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*Dancing Phoenix* (see p 5)  
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# First Thoughts



Phil Sayer

Those of you who follow the Linacre College Facebook page will have recently seen a reproduction of the first edition of *Linacre News* published in 1990. The Principal's Letter notes the retirement of Domestic Bursar, Peter Holloway, after 40 years of service to the University (27 of them to Linacre). It is very sad that in this latest edition of *Linacre News* we record that Peter passed away in May this year. Peter was very influential in shaping the character of Linacre College. He was warm, approachable and lacked the pomposity that stereotypically distinguishes Oxford bursars. One of my fears about the relentless growth of our great University is the erosion of the individual, human touch that Peter brought to his interactions with College members. News of his death triggered a flood of warm memories from Old Members across the world, including stories of him turning up with extra blankets for shivering students newly arrived from warmer climes, and visiting others in hospital. Peter's Linacre was small, impoverished and fighting to compete with its much larger and wealthier peers. Nevertheless (or indeed, because of this) the College had a very strong sense of community.

Today, Linacre has a proud and well-established identity and is one of the most popular graduate destinations. This year we will welcome our largest ever intake of new students, with the College now more than double the size it was in 1990. The University has achieved unprecedented success in securing support for new doctoral training schemes and Linacre is a beneficiary of a glittering new cohort of research students. You will read in this issue of our own success in securing new funding for scholarships. We are delighted to be able to offer, from 2018, a new doctoral scholarship in music – an area of study that is often poorly supported. This success, however, comes with its own problems. Our Common Room President writes in this issue about the plans for the forthcoming term and the efforts that are being made to engage and support our newcomers. I am very grateful to the Exec for their efforts to make sure that no one is left out. Access to Higher Education is not just about admitting students from a diversity of backgrounds. It is also about making them feel that they belong and can thrive once they are here. I hope that Peter Holloway would be proud that we are keeping up his tradition of doing just that.

*Nick D. Brown*

## Message from the Common Room



It is hardly a surprise that the Common Room remains a lively and engaging space for students to shape Linacre for themselves and one another. The rich social calendar and Linacre's openness means the CR is regularly filled not just with Linacre members but the wider graduate community, through events organised both by Linacre members for University societies, and crucially the indefatigable social secretaries. Last term Members held their breath as the general election results rolled in, dabbled in pottery with Visiting Member Kazuya Ishida, and ran a charity 5k in various states of undress. A particular highlight was of course the Ball, held on April 30th; after a night of dancing their way through Linacre, revellers wandered down to Magdalen Bridge for the May Day madrigals, undeterred by the English weather.

Whilst the CR's social life has been as vibrant as ever, I am particularly proud to see Linacre students' efforts to make College an ever more open, supportive and nurturing place for all its students. Initiatives from CR members have led to the expansion of the welfare role on the CR Executive, the introduction of a women's officer, and workshops on race. In addition to many events – the highlight perhaps being a visiting puppy – the peer support team also quietly supported many students throughout the year. Next year will also see the introduction of two charities levies which the CR voted overwhelmingly in favour of introducing; one is a new, entirely student-funded scholarship for refugees. Whilst the physical CR has undergone some renovation over the summer, we're now eager to see how the figurative one is reshaped by the many new students we'll be welcoming in Michaelmas.

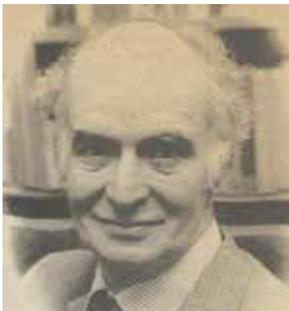
*Sophie Debrunner Hall, Common Room President*

# Advancing Linacre

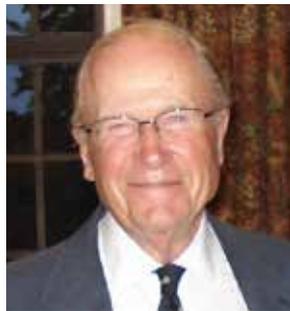
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These are neither random numbers, nor a train departure time. 15 is the number of years that Linacre spent in its first home, in St Aldate's, from 1962 to 1977, and 40 years is the length of time, this autumn, that the College has been in its present site, occasionally still called the 'new site'. Rather neatly, the College's endowment is now £15 million, and we will have 40 scholarship holders this Michaelmas Term. Linacre has its fourth Principal, Nick Brown, and its fourth Domestic Bursar, Simon Barker. John Bamborough, Peter Holloway, and Patrick Heffernan are fondly remembered, and visits to College from Bryan Cartledge, Paul Slack and Russell Read are always a delight. For what seems a long time we have been saying that 'Linacre has come of age' and at the grand age of 55 that's surely true. Graduate colleges are a solid presence within the University, with Linacre being a leading member of that group. We annually welcome over 200 new students across the academic disciplines, have a thriving Junior Research Fellowship community, a 50-strong Governing Body, and regular Visiting Senior Members and Exchange Fellows. We now have a full-time Senior Tutor, a Library providing excellent access to online and hard copy publications, skilled IT guidance from two full-time staff, we annually host the prestigious Tanner Lecture in Human Values, continue to be the leading 'green' college in Oxford, and offer impressive facilities to our students. And annual donations to Linacre regularly exceed £1 million, which is a huge joy, and without which the College simply wouldn't be thriving as it is. Although we aren't planning a 55th Anniversary, the 60th isn't far away. And unlike people, Linacre isn't heading towards old age, but will continue in its prime even as its 100th year beckons in 2062.

Peter Farr



**John Bamborough**



**Sir Bryan Cartledge**



**Professor Paul Slack**



**Dr Nick Brown**

Phil Sayer

## New Full Scholarship in Music

Thanks to the huge generosity of the late **Professor Louis J. Curran** (1963), and to the University which has provided 40% in matching funds, from October 2018 Linacre will have an endowed full scholarship for a student in Music. The **Oxford-Professor Louis J. Curran Scholarship for Music** will join our growing list of scholarships,



and will be a permanent tribute to Louis, who we remember with great affection. His higher education was stellar: studies at Yale, University of Tulsa, and the New England Conservatory of Music, together with a Fulbright Award for research at Oxford University, set him up for a life immersed in teaching and performing. Louis was the first Professor of Music at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts, and Director of the WPI Glee Club, remaining at WPI for 38 years. With the Glee Club there were liturgical celebrations, radio and video broadcasts, and national and more than a dozen international tours, including a papal audience. Louis Curran was an accomplished organist, giving many recitals, and holding several church positions; in the course of his impressive work he conducted choirs and symphonies around the world, and is very fondly remembered by many Old Members who enjoyed his infectious company. We are proud and honoured to remember Louis through this scholarship, and glad we were able to thank him during his lifetime, as he was for many years a Thomas Linacre Circle member.

## Generous Accommodation gifts

During the last few months, we are thrilled to have received two wonderful donations from the **Rt Rev'd Carolyn Tanner Irish** (1964), Honorary Fellow. Both gifts will be used for Accommodation, and they are very gratefully received.

**Professor Justin Leiber** (1970) – see Obituary – has generously remembered Linacre College in his will. A gift of \$276,000 will, with much gratitude, be used for our New House on Iffley Road. We are honoured that a gift of this size from a former student can be used to enhance the everyday lives of current Linacre students, substantially helping to cover costs for this impressive new accommodation.

The total received for our new house on Iffley Road is now £1.2 million, which is a wonderful nearly halfway stage as we look to cover the total purchase price of £2.6 million.

# Linacre Events

## Far East dinners

Having never held a Linacre event in either Hong Kong or Singapore previously, we were glad to join with other College members at the first ever gathering in each place, in late March. Thanks to **Dr Simon Griffin** (1989), the Hong Kong Club (top photo) was the splendid setting for dinner on Thursday 23rd, followed by the delightful Swiss Club in Singapore (lower photo) the following evening, for which venue we thank **Dr John Cole** (2006). Numbers were 19 and 24 respectively, and it was wonderful both to reconnect, and make new acquaintances. Plans are afoot for more events in both places, confirmed by the photo of a Squid Fishing Expedition which has already taken place in Hong Kong, thanks to the efforts of **Jenny Tao** (2006), which is a definite first for Linacre activities.

