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First Thoughts

Dr Nick Brown
The Principal

A day before this summer’s Gaudy I was browsing the magnificent exhibition of Linacre College’s early history mounted by Ros Connell. Many of this year’s Gaudy participants were members of the founding generation of the College and knew a great deal about Bamborough’s Linacre and the old college building in St Aldate’s. They were clearly delighted to revive old memories of the Linacre that they helped to create. But, I was pleased to see quite a few of our current students studying the display intently. “Wow!” said a student, turning to me. “I never knew that Linacre College had such cool origins.” It reminded me how important history, especially archives and collections, can be as the soul of a community, guarding its values and traditions.

This issue of Linacre News has a focus on museums. We have a long association with Oxford’s outstanding museums – and we have counted many Directors and Curators among our Fellows. The size and shape of the collections in our museums are a powerful testament to the values and interests of the University over the centuries. A major challenge to their present day Curators is to make them responsive to the needs of the modern university. It is not easy to use an exhibition of objects to represent cultural or scientific ideas, particularly when those objects may convey contradictory symbolic messages to different audiences.

It is exciting to know that when we welcome the new cohort of students to Linacre, it will include graduates coming from across the globe to study Visual, Material and Museum Anthropology. We are, for example, very lucky to have a scholarship from the Agnese Nelms Haury Foundation that supports a native North American student. Museum Anthropology is one among many areas of study in this great university where scholars grounded in other cultures can bring enormous insight.

James King
Common Room President

As this academic year draws to a close, it’s time to reflect back on a successful year in the Common Room. 2018 saw a dedicated team pull together to organise a fabulous ball – now an annual occurrence to make sure all Linacrites have the opportunity to attend this highlight of the College’s calendar. The recent sustained warm weather was ideal for our summer barbecue, with G and D’s ice cream (a company started by Linacre students), a balloon artist, a petting zoo, and water pistols aplenty!

The newly refurbished CR (complete with hammock and revamped sound system) has been hosting an exhibition of the artwork of Linacre alumnus Benjamin Outram, whose fascinating macro photography of liquid crystals encapsulates Linacre’s interdisciplinary ethos (while also being very easy on the eye). We were also delighted to welcome back leading ceramic artist Kazuya Ishida who ran a popular pottery workshop – I’d like to thank him personally for his patience with my incompetent throwing...

Linacre students have, as ever, excelled in sports. The CR Sports Officer organised a successful dinner in celebration of the achievements of our University athletes, including a number of Blues, about whom you can read in the ‘Sporting Linacre’ section of this magazine. A particular mention goes to the Linacre Ladies that Lift, seven of whom have qualified for the World Drug Free Powerlifting championships. The club was recently the subject of a short documentary film by Guy Loftus.

It’s always sad to wave goodbye to our graduating friends at this time of year. In particular, I would like to mention my predecessor as CR President, Sophie Debrunner Hall, who was awarded the Federal Medal of Merit by the German government this year – one of only two non-Germans so honoured. As we bid a fond farewell to many, we look forward to welcoming our new intake. With diversity at Oxford recently in the news, we’re proud to be a college where 43% of our students identify as BAME. Linacre continues to be a place where people from all over the world find a welcoming community that takes pride in excellence in all its forms. Bring on next year!
A Day in the Life of the Development Office

What do the four of us do all day, every day, up on the 3rd floor of the Oct Tanner Building, sandwiched between the Bursary below, and the IT Department “up in the gods”? And how does what we do enrich Linacre?

Unlike some Development Offices which are basically former student bedrooms rather unsuccessfully masquerading as business facilities, at Linacre we’re fortunate to have beautiful purpose-built offices. Up in the mid-1990s extension to Oct Tanner, we beaver away on either side of our private corridor, which also houses the Carolyn Tanner Irish Room, a useful 20-seater meeting room for all Linacre members.

In brief, our ever-stimulating role is to interact constantly with you, our alumni and friends constituting thousands of largely invisible Linacre members globally, across a range of professional roles, nationalities, age groups, and time zones. Within College the gregarious interactions in the Dining Hall, conversational clusters in the Common Room, diligent researchers in the Library, massed ranks in that annual matriculation photo, hundreds who populate Linacre’s legendary bops, all reflect a very small part of the holistic Linacre community. Current members don’t often see this iceberg-equivalent 90%, but many of our worldwide Linacre “family” are deeply connected to the College, and we do our best to enhance this relationship.

At the core of what we do is “Once a Linacre member, always a Linacre member”, not meant as a threat! Much of our work involves electronic conversations; with former students spread across more than 130 countries, this is our main means of communication. It’s always a great pleasure to see alumni messages ping into our inboxes, or to engage on social media. Messages to us may be about forthcoming events, requests to contact friends from the past, news of career development, articles commissioned for Linacre News, notice of gifts for our funds, announcements of marriages, births, promotions or awards, or continuation of previous conversations. A few alumni like to send their favourite jokes... and much correspondence is proactive on our part, issuing invitations, sending congratulations, requesting information, thanking, and frequently welcoming alumni who have got back in touch.

Really uplifting days in the Linacre Development Office are those when Old Members and Friends call in to see us. They come from far and wide, sometimes unexpectedly. It’s always a great pleasure to see any of you who are able to see us when revisiting Oxford. Of course, when gifts come in, we are also delighted – whether £10 or more – and our gratitude is reflected in that delight. Studying at Oxford as a Linacre member is extremely special. Our aim is to help make that experience as perfect as possible – aiming for excellence in pastoral and academic support, accommodation, social activities, work and leisure facilities, great meals which are a given at Linacre thanks to our wonderful kitchen staff – and in a solid, warm community. No gifts are ever taken for granted; we know you have made a conscious decision to allot those funds to Linacre, and we’re warmly appreciative.

Alongside our screen work are meetings in College, other colleges, or at the University, our all-important alumni events and, as much as is feasible, visits to alumni. Back in our offices – although the Linacre tradition is not to have daily coffee breaks – occasionally all work ceases mid-morning, when someone working in College celebrates a birthday. This can bring out some competitive juices. Linacre baking skills are at times scary; we have some excellent cake-makers. On the other hand, we all reap the benefits, and love indulging in mouth-watering delicacies on these special occasions.

