

# Brazen Notes

## Summer of Successes at BNC

The academic year 2016-17 saw Brasenose College maintain seventh place in the Norrington Table for the second year running. Our undergraduates achieved a fantastic 38 first class degrees in the schools, as well as 58 second class degrees. No BNC undergraduate achieved anything less than a second-class degree. This amazing success is evidence of the dedication of our students and the leadership of our world-class academics.

Amy Wolstenholme, a second-year biochemist, says: "I have had an incredible first year at Brasenose; I have met so many inspiring people, made lovely friends, tried out new activities, but, most importantly, have fallen more and more in love with my chosen subject."

Amy is one of the 25% of Brasenose College's UK undergraduates who receives some kind of financial support from our Annual Fund: currently all students from households with a collective earning of less than £42,000.

The Brasenose Annual Fund is supported entirely by donations from alumni and friends, and provides a financial buffer to support the College's aim for academic excellence. It funds bursaries for students based on need, and those in immediate hardship.

This year, Brasenose College's alumni and friends contributed over £500,000 towards the Annual Fund. This is a new record for the College, and is a testament to the desire of the BNC community to give students the best opportunity to thrive. If an endowment was needed to support this level of income, the College would have to find £14 million.



The most common gift to the Annual Fund is £20 per month; many alumni and friends from around the world have given what they can to make the dream of BNC a reality for our students.

△ *Brasenose prides itself on attracting and admitting the most academically promising students in our society and supporting them throughout their studies at College.*



△ Amy Wolstenholme (Biochemistry, 2016)

Amy continues: "Thank you so much for funding student bursaries at Brasenose. Mine allowed me not to worry about finances, to concentrate on my studies, and helped me fund a summer project investigating DNA replication. I cannot properly express how much I appreciated the opportunity to put theoretical techniques into practice, to make new discoveries and present them to others, and to discuss cutting-edge science with those in the field – it was invaluable."

To find out more about the Annual Fund, please go to this link: <http://bit.do/BNCAnnualFund>

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# The Fellowship: Interviewed

The latest in our series of interviews with academic staff sees **Richard Lofthouse** of **Oxford Today** speak to Professor Geoff Bird, Tutorial Fellow in Experimental Psychology at Brasenose.

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## Message of hope for people with autism

Professor Geoff Bird is a bit late and profusely apologetic. Unlike many Tutorial Fellows at Oxford, he does not have a room lined with walls of books. He has barely had time to turn the lights on since moving to Oxford at the start of 2017, hitting the deck running in the middle of an academic year.

The larger reason, I suggest, is that he's a man with a mission, given that Oxford wants to be better known for its autism research. 'Yes, I want to establish it here – it means applying for funds, building a database of volunteers for experiments, and acquiring the testing facilities we need. It won't happen overnight.'

Assuming all that was in place, I ask rhetorically, what then? He replies by noting a particularly satisfying experiment he conducted in 2010, that proved, with brain scanning (functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging is the full term, fMRI), that you can be diagnosed with autism but still show empathy. Equally and just as importantly, the experiment showed that non-autistics may lack empathy in a condition called alexithymia.

Alexithymia affects roughly 8% of the general population, says Bird. Autism affects 1% of the population. 'Alexithymia and autism are completely independent of each other,' he says, '...yet even now we are told time and again that autistic people lack empathy.'

Of course some do, but many do not, and this is really important because it has large consequences for how they are treated by society and whether, for a practical example, they can volunteer their time or find work.'

The difficulty with alexithymia, Bird explains, is that it's a newish concept having only emerged in the very late 1970s, and even then on the couches of therapists, 'a psycho-dynamic Freudian thing...' So to this day it does not appear in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association. Only in the past fifteen years have more established cognitive neuroscience studies been conducted on alexithymia, including Bird's experiment of 2010.

'Ask anyone in the field,' says Bird, 'what characterises autism, and they'll say a lack of empathy. An autistic person can't recognise



△ Geoff Bird is challenging our perceptions of autism and offers a message of real hope to those living with the condition and their families.

emotions. Sometimes they can't engage in moral reasoning. We think that's completely wrong. Completely inaccurate.'

About half the autistic population have alexithymia, when they have difficulty determining which emotion they're feeling. 'They're not sure if they're sad, angry or afraid – a moderate level of alexithymia – or at a more severe level they might not be able to distinguish between having an emotion and feeling hungry, for instance. What we've shown is that the supposed emotional deficits of autism are actually due to alexithymia.'

