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From the Principal

It has been a great pleasure reconnecting with so many Brasenose Members, whose support has been most encouraging.

In February, my wife and I, accompanied by the Director of Development Liz Miller, visited Hong Kong where we enjoyed meeting a number of highly enthusiastic and supportive Brasenose Members, including Sir David Akers-Jones (1949), Kingsley Liu (1974) and Christine Chang (1983). On Christine's initiative, pledges to a support fund of some \pounds 20,000 over the next three years were made for Hong Kong students at BNC. It will be well used. A number of alumni with great expertise in financial management and the city have helped us, and continue to do so, on our Investment Advisory Committee. We are delighted to extend this form of support in the shape of a Fundraising Advisory Committee led by Simon Davies (1977) and are hoping to gather another small group to help us with advice on matters of admissions and access (a very hot issue at this time). In April, along with the Director of Development and the Bursar, we will attend the University's annual North American reunion and **Dominic Barton** (1984) has kindly offered to host a reception for Brasenose members at the McKinsey offices. A quite different form of engagement on the part of our Members, and one that is equally important to us was exemplified by a seminar on 18 February on career prospects in the media, attended by about 20 junior members. This was organised by Jane Johnson (1987), Director of Sky Living and featured **Dan Chambers** (1988), Blink Films, Will Woodward (1988), Chief Political Correspondent of the Guardian and Melanie Cantor, *Celebrity Agent.* We are grateful to all of them for their time and enthusiasm and plan a similar event in 12 months' time. We can also report that Kate Lee, former President of the Boat Club, has revived the 1815 Club for past Boat Club Members, who will



 \triangle Sir David Akers-Jones, Professor Alan Bowman and Mrs Jacqueline Bowman visit Mr Jeremy Woodall, Director of the University of Oxford China Office in Hong Kong

be pleased to hear of a generally successful performance in Torpids, in which the Men's Third Eight won their blades.

Two of our Kurti Senior Fellows have gained prestigious awards for achievement in scientific research. **Andrew Zisserman** has won the Rank Optoelectronics Prize for 'outstanding contributions to modern computer vision'. On 27 February, at a symposium and ceremony in the Hungarian Embassy, hosted by the Ambassador, His Excellency Mr János Csák, **Peter Somogyi** (*see below*) was awarded The Commander's Cross Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary for services to science. In a few weeks' time our Official Fellow in History, **Abigail Green**, will go to Jerusalem to receive a Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature Choice Award, for her biography-'Moses Montefiore: Jewish Liberator,

A view of the current activities in Old and New Quads alerts us to the fact that by the time these Notes are being read, the new kitchen will be fully commissioned and running. Previews have revealed an amazing, state-of-the-art catering facility which is a huge tribute to the skills of the architects and the contractors. We expect no less of the new SCR premises, though the schedule for this is running a little behind the kitchen. Junior and Senior members will (we firmly believe) be delighted and it is no less vital to recognise the importance of providing an attractive and functional working environment for the domestic staff who look after us so well. Some of our younger inhabitants will have the pleasure of seeing for the first time the full glory of the lawns in our Quads. We should make every effort to keep them verdant by performing frequent rain-dances in order to avert a hosepipe ban over the summer.

Imperial Hero.' Congratulations to all of them.

 ∇ Professor Peter Somogyi, third from left. (Photo by Paul Genge)



Reverting to the theme of 'ageless vitality' (See Issue 13, MT 2011), or perhaps 'breathless', our Official Fellow in French, **Richard Cooper**, is now in training for the relay to help the Olympic Torch on its way to London when it arrives in Oxford on 9 July.



Professor Alan Bowman Principal

Public Policy at The Blavatnik School of Government

Professor Anne Davies, Fellow and Tutor in Law and Professor of Law and Public Policy is a member of Faculty at the newly established **Blavatnik School of Government** due to admit students in September 2012.

The Blavatnik School of Government is a new department of the University set up with an historic donation of £75 million from American philanthropist **Leonard Blavatnik**. The School's inaugural Dean is Professor **Ngaire Woods**, an internationally-renowned expert on global economic governance.

The School will offer a one-year Masters in Public **Policy**. The MPP is designed to equip future leaders with the knowledge and skills they will need to tackle the significant contemporary challenges facing governments around the world. Students will complete four core courses grounded in different disciplines: history and philosophy; economics; science and medicine; and law and politics. These courses will enable students to analyse how policy is made, delivered and evaluated at different levels - international, regional and national - from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. The students will also be able to select two optional courses focusing on a particular policy challenge, such as financial regulation or environmental problems. To ensure that the students are fully prepared for the challenges they will face, the course combines academic analysis with practical modules taught by expert practitioners designed to develop skills such as negotiation and budgeting. Students will also be expected to return to Oxford for 'refresher' courses after graduation, so that they maintain links with the School during their working life.

As well as recruiting its own full-time academic staff, and developing a network of expert practitioners from around the world, the School will draw on existing strengths in Oxford to teach the MPP courses. My own involvement is in the core course on law and politics. My role is to coordinate the Law Faculty's contribution to this course, which will encourage students to think critically about key issues such as poverty, security



△ Stonework above the School's entrance. 10 Merton Street will house the Blavatnik School of Government from September 2012

and human rights. Developing a new course from scratch has proved both challenging and exciting, and I'm looking forward to welcoming the first cohort of students in September 2012.

The new course has proved popular with over 400 applications for 30 places. As the School develops, the number of places on the course will increase to 120. The prospective candidates are a diverse group drawn from over 80 countries and from all corners of the globe. The School is looking for individuals with outstanding academic qualifications and leadership potential, drawn from the widest possible range of countries. Brasenose is one of a number of colleges offering places to MPP students. Currently housed in temporary premises in Merton Street, the School will in due course move to a new building in the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter designed by the renowned Swiss architects Herzog and de Meuron, best known in the UK for their work on the Tate Modern.

All in all, it's an exciting time for the University's newest department, and I'm delighted to be a part of it. To keep up to date with the School as it develops, please visit the website www.bsg.ox.ac.uk or the YouTube channel Youtube.com/OxfordBSG. You can also follow the School on Twitter: @BlavatnikSchool or Facebook: OxfordBSG.