This is a small window onto our work on the 3rd floor. It’s a never-ending source of wonder to us that the whole world seems to congregate in this small Linacre-shaped area in central Oxford and then, invigorated, even transformed by this significant university, spreads out again to all corners of the globe, and in so many ways has a major transformative effect across the cosmos.

We are privileged to be part of this process.

Anne Keene
New Linacre Staff

Lisa Smårs is our new Alumni Relations Officer and Editor of this very publication. Originally from Sweden, she has worked at Oxford University Press, the Ashmolean, and in publishing recruitment. In her spare time, she enjoys travelling, reading, cooking, and spending time with friends.

Also joining her in the Development Office is Antonella di Marzio, our new Development Officer. Antonella is Italian and she joins us from publishers Taylor & Francis. In her spare time, she likes reading all sorts of books and magazines as well as baking, but also walking through Oxford and taking photographs of the beautiful city.

The Development Office has also recently welcomed a new Development Administrator, Liz Welsh, to support the team. She has previously worked as Administrator at the Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford) and as a Project Manager at the University of Cape Town.

We would also like to welcome Alex Wooten (IT Technician), Thea Teasdale (Academic Administrator), and Simon Hill (Maintenance Manager).

With Warm Thanks

At the beginning of July, we were sorry to say “Good-bye” to Ros Connell, who as Development Officer has served the College faithfully for nine years through her dedicated work with alumni. In particular, Ros has successfully developed our Annual Fund, Lawyers’ Network, Legacy Circle, and Stewardship Programme, all of which were only nascent when she arrived in March 2009, and she has built up warm relationships with many of our donors and supporters. The more recent additional role as Tanner Lecture Administrator is one which Ros has undertaken with enthusiasm and her characteristic attention to detail. We have appreciated Ros’s keen mind, and humorous comments, and she has always had a ready word for unexpected visitors to the Development Office, for whom her door has often been the first port of call. We wish Ros well in her semi-retirement, and hope to see and hear from her frequently in the future.

We would also like to thank Kirsty Scott (Development Assistant & College Assistant) and Jane Simpson (Receptionist), for all their hard work during their time at Linacre. They have always been happy and helpful, and we wish them all the best in the future.

Fellows’ News

The College has said goodbye to Governing Body Fellow Professor Laura Peers who has moved back to Canada. Professor Peers, who was a Fellow for 20 years, served as Professor in Museum Anthropology and was a former Vice Principal of Linacre. As Curator for the Americas Collections at the Pitt Rivers Museum, Laura worked on a number of projects focused on the significance of historic material culture to today’s Indigenous communities. She will remain a Supernumerary Fellow.

A warm welcome to Dr Ian Mills. John Black Associate Professor of Prostate Cancer at the Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences, and a Linacre Fellow since 2017. His research focuses on the biological drivers for prostate cancer progression and treatment-resistance. Dr Mills is also Professor of Translational Prostate Cancer Biology, Queen’s University of Belfast; Visiting Scientist, Cancer Research UK (Cambridge); and Honorary Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Oncology, University of Cambridge.
Old Member News

Dr Sidney Bailin (1975) has a work entitled Lines, Hockets, and Riffs included in a new album, Moto Bella, performed by Trio Casals. The album was launched at a concert by Trio Casals on May 19 in the Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, New York.

Congratulations to Julia Maciel González (1997), who in November 2017 was elected to a key UN Committee, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ). She is the only woman serving on this 16-member international body.

Dr Nigel Clarke (1993) was elected as a Member of Parliament in Jamaica on March 5, 2018 and was subsequently appointed as the Minister of Finance and the Public Service of Jamaica on March 26, 2018. Between 2016 and 2018 he served as Ambassador-at-Large for Economic Affairs and as Economic Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of Jamaica having previously served as a Senator in the Upper House of the Jamaican Parliament. In his private sector career Dr Clarke was Vice Chairman of the Musson Group, a multinational conglomerate headquartered in Kingston.


Helena Maratheftis (2007) was a science student at Linacre, but now works as a designer/illustrator whose creative work crosses over with biology. Through her design label, Thefty, she has launched the Retroviral collection – a range of six fine bone china mugs decorated with unexpected biological motifs: the microscopic structure of virus particles. The collection is an artist’s spin on scientific information.

Dr Bijan Zakeri (2008) recently gave a TED Talk in London about a technology that he invented while working on his DPhil at Linacre as a Clarendon Scholar. For his DPhil research, Bijan engineered a virulence factor from the flesh-eating bacteria to invent a new molecular superglue. This superglue has wide reaching applications and is being used to develop new medicines, making vaccines, building scaffolds for tissue engineering, and much more.

Dr Josh Fisher (JRF 2009) is the Science Lead for NASA’s new Earth observing experiment, ECOSTRESS, which has recently been installed on the International Space Station. ECOSTRESS is designed to provide thermal infrared measurements of Earth’s surface to allow scientists to assess plant water use and response to changes in water availability.

Dr Swati Kanoi (2011) and her husband have set up a new business aimed at producing nutritious and natural snacks. The brand is called Wallaroo.


Congratulations to Dr Peter Holmes (2012) who has accepted a place at University of Alberta Medical School.
My time at Oxford was brief, but wonderful; far exceeding my expectations of beauty, grandeur, and of course... workload. Even though it has only been six years since I was at Linacre, it seems a lifetime has passed. Indeed a great number of significant events have occurred since graduation, not least of which was marrying my wife, a fellow Oxonian (St. Peter’s), with whom I shared a room in the Griffiths building. Currently, I am the Curator at the Vancouver Maritime Museum and count myself very fortunate to have this position, as it has provided some truly unique experiences.

Having completed my MSt. in Classical Archaeology, I returned to Vancouver where I took a part-time, unpaid internship for a year at the Simon Fraser University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Here I learned some basics of cataloguing, organizing collections, and curation. As my year at the museum was coming to a close a professor from my undergrad contacted me about an assistant position at the Vancouver Maritime Museum. The curator had resigned at the time of my hiring, and the Executive Director who brought me on was fired the Friday after I started which caused me some concern. I was asked to complete an exhibition on Admiral Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar, about which I knew next to nothing (I honestly thought that the battle took place somewhere off the coast of England. Nelson and Trafalgar was not a prominent topic in Canadian secondary schools). The Curator eventually returned but left the museum again after six months at which time I took over all curatorial duties.