What follows is of great significance for society's treatment of autistic individuals, but Bird is at pains to note that this theory has not been proven beyond doubt, but rather that he and certain colleagues have been working hard on defining alexithymia, and that they believe they have the

explanation. 'We wondered if it [alexithymia] rested on a failure of something called interoception, a term that refers to a person's understanding of their internal state.'

He explains how interoception refers to how good you are at working out that you are hungry, or that your heart is racing, what makes you 'feel an itch' or 'feel an achy muscle'. He describes these as 'very specific anatomical pathways. So then we wanted to establish whether alexithymic individuals had a really poor ability to monitor the state of their bodies and lots of research later, we believe this is the case. It would appear that the interoceptive system is abnormal in sufferers of alexithymia, so they misclassify these signals from their body. If they are stroked by a parent they might feel pain. This is important. It takes you straight back to sleeping difficulties and other sensory symptoms reported by some individuals with autism.'

Professor Bird believes that over the next two decades, assuming that he is broadly right about the role of interoception, it will lead to pharmacological modulation – which in lay language means medical cures.

Taking the very long view, he notes that the 1960s saw incredible advances in understanding of autism, but that since then there has been very little advance. Yes, he notes, there have been excellent cognitive theories about what autism might be. 'Yet for all that, we have no idea what the genes are for autism; we can't find the brain abnormality for autism. We have really struggled to find the problem to be solved.'

His broader message to the community is that 'individuals with autism are not unempathic, psychopathic monsters. This is really important. We can't be wrong about that one ... I have heard so many stories about people who simply cannot get jobs or even volunteer their time because of this damaging myth, which causes additional frustration for the parents of autistic individuals. Individuals with alexithymia are also not psychopaths of course, although they may struggle to understand emotions in a typical way.'

Asked what he'd recommend as reading for a lay audience who are curious, he immediately mentions his former colleague at the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience (ICN) at University College London (UCL), Professor Uta Frith. She is the author of OUP's *Autism: A Very Short Introduction*. He also recommends Steve Silberman's *Neurotribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity*, winner of the Samuel Johnson Prize in 2015.

While he is clear about his challenge at Oxford, to establish a reputation for excellence, he begins with one particular ally, Professor Russell Foster, also associated with Brasenose and Director of the Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology and Head of the Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience Institute.

So the research around interoception concerns the whole population and not just sufferers of known dysfunctions – and at that point Professor Bird grins for the camera – he has good reason to be excited by his subject, not least because it has the promise of huge impact across a large population.

*Professor Geoff Bird is Tutorial Fellow in Psychology at Brasenose College and Associate Professor in Experimental Psychology. His PhD work (which was supervised by Professor Cecilia Heyes at UCL), was on the mechanisms by which we imitate the actions of others. After this he moved to the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience at UCL, where he worked with Professors Chris and Uta Frith on Autism Spectrum Disorder. Since then he has worked at The Centre for Economic Learning and Social Evolution, and Birkbeck; then the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Neuroscience. He moved to Oxford in January 2017.*

# From the Archives

The cushions used in some of the pews in the College Chapel were recently identified by an expert from the V&A as dating from between 1666-1667. College Archivist **Helen Sumping** reports.



Until quite recently there were nine embroidered cushions in the Brasenose Chapel. The cushions show the arms of the founders of Brasenose – William Smyth, Bishop of Lincoln, and Sir Richard Sutton, a lawyer.