News from the archives...

Georgina Edwards Archives Assistant

Brasenose Olympians

With all the hype and the decision to double the opening ceremony's budget for the Olympic Games, you wouldn't be blamed for thinking that 2012 is the first year the Games have been held in London. In fact, London has twice before played host to the Games in 1908 and 1948. Since the formation of the International Olympic Committee in 1894 and the beginning of the Modern Olympic Games, over the years many Oxford University students have participated, competing and winning medals on behalf of countries from all over the world.

Brasenose students have competed in both the summer and the winter Olympics from 1908

onwards, in events including Athletics, Bobsleigh, Weightlifting, Rowing and Hockey. Our most famous Olympian is undoubtedly **Arnold Strode-Jackson** who won Gold in the 1500 metres at the 1912 Games in Stockholm. However it was at London in 1908 that the first accomplished Brasenose sportsmen competed on behalf of Great Britain.

The 1908 London Olympics were chaired by the Olympic Fencer and Balliol alumnus, William Henry Grenfell, 1st Baron Desborough, whose suggestion it was to move them from Rome to London due to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 1906. A stadium was built at Shepherd's Bush, on the same complex as the Franco-British Exhibition, which took place in the same year and celebrated the signing of the Entente cordiale. In the Archives we have a postcard of one of the Exhibition buildings, the Indian Palace, which indicates why the area became known as 'White City' (the buildings were all white!). The White City Stadium was opened by King Edward VII in time for the Olympics and it is where Wilfred Bleaden, who matriculated in 1905, aged 18, competed in the Men's Long Jump. Twenty five long jumpers from eleven nations took part in the event and although Wilfred did not win a medal at the games, coming 17th with a jump of 6.43 metres (21 feet, 1.5 inches), another Brasenose student, Henry Brougham, did win a place in the medal tables. Brougham, who matriculated in 1907, aged 19, competed in the Olympic Racquets event at the All-England Club in Wimbledon. He was beaten in the semi-finals, winning a Bronze medal – though interestingly, only British entrants took part in the Racquets event!

The Brasenose College Archives have some fantastic photographs of the two men in their Brasenose days, which not only show how sporting outfits have changed since the early 1900s but indicate how College sports clubs helped to nurture such Olympians and encourage them in their sporting endeavours.



△Wilfred Bleaden

As an undergraduate Wilfred Bleaden proved to be a versatile athlete, winning a Blue in Athletics. He took part in many Oxford versus Cambridge Sports events, coming first in the Long Jump at the 1908 Sports, and first in putting the weight in 1909. He was also a successful participant in the Oxford University Athletics Club Sports as well as at Amateur Athletics Association events (competing as a shot putter as well as a long jumper and weight putter). The Oxford versus Cambridge Athletics Sports event was featured in a Sportsman Newspaper report on Saturday 20 March 1909. This was the year in which Bleaden won putting the weight, and the paper reported that "It was thought that the Dark Blues might win the weight, but many expressed surprise when the second 'strong man' event was captured with some ease by Mr Bleaden." Apart from being a keen Athlete, Bleaden also played cricket and rugby for the College and rowed in the 2nd Torpid. After studying Natural Science (Physiology) he went on to be awarded his B. Med, becoming a successful surgeon and family doctor, after serving as a Surgeon-Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

▼ Henry Brougham (back row, left) Octagon Club. Summer, 1909



Our other 1908 Olympian, Henry Brougham, who captained his school eleven and won the 1907 Public Schools Racquets Championship before arriving at Brasenose, went on to become a successful try scorer for England. Unsurprisingly, whilst at Oxford he was a distinguished racquets player, rower in the 2nd Torpid, and rugby XV and cricket XI player. The Brasenose Newsletter of 1 October 1909 reported that he 'played racquets for Oxford, as second string in 1908 and as first string in 1909 and in the Racquets Match against Cambridge...played in the doubles won by Oxford, and won the singles. He also played in the Amateur Championship Matches, both singles and doubles... though beaten by the holder of the Championship'. However it was not in Racquets that he won his Blue, but in cricket. As well as being in the Wellington College XI, he also played for Berkshire County Cricket Club, attaining a first class batting average of 23.77 in 1911-1912. A sporting allrounder, he played rugby internationally from 1911 to 1914, playing in all of the 1912 Five Nations' matches (against Wales, Ireland, Scotland and France) and scoring two tries against Wales at Twickenham. He also played for the Harlequins (Come all without, come all within, you'll not see nothing like the mighty Quinn!) Rugby Football Club as a winger. Sadly, after serving in the First World War as a Major in the Royal Field Artillery on the Western Front, he died in 1923 after developing phthisis whilst Commander of a Battery in Northern Ireland.

Brasenose students have competed in both the summer and the winter Olympics from 1908 onwards, in events including Athletics, Bobsleigh, Weightlifting, Rowing and Hockey.

Both students were in the Vincent's Club, the University Club for Blues and sportsmen, which celebrates its 150th year in 2013. Brasenose has a strong sporting tradition and Bleadon and Brougham are just two of the many students to have had sporting successes both during and after their College days. The Archives have records of numerous sports clubs, including photographs, accounts, dinner menus, minute books and fixture lists, and though these records are by no means complete they do offer a glimpse into the history of College sports as well as the students who participated in them. Whilst the list of sporting clubs is far too long to recount here, it is clear that Brasenose's Olympic involvement, which began in London in 1908, was supported by the strong sporting tradition of the College Clubs, intercollegiate events as well as the competition fostered between Oxford and Cambridge. This year, a Brasenose student will be one of the 8,000 people across the UK who will act as Olympic Torch Bearers and help carry the flame in its journey across the UK. Good luck to her and to all the British sportsmen and women who will hopefully keep us at the top of the medal table in the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Stay up to date with news from the Library and Archives at: www.brasenosecollegelibrary.wordpress.com

A few moments with... BNC's Olympic Champions

Christine Turner BNC Sports Rep (*Engineering Science, 2010*) talks to Athlete **Ian Boyd** (*Physics, 1952*) about competing for Great Britain in Athletics (1500m) in the 1956 Olympics.

How did you find your time at Brasenose and what did you read as an Undergraduate at Oxford?