In the fall of 2014, Parks Canada Archaeologists uncovered HMS Erebus from the fateful expedition by Sir John Franklin causing a renewed interest (or “Franklin Fever”) in the UK.
and North America. Following the discovery, the Vancouver Maritime Museum received a donation of material related to John Franklin and the search for his lost expedition. This collection included charts showing the various search expeditions, copies of Franklin’s “Journey to the Polar Sea” with an inscription from the publisher to Lady Jane Franklin (his second wife). But perhaps the most unique item is the chart showing the first complete route through the Northwest Passage, as explored by Robert McClure.

These artifacts became the centerpiece of a 2015 exhibition at the museum entitled *Across the Top of the World: The Search for the Northwest Passage*. The exhibition chronicled the 400 year history of the search for a navigable waterway through the Canadian Arctic archipelago beginning with Martin Frobisher, and ending with the RCMP St. Roch, which was the first vessel to complete the Passage from West to East, the first vessel to circumnavigate North America, and is enshrined inside the Vancouver Maritime Museum for the public to explore!

Shortly after we opened the *Across the Top of the World*, the museum was approached by One Ocean Expeditions, an expedition cruising company based outside Vancouver. They specialize in voyages through the Northwest Passage and they wanted to partner with the museum to bring this exhibition into Canada’s arctic. This was a truly unique opportunity. Many museums create travelling exhibitions, but very few have these exhibitions as a floating display that travels to many of the historic locations discussed in the texts. We created a smaller version of the exhibition using text panels and replicas of artifacts and installed them on One Ocean’s vessel Akademik Sergey Vavilov (a converted Russian research vessel).

If this was not a fantastic enough opportunity, One Ocean also invited two staff members from the maritime museum onboard to provide historical interpretation for the passengers. In August 2015 our executive director and programs coordinator went on the voyage and the following summer I was given my chance to sail through the Northwest Passage.

Travelling to Canada’s high Arctic was one of the most unique experiences of my life. The beauty and majesty of the Arctic was breath taking but this journey through the heart of the Arctic also laid bare the significant effects of climate change. While we did see glaciers and some icebergs, our passage was generally ice free.

What struck me the most was how small the Arctic can make you feel. In the western Arctic there are wide rolling landscapes with huge grey skies over head. Passing through to the eastern Arctic we were dwarfed by giant cliff faces in the fjords of Baffin Island where you can see and touch two billion year old rock from the Canadian Shield. The trip brought us to multiple sites of historic significance such as King William Island where Sir John Franklin’s men met their gruesome fate. Being able to experience these unique locations helped me to bring the history alive for all those onboard the vessel.

While studying the mausoleum of Halicarnassus I never pictured myself walking the weathered beaches north of 66˚ while recounting the stories of European explorers, but I am glad of the path that I have followed and look forward to where it will take me next.

*Duncan MacLeod (2011), MSt Classical Archaeology*
Thanks to parents

We warmly thank Dr Deena Alghamdi (2012), Lecturer in Computer Science at Umm Al-Qura University in Saudi Arabia, who has generously named a workstation in the Library for her mother Rahmah Alghamdi and father Eiddah Alghamdi. The workstation is the one which Deena "made her own" while working countless hours in Linacre’s Library for her DPhil in Computer Science; we are honoured to name it for her parents. This very kind gift will further enhance our student hardship fund, Linacre House Trust.

Opportunity to help fund Linacre House Trust (Student Hardship)

After many years of good service, the old bar stools have been retired. Thirteen new bar stools have been commissioned to match the already restored décor and furniture in the Common Room. By encouraging Old Members and Friends to have their name engraved on a brass plaque on the back of a bar stool, the College sees this as a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for Linacre House Trust, to support current or future students in financial need.

The price to name a bar stool is £500, and there is space for up to 20 characters in total on the brass plaque. The stools will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Three of them have already been named, and the College would be delighted to see the remainder of the bar stools named for former students or other friends of Linacre.

Thanks to Professor Lieve Spaas

The College has been enhanced by a generous legacy donation from the estate of Professor Lieve Spaas (1978), and we are incredibly appreciative. The gift will be used for our new house at 191-193 Iffley Road, and Lieve’s name will be added to the donors’ plaque in the entrance hall. One of Linacre’s early members in its new building at Cherwell Edge, Lieve was much loved by her fellow students, and it was always a great pleasure to welcome her back to College. Her gift has made a lasting contribution to our student accommodation, and it is a privilege to accept the bequest.

Old Members with Current Scholarship Holders

Professors Franco (1965) & Carolyn (1967) Gianturco, Senior Associates, met with Gianturco Scholarship Holders Luca Stoll & Miroslav Suruzhon, and Gianturco Junior Research Fellow Toby Young, when they visited Oxford in July. Warm and useful conversations took place, and all were glad to come together for a group photo outside the College Entrance. We are very grateful to Carolyn and Franco for their generosity to Linacre. It is a great pleasure to introduce donors to Scholarship Holders and Junior Research Fellows, and we do this as often as possible, when people return to Oxford.

Gianturco’s with scholarship holders

The new bar stools with plaques

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Past Events

Talk & Dinner in Singapore; Friday March 16th

Thanks to two generous alumni donors, a dinner was held on Friday March 16th at the Swiss Club in Singapore, at no cost to those attending. The 20 attendees, and we, are very grateful for this great kindness. Following the dinner, Dr Joel Scriven (2007) from Bangkok gave an absorbing talk on “Sustainable land use and carbon sequestration”. We’re grateful too for all the organisation done by Dr John Cole (2003), and we look forward to another Linacre dinner at the Swiss Club on Tuesday March 26th, 2019 (please Save the Date!).

Talk & Dinner in Rome; Friday March 16th

The eagle-eyed will note that our Rome event took place on the same evening (though not at the same time, due to time zones) as the Singapore dinner. We warmly thank the President of the Italian Linacre Society, Professor Lorenzo Infantino (VSM 1983) who not only located the beautiful restaurant with a private room, but also spoke effusively about his experience as “A Roman at Oxford”.

2018 Tanner Lecture on Human Values

Professor Abhijit Banerjee and Professor Esther Duflo

“Economics for the human race”

Linacre was fortunate to host two speakers at the 2018 Tanner Lecture on Human Values. The lecture series, widely regarded as one of the most prestigious worldwide, is held across nine of the world’s leading universities. Professors Banerjee and Duflo, both development economists from the Department of Economics at MIT, talked about the importance of human values in causing humans to behave in ways which traditional economics fails to predict.