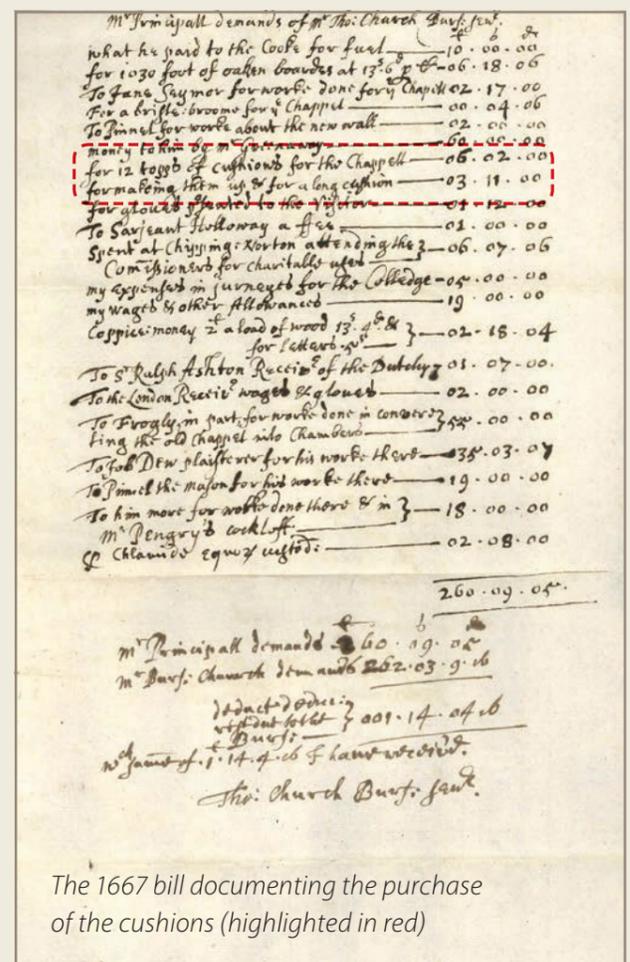
At the beginning of this year the cushions were removed for analysis, and were subsequently identified by an expert at the Victoria & Albert Museum as important examples of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Turkish work, and potentially of national significance.



◁▷ Bishop William Smyth's arms and his portrait, which hangs in Hall

After some brief research, we found a bill dating from 1667 (a year after the consecration of the Chapel), which appears to detail the purchase of the cushions. There is a payment of 6 pounds and 2 shillings 'for 12 toppes of cushions for the Chappell' and of 3 pounds 11 shillings 'for making them up [and] for a long cushion' (see the image of the bill to the right).

The bill suggests that there were originally 13 cushions – 12 standard size and one long cushion. The expert from the V&A suggested that the singular long cushion would have been placed in the centre of one of the Chapel's altar steps, with six smaller cushions either side for kneeling on. It is possible that they were made especially for the consecration of the Chapel, which took place in November 1666. The existence of the bill almost certainly confirms the provenance of the cushions, and this increases their value and significance.



The 1667 bill documenting the purchase of the cushions (highlighted in red)

Considering that they have been in use for 350 years, the cushions are in remarkably good condition, with only a few wax marks and some fading of the wool. However, in order to ensure their future preservation they have now been taken out of use and are kept in the brand new archive store, where environmental conditions can be closely monitored and their security can be guaranteed.



◁▷ Sir Richard Sutton's arms and his portrait, which hangs in Hall

# The Principal's Blog

BNC's Principal, John Bowers QC, keeps a blog of his thoughts and impressions of Oxford College life. We have gathered some snippets from the last few months to give you an insight into Brasenose's daily running. Read the full blog here:

[www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/about-brasenose/princblog](http://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/about-brasenose/princblog)



## April 2017

Suzanne [John's wife] and I had a very busy schedule visiting the East Coast of the USA accompanied by our excellent Development Director, Dr Liz Miller. It was a true whistle-stop tour taking in New York, Boston and Naples in Florida. We met many different alumni, of all ages and professions.

Whilst in Naples we followed the Oxford vs Cambridge Boat Race. We were thrilled that our own Jenna Hebert, a graduate student and a Rhodes Scholar, was selected for the women's boat race.

## May 2017

On Ascension Day (25th May) we had the ancient ceremony of 'Beating the Bounds' which I witnessed for the first time. Throughout the morning in my study I had heard sounds of singing and beating down Brasenose Lane. As well as beating, they also mark the stones with chalk so that we can be sure where the parish boundaries are (this was started before Google Maps). We then open the door connecting to Lincoln College once every year so that we can partake of the penitential Ivy Beer, which we did in warm sunshine. The origins of this tradition are contested, but it may recall a Brasenose man who was being pursued by a mob and tried to flee into Lincoln, but Lincoln refused to let him through and he was killed by the mob.

## June 2017

**Diane Coyle (PPE, 1978)**, a Professor of Economics at the University of Manchester, addressed a Principal's Conversation on the 1st June about the economic effect of Brexit. Diane is a former economics editor of *The Independent* and former advisor to the Treasury. She specialises in competition analysis and the economics of new technologies and globalisation, including extensive work on the impacts of mobile telephony in developing countries.