*Anne Keene*



## North America events



In late June, several Linacre Old Member events were held in the US. In Washington DC a small lunch gathering took place at Old Ebbitt Grill, and a larger drinks reception at the City Club (pictured above). At both events, several attendees were still talking animatedly long after most had left – surely the mark of a successful occasion. The following evening a convivial dinner took place at the Racquet

Club in Philadelphia. Attendees gathered on the stairs of the elegant entrance for a photo (left). We warmly thanks **Bruce Reynolds** (1973) for enabling the City Club event, and **Alvar Soosaar** (2009) for access to the Racquet Club, and for Alvar's interesting tour where we saw real tennis in action, a racquets court, umpteen squash courts, and an historic swimming pool, apparently the first pool in the country to be constructed above the ground floor.

*Anne Keene*

## Environmental Law evening



L-R: **Principal, Iliana Cardenes Trujillo, Richard Macrory, Paul England, Kiron Neale.**

In the magnificent offices of Taylor Wessing, Linacre Lawyers, together with Old Members working in environmental fields and in the business world were treated to a fascinating evening. Chairman of the Linacre Lawyers' Network, **Dr Paul England** (1993), generously arranged this event on April 27 which attracted a large group of Linacre Members. After welcome drinks, two current Linacre students, **Iliana Cardenes Trujillo** (Spain) and **Kiron Neale** (Trinidad & Tobago), each doing a DPhil in Geography & the Environment, questioned Richard Macrory on his career, his views and his forecasts. Their questions delved into this important area of British and international law. There was time for some audience questions, with discussion continuing over refreshments afterwards.

Our warm thanks go to **Richard Macrory Hon. QC**, Supernumerary Fellow of Linacre, Barrister at Brick Court Chambers, and Professor of Environmental Law at the Faculty of Laws, University College London, for fielding such wide-ranging topics. Thanks also to Paul England and Taylor Wessing for being such generous hosts.

*Ros Connell*

# Linacre Events

## Dancing Phoenix unveiled

*Dancing Phoenix*, a contemporary sculpture by the late Hugo Powell, was unveiled on June 15 in the Jaki Leveson Quad at Linacre. His family (pictured with the Principal), who gifted the work to College, took part in the ceremony, which was preceded by a film about the sculptor's life and work. Hugo Powell moved to Oxford in 1969 and set up a studio on Osney Island, where he worked for 45 years until his death in 2014, aged 94. *Dancing Phoenix* was his last work, completed only two weeks before his death. The phoenix, a mythical bird that symbolises renewal and triumph over life's challenges and past defeats, was a recurrent theme in Powell's work. As noted by the Principal in his remarks, it is a potent and fitting reminder at Linacre of the possibility of new beginnings. We are grateful to Hugo Powell's family for entrusting this lovely sculpture to the College, and also to Professor Subir Sarkar, who was instrumental in the College's acquisition of the work.



## BFL dinner

Our biannual informal dinners for those working in Business, Finance or Law in central London continue. As we had previously enjoyed a meal there, we returned on March 16 to High Timber, on the opposite bank of the Thames to Tate Modern (pictured below). A group of old acquaintances, laced with some newcomers, enjoyed a stimulating evening and excellent food. If you work in any of these professional areas, look out for publicity for our next event, which will take place in early spring.



## Gloucestershire gathering

Here is proof that the Linacre Gloucestershire/'West Wing' is highly intergenerational – and international! The pub lunch on May 6 was enjoyed by all, and many good connections were made. Attendees included **Dr Annis May Timpson** (1977) and Ian Read; **Lorna Duffin Marshall** (1971) and John Marshall; **Stephen** (1963) and Barbara **Skelly** from Canada; **Jenna** (2008) and Ben **Catley-Richardson** and their three children; and **Shelly Mobbs** (1975) and Peter Burgess. A big thank-you to Annis May for organising such an enjoyable occasion.



## Squid fishing

On July 15, about 30 Linacre Old Members and their family and friends joined in Linacre's first ever 'squid fishing evening' in Hong Kong. Warm thanks go to **Ms Jenny Tao** (2006) for organising the trip. More events are planned, so please stay tuned.

The event marked the launch of our Linacre Hong Kong Society this year, on the 55th anniversary of the College; this will enable better communications between the nearly 50 Linacre Old Members in the area. We are pleased that **Dr Simon Griffin** (1989) and Jenny kindly agreed to co-chair the Society. All Linacre members who live in Hong Kong, or who plan to visit, are warmly invited to join.



# Linacre Events

## Gala of a Gaudy

Feasting, enjoyment and merry-making, all associated with a 'Gaudy', were very much in evidence when the 1972-1981 cohort returned to College the weekend of July 1 and 2 for their quinquennial reunion. Whether they travelled from overseas (this year from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, the USA and Canada) or from just around the corner, returning Old Members felt the years fall away as they caught up with old friends they hadn't seen in forty years, greeted chums with whom relationships have endured over the decades, and remembered absent friends. The banter, the warmth of handshakes and hugs, the memories that poured forth, and the communal embrace of shared experiences made for a happy and relaxed weekend. Old Boaties took up their blades once more, steadied by the youthful vigour of current Boat Club members. The kitchen showed off their culinary prowess with Beef Wellington for 100 guests, followed the next day by scrumptious Garden Party canapés to accompany the sparkling wine, enjoyed under a blue summer sky as young children played croquet on the lawn. Photos from the weekend can be viewed on the College website at <http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/old-members-friends/gallery>.

Next summer's Gaudy will be held the weekend of June 30 and July 1, 2018 for our Founding Old Members who matriculated 1962 – 1971.



L-R, **Dr Hilary Colenso** (1977), **Ms Gill Dixon** (1977), **Professor Sandra Jowett** (1977), **Dr Graham Jowett** (1979), Mr Francis Marslen-Wilson.

## London Summer Reception



The annual London Summer Reception was held on May 30 in the impressive surroundings of the Oxford and Cambridge Club. Refreshed with a welcoming drink, the capacity crowd, drawn from every Linacre decade, gathered in the Princess Marie Louise Room for an illustrated talk on the life of Lady Emma Hamilton, given by **Dr Quintin Colville**, who is Curator of Naval History at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, and a former Linacre JRF. Guests were treated to a lively and impassioned précis of the recent major exhibition on Emma Hamilton at Greenwich which was curated by Dr Colville. He argued that Emma was remarkable for much more than her notoriety as the mistress of Horatio Nelson; she was also intelligent, with artistic gifts, and a courageous and shrewd diplomat. Her achievements were all the more remarkable in light of the social and gender biases of her time. The audience warmed to Emma, and responded with many thoughtful questions, which continued over drinks and canapés in the elegant and bustling Drawing Room. Warmest thanks go to Dr Colville for his stimulating talk. For those who missed the event and the exhibition, *Emma Hamilton: Seduction and Celebrity*, is still available online and in many bookshops. Dr Colville is also the author of *Nelson, Navy, Nation*, and lead curator of the Nelson galleries at the NMM.

Would you like to organise a get-together of Linacre Members in your area? Contact the Development Office (see p 2) and we will put you in touch with your local Linacrites.

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

## 2017 Tanner Lecture on Human Values

The 2017 Tanner Lecture on Human Values was given by **Professor George Ellis, FRS** from the University of Cape Town on June 8. The lecture, entitled 'On the origin and nature of values', was followed by dinner at Linacre. The Principal, Dr Nick Brown, and Dr Carole Ellis Bloch are photographed with Professor Ellis, who has been made an Adjunct Fellow of Linacre.



## Thomas Linacre Day



Did you know that October 20th is **Thomas Linacre Day**? Since we don't know the exact date of his birth, he is honoured on the day of his death – October 20, 1524. An esteemed international scholar and Renaissance man, he was founder of the Royal College of Physicians, a teacher of Erasmus, and physician to King Henry VIII. Linacre Old Members and students will gather in the Common Room that evening to raise a glass to him, and compete in a Thomas Linacre lookalike contest. All Old Members are invited to come. If you can't be in Oxford, why not plan your own celebration, and send a photo to [marsaleete.anderson@linacre.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marsaleete.anderson@linacre.ox.ac.uk).

## Looking ahead...

**Friday, October 20 • Thomas Linacre Day**

See box for Oxford celebrations... or plan your own.

**March 16-18, 2018 • Oxford University European Reunion, Rome.**

Linacre will hold events, details forthcoming.

**April 6-8, 2018 • Oxford University North American Reunion, San Francisco.**

A **Linacre Dinner** will be held Saturday, 7 April in San Francisco, and Sunday April 8 in Los Angeles, details forthcoming.

**April 11, 2018 • Plans are being developed for a Linacre Dinner/social occasion in New York City on Wednesday, April 11.**

Details forthcoming.

**June 30 & July 1, 2018 • Linacre Summer Gaudy**

For Founding Members, 1962 – 1971. Invitations will be sent to all Old Members for whom we have a current e-mail address, and booking details will also be posted on the Linacre website.