The Principal and his wife, Dr Roosa Leimu-Brown, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Louise Richardson, and her husband are all members of the Tanner Lectures board and attended the lecture and dinner afterwards. They are pictured with the lecturers in Linacre.

The following morning Linacre students had the opportunity to meet the lecturers in an informal seminar and discuss the lecture further. This led to two students taking Professors Banerjee and Duflo, together with their family, out punting.
Past Events

Three US dinners; three weather systems

As part of the University’s North American Reunion 2018, held for the first time in San Francisco, Linacre organised three dinners – in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York.

Torrential rain was the back theme to the northern Californian visit, although the San Francisco dinner was held in a wonderfully private room lined with glazed wine cabinets, which well suited our group of 30 attendees. High temperatures in Los Angeles enabled us to dine outside, seated on benches almost identical to the old Linacre ones! New York saw Old Members enjoying a private room at Tommy Bahama; this was a first, eating in the heart of a stylish athletic-wear shop. The evening was convivial and the food excellent. Our warm thanks to Dr Flora Skivington (2006); Professor Kate Flint (Supernumerary Fellow); Santosh Jayaram (2003); and the University New York office for kindly helping us secure our venues.

International Trade following Brexit

In late February, on a bitterly cold evening, a group of Linacre Old Members gathered in a beautifully warm room in the welcoming premises of Simmons & Simmons in central London, to hear Professor David Collins (2002) speak on this pertinent and topical subject. While we are all in the thick of the long process which is Brexit, it was encouraging to be able to think positively about the huge number of trade opportunities the UK will be able to consider in the future, as it aims for a more global outlook. David is highly experienced in this area, and his legal analysis was informative to an audience composed of both lawyers and laypeople. The lecture considered the UK’s apparently favoured option of leaving both the Customs Union and the Single Market and establishing its own international trade policy, thereby looking for regulatory autonomy from the EU and taking into consideration the anticipated economic growth of the rest of the world. The UK may negotiate Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with third states during the transition period, but these cannot go into effect before actual departure, David informed us. Rolling over the EU’s existing FTAs is a top priority, but this could require participation of the EU itself and this is far from certain; and negotiating new FTAs with third states could require divergence from EU standards in some circumstances. A no-deals WTO position, while being sub-optimal, could yield some gains, as could unilateral removal of tariffs on a range of goods.

The lecture provided much food for thought and was greatly appreciated by those present. As well as David, we also warmly thank Dr Mark Watterson (1997), who kindly made it possible for Linacre to hold the event at Simmons & Simmons.
Past Events

Founders’ Gaudy

This year we had the pleasure of welcoming back Old Members from the “Founders” cohort, those who matriculated from 1962 to 1971. 42 Old Members and their guests attended what turned out to be a lovely event, with much laughter and sunshine. It was very nice to meet some of the first Linacrites, and hear their stories of what it was like at Linacre in the 1960s and 70s.

On this occasion the sons of the previous Domestic Bursar, Peter Holloway, attended with their wives to honour the memory of Peter, who died last year, and to scatter his ashes in front of a newly planted tree in the Linacre garden. There was a good turnout, and some Old Members, who weren’t attending the Gaudy, also arrived to remember Peter. Stuart and Matt Holloway also kindly named a new garden bench for Peter, which stands opposite Reception.

Linacre Women’s Dinner

A Linacre Women’s Dinner was held on Tuesday, March 6th in conjunction with International Women’s Day that week to celebrate the contributions and achievements of women at Linacre. Speakers included Professor Elspeth Garman (1976), Linacre Old Member, Professor of Molecular Biophysics at the University of Oxford, and a former President of the British Crystallographic Association; and Linacre student Lucia Akard (2017). Warm thanks go to Sophie Debrunner Hall (2016), Common Room President, who spearheaded the event.

Africa Rising; Fiction or Reality

This was the title of a stimulating talk given in College on February 22nd, by Dapo Olagunju (2005).

Dapo, from Nigeria and recently appointed MD of J P Morgan for West Africa, was based briefly in Canary Wharf earlier this year; and spoke powerfully at Linacre about the positive economic and social changes in Africa in 2000-2014 – the so-called Golden Age, when global media headlines and covers were markedly changing from “The Hopeless Continent” to “Africa Rising” in many key publications. He attributed these changes largely to a dramatic rise in the purchasing power of commodity exports, and to a rapid improvement in governance: in 1990, ten years beforehand, just three countries had elected democracies. Dapo addressed the question of whether this change had continued since 2014, with the general slowdown in commodity prices; his thesis was that, although economic and societal progress has no longer been going up across the board, on average Africa is still rising, with some countries showing annual economic growth of over 8%, and some of the world’s 10 fastest growing economies being located on the continent. Many of our African Network students attended and stayed long after the official end, indicating a very successful event.

We are very grateful to Dapo for his time, and for his informative and most enjoyable presentation. Our African Network, open to all Linacre members, now numbers 350; please let Anne Keene know if you would like to join.
What does a taxonomist do?

Logically the discovery of species heavily relies on finding them, before you can describe them. Fieldwork thus plays an important role in my work, and over the years I have sampled and visited many countries. As many of the species which interest me live on coral reefs, much of this has involved SCUBA diving in exotic places, such as Fiji, Japan, Panama, and Belize. Whilst this may sound glamorous to some, dive collecting in the shipping lanes in Singapore harbour with exceedingly low visibility and fast currents was not!

A particular highlight was the Ascension Island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, accessible only by military plane from Brize Norton Airfield.

As an active taxonomist, many collections from divers, other taxonomists, and biologists are also sent to Oxford to be worked on. A particular recent highlight was the discovery in a well in Kerala (India) of a new species, belonging to a family of shrimps, previously only known from South America and West Africa.

As a result of all this fieldwork and donations, the shrimp collections in the Oxford University Museum of Natural History are world-leading, with over 30% of all described shrimp species present in the collections, amounting to well in excess of 1,000 species. The collection is not only used by myself of course, but it forms the corner stone for an extensive network of colleagues, from Brazil to Japan, who all study this material and visit whenever they can.