We had a very busy day on 7th June, even by Brasenose standards. It started with a breakfast talk by **Professor Graham Richards (Chemistry, 1958)** at the London office of Powell Gilbert in Fleet Street. Graham (an alumnus of the College and then a Tutorial Fellow in Chemistry for many years) gave an excellent and witty account of what he called his "lucky" life and described his entrepreneurial activities as well as his scientific career. His talk included a fascinating account of how Brasenose became one of the first colleges to admit women.

Later that day, **Kate Allen (PPE, 1974)** spoke to the PPE Society about refugees. She has been Director of Amnesty International UK since 2000 and before that was at the Refugee Council, so she was in a perfect position to tell of the five million refugees in the world, the biggest crisis since World War II.

Congratulations to Professor Daniela Bortoletto who has been awarded an Equality and Diversity Award in the Best Initiative category for "the development of the annual Conference of Undergraduate Women in Physics, and for engaging and inspiring undergraduate women from across the United Kingdom".

## September 2017



△ *The Library's new spiral staircase.*

The finishing touches are being made to the new spiral staircase (left) between new Reading Room in Old Cloisters and the main Library above. We again thank our generous donors for their tremendous support. Work has already started to prepare for expansion of Lecture Room XI in 2018-19 thanks to the gift of the Amersi Foundation. This should be a brilliant year for Brasenose. We all look forward to it.

A particular welcome goes out to our new Fellow in Ancient Philosophy who joins from Princeton, Simon Shogry, and our new Chaplain, the Reverend Julia Baldwin, who joins from Canterbury.

Suzanne and I visited several alumni over the summer in Italy and France. In September, we toured Los Angeles and San Francisco. Amongst other fascinating people, we caught up with **Owain Yeoman (English, 1996)**, an actor from Wales. We also met **Lionel Wigram (Modern Languages, 1981)** who produced the last four Harry Potter films. We also had a fantastic party hosted by **Kurt Beyer (PPE, 1990)**. I am sure that we will visit again in the near future.

While on the trip, we were delighted to learn that Oxford has been declared the world's greatest university, once again.

## October 2017

I was pleased to address both undergraduate and graduate freshers.

In our graduate community we welcomed students from 46 countries including 11 from Australia, 10 from Canada, 18 from China, 23 from Germany, 9 from the Netherlands and 121 from the UK. Of the 120 fresher graduates, 19 are continuing their studies at the College.

Our cohort of undergraduate freshers has extraordinary diversity; we welcomed 4 from South Korea, 3 from India and 3 from Belgium. The proportion of UK applicants who attended state schools is 64%. It is good news that across Oxford three of the Office for Fair Access targets have been met, namely increasing the proportion of UK students from schools and colleges which have had limited progression to Oxford; increasing the proportion of UK students from socio-economically disadvantaged areas; and increasing the proportion of UK students from neighbourhoods with low participation in higher education.

# Your News

This is where we share your news, whether it is an award, personal achievement, a new baby, job, or just an update on how you are getting on – we want to hear it! If you would like your news to be included in the next issue, email us at

**development.office@bnc.ox.ac.uk.**

**Chris Keylock (Geography, 1991)**, with colleagues from the universities of Southampton and Melbourne, won the 2017 Fluid Dynamics Research Prize for their joint work on turbulent boundary-layer structure.

To **Nick Warrington (Economics & Management, 2003)** and **Jodie Warrington (née Howard, Modern History, 2003)**, a daughter, Georgia Katherine, born 16th October, 2016.

**Rachel Harrison (English Language & Literature, 1990)**: "I have a new job: I'm now Digital & Marketing Manager for Raymond Blanc OBE, working at his Michelin-starred country hotel and restaurant Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in the countryside just outside Oxford."

**Claire Hogben (Biochemistry, 2009)** married **Henry White (Mathematics, 2009)** on 30th April, 2017. They met at Brasenose in their first year, and two BNC alumni acted as their best men.

**Victor Keegan (PPE, 1960)** recently published his fifth poetry book – *London My London* – featuring over 80 poems about the capital. Now retired after 47 years at *The Guardian*, he writes regularly about London at [www.LondonMyLondon.co.uk](http://www.LondonMyLondon.co.uk) and about UK vineyards at [www.victorkeegan.com](http://www.victorkeegan.com)

**Joseph Marshall (Chemistry, 2006)** married **Hannah Lewis (English Language & Literature, 2006)** at Hornsey Parish Church, St Mary with St George, on 25th August 2017.