**Keep up to date** Details on these and other events are published on the College website: <http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/old-members-friends/old-members-friends-events>

You may also e-mail [development@linacre.ox.ac.uk](mailto:development@linacre.ox.ac.uk) to express interest or for further details.

## Boxes You Design

is now producing wooden Linacre boxes in a variety of sizes. The boxes are decorated with the Linacre crest on the outside, and College photos on the inside. You may also personalise your box with a name, message, or your own photos. For more information, and to place an order, see

<http://www.boxesyoudesign.com/LinacreOxfordOrder.htm>  
Orders are placed directly with Boxes You Design, who donate 10% of the proceeds to College.



# Old Members' Focus

## Art and Science in colour



**Professor Francisca Mutapi (1993)** holds a chair in Global Health Infection and Immunity at the University of Edinburgh, where she heads the Parasite Immuno-epidemiology Group. In 2012 she was elected as one of 60 founding members of the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Young Academy, and in 2015 became a Fellow of the African Science Leadership Program and of the African Academy of Science. She is believed to be the first black female professor at the University of Edinburgh. According to the 2017 report by the race equality charity, the Runnymede Trust in the UK, as of February 2017 she is Scotland's only black female professor.

I am a scientist; I ask many questions – how, why and when? I have always asked these sorts of questions. My earliest memory of this is from the age of three. The other thing I have done from the age of three is artwork of one form or other. I obtained my first set of good painting brushes in 1990, as payment for a painting of the Blue Nile Falls in Ethiopia, which was a commission I undertook for a work colleague in Zimbabwe. I took those paintbrushes to Linacre in 1993 when I joined the College to read for my DPhil in Zoology. I joined the Linacre College Art Committee; our remit at that time included identifying and inviting artists for the College art exhibitions as well as commissioning works of art for the College's permanent displays and building artwork such as stained glass windows.

When I moved to Edinburgh, I decided to have a more structured approach to my art. I have not received formal training in art, so I attended evening art classes, with mixed outcomes – the art tutors who decided to deconstruct my painting skills often failed to put me back together again. I quickly realised that it was not instruction I required, but rather space and companionship, so I joined a group of artists who work in the same studio space, with a 'tutor' whose job is primarily to provide a conducive work environment and help us navigate a path through compositional, tonal and technical challenges. This has worked very well for me and I have been going to the art studio every Monday evening for several years now, generating several paintings every year.

For my research, I work on a water-borne parasitic disease called bilharzia – the second most important parasitic disease of public health importance in Africa (2nd to malaria). I use basic scientific research to inform interventions and policies for bilharzia control. Bilharzia is mainly a disease of poverty (poor sanitation and unsafe water) but also a disease of ignorance. Changes in behaviour can have a significant impact on disease transmission and on health seeking practices. In all the Zimbabwean schools we work in, we educate pupils, teachers and parents about bilharzia transmission and control to facilitate behavioural change. However, in 2014, I wanted a better way to engage the pupils; so together with two collaborators in Zimbabwe we decided to run a competition on bilharzia after the school talks. The competition was to write an essay entitled 'Bilharzia is an enemy to my health and education'. There would

be prizes – a year's fees for the winner; two terms' fees and one term's fees for the 2nd and 3rd prize respectively in each of two school. My two collaborators on the ground ran the competition and I provided the fees. Therefore, I organised a solo exhibition of my artwork in Edinburgh to raise funds for the prizes. Most of the paintings sold on the opening night.

The overall winner of the competition was a young girl whose family circumstances were such that before she won the scholarship, the family had been planning to withdraw her from school (we did not know this prior to awarding her the prize), as they could no longer afford school fees. She was academically strong; so my collaborators and I decided to continue paying her fees throughout primary school and senior school, also providing her with school uniforms, stationery and even a new bicycle to travel the several kilometres to the senior school. Sales from my paintings online and from annual solo exhibitions provide the funding for her, while my colleagues on the ground keep in touch with her and the family. I visited her this February; she is in her 2nd year in senior school and she is a school prefect.

We have used some of the proceeds from my paintings to set up libraries in the two primary schools where we ran the essay competition and continue to donate reading books to other primary schools in Zimbabwe.

I do not always go to the painting studio willingly, especially in the depth of the Scottish winter; my family often have to throw me out of the house to make me go. They know, and I have to admit, that I always come back exhilarated. This also recharges me allowing me to face my scientific challenges, whether they be solving a lab issue, writing a manuscript or a grant application or indeed, planning fieldwork in Zimbabwe.



*Jacaranda Trees, Harare Zimbabwe* by Francisca Mutapi

# Old Members' Focus



**Dr David Smith**  
(1965) worked in Physics as a design engineer until retirement in 2000, running the Electronics Instrumentation Group for research physicists. He remains active as a consultant.

In 2010 a Linacre friend approached him for help for a teenage family member, with a sleep problem following a viral infection. She had not woken naturally for some years and needed constant care. She would fall asleep suddenly several times a day, and it was discovered that she could be woken **only** by stimulation of her right knee, held rigid in sleep. Noise, shaking and pain did not work.

David designed a circuit to sense electrical activity in the leg muscles. Sleep was indicated by a constant signal for 15 seconds, which triggered a gentle electric shock to the knee to wake her. Later, he designed a special alarm clock to enable her to wake independently from normal sleep. The young woman now leads an active life again without needing carers. She has qualified and is working full time.

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## Patrick Vickers (1978)

### Notes from an ancient mariner



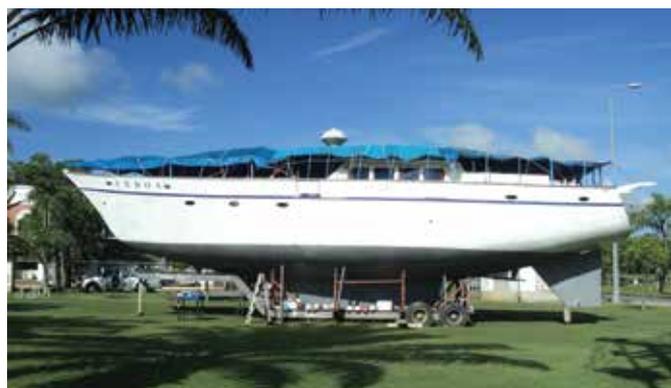
...in exile on a tropical island for 18 years and still striving to complete his odyssey and determined to make a successful landfall. What landfall? Well, preferably the one I reached out for at Linacre, but a little modified by now. The idea was simply this: a mathematics teacher, I came to Oxford as a research student of Professor Leslie Fox at OUCL. This redoubtable gentleman was prepared to take me on out of the blue as I came with a passion to solve cancer using maths and computing. On arrival at Oxford I sought out a worthy medic with a cancer problem. I was indeed blessed to meet Dr Nick Wright (now Sir Nicholas Wright, Warden of Barts). Together they guided me to produce a numerical analytical model of cell-cycle kinetics.

Difficulty in following this led me to Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. Eventually my Oxford dream changed form in Papua New Guinea while working for the local health services and seeing first-hand the need for health data management. There we created the first decentralised health management system worldwide.

Then came a meeting with Chris Abel, grandson of the London Missionary Society's first missionary to Papua New Guinea. Our dreams fused in the vision of a schooner carrying aid to the islanders. His grandfather used to travel the islands preaching from the stern of a mission schooner which carried medicine, islanders and goods. The mission schooners have long gone, so I set out to build a new one. This was much to the approval of the local PNG UNICEF office who offered me medicine, refrigeration and a launch to deliver our services up the rivers. Thence I returned to Thailand to build a beautiful ship – the schooner, IXDOS (pictured below) – to do this job.

Although identifying with Noah and his ark, being helped by my three sons in this endeavour, family and friends worldwide have also been so patient, encouraging, and generous. Hands-on are my students, led by their Headmaster Neil Richards MBE, from the British International School, Phuket and supported by parents and teachers. Hands-on also are my loyal Burmese boat builders whose unstinting professionalism has enabled us to do so much in so short a time.

The challenge now is to finish building the ship so that we can launch our mobile clinic carrying a paramedical team to reach out to islanders who are deprived of medical care, and in particular to reach the children otherwise destined to die young from diseases which can be prevented by normal vaccination. This is also the UNICEF promise to reduce the alarming rate of about 11 child deaths every minute from preventable diseases. We are indeed getting nearer. Main construction has been completed. We are in need of masts, sails and rigging. These are expensive, but recently a group of young men in Phuket were sponsored to paddle their surf boards from Krabi to Phuket and in so doing contributed enormously with enthusiasm, determination and funds. Launch is now scheduled for this Christmas 2017! Eventually our vision expands to include a floating mini computing laboratory capable of gathering data and analysing it in search of patterns in disease.