Although the discovery of new species is thrilling in itself, as nobody before you has seen that particular species, one fun-filled aspect of taxonomy is you get to name it. Aside from using specific attributes of the species, over the years I have named species after rock bands, such as Pink Floyd and Mick Jagger of Rolling Stones fame, and most recently, Napoleon, for a newly discovered species from St. Helena.

Together with alpha-taxonomy, my work also centres on the evolutionary relationships of this group. Working out if something is a new species can be straightforward (on occasion it is not), but how it fits in the Tree of Life can be daunting. This is where genetics has revolutionised systematics, as it has done across the whole of biology.

In collaboration with colleagues at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, we have been unravelling the relationships of numerous families, work that continues to date.

Taxonomy is unfortunately a dying art, and is no longer considered by many institutions as a worthy line of investigation nor deemed worthy of funding by many agencies. It is therefore imperative to train the next
generation of taxonomists. Over the years, I have taken part or led numerous workshops to address this “taxonomic impediment”. This involves more traveling to places such as India, Mexico, and Singapore. The next one will be held in Hong Kong, a city I seem to visit once or twice every year.

As with other types of biology, taxonomy also has a role to play in big data science. Large scale compilations have been undertaken in collaboration with numerous colleagues across the globe addressing various systematic, ecological and biodiversity questions, out of necessity relying on big scientific networks. For example, in 2015, with an international authorship drawn from the UK, Austria, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Indonesia, we carried out a risk of extinction analysis for all freshwater shrimps. This revealed that an astonishing 30% of species could be considered as threatened by human activity in one form or other. Two species were considered Extinct, one of which only ever lived in a few streams in Los Angeles, where now the Rose Bowl Stadium stands. It has not been seen since 1933. As a direct result of this research, some countries have now implemented conservation programs for their species. This shows that big data compilations have real-world applications and indeed demonstrate the ongoing relevance of taxonomy.

Dr Sammy De Grave is an Adjunct Fellow at Linacre and a Senior Researcher at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.
Collecting Renaissance Art

Earlier this year I was at the V&A examining a Renaissance painted enamel the Museum had recently acquired from an American collector. About 30mm in diameter, the small roundel is attributed to the sixteenth century enameller Pierre Reymond, a master from Limoges in mid-West France. Delicately rendered in subtle grisaille tones, it shows four cavalrymen in the midst of battle, leaping into the fray. It is now set into a gold mounting and presented as a pendant, but originally it was probably worn as a hat badge in line with Renaissance fashions. The reverse of the enamel reveals the artist’s initials made out in gold, but, in addition, an inventory number ‘PM. 772′ painted in bright red. It’s an inventory series that crops up on numerous objects held by the V&A, but also in the British Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Frick Collection in New York, and marks the object as having passed through one of the most significant private collections of Renaissance art of the early twentieth century; that belonging to the American financier John Pierpoint Morgan.

The number holds a particular significance for the V&A, however, as it marks it out as having been displayed in the Museum’s galleries a century earlier, when Morgan placed his collections on long term loan for over a decade until 1912. In fact, this tiny enamel was just one of over 5,000 objects Morgan displayed in the Museum’s vitrines. Bought in Paris, the object crossed the channel at the end of the 19th century, crossed the Atlantic in the early 20th century, finally returning to Britain in the 21st century, having passed through the galleries of the Louvre, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Met. The roundel thus speaks of the development of the international art market, of the rise of museums, and of shifts in taste, perfectly encapsulating the themes I’m currently exploring as part of my research into the collecting of Renaissance art in the second half of the nineteenth century. As part of an AHRC funded collaborative doctorate between the British Museum and Cambridge, the project aims to analyse the networks of curators, dealers and private collectors that shaped the collections of decorative art we now enjoy in the Museum galleries.

The vast majority of the British Museum’s collections of Renaissance objects were acquired between 1850 and 1900, due to the activities of the maverick curator Augustus Wollaston Franks. ‘Collecting is an hereditary disease; and I feel incurable’ he admitted in his 1893 memoir The Apology of My Life, and we should feel grateful for the severity of his affliction. A wealthy man, Franks built up a large personal collection in addition to objects acquired with scant museum funds, donating pieces to the Museum throughout his career and bequeathing the remainder on his death in 1897.

Like Franks, I developed my interest in museums and objects at university. A stone’s throw from Pitt Rivers’ collections and a short stroll from the galleries at the Ashmolean, Linacre is surrounded by a kaleidoscope of collections to illustrate every art historical taste, collecting frenzy and idiosyncratic approach to display. Exploring these collections during my MSt at Linacre encouraged me to go
Focus Pieces

on to pursue a museum career, and gradually I built up experience working with a variety of collections from the Natural History Museum and National Gallery in London to the Farjam Collection of Islamic Art in the UAE.

After a decade in the museum sector my latest project has encouraged me to reflect on the role of the curator, and how it has shifted since the Museum first established a department for post-classical objects in 1851. In spite of the digital revolution, and social media emerging as the primary tool of engaging with the public, the fundamental roles of the museum curator have remained unchanged:

- to expand the collections with objects of historical or technical importance;
- to care for and conserve objects;
- to research, interpret and present the collection in such a way as to highlight the objects’ significance and relevance.

Alas, many of the challenges also remain the same; in looping Victorian handwriting curators bemoan the paltry acquisition budgets and reveal a constant anxiety about prized objects being sold by British collectors to buyers in America and Russia...

In the midst of the current budget squeezes and expanding job requirements, Franks’s focus on the long term vision for the collection serves as an inspiring reminder. Before his death in 1897, Franks secured the bequest of Frederick DuCane Godman’s celebrated collection of ceramic art, on the understanding that it would pass to the Museum on the death of Frederick’s younger daughter, Edith. It finally arrived in 1982. Having the foresight to consider the Museum’s collections a century almost after his own retirement is surely the mark of a superlative curator.

Sadly, I doubt I’d have made it as a curator in Franks’s age. An 1888 job description described the job requirements as a classics scholar with French, German and Arabic, and ‘tall enough to reach the top locks in the ceramics room’. Quite aside from the lack of female curators at the time, the stringent requirements would render both my hard won Art History MSt, as well as my height, insufficient.

Eloise Donnelly (2002), MSt History of Art and Visual Culture. She has been working on a project at the British Museum called Collecting Renaissance decorative arts and the making of the modern museum 1850 – 1900 since 2015.