**Stephen Lee (Physics, 1964)**: "Over the last few years, some of the 1964 BNC physicists have met up at the celebratory lunches held at the College in March. As I wasn't able to attend this year, I arranged a get-together for us at my home in August.

Some of us hadn't seen each other for 50 years since we graduated in 1967; however, the years didn't seem that long once we got chatting and passing old photographs around!



△ From left to right: **Brian Leeming, Stephen Lee, Derek Sage, Simon Curry, Rod Harford** and their partners at the 1964 Physics reunion.

Simon Curry came the furthest: he had flown in from Boston the previous day. Tony Garratt-Reed, who also lives in the US, couldn't make it, and neither could Paul Reynolds due to family commitments.

As you can see from the photograph the weather was kind to us, and we are already discussing the next reunion – it needs to be considerably quicker than another 50 years!"

**Edward Brown (PPE, 1998)**: "I moved to Buckinghamshire with my family in 2016, and this year have had a second son – Arthur George Edmund Brown, born on the 26th August 2017, a younger brother to Henry (aged three)."

## Brasenose Women Recognised in Birthday Honours List

Released on Friday 16th June, the Queen's Birthday Honours List recognises the achievements of extraordinary people from across the UK. Among this year's recipients were four alumnae of Brasenose who serve the country in a diverse range of fields.

**Professor Polly Arnold OBE (Chemistry, 1990)** is Crum Brown Chair of Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh. She was awarded an OBE for services to Chemistry and women in STEM.

**Professor Emily Jackson OBE (Jurisprudence, 1986)** is Professor of Law and Vice Chair of the Academic Board at London School of Economics. She was awarded an OBE for services to Education.

**Alexandra Marks CBE (Jurisprudence, 1977)** is Crown Court Recorder, Criminal Cases Review Commissioner, Judicial Appointments Commissioner and Chair of the Prisoner's Education Trust. She was awarded a CBE for public service.

**Lucinda Riches CBE (PPE, 1980)** is Non-Executive Director in the UK for Financial Investments. She was awarded a CBE for services to British industry, charity, and financial services.

Brasenose is enormously proud of its Old Members; such inspirational people who have effected vast levels of change in their areas of specialism and in their own communities.

## Brasenose Students Remembered

On Saturday 13th June, there was a ceremony to dedicate a tree, donated by Dr Rowena E Archer and planted in the Deer Park, in memory of **Matt Carver (Modern History, 2004)** and **Kieran Keel (History & Modern Languages, 2012)**. Matt passed away in 2008, the day after his marriage to Nicola Godfrey, following a heroic battle with leukaemia. Kieran died in a tragic accident in College in 2014. Both families attended – Hilary and Teresa Carver with Matt's sisters, Abi and Emily, and Barry and Dita Keel – as well as many friends. There was a moving service in the College chapel with tributes being paid to both students by Professor Abigail Green and Dr Rowena Archer, and the tree was then blessed by the Chaplain, the Reverend Judith Brown. Whilst the event brought back everyone's sadness, there is now a permanent memorial to two wonderful BNC historians on the College site.

The two families ▶ of Matt Carver and Kieran Keel.

Left to right: Barry Keel, Hilary Carver, Teresa Carver, Dita Keel, Abi Carver, Emily Carver.



# Arts & Sports

## The Brasenose Strollers' Cricket Tour to North Devon, 2017

The Brasenose Strollers have made an annual cricket tour to North Devon since 1923, and it is believed to be one of the oldest of all English cricket tours. The core of the squad are BNC alumni, boosted by additional players who usually have an Oxford connection. It has long been a fine standard bearer of Brasenose College in the West Country, and 2017 was no exception.

**Robert Peel (Modern Languages, 1984)** reports.

The Strollers 2017 tour followed its traditional format, consisting of five consecutive days of cricket, including three days at Instow – one of the most beautiful cricket grounds anywhere – sandwiched on the North Devon coast between the estuaries of the Rivers Torridge and Taw. The emphasis is always on fun and fellowship, but with a healthy competitive spirit in the best traditions of a good standard of touring cricket. The Brasenose Strollers squad has long blended experience (i.e. age) with more youthful talent, including current and recent BNC students. To the fore this year were **Richard Sykes (Medicine, 2009)** who opened the bowling with pace and accuracy, finishing joint leading wicket taker, and **Alex Thomas (Medicine, 2015)** who kept wicket outstandingly and scored some sparkling runs. As always, tour captain **Chris Townsend (Classics, 1991)** marshalled the tourists with great skill, and tour manager **Peter Aylott (Biochemistry, 1984)** organised off field matters with military precision.