# College News

## Staff News



Best wishes to **Debbie Bedford**, who was presented with a Linacre bear and flowers at a farewell gathering on April 6.



**Marie Duffy** was the guest of honour at a morning tea/coffee party in the Principal's office on April 20 to celebrate her 10-year anniversary at Linacre in the Reception office.



Thanks and best wishes were offered to **Sally Tendayi** at a farewell party on June 30. After nearly 10 years on the Linacre kitchen staff, she is now in charge of catering for a large and busy local nursery, feeding both toddlers and staff. Her Linacre bear may come in handy.

Congratulations to **Udit Bhatia**, Linacre's Junior Dean, whose edited volume on constitution-making in India, *The Indian Constituent Assembly: Deliberations on Democracy*, was published this spring by Routledge. The volume has been praised as 'a major contribution to the study of Indian politics'.

## Gilbert Ryle Collection

Students of Philosophy as well as those who are curious about the history of Linacre will be interested to know that there is a new page on the College website which provides information on the significant collection of books and other materials relating to Gilbert Ryle which are held by the College. Linacre's Librarian, Fiona Richardson, has done a terrific job in cataloguing everything so this material is readily accessible for reference. For more information, see <http://www.linacre.ox.ac.uk/facilities/library/gilbert-ryle-collection>

## Students win awards

Warmest congratulations go to two Linacre DPhil students who have recently won awards for their research.

**Mike Barnkob** (2014, DPhil candidate, Medical sciences) was presented with the Ita Askonas Medal and Prize by the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine for his work on T cells in the tumour microenvironment.

**Sarah Rosenberg-Jansen** (2016, DPhil candidate, International Development) has won the 2017 Frederick Soddy Postgraduate Award, administered by the Royal Geographical Society, to fund her fieldwork in Kenya and Rwanda investigating how renewable energy such as solar and wind is used by refugee communities and agencies.

## Moorbath Domus Prize



2017 Moorbath Domus Prize winner, **Zahra Aboukhalil**

A generous bequest to Linacre from the estate of Professor Stephen Moorbath, Emeritus Fellow, will enable one of our Domus prizes to be awarded over a five-year period. The Moorbath Prize will recognise a winning academic presentation made annually by a current student during our Gaudy weekend. A gathering of students, Old Members, and other College members and friends votes for the winning three presenters out of six, all chosen by our Academic Committee to give a talk on their chosen topic to the lay audience. We are most grateful for this new funding for one of the prizes, which will be received with great delight by each successful presenter.

## Rock of Ages

A beautiful grey, black and cream banded 'rock' has found a special place in the Nadel Room, and for a very good reason. As explained in the accompanying citation, written by Professor John (David) Bell, it is: 'Paragneiss from the Amitsoq area of South-West Greenland, collected and isotopically dated by Stephen Moorbath with an age of 3.8 billion years, making it at the time the oldest known terrestrial rock. (A rather larger piece of rock from the same locality is exhibited in the University Museum.)' We are grateful to Professor Mike Whelan, who gave this specimen of scientific and historical significance to the College.



## Lectures at Linacre

**Dr Shadreck Chirikure**, ACU (Association of Commonwealth Universities) Visiting Fellow 2017 at Linacre College, delivered the **ACU Lecture**, 'Was the population of Great Zimbabwe (CE1000-1700) similar to that of modern day Hong Kong?' on 4 May. Dr Chirikure is an Associate Professor in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Cape Town.

The **2017 Linacre Lecture** was given on 20 June by **Professor John Knox**, who spoke on 'Global Threats to Environmental Human Rights Defenders.' Professor Knox is the Henry C Lauerman Professor of International Law at Wake Forest University and United Nations Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights and the environment.

# Fellows' Focus



**Professor Mark Pollard** is Edward Hall Professor of Archaeological Science at Oxford. Over the past 35 years, his research has encompassed the application of the physical sciences, particularly chemistry, within archaeology in order to study archaeological materials, investigate biogeochemical processes, and use numerical applications in archaeology and palaeoclimatic reconstruction. He is a Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and a Member of the Oriental Ceramic Society, as well as an avid Morris dancer.

## What does it take to drag a Fellow away from the delights of Linacre over the summer?

The last three summers have been spent travelling on some (sometimes very) back roads in China, Central Asia and Siberia, as part of a long-standing collaboration set up by Professor Dame Jessica Rawson with scholars in Peking University. This inspired initiative was embarked upon as a collaboration between the School of Archaeology, University of Oxford and the School of Archaeology and Museology, Peking University. However, rather than the typical but often somewhat sterile exchange visits (they come here, we go there...), Jessica set it up so that a small group from each Department would all go on a three or four week bus journey together – somewhere we can visit archaeological sites and museums, and *really* get to know each other!

The common theme is of course an interest in the archaeology of China, and in particular the links between China and the Steppe in the Chinese Bronze Age. There have always been long distance connections between China and Western Asia – probably rarely made by people travelling the whole distance, as was done by Marco Polo, but via a long chain of intermediaries, each familiar with particular sections of the route (the deserts and mountains), each travelling between fixed points, taking with them people, precious goods, and, most importantly, ideas. Ultimately this became ‘the Silk Road’.

Hence, in 2014, a group from Oxford (Jessica, Professor Chris Gosden, me, and some fortunate graduate students) found ourselves on a bus in the Taklamakan Desert with scholars from Beijing (including Professors Xu Tianjin, Wu Xiaohong, and Zhang Chi), and the charismatic Director of Archaeology for Gansu Province, Wang Hui. The aim was to drive the whole length of the Hexi Corridor from Dunhuang in the desert to Xi’an, formerly Changan, China’s gateway to the Silk Road. This was one of the major routes of communication into China from the West, and is most likely the way many of the ideas from the west (including the use of metals, and possibly domesticated animals and plants) came during the Bronze Age. Also, of course, it was the route out of China for the myriad of precious materials and ideas which made their way to the west. We travelled by bus for two weeks down what is now the Gansu Expressway (formerly the Silk Road), covering 2000 km, visiting archaeological sites and museums, including a jade mine near the Mongolian border, and staying in a range of former oasis towns, now converted into desert cities, complete with vacant high rises, bright lights and largely deserted three-lane motorways.

Flushed by the success of this venture, in summer 2015 Jessica assembled a similar group in Novosibirsk, the capital of Siberia, to visit sites and museums along the southern border of Siberia with Mongolia. This was a rare treat for us westerners, but also an important exercise for the Chinese archaeologists, who up until a decade or so ago were rarely able to travel outside China. There are huge cultural links between Siberia and western China, but these cultures were largely unknown to the Chinese.

The Oxford party decided to ‘warm up’ with a short visit to Kazakhstan, starting in the remarkable ultra-modern new capital of Astana, but travelling south to Almaty to see some of the tombs of the ‘golden men’ – elite Bronze Age warriors buried in rich cloth decorated with hundreds of golden studs in the shape of tigers. And gold-covered boots! From Kazakhstan we flew into Russia, to Novosibirsk. We then travelled through Kyzyl (the self-declared ‘centre of Asia’), Minusinsk, Krasnoyarsk and Irkutsk, to Lake Baikal by a combination of road, rail and flights. Archaeologically the highlight was the visit to the massive kurgan tombs at Arzhan in Tuva, where some very powerful Iron Age elites were buried dripping in gold and surrounded by horses and warriors, although anywhere in Siberia is very beautiful.

In comparison, last summer was a much more modest (but wet!) affair. The travellers met in Beijing, and headed south (using the amazing high speed train) to Anyang, the capital of the Shang dynasty. From there we drove to Zhengzhou (the earlier Shang capital), and thence to Erlitou, the first Shang (or possibly Xia) capital. We drove back to Beijing through torrential monsoons, to arrive in a partially-submerged capital city. After a few days drying out, we got back in the car and headed north beyond the Great Wall into Inner Mongolia to see some copper mines, and got very wet again. On returning to Beijing, I gave a series of lectures to the students at Peking University.

So, after several thousand miles and even more noodles, what has been the outcome? We have seen a (very) small but important part of China and Siberia, travelling in the company of some of the smartest archaeologists on the planet. What that teaches you is that the more times you go to China, the less you really know about it – but you have to start somewhere! We have discussed much, and even written a number of academic papers together, some of which are published in Chinese. We are still talking about future joint research. If anybody is thinking about how to set up really effective collaborations with other parts of the world, I suggest you think about Jessica’s model – something more imaginative than set-piece conferences. There is nothing like a bumpy bus ride, some noodles and beer, and a song or two to help ‘networking’!