Hispano-Moresque Plate, c.15th century, Spain, part of the 1982 Godman Bequest of ceramics secured by Franks. Inv. C.592. © The Trustees of the British Museum
Hitachi Chemical Graduates

Update on Hitachi Chemical’s Linacre graduates

Linacre College’s strong connection with Japan has been cemented by Hitachi Chemical’s commitment to invest in their managers’ development. The Oxford EMBA has been pivotal in enhancing the business life of seven Hitachi Chemical managers – who are also Linacre graduates or graduands.

Fifteen years ago, Takeshi Tanno, the Chairman of Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd. asked Old Member Dr Keith Lloyd to introduce him to the Said Business School with a view to sending their brightest managerial candidates for MBA degrees, and learned that a two-year part time Executive MBA course was about to be offered.

In total seven key Hitachi Chemical managers have attended the Oxford EMBA course as Linacre members. Each of them is now playing a major, challenging management role in the globalization of the company. Two of them have been directly involved in their acquisition programme, a major element of their global expansion project, and have subsequently taken up management responsibilities in their newly acquired businesses.

Masahiko Hiro was nominated by Hitachi Chemical to attend the inaugural 2004 class and became the company’s first Linacre member. On completion of the EMBA he remained in Research and Development management, and then moved to a Marketing assignment. Currently, he is Senior Manager of their Polishing Material Business Unit, responsible for the business strategy of one of their key product groups Chemical-Mechanical Planarization Slurry (CMP Slurry), a specialty chemical widely used in semiconductor fabrication. He acknowledges that “will help him to improve my knowledge in Global Marketing, Global Management, Merger & Acquisitions and Risk Management”. He is Hitachi Chemical’s nominee to the Linacre Campaign Committee of Japan.

Atsushi Takahashi, who graduated in 2006, found the EMBA course to be “an eye opener which broadened my way of thinking and business life”. Since completion he managed several R&D projects, but was then transferred to Hitachi Chemical’s Business Strategy Office, where he is involved in various corporate projects including mergers and acquisitions, He says: “Coming from a technical background, this was quite new to me, but I think that what I learned at Oxford has been both practical and useful”.

A few years ago Naoyuki Koyama, who graduated in 2008, became involved in Hitachi Chemical’s acquisitions team, identifying candidates, analyzing and valuing businesses, performing due diligence, negotiating, etc. Earlier this year, the company acquired a majority shareholding in Kyowa Medex Company, a Japanese mid-sized, in vitro diagnostics company; and in his role as Deputy Head of their Research and Development Division, he is also in charge of the post-merger integration generating synergy, and bringing together the different corporate cultures. He states: “The most important thing I acquired in the EMBA programme was the experience of intensive activities with capable classmates”.

Hidenori Abe attended the 2010 class and upon graduation spent several years as Corporate Marketing Department Manager. He was recently appointed General Manager of Hitachi Chemical’s Polishing Materials Business Unit, where he states that

“The Oxford EMBA course is an exceptional program for the future development of potential company executive candidates whom have already proven themselves an integral part of our business. It gives them an invaluable opportunity to study top level management skills and establish business relationships with a diverse range of experienced global business leaders, all while continuing the fantastic work they do at Hitachi Chemical.

Our EMBA graduates have been working tirelessly as motivated global leaders, and I hope to see many more high potential employees benefitting from the program in the years to come”.

Hitachi Chemical CEO, Hisashi Maruyama
Hitachi Chemical Graduates

“his new position requires him to use the knowledge and skills he acquired on the EMBA course, such as Organizational Behaviour, Leadership, Strategic Planning, Negotiation, etc.”

Toshiaki Nishi graduated in 2014 and immediately undertook responsibility for the Headquarter’s Corporate Strategy Division with an emphasis on achieving globalization via acquisitions. In 2017, Hitachi Chemical acquired FIAMM Energy Technology, a Vicenza-based manufacturer of lead acid batteries and Mr Nishi was appointed to their Board of Directors and is Chief Vice President in charge of all corporate functions, based in Italy. He says: “It is a big challenge to manage two different cultures and integrate them into one company. I believe my experience in the EMBA, such as dialogue with different cultures and multi-national organizations in class helps with my current position”.

Takahiro Tokuyasu is the current Hitachi Chemical EMBA scholar due to finish at the end of this year. He is currently Senior Manager, Package Materials for Semiconductors, responsible for the financial performance of a $250 million business. He “would like to eventually become an executive operating global companies”, recognizes that the EMBA course “will help him to improve my knowledge in Global Marketing, Global Management, Merger & Acquisitions and Risk Management” and appreciates “the opportunity to have discussions with well talented peers having different cultures and business backgrounds”.

Hitachi Chemical CEO, Hisashi Maruyama, is proud to have an opportunity to provide high quality education and development to these fine managers through the Linacre program.

Hiroyuki Nii, General Manager, Global Human Resources and Administration Center, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.

Profiles

Masahiko Hiro
Senior Manager of CMP Business Unit
In charge of Business Strategy of CMP slurry for semiconductors.

Naoyuki Koyama
Deputy Head, Research & Development Division
Kyowa Medex Co., Ltd. (Hitachi Chemical Group Company)
In charge of post-merger integration, strategic planning in R&D.

Toshiaki Nishi
Board member & CVP, Corporate Management Headquarters
FIAMM Energy Technology S.p.A (Hitachi Chemical Group Company)
Management of all corporate functions in the company.

Dr Takahiro Tokuyasu
Senior Manager of Business Sector
Packaging materials for semiconductor
Responsible for sales budget and financial performance of eleven different product categories.

Hidenori Abe
General Manager of Polishing Materials Business Unit
Responsible for Polishing Materials Business unit.

Atsushi Takahashi
Manager, Business Strategy Department
Electronic Component Business Sector
In charge of managing various corporate projects at the Business Strategy Office.
**Displaying Ceremonial Objects**

I came to Linacre in the fall of 2003 to the Masters of Science program in Material Culture and Museum Ethnography having spent about 12 years working in an Anishinaabe community of Pauingassi, Manitoba, where ceremonial objects like drums and pipes, the sorts of object that have so easily become museum artefacts, were spoken of like they were old men – old men to whom deference was due – and certainly not the sort of entity which ought to be put behind glass and admired by an ignorant public. I finished my DPhil having followed up on this idea, working out exactly what is implied by Anishinaabe ways of talking about ceremonial objects, both metaphorically, philosophically and practically.

