landscaped garden to replace the area needed for the new building.

Patrick's genuine concern for students and staff was well suited to Linacre's ethos. One former student comments: 'He really cared about the students and consistently went above and beyond what was required, to ensure the best for everyone. Throughout my time at Linacre, as well as since, I have heard so many individuals mention what a wonderful and great man he was and how much he did for the College. His kind, caring, jovial and positive nature was at the essence of what made Linacre such a wonderful and joyous place.' Patrick would pop in to see members of staff working on their own, to make sure all was well, and took much pleasure in organising the annual staff Christmas party. He would be there on the night, making a beeline for the dance floor, and encouraging others to have a good time. Indeed, he conscientiously ensured the smooth running of many College dinners, and his welcome to all guests was sincere and joyous. Through both official and social occasions, he also made many personal friends outside College, including his counterparts at other colleges, and built bridges and significant goodwill that greatly benefitted Linacre.

On Patrick's retirement in 2011, students demonstrated their affection for him by naming a splendid new College punt the *Patrick Heffernan*, while Linacre's Governing Body made him an Emeritus Fellow. Patrick loved his time at Linacre, and forged strong bonds and friendships which continued afterwards. Ever young at heart, he embarked on a busy retirement of new interests and more time with Louise and family, including his four children, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren, before cancer returned and sadly cut short a very full, well-lived, and productive life. Like all of us, Patrick had a long 'to do' list over the course of his career, but he chose to get things done principally through his inimitable warm manner, focusing on the people and the relationships that lay at the heart of these tasks. How better to sum up than a perspicacious message from a former student; 'We have just had our first baby, and if she grows up anything like as kind and wise as Patrick was, we'll be very glad.'

*A fitting memorial to Patrick is being planned and further details will be announced in due course.*

friend. He always spoke with great affection of his time at Oxford and especially of his old college, Linacre. He died from a heart attack aged 69.

*Alan Angell, Emeritus Fellow, St Antony's*

**Mrs Marta Susana Virem (1975)** died on 10 May, 2014 in Madrid at the age of 68.

**Professor Albert F Wessen**, a Linacre Visiting Senior Member in 1993, died on 3 February 2014. He was Professor Emeritus of Brown University in the Departments of Sociology and Community Medicine.

# Sporting Linacre

## Sport for Good Causes

Several Linacre sports and a number of sports men and women use their sporting ability and enthusiasm to raise funds for good causes, or to support community activities. One very good example of this is the Linacre Capoeira Club, who have not only performed for the Linacre 50th Anniversary, Freshers' Week, and bops, but also for events at other Oxford colleges, including Wadham, Green Templeton, St Hugh's, and the Department for International Development. They have also entertained at local school fetes which raise funds for the schools, as well as displayed their skills at events raising funds for cancer research and treatment. Capoeira, which combines martial arts, dance, and acrobatics, meets regularly in the Linacre gym and welcomes new members.

## Cricket Success

Linacre Cricket team made the quarter finals of College Cuppers beating Christ Church College Cricket Club along the way. Our joint graduate team (Linacre/St Cross/Wolfson) won the 2nd Division Oxford Inter-College League. They are pictured below.



## 2014 Blues at Linacre

**Congratulations to all Linacre Members who have won a University Blue thus far in 2014.**

Frederique Akse	Hockey	Full blue
Steve Bian	Pistol	Second Team Colours
Pavel Guzanov	Fencing	Half Blue
Natalie Ng	Badminton	Half Blue
Carlos Rios Ocampo	Karate	Half Blue
Toby Ryan	Modern Pentathlon	Discretionary Full blue
Michael Senior	Badminton	Discretionary Full blue
Matthew Smith	Association Football	Half Blue

## Teddy Hall Relays



The 'Teddy Hall Relays' is an annual running relay event in Oxford which starts off from the Iffley Road track made famous by Sir Roger Bannister. Men's, women's, and mixed teams come not only from colleges, departments, and sports clubs across the University, but also from other universities, schools and clubs across the UK. A number of Linacre students took part, and Linacre Men's team – Geoff Stanley, Jack Severs, Ed

Smith and James Mitchell – took an impressive third place among college teams in the 2014 Relays held on March 12. Linacre also sent a Mixed Team (Alex Hall, Xander Brehm, Rachel Friedman and Lea Kliem) and a Linacre Boat Club Team (Adam Formica, Manuel Mendez, and two Nuffield runners), while Gagan Tiwana and Justin Kempsey were members of other teams. **James Mitchell (2013)** is pictured as he hits his stride on his 3.6 mile relay leg through Oxford.

## Our Lady who Lifts



We don't know how she does it, nor where she finds the space for all these trophies, but **Dr Catherine Walter**, Linacre's Vice-Principal, continues to astonish us with her weightlifting prowess. On March 1 she carried off four trophies at the British Drug-Free Powerlifting Association (BDFPA) British National Single Lifts Competition for best squat, best bench press, and best deadlift (all in her

age category), plus an amazing overall best women's Master's squat for the competition (for any age over 40). The three lifts set European and World records for her age/weight category and qualified her for the World Single Lifts Competition. Then on April 5 she participated in the BDFPA British Full Power Competition, where all three lifts have to be successfully completed to score. She set new European and World age/weight records for the three lifts and for the total weight lifted. This means that Catherine will be wearing her Linacre hoodie at the World Championships in Moldova in November.