# Fellows' News

## Distinguished Friend of Oxford

Photo by John Chairns



Linacre Old Member and Honorary Fellow, **Takashi Uyeno** (1968), was one of only nine individuals honoured as a 2017 Distinguished Friend of Oxford (DFO) in a ceremony at Keble College on May 18. This special award recognises 'individuals who have acted as exceptional volunteers for the benefit of the wider collegiate University'. In particular, Mr Uyeno was cited as a 'loyal supporter of the University and Linacre College in Japan since 1995', doing exemplary work to spearhead 40th and 50th Anniversary fundraising campaigns for Linacre and advising the University's Japan Office. He is pictured with his wife, Mrs Junko Uyeno. During their visit to Linacre, Mr and Mrs Uyeno also kindly gave the College a beautiful Japanese lithograph of two cranes, now hanging in the Nadel Room. In Japan, the crane represents good fortune and longevity, and is referred to as the 'bird of happiness' – certainly auspicious and fitting wishes for Linacre.

## Sarkar honoured



College was delighted to learn that **Professor Subir Sarkar** has won the 2017 Homi Bhabha Award, presented by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) and the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) in recognition of his 'distinguished contributions in the field of high energy cosmic ray physics and astro-particle physics over an extended academic career.' The award and medal were bestowed in a ceremony on July 20 during the International Cosmic Ray Conference in Busan, South Korea.

## JRF News

Congratulations to Linacre JRF, **Dr Sanne Peters**, who has been awarded a prestigious Strategic Skills Development Fellowship from the UK's Medical Research Council. The fellowship supports early career researchers, and will enable Dr Peters to strengthen her research skills in genetic epidemiology and health systems research by underwriting her big data analysis of sex differences in the vascular consequences of diabetes. 'There is strong evidence,' she says, 'that the excess risks of heart disease and stroke conferred by diabetes are substantially stronger in women than men.'

Her research aims to understand why, in order to improve the prevention and treatment of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

**Dr Giulia Liberatore**, Linacre JRF, is celebrating the publication by Bloomsbury of *Somali, Muslim, British: Striving in Securitized Britain* on 29 June 2017 – the day after her first child was born. (See p 18.) Her book is part of the LSE Monographs on Social Anthropology series.

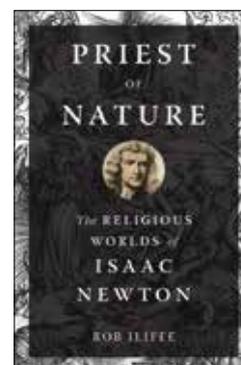
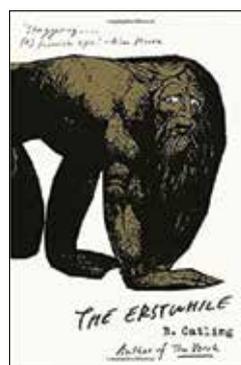
## Our best wishes



Abdossalam Madkhali

Best wishes and thanks go to **Dr Hubert Ertl** who is returning to his native Germany to be Director of Research at the Federal Institute for Vocational Education (Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung) in Bonn and Professor of Vocational Education Research at the University of Paderborn. He was Associate Professor of Higher Education and Director of the MSc Education (Higher Education) programme, as well as Senior Research Fellow of the ESRC-funded Centre on Skills, Knowledge and Occupational Performance (SKOPE). A Linacre Fellow since 2004, he also served as University Junior Proctor during 2014-15.

## Publications



*The Erstwhile* by **Professor Brian Catling**, was published earlier this year by Coronet. It is the second novel in his *Vorrh* trilogy.

As we go to press, *Priest of Nature: The Religious Worlds of Isaac Newton*, by **Professor Rob Iliffe**, is due to be published by OUP. It is the first major book on Newton's writings on religion in over 40 years. Professor Iliffe is Oxford Professor of the History of Science, and Editorial Director of the online Newton Project.

# Fellows' News

## In Memoriam Martin Jim Aitken



Fellow of Linacre College from 1965 until his retirement in 1989, and Oxford Professor of Archaeometry since 1985, passed away on 15 June 2017. He had been educated at Stamford Grammar School in Lincolnshire and Wadham College, where his studies in Physics were interrupted by the Second World War, when he served as a Technical Radar Officer in Ceylon and Burma.

Martin's doctoral thesis was based on the development of a 120-MeV electron synchrotron in the Clarendon Laboratory but he transferred to the recently created Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art (RLAHA) in 1957 to pursue his interest in archaeological dating and the newly emerging field of science applied to archaeology, *archaeometry*, a term he coined with the archaeologist, Christopher Hawkes. He was appointed Deputy Director and continued in this position until retirement, by which time the RLAHA had become the acknowledged centre of a widespread field of research in universities throughout the world.

His early work involved developing the proton magnetometer (based on the nuclear physics phenomenon, proton free precession) as a means to detect buried archaeological remains. This was done by measuring slight changes in the above-ground strength of the earth's magnetic field caused by features such as kilns, pits, and walls. This was followed by archaeomagnetic work establishing changes in direction and intensity of the Earth's magnetic field over time. This, in conjunction with the SQUID

cryogenic magnetometer and an improved understanding of the acquisition of thermoremanent magnetisation in baked clay, enabled development of techniques to ascertain the age of ceramic samples more accurately than was previously possible.

In the early '60s, he turned his focus to thermoluminescence which was then a little known phenomenon: the heating of ceramic and lava samples releases electrons which, on exposure to high energy radiation, became trapped in excited states within imperfections in their structure. The intensity of the resultant radiation then indicates the time passed since this early exposure. He later developed optically-stimulated luminescence as a means of dating quartz and feldspar through exposure to intense light, now a significant method of dating sediment.

In the late '70s, Aitken combined thermoluminescence with his interest in archaeomagnetism to extend the range of datable materials to lava flows, specifically those in the Chaîne des Puys in the Auvergne region of France. This led him and his wife, Joan (née Killick), to settle in a small hamlet in the region. They had previously brought up their five children in a village near Oxford, where he was a keen sailor.

During his career, Aitken published five books on science-based dating and over 150 papers. He was a founding editor of the journal, *Archaeometry*, published by RLAHA from 1958. He received several awards, including the Gemant Award (American Institute of Physics) and the Pomerance Science Medal (Archaeological Institute of America) and was a Fellow of several learned societies, including the Royal Society.

Aitken was a congenial man and conscientious academic supervisor whose pioneering work revolutionised the use of science in dating artefacts and sediments.

*Jessica Aitken*

## In Memoriam Professor Geoffrey Ainsworth Harrison 1927 – 2017

As the magazine went to press, College received the sad news of the death of Professor Geoffrey Ainsworth Harrison, Linacre Emeritus Fellow, and former Oxford University Professor of Biological Anthropology, at the age of 90. A governing body Fellow since 1966, he has had a major influence on College and the decades of Linacre students who remember him with much affection and gratitude, as reflected in the dedication (pictured) on an SDR chair. We send our deep condolences to his wife, Elizabeth. A fuller memorial tribute will be published in the next issue of *Linacre News*.



# In Memoriam

**Roberto Chadwick** (1962, Economics), of Providencia Santiago, Chile, died on 19 December 2016, aged 78. He studied law at the University of Chile, and worked at the World Bank until his retirement in 1987, serving as the Bank's representative in Zaire. He subsequently founded and managed a strategy and operations consulting firm, Development and Management.

**Professor Emeritus John Cooke** (1961), (DPhil, Experimental Psychology), died 10 December 2015, aged 80. His early study of both electrical engineering and psychology eventually led to his long career as Professor of Computational Science at the University of Saskatchewan. In 2005 he was honoured by IBM as a pioneer in computing in Canada, but he was also a dedicated teacher and mentor.



**Sheila Holt** (née Morton), wife of Emeritus Fellow Jim Holt, was 81 when she died in August. As a student reading zoology at St Andrews, Sheila not only produced a thesis on the lamp brush chromosomes of the newt, but was also voted Miss Charities 1956. She and Jim met in their final year, married, and went straight off to Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario where she joined the preclinical school working on the physiology of the new born using puppies. In 1963 they moved to Oxford, Jim to the Radcliffe Infirmary and Sheila to the task of bringing up four children. In 1970 she realised her great ambition and determination to live in the country with dogs and horses, but later returned to the laboratory and worked under Garry Brown and Kay Davies on the genetics of muscular dystrophy, and entered a period of great enjoyment and satisfaction, concluding with five very worthwhile years in the Harwell laboratories. Only 6 or 7 years after retirement the first manifestations of Alzheimer's disease became apparent, clouding an otherwise very full and happy life.