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at BNC. There were still a few undergraduates who were returned service men from the Second World War who had so much more experience of life than the younger students so that added to College life. Mixing with students from all over the world gave me an insight to world political issues and a lifelong interest in the diverse challenges faced by international and local students.

What inspired you to train for the Olympics?

I was lucky enough to be selected in 1954 for the English team for the Empire and Commonwealth Games (finishing third in the 880 yards and 6th in 1 mile) so I realised it was worth making the effort to train for the 1956 Olympics. Also, the coach of the OUAC, Franz Stampfl, was a great inspiration to us.

What impact did training for the Olympics have on the rest of your life?

To train hard and keep up with my studies was a challenge. Somehow I got a first and was awarded a Senior Hulme Scholarship. Managing training and work for my masters was a little easier as I had perfected the balancing of studying and running. Having to be well organised in both academic work and sport as well as planning ahead to fit in travelling to races was a valuable experience for my working life.

 \triangledown lan Boyd winning the 880 yards event at the Oxford Cambridge Varsity Match 1953, White City

What was the main highlight of competing in the Olympics?

Running in the final of the 1500 metres was of course the highlight but meeting and making friends with runners from other countries was an added highlight. This was my fastest ever 1500 metres, my time was 3 mins 42.9 secs. I never ran as fast again.

How would you say the Hungarian uprising and the Suez invasion affected your run up to the Olympics? The Suez crisis came at the beginning of November 1956 just at the time we were assembling in London to fly out to Australia. Our flight was delayed by a day and had to be re-routed as we were going to refuel at Cairo just as the British and French were invading Egypt! We were quiet friendly with some of the Hungarian runners so one of the British athletes , Ken Wilmshurst, and I organised a collection for the Hungarian athletes as most of them had no money and very little gear when they arrived in Melbourne as they were forced out of Hungary when the Russian army moved in.

What did you do when you retired from athletics?

I still stayed involved with the sport, first as a coach of university athletes, then in New Zealand as an official and administrator, serving for 5 years as chairperson of NZ Athletics. I also spent 20 years on the NZ Olympic committee. When I retired from sports administration I was surprised to be made a life member of Athletics NZ and a member of the NZ Olympic Order as well as the civil award Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM). Even the University gave me an award for outstanding services. So my Brasenose education served me well.

What advice would you give to sportsmen and women at BNC?

As well as training and playing, use your sport as a relaxation to balance your studies and as a way of meeting people and making lifelong friendships.

Ian Boyd's experiences are shortly to be published in "Fast Feet upon the Earth" by Vern Walker, a biography of Sir Murray Halberg. **Kate Lee** (*PPE, 2009*), finds out more about being an Olympic rower in the 1940s. **Dick Healey** (*Chemistry, 1946*) coxed for the British team in the 1948 Summer Olympic Games.



 Δ Dick Healey and friends

So tell us, how did a largely BNC four get to the Olympics?

It's a wonderful story. Cambridge had won the previous year's boat race, so the Olympic Committee selected them straight away as the Olympic eight. We decided there should be some Oxford representation, so a little group of us got together and wondered what we could row as. We decided we could be a coxed four, though it was absolutely unheard of in Oxford at the time; something they did in the North of England somewhere, and by goodness not a very respectable thing to do on the Isis!

We borrowed a four, and **Tony Purcell** (*Oriel*), **Bill Leckie** (*BNC*), **Bill Woodward** (*BNC*), **Bobby Collins** (*Trinity*) and I launched the boat from the barge at BNC. The other rowers fell about laughing, but we carried on. When we went in at the beginning of the Olympic year for the trials at Henley, we happened to hit a day of a gale! There were quite a few fours entered, but we were a big, heavy crew, and we could cope with all these waves coming against us, and so we won, and became the Olympic four. Clearly we were just in the right place at the right time. So then we went off to Henley with the Olympic squad to train for the event.





Christine Turner (*Engineering Science, 2010*) started playing netball age 9 and is now very involved at college and University level. Christine also plays badminton and occasionally football

for Brasenose and is the JCR Sports Representative.

What was the squad like?

Our stroke, Tony Purcell, went up the year before me, and I remember listening to the boat race he stroked to victory – he was a bit of a hero to me.

Bill Leckie, too, was an amazing gentleman. He had never rowed before he came up, and I remember teaching him to row in a fixed tub attached to the BNC barge. He rowed bow in the blue boat the next year. We were coached by some very impressive oarsmen, including Wilson and Laurie (father of Hugh), who had won the coxless pairs at Henley in 1938, the last year of rowing before the war.

And the event itself?

The opening ceremony was the most ludicrous thing; we were the home team, and we forgot the Olympic flag. The only ones near were the ones on the diplomatic cars, so Bannister was sent running off

to get one of them, and we marched into the Olympic stadium waving this pathetic, tiny little Olympic flag!

Our first race was against Yugoslavia, and we were beaten. We went into the repecharge against the Argentine IV, and got back into the main draw. Our third race was against the USA, which we also lost. We'd got there in a very fortuitous manner, so I think we did rather well under the circumstances.

Regrets?

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None from Brasenose; I was very fond of it and very privileged to be there. Perhaps I should have spent less time rowing and more studying, but it became such a big part of my life that I'm very glad I didn't. During my national service, I coxed the Royal Engineers crews at Chillingham. I became a teacher, and naturally a rowing coach too. Even later in life, when I was more involved with mountaineering [Dick married notable rock climber and mountaineer, Eileen Healey] rowing remained very dear to me.

Kate Lee (*PPE, 2009*), former BNCBC President gets expert advice from Olympic rower

Andrew Lindsay (*Geography, 1996*) Gold Medal winner in the 2000 Olympics, Mens' Eight Rowing and winner of the Zurich Rowing World Cup in 2000.

Why did you start rowing?

My brothers rowed, and I didn't enjoy cricket! My first year on the Thames in a sculling boat was heaven. The next year went well, then at J16 we won everything and that was probably the best year of my rowing career. As the stakes get higher, the pain of losing gets higher.

Do you still row?