In 2011 I came to the Manitoba Museum and was immediately plunged back into the world of person-like Anishinaabe objects with active social relationships. The Berens family, members of whom had helped me during my years of research in Pauingassi, brought to the museum the original Chief’s coat and medals given to their great grandfather 135 years earlier when he negotiated Treaty No. 5. Within a year we were planning a new Treaty exhibit which focused on First Nations agency in Treaty making. The We Are All Treaty People exhibit was developed in collaboration with the Elders Council of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. After several months of consideration, the Elders Council decided that the best way to show indigenous agency in Treaty making was to match each of the eight Manitoba Treaty medals with a pipe and pipe bag; the medals signifying Canada’s Treaty promises, the pipes signifying First Nations Treaty promises and highlighting the sacred nature of the agreement. Beaded pipe bags remind visitors of the social and spiritual wealth of indigenous people at the time of Treaty making and, not incidentally, of the artistic and political contributions of First Nations women.

Exhibiting the pipes was contentious. Pipes (opawaaganag) are treated with the respect you would accord a dignified and powerful elder and are grammatically identical to persons. The Manitoba Museum, like many other museums, has been taking pipes off exhibit for the last twenty-five years at the request of First Nations peoples for whom the casual display of pipes is offensive.

But there is no doubt that pipes were used at the signing of Treaties. The elders’ discussion about putting pipes in the exhibit took place over several months and the argument which carried the day was expressed by an elder who observed that, “If we don’t put these pipes on display, our children will never see them!” The presence of pipes underlines the gravity of the sacred promise that binds the parties who enter into a Treaty. The pipe and those who smoke it become brothers in ceremony, a foundational relationship in the context of the museum and indigenous communities.

Having decided to include pipes in the exhibit, the Elders Council directed me to Elder Charlie Nelson. He suggested a ceremony at the Roseau River First Nation elementary school two hours south of Winnipeg. After careful preparations, Elder Nelson told...
the group that it was important that the pipes be smoked. His apprentice, oshkabewis, pulled out his pen knife and cleaned and prepare pipes most of whom hadn’t been smoked for 125 years. Elder Nelson handed each pipe to someone in the room to whom it would be meaningful. After they had been smoked, Elder Nelson observed that the pipes, now lying on a bison hide robe, would be behind glass for a year and that they would find this easier with more human connection. He touched each pipe thoughtfully and wished them well and then a sort of impromptu reception line formed and everyone in the room, from the Treaty Commissioner to the smallest child knelt and touched the pipes in a gesture of community support and connection.

This might seem like just another successful collaboration with contemporary indigenous people, but that collaboration includes the respectful incorporation of person-like objects with very long indigenous histories. In ceremony the pipes are invited to stand up for contemporary First Nations people and use their power and influence to convey the message that Treaties were made in good faith and we are all obliged to honour them.

Maureen Matthews (2004), DPhil Social Anthropology

Who would have thought it?

Who would imagine that when, thousands of kilometers from home, you are sitting down to dinner in Washington DC to host the Vice-Chancellor of your national university – the Principal of your Oxford college would be seated at the next table? It seems highly unlikely; same city, same restaurant, same day, same time, and both far from home. But that is precisely what happened when Dr Nigel Clarke (1993), recently appointed Minister of Finance for Jamaica, sat down for a rather special dinner with his guest in late April. He thought the laughter at the next table seemed familiar, looked across, and immediately recognised Professor Paul Slack, Principal of Linacre towards the end of Nigel’s time in Oxford. As well as the delight of these two at the unexpected encounter, we understand that fellow diners, temporarily distracted from the important business of eating, formed a classic “captive audience” as Paul and Nigel happily reminisced, and posed for the inevitable photo.
Sports

Judo

Judo, a sport where the aim is to throw your opponent on their back, hold your opponent down, arm lock or strangle them until submission has a long tradition within Oxford. The Oxford and Cambridge varsity competition is, to our knowledge, the longest running annual Judo tournament outside of Japan. It has seen an extremely high standard of Judo particularly in recent years.

At this year’s varsity both the men’s and women’s Oxford Blues teams had Linacre members present. Matthew, an experienced 3rd dan black belt, represented the men’s Blues team. Matt was still a little bruised from the weekend before, after winning the British University Championships team event alongside the rest of Oxford’s men’s team. Bailey Anderson started Judo as a novice this year, but was nevertheless honoured to represent the women’s team in the varsity match.

The final results were a resounding win for all of the Oxford teams at varsity, including the men’s and women’s first teams, the second team and the Oxford city club with which Oxford University Judo is closely linked. This rounded off a year which has been, by all measures, the most successful Oxford Judo has experienced in recent history. Both Matt and Bailey are very proud to have been a part of it.

Weight Lifting

On 28 July 2018, in their age/bodyweight categories, Linacre Ladies that Lift from five Colleges took four golds, two silvers and a bronze for their totals in the three-lift National Full Power Championships of the British Drug Free Powerlifting Association. These seven women have qualified for the World Drug Free Powerlifting Federation Full Power Championships in Glasgow in early November. Two other Linacre Ladies posted good lifts for the three elements of the event (squat, bench press and deadlift), and performed well in a competitive field.

Gymnastics

Carmen Alonso Herr (MSc (Res) Materials) represented the UK at the International London Spring Cup 2018 where she won a gold medal in rhythmic gymnastics (ribbons). She also had the maximum score in the artistic component in her three routines (ball, hoop, and ribbon).
Rowing

I joined Linacre Boat Club shortly after starting my DPhil, racing in the summer B’s crew in 2017 in a nail-biting and in the end disappointing ‘3-bump’ regatta!

At the time it was almost 17 years since I last rowed competitively. I hate early morning starts and the cold. But the thing with rowing is it has a knack of pulling you in once you start. I think it’s the challenge of pushing yourself to be better, then better again, both technically and physically – and the feel of a boat that is really going well. So I decided to trial for the Oxford Women’s Boat Race squad in September and surprised myself by being in the mix rather than lagging behind. As a 40-year-old Mum of two small children and trying to undertake a DPhil, I surprised myself even more by still being there on race day in March this year, part of an amazing Osiris crew (reserve boat) of strong and determined rowers. Unfortunately, we were beaten by a stronger and more experienced Cambridge crew but we raced like hell and left everything on the water. As T. Roosevelt said, “It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.”