**Dr David Muriuki Kamweti** (1977), MSc Forestry, died August 2013, aged 71. He is survived by his loving wife Mrs Agnes Wanjiku Kamweti, five children, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. Besides being a loving husband, father and grandfather, Dr Kamweti had a prolific career in the management of the environment and natural resources spanning 46 years. The law and management of forests in Kenya today is a testament to his professional legacy.

**Dr William Jeffery Kaupp** (1977), who died 24 January 2017, aged 65, earned his DPhil in Forestry at Linacre, and then worked as a research scientist in viral epizootiology for 16 years. At that point he returned to education for a degree in nursing, working thereafter as a prison nurse in Michigan. He wrote movingly of his work among prison populations in *Linacre News* 34.

**Shaw David Kinsley** (1998), MSc History and Philosophy of Science, died 6 July 2017, aged 69. As the Director of the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park since 2010, he saved Arizona's first state park from closing, and subsequently expanded it, by recruiting and maintaining a dedicated group of over 70 volunteers. He was the recipient of the Arizona Historical Society Al Merito Award that 'recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions and served as role models for preserving Arizona's rich history'.

**Professor Justin Fritz Leiber** (1970), BPhil Philosophy, who died 22 March 2016, aged 77, was a philosopher and also a science fiction writer. Following his PhD from the University of Chicago Lab School, he taught Philosophy at Lehman College (CUNY), the University of Houston, and Florida State University. His many publications spanned philosophy, psychology, linguistics, and cognitive science, as well as science fiction. He was a member of the Bertrand Russell Society, whose motto is: 'The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.' He is survived by his wife, Professor Barbara R Foorman, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

**Paul Sai-Wah Leung** (1974), Management Development, died on 13 December 2016, aged 69. He was a highly regarded administrator and leader in Hong Kong's government and business communities. His many Hong Kong government posts included Assistant Director of Civil Affairs, Deputy Hong Kong and Kowloon Government Officers, Deputy Secretary of the Culture and Broadcasting Division, Deputy Secretary for Transport, Director of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and Principal Hong Kong Economic and Trade Representative (Tokyo). He also served as CEO of one of the leading Chambers of Commerce there, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong. His range of experience meant that he was able to 'strengthen communication between manufacturers and the government and [play] a significant role in effectively promoting long-term and sustainable development [in Hong Kong].'

**Professor Sally Mitchell** (1972), DPhil English, who passed away on January 1, 2016, was an Emeritus Professor of English and former Director of the Women's Studies Program at Temple University, where she was a faculty member for 28 years. Her scholarly work on Victorian literature and women writers, which produced five books and an encyclopaedia of Victorian Britain, made a significant contribution to the cultural history of Victorian Britain and to our understanding of the development of gender roles at that time.

**The Right Rev'd Henry Richmond** (1961), who died 16 March 2017, aged 81, served in Yorkshire, then as warden of Lincoln Theological College, before becoming the third Bishop of Repton from 1985 to 1999; in retirement he served as an honorary assistant bishop within the Diocese of Oxford. Born in Ireland, and an Orangeman all his adult life, he championed gay rights and religious integration, as well as the calling of the church to bring healing and reconciliation. He is survived by his wife, Caroline, sons Patrick and Gerald William, and daughter Harriet.

College has only recently learned of the unexpected death of **Dr James (Jamie) Rossiter** (2007), MSc Educational Studies, in May 2012. He worked for the Public Health Agency of Canada as an e-learning specialist.

**Professor Lieve Spaas** (1978), MLitt Social Anthropology, who died 23 June 2017, aged 82, is remembered by her colleagues and friends Magda Stroinska and Vikki Cecchetto: 'Lieve could never be pinned down with labels even though there are many that fit her: social anthropologist, accomplished scholar, Professor of French Cultural Studies, widely-published researcher who wrote on Rousseau and Robinson Crusoe, Narcissus and fatherhood,

# In Memoriam

## Tribute to Peter Holloway



If you probe the memories of Founding Members of College, Peter Holloway's name is spoken with similar reverence and appreciation as that of our first Principal, John Bamborough. Thus, when he died late May aged 88, the outpouring of condolences and affection from so many Linacre alumni throughout the world came as no surprise to those of us

who had the privilege of benefiting from part of his 27 years of service to College. A Book of Condolences has been assembled with well over a hundred messages from Old Members and their memories of him.

Peter was born and raised in Oxford. He was interested in big band music, having sung and played double bass in The Ken Cartwright Quartet, where Peter was known as the 'Frank Sinatra of Oxford'. In 1962, Peter was persuaded by Bam and Rupert Cecil, our first Vice-Principal, to leave his former employment at St Catherine's to become Linacre's first Domestic Bursar. He was a great success in this role with his warm, friendly, cheerful personality, especially when welcoming new students from all corners of the world and helping them settle into their new

environment. He would always go the extra mile to ensure that they continued to enjoy some of their home comforts, even to the extent of turning up on their door step with extra blankets when they complained of the typical cold, damp Oxford climate. His compassion extended to hospital visits to sick or injured students, and even their young family members.

Despite running a very busy office, he always had time and patience for students no matter what their problems were. However, there was another side of his character, a somewhat steely resolve, notably visible when chasing students for unpaid battels. His encyclopaedic memory was legendary, remembering not only our names, but details of our misdemeanours; ever the diplomat, at the appropriate moment when you were alone with him, he would remind you, with a knowing smile on his face. Peter kept in touch with many Old Members from around the world, and every Christmas his house was proudly decorated with a display of the many greetings cards he received from them.

Peter enjoyed a great rapport with the Common Room, partly due to his fondness for the odd beer or two, and he was instrumental in establishing many of Linacre's sporting activities, in addition to his loyal following of Oxford City Football Team. His name was synonymous with Linacre and through his dedicated tireless efforts helped it grow from strength to strength. As one of his former charges said, 'Bursars like Peter don't come along very often.' His legacy will live on in Linacre College through the Peter Holloway House in Iffley Road.

*Dr Keith Lloyd (1967)*

francophone cinema and the trauma of colonization in Congo. These attest to her academic accomplishments but fail to capture how we shall remember her best: a brilliant and creative mind, a supportive colleague, a wise mentor, a free-spirited, fun-loving, unconventional, witty, and generous friend, an enthusiastic traveler, always curious and full of ideas. Just like her book series Polygons published by Berghahn, Lieve embraced "both the cultural and the social" aspect of life, exploring all its "diversities and disparities" in a "thought-provoking and refreshing" way.

**Professor Giacomo Vaciago** (1965), MPhil Economics, who died 24 March 2017, aged 74, was an economist, politician, and senior government advisor. He was the first professor in charge of Political Economics at the University of Ancona, and for several years he was the head of the Institute of Economics. He later became Professor of Economics at Università Cattolica, Milan, where he earlier completed his PhD, and where he continued to teach monetary economics after his retirement. Professor Vaciago served as Mayor of Piacenza from 1994 – 1998, and held several senior advisory posts in the Italian government. He was former President of the Linacre Common Room, as well as a past President of the Italian Linacre Society.

College was sad to learn of the death of **Mrs Mary Waley** (née King), widow of Emeritus Fellow Stephen Waley, on 18

May 2017, aged 93. Mrs Waley was awarded a scholarship to St Hilda's College, and met Stephen in Oxford. She went on to teach history at Witney Girls' Grammar School and Oxford High School for Girls. She was a founding member of her local neighbourhood association, a volunteer guide at the Ashmolean, actively supported the Bodleian Library, and raised funds for a mental health charity and a scheme to help adults with reading difficulties. The snowdrops she planted on the banks of Mill Stream in St Ebbe's in Oxford remain a lovely annual testimony to her community spirit.

**Professor Robert (Bob) Young** (1973), DPhil Politics, died 15 August 2017, aged 66. A past President of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), he had a long and distinguished career at the University of Western Ontario, and was awarded a Canada Research Chair in Multilevel Governance in 2003. He published extensively on federalism, provincial politics, municipal politics and social policy, and made important contributions to projects at the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations at Queen's University, and to public policy and debates related to his research. The recipient of a number of awards and distinctions for both research and teaching, he is remembered with gratitude and affection by both colleagues and students. He is survived by his wife, Louise Gadbois, and two brothers, Bill and Don Young.