No. I stopped completely after the Olympics. It was getting less and less fun; the year into the Olympics was high pressure and stressful, and the joy of the exercise and the river and the weather disappeared. It was a job, even a career, and far too serious. At first I threw myself into windsurfing and



 \triangle Andrew Lindsay (far left)

skiing and stuff I wanted to do whilst rowing, but now I have three little boys, and spend most of my life running around after them.

How has rowing stayed with you?

It gives you an attitude. You learn about hard work and commitment in a way you can't get anywhere else. It's not like football or rugby where your winger can have a bad day but you still win; in a rowing boat if one guy is off the money, the whole thing falls to pieces. That's the single greatest thing – the total trust and honesty you have to have in a crew. There's no pretending.

If you could go back, what would you change?

I would have won a boat race! Especially in '98. Really, I would have liked to have more fun at Oxford. I got my degree and my medal, but looking back I spent most of my time reading books about glaciers and going up and down rivers backwards.

Any advice?

Yeah, don't treat things too seriously. It's all meant to be fun. Look at the boat race guys now. In our summers we were invited to amazing places; to France or Taiwan or Brazil, and we had a laugh and a holiday. They just have training camps. **When it's full on, grind your nose to the wheel – when it's down time, go and have fun. It's a balance.**



Kate Lee (*PPE, 2009*) is the former BNCBC President and is in her final year at BNC. Kate will cox for the BNCBC Men's Eight for a final time at the Head of the River Race this year, but hopes to continue

rowing and has already expressed enthusiasm to be part of the 1815 Club when she graduates!

Student News

Student lights the way with pioneering new charity



Student Run Self Help

(SRSH for short) is a national charity working to support students with eating disorders. **Nicola Byrom** (*Experimental Psychology, 2009*) set up the project in the summer of 2009 with the aim of making it easier for students with eating disorders to opportunity to talk informally to people who understood what they were going through. This inspired her to help other students set up similar groups.

challenges thrown my way and really loved having the opportunity to make a real difference. With funding secured from the Welton Trust and Comic Relief I have been able to employ a full time volunteer

access support. Amazingly many students with eating disorders have never spoken to someone else who understands what they are going through. When Nicola first started running self-help groups she was astounded by feedback from the students the charity supported; they really appreciated the From this small start, SRSH now runs a network of 14 groups in universities across the country. The charity has a carefully designed training programme and well-structured system of volunteer support and supervision. The group's run by volunteers who provide a safe and positive atmosphere.

Nicola told us more about her experience setting up SRSH; "It hasn't been easy setting up a national charity while working on my DPhil, but I've heard somewhere that Oxford students are not really known for picking an easy life! **I've enjoyed all the** manager for the project and after many requests from the staff and students we work with, we are looking into branching out to provide support groups for depression."

Nicola has been nominated by Oxford University for her charitable work to carry the Olympic Torch when it comes to Oxford in July. Nicola was thrilled to be nominated; *"it is an incredible honour and an experience I'm sure I won't forget in a hurry."*

For more information on SRSH please see: www.studentrunselfhelp.weebly.com or email info@srsh.co.uk

Brasenose farms – a growing portfolio

In March each year the College holds a Tenants' Lunch for the farmers of the College estates. This tradition recalls the times when the tenants had to visit the College to pay their rents in person. Payment methods have moved on from cash or kind to BACS or Standing Order, but the annual lunch with the farmers is a reminder of the long-standing importance of agricultural land to the College.

For most of the College's history land has been one of the pre-eminent stores of wealth. Some of our farms were donated to Brasenose in the sixteenth century. Since then other types of investments have come and sometimes gone (in the case of church livings). The majority of the endowment today is invested in equities, with some hedge funds and the like, but the properties owned by the College still

▼ Broadward Hall Farm, Leominster visit, 2011



constitute 30% of the portfolio, with a value of about \pounds 24million. Half of this is agricultural land, and half is commercial property in Oxford, including the shops that back on to the College site or Frewin annex.

The College currently owns 25 parcels of land totalling 2358 acres. Two of our most significant estates are Broadward Hall Farm and Cornhill Cop Farm near Leominster. Parts of both these farms were donated to Brasenose in 1531, although the College has added considerably to them since then. These two farms together total over 1000 acres, so 45% of the College land, and they also provide some of our most interesting development opportunities.

The other significant concentration of Brasenose land is in Oxfordshire, with two farms between Horspath and Garsington, just South East of Oxford, providing another 585 acres. Elsewhere in Oxfordshire, the College is seeking to develop 21 acres at Faringdon, and has granted an option for a 125 year lease for a marina on land at Cropredy which is expected to provide a healthy income stream.

The College is currently selling some of its smaller plots as land prices have risen strongly in recent years, providing the best returns in our endowment portfolio. Despite these modest sales, Brasenose will remain a significant owner of farm land as it provides steady (if unexciting) income, a good hedge against inflation (the ultimate enemy of any endowment) and in some cases significant potential for capital gains when development opportunities arise. It therefore seems likely that the tradition of the Tenants' Lunch will continue for many years, or indeed centuries, to come.

Philip Parker, Bursar





* indicates the number of parcels of land at this location



Thank you for supporting the BNC Telethon

Thank you for the fantastic response to the 2012 Telethon. Our student callers were thrilled to speak to so many alumni who made time to discuss their fond memories of BNC and their hopes for the

provide life-changing opportunities for our students. Last year 634 alumni donated towards projects they felt most strongly about. The level of participation among alumni this year was hugely encouraging. The majority of alumni we spoke to believe it is important to continue the tradition of excellence in teaching and research and to show our students that they are valued and invested in. call or would like to discuss ways of supporting the Annual Fund further.

The 2012 Telethon Callers were: Harriet Blair, Charlie Gilbert, David Hansford, Laura Harris, Edward Imrie, Mohammed Ali Javed, Ellie Keel, Tom Kidney, Thomas Mcfarlane, Ruth Meredith, Lawrence Middleton, Sam Moffitt, Luke Saunders, Jun Chao Tai, Savannah Whaley, Chloe Wicks. A big thank you to the team!

College's future. A resonating truth about BNC is that it is a friendly College and proud of its strong community. This was made clear speaking to so many of you, who were delighted to be contacted by our student callers.