The tour opened on Monday 7th August with a game against the Devon Dumplings at the Exeter County Ground which was abandoned after an hour and a half as the rain settled in. The following day, the Strollers opened their account with a comfortable victory at the ever popular Westward

Hol cricket ground, situated next to the beach, go-kart track and amusement arcade. Wednesday 9th August at Instow witnessed an excellent game against the North Devon Cricket Club which went to the last ball of the match as the hosts ran out winners by two runs. On Thursday 10th August the Strollers played two matches at Instow against fellow tourists, the Shrewsbury Saracens; the first, a 20/20 game, was won by the Saracens after which the Strollers triumphed in a 35 over game. And finally, on the Friday, the Strollers produced a handsome victory against North Devon Cricket Club to end the tour on a high note.

On the social side, visits to various local hostelries took their toll on the energy levels of the Strollers as the week wore on. As a nod to the Old College, jugs of Bacardi and Coke ("BNC") were consumed in addition to more usual beverages. Some of the older squad members were joined by their families as the week wore on, so that by the end there were more than 30 Strollers players and family members enjoying the lovely surroundings.



△ Back row left to right: Vicki Peel, Joe Lloyd, Roly Peel, David Townsend, Alex Thomas (Medicine, 2015), James Finch, Robert Peel (Modern Languages, 1984), Roland Turnill (Jurisprudence, 1991) and Tim de Putron.

Front row: Emily Peel, George Peel, Richard Sykes (Medicine, 2009), Chris Townsend (Classics, 1991), Richard East (Classics, 1961), Peter Aylott (Biochemistry, 1984) and Duncan Wethey (Classics, 1991)

Sitting: Lydia Townsend, Charlie, Oscar and Ben Turnhill

Should you be interested in joining the Brasenose Strollers on next year's tour (which starts on Monday 6th August 2018), please contact Peter Aylott on [aylottpeter@aol.com](mailto:aylottpeter@aol.com). Current and recent BNC students are particularly welcome.

## The King's Hall Trust for the Arts

Committed to education, especially in drama and music, **Paul Burgess (English, 1993)** tells us about the Trust which aims to support the arts in Oxford.

The King's Hall Trust for the Arts was set up in 1996 by many of the same group of BNC undergraduates that ran the first Arts Week. It supports projects across all art forms by providing grants or loans, as well as also occasionally giving advice. Most of these projects are run by Oxford students, and we favour those that are artistically ambitious, want to develop new skills or have a formal educational impact. We also prefer smaller projects where our money will make a significant difference.

In the early days, the vast majority of applications were for drama projects, whereas now an increasing proportion of applications are for films. We have also funded art exhibitions, poetry

and concerts. We have strong links to BNC: we have often supported aspects of Arts Week, and prioritise projects by current BNC students. All our donors, and our Trustees, are BNC alumni.

The Trust recently marked its 21st birthday and we would like to involve more Alumni in our work. We would particularly like to hear from those who participated in the Arts whilst at BNC or who are now working in creative industries. So if you would like to find out more about how you can help support student arts projects, or if you would like to apply for funding, our website is [www.khta.org.uk](http://www.khta.org.uk), our Facebook page is [fb.me/KingsHallTrust](https://www.facebook.com/KingsHallTrust) and our email is [info@khta.org.uk](mailto:info@khta.org.uk).



△ From left to right: Nick Herbert, Paul Burgess, Mia Bennett, Ellie Keel and Rikesh Shah.

The current trustees are **Mia Bennett (Mathematics, 1993)**, **Paul Burgess (English, 1993)**, **Nick Herbert (Mathematics, 1993)**, **Ellie Keel (Modern Languages, 2010)**, **Stephen Kyberd (Engineering, 2010)**, **Liz Owen (PPE, 1993)** and **Rikesh Shah (Mathematics, 1993)**.

# Photo Gallery

The summer saw many BNC alumni events take place. Here are some pictures from these reunions and College events.



See our Flickr site for the full events photo gallery:  
[www.flickr.com/photos/bnc\\_members/albums](http://www.flickr.com/photos/bnc_members/albums)



△ In June we welcomed back to College Old Members who matriculated between 1977 and 1979 – some of whom were celebrating 40 years since leaving Brasenose! Thank you all for coming and making it such a special occasion.