# The Grapevine

## Decades

### 1960s



**Dr Frederick Mulder** (1968) was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) on June 6 by the University of Saskatchewan in recognition of his lifelong contributions in the art world and to philanthropy. A native of the province, he took his first degree at the University of Saskatchewan, before going on to further study at Brown and Oxford Universities.

### 1970s

**Dr Paul McGrane** (1972) has been working for years on a book about the origins of Christianity. *The Christian Fallacy* was published by Red Door in hardback and as an e-book on 20 July 2017. His website, [www.paulmcgrane.co.uk](http://www.paulmcgrane.co.uk), tells more about the book, and how to order a copy.

**Professor Jiro Shibata** (1974) is the creator of two educational card games. One helps to develop an understanding of the relationship between DNA and amino acids, a fundamental concept in biology. The second is based on the elements in the periodic table. Both games were published by the Japan Society for Advancement of Inventions. **Mrs Yuriko Shibata** (1974) kindly donated game sets to the College when she visited Oxford this past summer. Please contact [shibata@sai.org](mailto:shibata@sai.org) if you want to know details or to access them.

**Dr Sidney Bailin** (1975) is delighted that his CD, 16-2-60-N-5, is being reissued as part of a box set called *What are they Doing to that Piano*: <http://navonarecords.com/epk/whataretheydoing/>, which also includes compositions by John Cage.

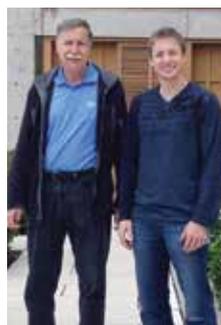
**Renee Reznik** (1975), originally from South Africa, has released a new CD of South African piano music, most of it specially composed for Renee by leading South African composers. We were privileged that Renee, now living in the UK, was our pianist at the 50th Anniversary visit to 'Old Linacre' in autumn 2012. Entitled 'From my Beloved Country', and released on the *Prima Facie* label, you may listen to excerpts on her website: [www.reneereznik.com](http://www.reneereznik.com)



Congratulations to **Dr Annis May Timpson** (1977), who has been appointed Director of Education and Senior Tutor at St John's College, Cambridge. She will be directly responsible for academic strategy and policy at St John's and will oversee both the education and welfare of students at the College. A former Director of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh, Dr Timpson is a leading UK authority on contemporary Canada, and its relations with its Indigenous communities. Prior to becoming a Fellow at St John's, she was a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London.

**Professor David Simon** (1979) gave the keynote lecture at the MSc Sustainable Urban Development dinner at Kellogg College, Oxford on Tuesday 13 June 2017. The title was 'The challenges of transdisciplinary knowledge co-creation for sustainable urban futures'.

### 1980s



**Roger Brideau** (1980) completed his MSc in Immunology at the Dunn School, and his son, **Nicholas Brideau**, was also a member of the Linacre Common Room during his Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Biochemistry (2010-15). Roger is now a retired medical microbiologist and Nick is on the staff at the Salk Institute in California, where this photo was taken.



**Dr Lillian Schanfield, Ph.D.** (1988) retired from Barry University in Miami, USA after 43 years of service in the English Department and was granted Professor Emerita of English status. While at Linacre, she did a degree in Anthropology. She recently received the Delta Award from Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society. She continues to do some lecturing and volunteers in an adult illiteracy program.

### 1990s

**Professor Susan Forsburg** (1990, JRF) was the recipient of the 2016 *Nature* Award for Mentoring in recognition of her longstanding commitment to supporting and encouraging young scientists. She is Gabilan Distinguished Professor in Science and Engineering and Professor of Biological Sciences at The University of Southern California (USC).

Congratulations to **Professor Abigail Williams** (1995), Professor of Eighteenth Century English Literature at Oxford, on the publication of *The Social Life of Books: Reading Together in the Eighteenth Century Home* by Yale University Press. Through extensive research she has pieced together a fascinating picture of how books were used and shared, and what this reveals about domestic life and society in 18th century England. Readers may remember her article in *Linacre News 43* about the culture of reading aloud in Georgian England. Abigail has also recently become a Trustee of the Geffrye Museum of the Home in London.

Congratulations to **Dr Zoë Morrison** (1999), who has won the 2017 Australian Literary Society (ALS) Gold Medal for her first novel, *Music and Freedom*. Her book also received the 2016 Readings Prize for New Australian fiction.

**Dr Brian Trummer** (1999) recently moved to the Washington, DC area to begin a Neurology clinical trials fellowship at NIH (National Institutes of Health) and FDA (Food and Drug Administration).

# The Grapevine

## 2000s

Congratulations to **Dr Lea Berrang Ford** (2000), who has been awarded the Canada Research Chair in Global Health and Environmental Change. CRCs are granted to 'outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields.'

**Dr Jonathan Withey** (2000) has recently been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Science & Technology at Mount Royal University in Calgary. An organic chemist whose work includes medical applications for organic molecules he had, since 2004, been on the faculty of MacEwan University.

**Dr Amy Caruso Brown** (2006) returned to Oxford for a month over the summer as the Andrew Markus Visiting Scholar at the University's Ethox Centre. She is Assistant Professor of Bioethics and Humanities and Pediatrics at the State University of New York (SUNY).

Congratulations to **Dr Alexandra Littaye** (2012), who has won the 2017 Oxford Idea Idol with her start-up company, Azure, which markets pinole, a highly nutritious and gluten-free product of blue corn produced by indigenous Mexican communities. The company seeks to share this ancient Aztec recipe with the world, as well as enable these rural communities to support themselves and their way of life. To learn more, see <https://www.azurefoods.uk/>

EMBA alumnus **Toshiaki Nishi** (2013) has been appointed to the Board of Directors of FIAMM Energy Technology SpA, a joint venture between Hitachi Chemical Corporation and FIAMM SpA, recently formed to maximize synergistic benefits in the global automotive and industrial lead-acid batteries markets. Toshiaki's principal function in the Vicenza based Italian-Japanese company is Chief Vice-President for Corporate Management.

## Cheering tale of poetic justice



Chances are that you have heard the recent news story about the feisty young female cyclist who, enraged to find her stolen bike listed 'for sale' on Facebook, posed as a potential 'buyer' and then cycled off, leaving the thief bamboozled and empty-handed. It was the sort of tale that warms the heart of every cyclist or individual who is fed up with

being the victim of such anti-social behaviour, so it is not surprising that the story went viral on social media. What you may not have realised is that the plucky cyclist is a Linacre Old Member – **Jenni Morton-Humphreys** (2015). Three cheers to Jenni, who successfully pulled off what most of us only accomplish in our imagination.

## Advancing Linacre

### Ruth & Nevill Mott Scholarships

We extend our warm thanks to Dr Michael & Mrs Alice Crampin, for generously making new funds available for these two scholarships, named for Alice's parents, who were grandparents of **Dr Cecily Crampin** (1998). The scholarships have each been funded for another three years.

### Long Service awards

You may have seen, from time to time in *Linacre News*, pictures of staff celebrating 10, 20, or even 30 years' service to College. This is a great college, and staff are highly reluctant to leave! **Dr James Busuttill** (1990) has kindly donated £5,000 which will annually endow the traditional celebrations for these anniversaries, named the **Sapphire Jubilee Fund** in honour of the Queen's 65 years on the throne. We are most grateful to James.

### Dining Hall tables

Quite a few items have generously been named at Linacre over the last few years, mainly chairs – in our Dining Hall, Small Dining Room, and Library. Book Collections, too, bear the names of various College members and friends. And the latest items are our 14 Dining Hall tables. In the same material and font as the chair plaques, the table plaques honour a variety of Linacre friends, including Lt Col. Patrick Heffernan, Domestic Bursar 2001 – 2010, whose table has been named by 31 former students; these gifts were so substantial that, with the agreement of donors, the Patrick Heffernan Hardship Fund (supporting students with family needs) has also been augmented. **Stuart Allen**, **Dr Aaron Kahn**, and **Dr Mandana Namdar** (all 2001) spearheaded this initiative from former students from Patrick's 'era'.



Warm thanks are offered to all table donors. A complete list of named items in College is available from Reception or in the Nadel Room. In effect these provide an impressive potted history of Linacre, so if you have 30 minutes or so to spare, we recommend coffee and a copy of our named list, in a quiet corner of College.

# The Grapevine

## Marriages



**Dr Rob Noble** (2009) and **Meleesa Naughton** (2010) were officially married on 13 May 2017 in a small family ceremony in the village of Le Tholy, eastern France, which is the home of Meleesa's maternal family. A later weekend celebration was held in Aveyron, southern France, and included around 20 Linacre Old Members. In true Linacre style, there was a Friday night ceilidh, and lots more dancing the following night.