We would also like to thank those of you who were in a position to make a gift to the College Annual Fund. £150,000 has been raised this year and is a testament to the lasting impression Brasenose has on its Members.

The Annual Fund supports projects that would not otherwise benefit from funding in order to help

We would also like to thank those of you who felt moved to give in other ways; by joining the Careers Mentoring network, offering to become a Year Rep, contributing ideas of future alumni events and suggestions for our alumni publications and providing feedback on your College experience. Thank you once again to those who supported the Telethon this year. Please contact the **Development Office** on **+44(0)1865 287 277** if you missed our

Ed Margetson, Annual Fund Officer edward.margetson@bnc.ox.ac.uk



Royal acclaim for Brasenose Narrowboat

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated on 3 June 2012 with a Pageant on the Thames in London. A long procession of boats (which will take over an hour to pass any given point) will move downstream from Putney through to the Tower. It will be led by a floating belfry - saluting and being answered by the bells of all the riverside churches followed by the Royal Rowbarge (propelled by muscular oarsmen), kayaks and skiffs, and then a whole convoy: the Queen herself, of course, heralds and trumpeters, orchestras, the surviving little boats of Dunkirk, historic vessels, cruisers (the so-called 'Tupperware Navy'), forty narrow boats, and a miscellany of London trip boats.

Among the narrowboats will be the 56 foot **Scholar Gypsy**, representing the College, and dressed overall in Brasenose traditional colours (gold on black). It is there to mark another - for us important anniversary - four centuries exactly since the granting of a charter to the College by Henry VIII. The boat is named after the poem written by Matthew Arnold, an undoubted Oxonian, and John Wain wrote a poem for its launching – a ceremony at the boathouse – the boat was blessed by **James Bell**, then our Chaplain and now the Bishop of Knaresborough. It is the Judge family boat, built for **Harry Judge** and his son Simon, who will be at the helm on The Day.

The College has yet another association with the waterways of England, and their improvement. Later this year work is due to begin on the construction of a marina on College land at Cropredy (where the Brasenose Arms is to be found). This new haven will shelter over 200 boats and rescue stretches of the canal from the unsightly ribbon development represented by long lines of moored boats. That development will also be fruitful for the College and assist it in discharging its



 \triangle The Scholar Gypsy

historic obligations to generations of future students.

There will be full TV coverage of the Pageant. For further information on The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant see

www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org

Dr Harry Judge, Emeritus Fellow (1948)

The 1815 Club

The 1815 Club was launched in 2009 for BNCBC alumni with the purpose of enabling past Boat Club members to keep in touch with the activity of the current Club and to continue to be involved in its legacy as the longest standing rowing club in the world. 1815 Club members will receive bi-annual email newsletters from the Boat Club, including Boat Club news, invitations to forthcoming Boat Club events and the latest information on Club priorities. 1815 Club founders Matt Charlton (1990) and Hugh Bashaarat also plan, along with Hauke Engel (2003), to set up an active club to offer alumni an opportunity to get back onto the river with a view to forming racing crews and celebrating the forthcoming bicentenary in style. All alumni with a specified interest in rowing are automatically members of the 1815 Club. If we are not currently in contact with you, please register your details with Lizzie Hardingham, Alumni Relations Officer.

We would like to encourage alumni to support the Boat Club actively throughout the year. Alumni are always welcome to come down to the boathouse with their families to watch the races during Summer Eights and Torpids. We were pleased to welcome several alumni to the Torpids Dinner in February; we hope more will join us next year. This year we would like to encourage alumni to get together at Henley Royal Regatta and we are making plans for a Lion Meadow picnic. Do let us know if you have any spare Stewards' badges you would be happy to share with fellow Old Members! More details will follow. and guidance to the current BNCBC committee and to provide a degree of continuity a Steering Committee has been established. The Steering Committee comprises several Boat Club alumni, a past coach and past Presidents who are dedicated to offering guidance and support to the current Boat Club to help them achieve their goals. Their years of experience in the rowing world are proving to be invaluable to the current Club; we would like to thank them for their support and will endeavour to live up to our shared ambitions.

If you're interested in becoming involved please contact **Lizzie Hardingham**, Alumni Relations Officer on +44 (0)1865 287 275 or elizabeth.hardingham@bnc.ox.ac.uk. Further information on the history of the Boat Club can be found at http://bncbc.bnc.ox.ac.uk/History.html



Brasenose Sports

men's crews were the joint top club in terms of number of bumps and the M3 crew won blades. Overall the Club ranked 5th for number of bumps.

"I would like to thank Kate for doing a fantastic job; I believe that she has done a great deal to improve the long term prospects of the Club looking forward to 2015 and beyond. I want to build on this excellent foundation and hope that our Torpids rowing success continues for Summer Eights!" – **Tom Purdy**, President

The Boat Club receives funds from the College and from the JCR Fund and is grateful for the support provided by their sponsor, Metaswitch Networks. With the 200th Anniversary of the Club coming up in 2015, BNCBC has high hopes for a credible entry for Henley and to get the 1st VIIIs back into the first divisions. The recent employment of professional coaches, rather than student volunteers, has played a significant role in our success during Torpids this year. BNCBC is the only student club at Brasenose which requires membership fees (now £15 per term) from its members to contribute to running costs. To continue to employ a professional coach and to meet running costs of the Club, BNCBC will be working hard to identify additional funding this year. If you would like to discuss making a donation to BNCBC please contact Ed Margetson, Annual Fund Officer at edward.margetson@bnc.ox.ac.uk or +44(0)1865 287277.

The **200th Anniversary of the founding of BNCBC** will take place in 2015. In order to provide advice

BNCBC News

Tom Purdy has been appointed as the interim Boat Club President for Trinity Term. The Boat Club would like to thank the outgoing President **Kate Lee** for her enthusiasm, dedication and drive over the last year. BNCBC had an excellent Torpids. The To keep up to date with Boat Club news see the Club website **www.bncbc.bnc.ox.ac.uk** or contact the new Boat Club President **Tom Purdy**, **boatclub@bnc.ox.ac.uk**. Whether you would like to be more involved with the Club, get back in touch with your Eight, or help the Club to expand its history by sending in photos of your time at BNCBC, the Boat Club would love to hear from you.