Sarah Payne Riches (2nd year DPhil) – OUWBC

Ice Hockey

This season has been a historic season for the Blues Ice Hockey team. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first varsity match, the Blues made sure to make everything about this season memorable, finishing first in the top division with a perfect 8-0-0 record.

The varsity match itself was held in St. Moritz Switzerland (where the first match was held), and despite the altitude and outdoor conditions, Oxford won an exciting match 4-3 in overtime. To cap things off the team also went on to win nationals nearly a month later!

Eamon Devlin – Half Blue Men’s Ice Hockey

“It was an honour to be a part of such a great team, with a great bunch of guys. From day one we pushed each other and bonded as a whole. All that work and trust really showed itself on the ice as we overcame everything that was put in front of us. Although I won’t be around next year I hope the team next year has a similar drive. It was a fantastic season that I won’t soon forget.”
In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we announce the death of the following Members of Linacre:

Dr Joseph Aschheim, who died January 2018, was a Linacre Visiting Senior Member in 1981 (proposed by Lady Ursula Hicks), and a Professor of Economics at George Washington University. For many years, he and his wife, Rochelle, were very active heads of the Washington, DC branch of the Oxford University Society.

Dr Elizabeth G (née Hunnable) Ebbett (1969), DPhil Genetics, emigrated to New Zealand where she established her own industrial microbiology consultancy, Biobet Services Ltd. She died 25 June 2017, aged 72, and is much missed by her husband, Richard, sons and daughters-in-law Scott and Mary, and Andrew and Gloria, and five grandchildren.

Dr Prakash Nath John (1968), DPhil Human Anatomy, was a biochemist with the NHS. The results of his scientific works are used worldwide. He died 11 January 2018, aged 87, and is survived by his wife, Mrs Eleanor John.

Dr Hilary Moorby (1982), DPhil Soil Science, died 8 March 2018, aged 83. She was a proud member of Linacre, and attended several Gaudies. After retiring from her scientific work, she served as a Parish Councillor for 30 years, and was also very involved in the work of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, serving as Chairman of the Kent Branch for five years. She is survived by her husband, Professor Jeff Moorby, three children, and seven grandchildren.

Dr Alan O’Day, a former Visiting Senior Member of Linacre and a historian of Ireland, died 11 May 2017, aged 77.

John Sullivan (1962), who died 8 November 2017, aged 80, was a Senior Lecturer in Modern Languages (Russian) at the University of St Andrews, as well as a keen ornithologist and member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. He is survived by his wife Veronica, two sons, and a daughter.

Professor W. David Conn (1969), DPhil in Economics, died suddenly on March 8, 2017, at the age of 70. He is survived by his wife Judith, three children, and seven grandchildren.

Peter Neil (1980), MSc in Forestry, died on 30 October 2017 after a long illness. He will be much missed by his civil partner Sunil.

Professor Robert (Bob) Hale (1967), BPhil Philosophy, died on 12 December 2017. Bob was one of the leading philosophers of his generations in the fields of the Philosophy of Mathematics, and Philosophy of Logic and Metaphysics. His wife Maggie has shared happy memories of the two of them at Linacre, and of the life-long friends they made here. It was a joy to welcome Bob back to Linacre many times during the last few years, following his move south from Glasgow where he was Professor of Metaphysical Philosophy, and latterly from Sheffield. We are grateful for many happy memories of Bob, and for his warm involvement with the College.

Dr Viktor Thaller (Emeritus Fellow), Organic Chemistry, died on the 20 June 2018. Viktor was originally from Zagreb, but spent most of his life in the UK. He joined Linacre as a Fellow in 1964 after he joined the Dyson Perrins Laboratory from The University of Manchester.

“He was a wonderful mentor to me in all of my years that I was privileged to have worked under his guidance at the Dyson Perrins Laboratory. His integrity and scholarship inspired me and he impacted immensely upon me with his knowledge and great energy.” – Theodore Macrides, one of Viktor’s DPhil supervisees.

Sir David Smith (Honorary Fellow) passed away on 29 June 2018.

Sir David was one of Linacre’s first Senior Members, and he remembers his time here with great fondness. In a letter dated 1st March 1988 he wrote: “I would be both flattered and deeply honoured to be proposed for election to an Honorary Fellowship. I regret that my busy life has not brought me more frequently into the College but it remains in my memory as the happiest of the four colleges I have belonged to in Oxford”.

He was an eminent botanist and former President of Wolfson College, his fifth college.

Dr Christopher Spencer (1965), DPhil in Psychology, Emeritus Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Sheffield, died on the 13 June aged 75. He leaves his wife Margaret, children Ben and Lucy, and grandchildren Max and Daniel.

Rabbi Stephen Passamanec (1962), Diploma in Law, died in July 2018. He studied under the famous scholar David Daube when at Oxford, and he kindly contributed to the Daube Linacre Scholarship later in life. He will be missed as a husband, father, teacher, scholar, chaplain, and police officer.
Upcoming Events

November 2018
Thursday 8th November: London Reception and Talk at the Francis Crick Institute.

Thursdays 1st, 8th, and 15th November: Philosophy seminars at Linacre.

March 2019
Friday 22nd March: Dinner in Tokyo as part of the Oxford University Alumni Weekend.

Tuesday 26th March: Dinner in Singapore.

September 2019

GDPR Update
As many of you will already know, due to the new data policy regulations in Europe (GDPR), we are asking all Old Members to clarify their communication preferences.

We would like to thank everyone who has already told us, and we would like to encourage anyone who has not yet filled out the form to do so. The form can be found on the Linacre website along with our latest privacy policy. http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/about-linacre/policies-bylaws/gdpr

NOTICE: Possible Compensation for US students
Some US alumni have been contacted by the Bursar recently regarding payment of compensation for errors made by Barclays Bank in processing US loans paid through the college. If you have received an email on this subject, it is genuine and not a scam. If you have not yet replied to the letter to you, or if you have changed your email or home address recently so may not have received her letter, please contact the Bursar (alison.reid@linacre.ox.ac.uk) in order for us to arrange any refund due to you. This affects some – but not all – students in receipt of US loans in the last 10-13 years.