**Philemon Gyasi-Antwi** (2012) and Sarah Ago Acheampong were married on 7 January 2017 in Ghana. The couple now live in Nottingham where Philemon is completing his PhD in Immunology at the University of Nottingham.

## Births



**Dr Thabit Al-Murani** (1997) and **Dr Kate Hibbs** (2003) are thrilled to announce the birth of Ruby Al-Murani on 31 August 2017 at 9:56pm in New York, weighing 7lbs 2oz – a little sister for Henry.



**Dr Chris Cooper** (1998) and Dr Lisa Cooper welcomed Struan David Campbell Cooper in the hottest week of the year, but they have now moved to the cooler climes of Huddersfield where Chris is a Senior Lecturer at the University. Struan is already very tall, so Chris hopes he will follow his

Dad in winning blades in rowing at Linacre!



**Gemma Prescott** (1999) and Oliver Borgnis are thrilled to announce the birth of William Ferdinand Borgnis on 19 July weighing 7lb 14oz. They, and his older brother Thomas, are over the moon.



**Nicola Hollinshead** (2003) and her husband Sam Hardy are very happy to announce the birth of her second daughter, Jessica Sophie on 12 December 2016 in Singapore. She is pictured with her 5 year old sister, Julia Kate.

## Births continued



**Dr Laura Droessler-Dansie** (2009) and **Dr Andrew Dansie** (2012) are very happy to share the arrival of Felix who was born in the JR on 26 May weighing 3.850 kg.



**Julia Jawtusich** (2009) and Hoang Hac Dinh van welcomed the birth of their second child, Lennon Luan, on 23 November 2016 – a brother for Jana.



**Rommel Romato** (2010) and Dr Nizhreen Romato are very delighted to announce the birth of their second child, Ihsan Romato, in September 2016 at St Mary's Hospital, London. Seen here at 5 months with his proud parents and sister, Ihsan is now a healthy and lively one-year-old.



**Dr Justin Young-Chan Choi** (2011) and **Dr Imogen Sutton** (2011), who married in 2014, are now the happy parents of their first child, Mary Inhae, born November 2016.



**George Guszcza** (2011) and **Karole Fristensky** (2011) are so happy to share the news of the arrival of their daughter, Julia Park Guszcza, on 19 February 2017. She was a healthy 20.5" and 7lb 2oz with a full head of hair!



**Frank Fredericks** (2015) and his wife, Medina del Castillo Fredericks, are happy to announce the birth of Astor Tareq del Castillo Fredericks on 11 July 2017.



**Dr Giulia Liberatore** (Linacre JRF) and Micheál O'Floinn are delighted to announce that Fionn Liberatore O'Floinn arrived punctually on his due date on 28 June 2017 weighing 3.43kg.

# Sporting Linacre

A number of Linacre students participate in sports at the Varsity level, often winning a coveted 'blue'. Here are some of their stories.

## Hannah Patel, OUWLRC, full blue

'**Lightweight Women's Rowing** is probably one of the most unknown of the Blues Rowing Teams. Our Varsity Match is a Boat Race at Henley the week before our more famous open-weight counterparts. To race we must all weigh-in at under 59 kg individually on the morning of the race. This year, like all of the Oxford women rowers, we lost to the Tabs. However, we came back fighting, and won the Championship Lightweight Women's 8 at BUCS (Europe's largest student regatta), in a nail-biting final against Exeter University. Both crews were neck and neck until the final 500-400 metres when Oxford found an extra gear and finished a length up. This victory also earned me my full Blue. Lightweight women's rowing is a discretionary full blue: you must either win your boat race or a Championship medal at BUCS. I learned to row at Linacre and I have so much to thank Linacre Boat Club for. Without the commitment and passionate squad I am a part of at Linacre I never would have dreamed of racing in a boat race for Oxford. Winning two blades with Linacre Boat Club at Torpids really inspired me and drove me forward. We missed out on Summer Eights blades this year, in a tragic near-miss on the Saturday, but I'll be back to right those wrongs in my final bumps race next year!'

## Annette Wagner, Rock 'n' Roll, Varsity winning team



Annette is holding her partner

**Annette Wagner** (MSc candidate in History of Science, Medicine and Technology) was a first-year member of the Oxford Rock 'n' Roll Team. At the Varsity match in May, she and her partner Charlotte Schofield, the only same-sex couple in the whole competition, came third best newcomer couple and fifth overall. The team from Oxford won in all major categories including best Varsity couple, best overall couple and best newcomer couple. Cambridge was a worthy adversary in all subdivisions apart from the formation, which was uncontested.

## Ashley Tsai, OUWPC, half blue

**Water Polo** 'Some details don't matter in the end! Oxford lost to Cambridge at the 2017 women's water polo Varsity match, but what I will remember is how the team bonded, improved, and supported each other at the match (when all three Oxford teams – two men's, one women's – cheered their lungs out for each other) and in the weeks preceding it. All the struggles and triumphs in the many training sessions we shared as a team: these are the memories that will last!'

## James King, Motorsport, Varsity winning team

Linacre student James King (2016, DTP in Environmental Research) is currently President of the Oxford University Motor Drivers' Club. Following a highly successful season in the British Universities Karting Championship in which Oxford drivers achieved a number of podium finishes and race wins, the team headed to Buckmore Park circuit in Kent to defend their Varsity crown. The torrential rain made for extremely challenging conditions, as the high performance karts (which in the dry can accelerate to 60mph, as fast as an Aston Martin) struggled for grip on slick tyres. The conditions nevertheless favoured the strongest Oxford team in recent history, and the Varsity Trophy returned once more to the Dark Blues with a final score of 62-39.



Matt Diffey

James is number 25

## Claudia Hill, Women's football, full blue



James Robson

Claudia is jumping!

Oxford women won their third consecutive Varsity football match against Cambridge. Details about the match are here: <https://www.varsity.co.uk/sport/12612>

## Vassilis Ragoussis, OUBC, full blue, Boat race stroke

Linacre student **Vassilis Ragoussis** made it through the demanding training and selection regime to win a coveted spot stroking the OUBC crew in the 2017 Boat Race. Oxford won the 163rd encounter by one-and-a-quarter lengths after a close race in fast condition. The winning time of 16.59 minutes was the eighth fastest of all time.

While just about everyone will have seen the photo of the victorious Oxford crew on the winners' podium, here is his favourite photo of the day – Vassilis with his medal, and his family.



# Sporting Linacre

## COLLEGE SPORTS UPDATE

### Linacre football team

Linacre Football team had a great year again, finishing 2nd in Division 1 in the MCR league, and making the semi-final in cuppers. Congratulations to out-going captain **Glenn Jones!**



### Linacre Rowing – Summer regatta winners

LCBC Summer rowing is always a big success. Last year the women's squad smashed the summer regattas, but this year the men's squad did! They won in the novice coxed 4+ (Nov.4+) in Bewdley Regatta and right after won Intermediate 3 coxed 4+(IM3.4+) in Maidenhead Regatta, proudly bringing two pots to LCBC.



L-R: Stefan Hubner, Nick Thomas, Katarzyna Anna Habu, Thees Spreckelsen and Felix Schupp

LCBC also have winners in Novice double scull (Nov.2x) from the City of Oxford Royal Regatta on 19 August. Pictured L-R, **Vassilis Ragoussis** and **Marcos Calo Medina** brought two more pots to LCBC from home ground.



Ashley Tsai

### Summer Eights 2017

Linacre boat club entered a W1, W2, M1 and M2. Between these four crews and over the four days of bumps racing, LCBC only got bumped once. Furthermore W1 narrowly missed out on blades, bumping three times and rowing over once. Ashley Tsai took some terrific photos, one of which was shown on the University's homepage for a while!

Thanks go to all the Linacre sports men and women who contributed stories to this page, and especially to the Linacre Common Room Sports Rep, **Jaeyoung Lee**, who worked hard to ensure these achievements were recognised.

### Fun run for charities

This past year Linacre students also participated in sporting events, such as a 5km Fun Run organised by **Emma Ainsley**, to raise money for charity. The 11 runners, 9 of whom were from Linacre, raised over £550 for the seven Linacre Common Room charities.

### Facebook

Love it, loathe it, or even pretend it doesn't exist, Facebook is an ongoing feature of life in 2017. So for those who welcome social media, this is to remind you that we have a dedicated Old Members' Facebook page, and sub-groups to date for: African Network; Hong Kong; New York; Washington DC. If you would like to set up a new sub-group, please let us know. We do need one Old Member to be a contact point for each group. **kirsty.scott@linacre.ox.ac.uk**