Appointments

Professor Ron Daniel University Lecturer in Engineering Science and Fellow and Tutor in Engineering at Brasenose has been appointed Vice-Principal of Brasenose College.

Martin Forde (*Jurisprudence – Law,* 1979) has been appointed Commissioner for the Judicial Appointments Committee.

Paul Gott (*Jurisprudence – Law,* **1989**) Appointed QC in February 2012.

Professor Laura Herz was awarded the title of Professor of Physics, Brasenose College

Alexandra Marks (*Jurisprudence – Law,* 1977) has been appointed Commissioner for the Judicial Appointments Committee.

Professor Simon Palfrey was awarded the title of Professor of English Literature, Brasenose College
Dr Ferdinand Rauch Appointed University Lecturer and Tutorial Fellow in Economics, Brasenose College
Barnaby Taylor (*Classics, 2008*) has been elected as a Junior Research Fellow at New College.
Professor Peter Taylor Took up post of Norman Collisson Professor of Musculoskeletal Sciences at Nuffield Dept of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology & Musculoskeletal Sciences on 1 October 2011. He also became a Fellow of St Peters College.

Awards

Dr Abigail Green, Fellow in History at Brasenose College. Awarded Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature Choice Award, for her biography, Moses Montefiore: Jewish Liberator, Imperial Hero. Richard Murray CB (History Modern & Economics, 1983) Awarded Companions Order of the Bath in New Year's Honours list 2012.

Professor Andrew Pettigrew, Professor of Strategy and Organisation at the Said Business School, has been presented with the Richard Whipp Lifetime Achievement Award by the British Academy of Management. Awarded at the 25th Anniversary Conference of the British Academy of Management held in September.

Professor Peter Somogyi FRS, Senior Nicholas Kurti Research Fellow, Brasenose College. Awarded The Commander's Cross Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary for services to science. The Order of Merit was awarded by the Ambassador of Hungary János Csák. The laudation was given by Dr. Beata Pászthy PhD, Cultural and Scientific Counsellor, Director, Balassi Institute, Hungarian Cultural Centre London.

Richard Thorpe, Senior Member of Brasenose and

Dr Abigail Green Awarded Sami Rohr Prize



Dr Abigail Green, Fellow in History at Brasenose College, has won the Sami Rohr Choice Award as runner-up in the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature 2012.

One of the largest literary

prizes in the world, the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature was established in 2006 by the family of Sami Rohr, in honour of his lifelong love of Jewish writing. The Prize considers works of fiction and nonfiction in alternating years and is administered by the Jewish Book Council. In conjunction with this award, the Rohr family has established the Sami Rohr Jewish Literary Institute, a forum devoted to the continuity of Jewish literature, which recognizes the important role of emerging writers in examining the Jewish experience.

Dr Green was awarded the prize for *Moses Montefiore: Jewish Liberator, Imperial Hero* (Harvard University Press, 2010), which is the first serious study of a man who was the pre-eminent Jewish figure of the nineteenth century. Drawing on source material from eleven countries in nine languages, Dr. Green's sweeping biography interweaves the public triumph of Montefiore's foreign missions with the private tragedy of his childless marriage, and brings the diversity of nineteenth century Jewry brilliantly to life - from London to Jerusalem, Rome to St. Petersburg, Morocco to Istanbul. This is a story with echoes in our contemporary world. Here we see the origins of Zionism and the rise of international Jewish consciousness; the grand humanitarian campaigns of the Anglo-Saxon world and the faltering birth of international human rights; the shifting relations between Christians, Jews and Muslims; European penetration of Palestine and the making of the modern Middle East. Moving seamlessly between Jewish and global history, the book re-establishes Montefiore's status as a major historical player.

Published to coincide with the 150th anniversary of Montefiore's foundation of modern Jerusalem, Dr. Green's biography of Montefiore was named a Times Literary Supplement book of 2010 and a New Republic best book of 2010; it was also a finalist in the American 2010 National Jewish Book Awards, and longlisted for the 2011 Jewish Quarterly Wingate Prize. See **www.hup.harvard.edu** for more information.

The Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature 2012 went to journalist Gal Beckerman. His book, *When They Come for Us We'll Be Gone: The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) is a comprehensive and enthralling chronicle of the history of the Soviet Jewry movement.

Dr Abigail Green and Gal Beckerman will be honoured at a gala awards ceremony in Jerusalem on April 11, 2012.

Dr Joe Organ, Schools & Publications Officer

Professor Ron Daniel Elected as Vice-Principal



We are pleased to announce that **Professor Ron Daniel** has been elected to succeed **Professor Richard Haydon** as Vice-Principal for a period of three years from

7 March, 2012. Professor

Daniel came to Brasenose as Official Fellow and University Lecturer in Engineering Science in 1986. He served as Junior Proctor in 2005-2006 and has been a member of the University Audit and Scrutiny Committee. He has participated in many aspects of the college's activities, including supervision of the Information Technology infrastructure and delivery, and membership of the Development Committee.

Fellow of St Antony's. Awarded the Marsh Biography Prize for his book 'Supermac: The Life of Harold Macmillan'.

Dr Stephen Winkley (Modern Languages, 1962)
Received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his services to education, in the prestigious
Independent School Awards 2011.
Professor Andrew Zisserman FRS, Professor of Computer Vision Engineering, has been awarded the prestigious Rank Optoelectronics Prize for 'outstanding contributions to modern computer vision' by The Rank Prize Funds.

Dr Ferdinand Rauch – Tutorial Fellow in Economics

Ferdinand Rauch studied at the London School of Economics and the University of Vienna, where he obtained a PhD in Economics in 2010. Thereafter he has been a Research Officer at the London School of Economics. He also spent a year working as a Consultant at the research department of the World

Bank in Washington. His research addresses questions concerning international economics, such as the impact of the emergence of China on producers in developing countries, urban economics, such as determinants of the population growth rate of cities and the effects of advertising on consumer prices.

Music Diary 2012

Sunday 6 May 2012 at 9pm Heath Quartet with James Baillieu (piano) Platnauer Concert, Chapel Platnauer concerts are free, guests are most welcome. No booking required.