"The Gaudy was great fun and I was so happy in particular to meet up with **Fiona Turton (née Elsted-Collins, Geography, 1979)**, as we hadn't seen each other since 1980. It turned out to be an eventful reunion however, and ended up with the need for a 'get well' card!

Several people will remember seeing me shuffling along, scuffing my new high heeled shoes on the flagstones in New Quad early on the Friday evening before chapel. The high heeled shoes had such slippery soles that I was scared that I might fall. What happened the following afternoon was therefore particularly galling because I was wearing sensible shoes when I did fall on the Saturday as I left BNC.

I landed on the cobbles that are set upended in concrete between the pavement and the grass around the Radcliffe Camera. A first aider from BNC that I'd been chatting to a few moments earlier came out and assessed me and then phoned for a taxi to take me to hospital. They x-rayed my foot and discovered a fracture but I pleaded to be allowed to go home for treatment and, to cut a long story short, ended up having an operation at the Leeds General Infirmary.

I don't think this will put me off attending another Gaudy - although I have been sat for two calendar months with my left foot in the air, not allowed even to put a toe of that foot to the floor!

Next time I'll be the one in the cocktail dress and clumpy, flat, walking boots!"

**Karen Lamb (née Jones, Education, 1979)**



△ In early June, the Brasenose Society Committee President, **Harry Nicholson (PPE, 1982)**, hosted a Summer Party at his offices in London, with spectacular views over the Thames. Alumni of all ages joined us for a wonderful evening.



△ In July, the Brasenose 1509 Society held a Summer Party in London to thank alumni who generously donate £1,509 or more a year to College.

△ At the end of July, we hosted our Annual Garden Party for alumni and their families. They enjoyed music, face painting, and Pimm's. An excellent day was had by all, despite the wet weather!



△ It was a delight to welcome back 1988 and 1989 matriculands on a pleasingly warm autumnal night at the end of September.

# Save the Date

## Forthcoming Events in 2018

### Breakfast with Brasenose:

#### Professor Richard Cooper

Wednesday 10th January, 7.30am  
Deloitte, Stonecutter Court,  
1 Stonecutter Street, London, EC4A 4TR  
Free

### Platnauer Concert

#### with Ziyu He (violin) & Nicola Eimer

Friday 2nd February, 6pm  
College Chapel  
Free

### Gaudy for 1967-69 matriculands

Friday 16th March, 6pm  
College  
Free, £35 for accommodation for the night

### Golden Jubilee Lunch for 1959-1968

#### matriculands

Friday 13th April, 12.30pm  
College  
£35 per person, guests welcome

### Diamond Jubilee Lunch for matriculands from 1958 & before

Friday 4th May, 12.30pm  
College  
£35 per person, guests welcome

### Platnauer Concert

#### with The David Rees-Williams Trio

Friday 11th May, 6pm  
College Chapel  
Free

### Gaudy for 1986-87 matriculands

Friday 22nd June, 6pm  
College  
Free, £35 for accommodation for the night

### 1509 Society Summer Party

Thursday 28th June, 6.30pm  
C Hoare & Co., 37 Fleet St, London, EC4P 4DQ

Go to [www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/alumni/events](http://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/alumni/events) for an up-to-date list of our upcoming events, and to book for any events coming up in the next 6 months.

To update your contact details using our online alumni community, visit our alumni pages at: [www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/alumni)



### Brasenose Society Drinks at the O&C Club

Every month during the academic year, the Brasenose Society hosts after-work drinks for alumni at the Oxford and Cambridge Club on Pall Mall in London. All are welcome to attend with guests for free. Please note the dress code for the Club is Jacket and Tie/Business Wear.

All O&C Drinks start from 6.30pm. The upcoming dates for 2018 are:

- Tuesday 9th January
- Tuesday 6th February
- Tuesday 6th March
- Tuesday 3rd April
- Tuesday 1st May



The Brasenose Society held its Annual Alumni Dinner on Saturday 16th September, which was a great success and saw us welcoming back to College matriculands from a wide range of years.

## Contact Us

The Alumni Relations & Development team are always pleased to meet Brasenose Members when they return to College. If you would like to visit us, we're located on staircase VII just before the Library. Our usual office hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

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