Described by The Daily Telegraph as 'in a class of his own', James Baillieu is a Professor at the Royal Academy of Music.

The Heath Quartet is rapidly emerging as an exciting and original voice on the international chamber music scene.

Friday Lunchtime and Evening Concerts Antechapel (Free)

A new series of informal lunchtime solo concerts was launched during Hilary Term, the series provides an opportunity for talented undergraduates and graduates to perform. Concerts take place on **Friday lunchtimes at 1.30pm** (maximum 30 minutes). Other, more ensemble based concerts take place on Friday evenings at 6.15pm (maximum 45 minutes), and feature members of the College and the occasional outside group. Please see the website for the full concert programme: http://www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/324/about-brasenose-31/college-life-151/music-645.html

Saturday 12 May 2012 Choral Workshop

A Choral Workshop will be taking place during Brasenose Arts Festival on **Saturday 12 May**. This will be led by experienced vocal coach **Daniel Hyde**, Informator Choristarum, Organist and Tutorial Fellow in Music at Magdalen College. To find out more contact Jonathan Newell, Music Director jonathan.newell@bnc.ox.ac.uk



 \bigtriangleup Chris Webb (2010) Director of the BNC Arts Festival & saxophonist (Photo by Matt Colledge (2008))

Save the Date: Saturday 17 November 2012 Choir & Music Reunion

Return to BNC and join the current choir for a 'Come and Sing' Evensong in the Chapel and special celebratory Dinner in Hall on the Feast Day of St Hugh, to whom the BNC Chapel is dedicated. Spread the word and reunite with past Choir members and musical friends. All alumni with a musical passion are welcome; this is a unique chance to sing in BNC's Chapel and an opportunity to meet the new Director of Music, Jonathan Newell.

Further details to follow; please register your interest with the Alumni Office on +44 (0)1865 287275

▼ Brazen Voyces Choir



Musical Notes

During Hilary Term the College saw a series of concerts on Friday lunchtimes and early evenings, in addition to the Platnauer Concert on the usual Sunday early on in term-time. In Trinity Term 2012 this season of weekly concerts is set to continue, with the Heath Quartet and James Baillieu (mentioned elsewhere on this page) as our professional guest artists for the Platnauer concert on 6th May. Trinity Term also features the BNC Arts Festival, a 'Music at Brasenose' instrumental and Choral Concert on Friday 19th May at 6.15pm and a Leavers' Concert on Friday 8th June 6.15pm, as well as several lunchtime solo concerts. Please check the College's website for full information about all the concerts happening during Trinity Term.

The Chapel choir, which I believe is the kernel of music-making at Brasenose, continues to flourish, and is the only musical group that performs to a high standard every single week of the term, within the context of divine service. Alumni are always welcome to attend College Prayers (6pm on Sundays) and the music list for Trinity Term can be found on the website www.bnc.ox.ac.uk. I hope that many musical alumni will join us for the very first Choir & Music Reunion on 17 November 2012.

Jonathan Newell, Director of Music

Brasenose Arts Festival 6-12 May 2012



△ Tristan Puri BNC Arts Festival 2011 With the building works nearing completion, **Brasenose Arts Week**

will be returning to the main College site for the 3rd week of Trinity term, from 6 to 12 May.

Welcoming back the luscious lawns and taking advantage of the reopened and refurbished buildings, the festival promises a week brimming with fine art, drama, dance, poetry, music, film and comedy.

Highlights will include a sketch show written by current College members, an art exhibition down the bar, a performance by storyteller and Brasenose alumnus **Robert Lloyd Parry**, a series of classical recitals, a jazz evening, and three exciting and diverse plays: Henrik Ibsen's 'A *Doll's House'*, Noël Coward's 'Blithe Spirit' and Edward Albee's 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?'

Following on from the successful Careers in the Media event this term, hosted by Brasenose alumni, we will also be holding a **Life in the Arts Cream Tea**. This will be a great opportunity for alumni to share their experiences, and encourage current students to pursue a career in the arts. Any Members currently working in the arts, who would be interested in speaking at this event, would be greatly welcomed!

For full listings of this year's events programme and to obtain tickets please contact: christopher.webb@bnc.ox.ac.uk, and see the soonto-be-updated www.arts.bnc.ox.ac.uk

Chris Webb (2nd Year, English) Director, Brasenose Arts Festival 2012

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△ Gaudy (1987-1988), 9 September 2011
 BNC Members from 1987-88 returned to College to enjoy their Gaudy. We would like to thank Will
 Woodward who was the key speaker for the evening.





⊲ △ Professor Roger Cashmore's Retirement
 Dinner, 10 September 2011

The Fellowship, alumni guests and friends attended a Dinner in honour of the former Principal **Professor Roger Cashmore**. Professor Cooper gave an address of thanks to Roger and Annie for all their hard work during Roger's Principalship and wished Roger well in his retirement.



▼ Annual Alumni Dinner 2011

17 September 2011

Members returned to College with their guests for the BNC Annual Dinner. The BNC Society was also pleased to show its gratitude to the former Principal **Professor Roger Cashmore** and **Mrs Ann Lindsay-Cashmore** who attended the Dinner. Prior to Dinner at the BNC Society AGM **Lucinda Riches** was elected as the BNC Society President for 2012. A warm welcome to Lucinda, to **Nigel Jones** as the newly elected Vice President and our thanks to the outgoing President, **Paula Carter**.



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History Reunion Dinner in Honour of
 Dr Martin Ingram, 24 September 2011
 Dr Martin Ingram has now retired after 22 years at
 BNC as Tutorial Fellow and Senior History Fellow
 since 1999. History alumni, friends and colleagues
 gathered for a celebratory dinner in Hall to show their
 appreciation for Dr Ingram's work over the years.

Alexander Nowell Circle Lunch, 25 November 2011

This was an opportunity for the College to thank BNC Members who intend to make a planned gift in their Wills to support the BNC's future. We were pleased to welcome so many Alexander Nowell Circle Members and their guests to BNC for lunch.





Ellesmere Society Dinner,

Saturday 12 November 2011 The Ellesmere Society was delighted that **Lord Hoffmann**, a former Lord Justice of Appeal and Law Lord, accepted the invitation to be the speaker for the evening. **Emma Ross** (2009), Secretary of the Ellesmere Society, coordinated the Dinner which was very successful and hopes that many BNC Lawyers will return again for this year's Dinner on **Saturday 10 November 2012.**



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A **Media Careers Seminar**, *18 February 2012* Several alumni speakers volunteered to speak to current BNC students about their careers in Media professions. We are very grateful to **Jane Johnson** for coordinating this event. We were delighted to welcome **Dan Chambers**, **Will Woodward** and guest speaker **Melanie Cantor** to BNC. We hope to run a similar event in Hilary Term next year. If you would be interested in speaking at a future event or would like to offer careers advice please contact **Lizzie Hardingham**, *Alumni Relations Officer* **elizabeth.hardingham@bnc.ox.ac.uk**



△ Vanessa Redgrave Visits BNC, February 2012 The Humanities Division and Brasenose welcomed stage and film actress Vanessa **Redgrave** as the next Humanitas Visiting Professor in Drama. Vanessa stayed at Brasenose during her visit by invitation of Dr Sos Eltis, Fellow and Tutor in English. She delivered a lecture series and took part in a symposium in fourth week of Hilary Term. Humanitas is a series of Visiting Professorships at Oxford and Cambridge intended to bring leading practitioners and scholars to both universities to address major themes in the arts, social sciences and humanities. Created by Lord Weidenfeld, the Programme is managed and funded by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue with the support of a series of generous benefactors and administered by the Humanities Division in Oxford. The Visiting Professorship in Drama was generously supported by Eric Abraham.

△ **Golden Jubilee Lunch**, 29 October 2011

BNC Members celebrated the 50 year anniversary of their matriculation, along with their partners and guests. We were pleased to welcome **Graham Whittaker** and his wife who travelled all the way from Australia and **David Hanna** who made the journey from America. With thanks to the **College Archivists** for the fascinating 1961 exhibition of material from the Archive.



Francis Watson (*Chemistry 1952*) is trying to locate a cricket bat which was at one time in a glass case in the JCR in the 1950s. It had the signature of W.G.Grace.

Copies of 1995 BNC Ball photos wanted - please let us know if you have a copies you could supply.

Please let **Lizzie Hardingham**, *Alumni Relations Officer* know if you are able to help with these enquiries or if you would like to post a noticeboard item in the next issue.

Meet the team

The Alumni Relations & Development Office is always open to welcome Brasenose Members returning to College. We are pleased to be able to arrange **Alumni Dining** in Hall, during term time, for you and your guest and assist you with booking **College accommodation** should you require it.

If you would like to visit us we're located on staircase 7:2, just before the Library. Our usual office hours are 9am to 5pm on weekdays.

Contact us

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Memorial

Dr John Barltrop's Memorial

Saturday 21 April in honour of Dr John Barltrop, Emeritus Fellow (Chemistry) who recently passed away. All welcome.

Alumni & Guest Events

Brasenose Society Eights Week Lunch Saturday 26 May Guests welcome. Book your ticket at: http://eightsweeklunch2012.eventbrite.co.uk

Brasenose Society President's Summer Drinks The Athenaeum Club, London, Tuesday 12 June Guests welcome. Book your ticket at: http://summerparty2012.eventbrite.co.uk

Annual Alumni Dinner & Brasenose Society AGM Saturday 15 September Guests welcome. Book your ticket at: http://annualalumnidinner2012.eventbrite.com

The Medical Society Lunch

Saturday 16 June

Classics Reunion Lunch Saturday 30 June

The Ellesmere Society Dinner

Gaudies

The Gaudy Schedule (until 2030) was announced in the recent issue of the Brazen Nose (p.172-4) this has also been posted on the Alumni section of the website www.bnc.ox.ac.uk. Please contact Lizzie Hardingham on +44 (0)1865 287275 to find out more.

GAUDIES 2012

Gaudy 1960-1964 Friday 22 June

Gaudy 2002-2003 Friday 14 September

2012 **Diamond Jubilee Lunch (1952)** Saturday 5 May

Golden Jubilee Lunch (1962) Saturday 27 October Partners welcome

GAUDIES 2013

The following matriculation years will be invited to Gaudies next year: 1992-1993 1990-1991 1994-1995 2004-2005

For further information about the forthcoming events diary please call the Alumni Office on +44 (0)1865 287275

Annual Alumni Dinner

The Annual Alumni Dinner & Brasenose Society AGM will be held during the University Alumni Weekend on Saturday 15 September 2012.

Alumni and their guests are welcome to attend and College accommodation will be available on a first

Tanner Lectures on Human Values 2012

To be given by Brasenose Alumna **Dr Diane Coyle OBE** (*PPE*, 1978)

Enlightenment Economics and Visiting Professor, Institute for Political and Economic Governance, University of Manchester

Conferences & Private **Events**

Brasenose is proud to offer its Conference

come, first served basis. There will also be an opportunity to explore the newly refurbished areas of College.

Dress code: Black Tie 6.00pm: Brasenose Society AGM 7.00pm: **Drinks Reception** 7.30pm: Dinner in Hall **Tickets:** £50 per person Accommodation: £35 single room, £50 twin room *(limited availability)*

To book your ticket see http://annualalumnidinner2012.eventbrite.com or contact Lizzie Hardingham on +44(0)1865 287275 or elizabeth.hardingham@bnc.ox.ac.uk

on Friday, 18 May at 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm and Saturday, 19 May at 11.00 am - 12.30 pm Followed by a discussion with a distinguished panel from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

The Nelson Mandela Lecture Theatre at the Said Business School

These lectures are open to the public; alumni and friends are very welcome.

Please contact **Melanie James** to reserve a place melanie.james@bnc.ox.ac.uk

Facilities throughout July, August and September and during the Easter and Christmas vacations.

Our friendly, professional staff will work with you to ensure the smooth running of your conference and advise on all the options available.

Coming soon...details of our new meeting facilities which will be ideal for holding your next board meeting, celebration dinner or short conference.

For more information contact Caroline Trevers, Conference & Events Manager, tel +44(0)1865 277828 or conference.manager@bnc.ox.ac.uk

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