Annual Review &
125th Anniversary
Campaign Update
2018
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Welcome to the St Hilda’s Annual Review, incorporating a special 125th Anniversary Campaign update. It is a pleasure to share the latest news of the College and the progress we are making towards our academic and philanthropic goals. These shared achievements, during a period of considerable change, were made possible by the work of many teams within the College and by the unstinting support of our alumnae and friends. The spirit of St Hilda’s is evident in these collaborations; within the College our Fellows, lecturers and staff have worked tirelessly to support our students as the preparations and work began on the major construction project to transform the front of the College.

Our Senior Tutor provides highlights from the 2017-18 academic year, commenting on an excellent set of results gained – elevating the College’s standing in the Norrington Table to fourteenth, the highest we have been for a number of years. These are gratifying results and reinforce St Hilda’s deserved reputation for academic excellence while maintaining our commitment to equality and access from under-represented groups. The full report is on page 2.

Despite heavy demands on their time as the College implements a programme of construction and change across many areas, our Fellows have maintained their world-leading research. Some of the highlights are included on pages 6-9, with further reports on the research page of our website.

As in previous years, we have benefited from the contributions made by the JCR and MCR; they are represented on all of our committees of Governing Body, and have consulted widely within the common rooms on the major changes being implemented in College. Thanks to their well-run campaign to encourage investment in renewable energy sources, the College has worked with its investment managers to focus its portfolio towards a Climate Active Fund. Despite the challenges of a major building programme, the common rooms have maintained the highest standards in their academic work, in sporting competitions and in the many cultural and charitable activities they host during the year. The reports from the presidents of the common rooms provide examples of these on pages 3 and 5.

The cover of our Annual Review will already be out of date by the time you receive your copy, such is the pace of work at present. Indeed, once the foundations were laid, the architects’ impressions started rapidly to come to life. The boundary building, tower and pavilion are all now taking shape and generating a great deal of interest and pride within our College community. We share images regularly and some fascinating drone films of the work on our website and through newsletters and social media.

We look forward to the opening of the new buildings in the Autumn of 2020, when our first priority will be to see the students settled in some of the finest new rooms in Oxford and then for our Fellows and staff to use the exceptional academic and public spaces that have been created. This is just the start of a longer journey for the College, as we are now heavily involved in detailed planning for Phase II, the next stage of our building programme.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed so generously to the building programme and to the College’s bursaries and scholarship programme. Your continuing support, as those who know the College best, inspires us to be ambitious for the future of St Hilda’s. At this time of great change, we look forward to advancing the standing of our College at the highest level of academic excellence.

SIR GORDON DUFF
Principal
Our Undergraduates

Examination Success

There are many reasons to celebrate the 2017-2018 academic year. For me the greatest reason is to mark the incredible success of our undergraduate students in their finals and prelims examinations. I warmly congratulate the students this year, as well as the academics that tutor them, and all other members of College that contribute to their achievements by supporting them in their everyday needs. This was an academic year that every member of the St Hilda’s community should be proud of.

At the start of the year the College recognises academic achievement by awarding scholarships and exhibitions to students that have achieved excellent grades in their examinations or have shown remarkable progress in their study. This year we awarded 32 scholarships and 10 exhibitions; these students joined the many other existing Scholars and Exhibitioners at the annual dinner to celebrate their success. At the end of the year the University also recognised our students by the award of Gibbs Prizes; this year we had three students being awarded Prizes for best performance in the Preliminary Examination in Engineering Science, for the Linguistics Trinity Term Honour School, and for the best performance in the Physics papers in Part C of the Honour School of Physics and Philosophy. In addition one student received the Proxime Accessit Gibbs Prize in Medicine’s First BM Part I.

In terms of end of year results, just over thirty percent of students gained firsts or distinctions in their prelims or mods. For those students who took second or third year FHS examinations (Mathematics, Engineering and Physics) an additional ten students gained either firsts or distinctions. This bodes very well for finals results in future years, and it is hoped that these continuing students will go on to meet, or surpass, the outstanding St Hilda’s finalists of 2018.

The remarkable finalists’ results this year were comprised of 37 students gaining first class degrees, 69 students gaining an upper second class degree and only two gaining a lower second class degree. With no third class or unclassified degrees, these astonishing results mean that 98% of our students are leaving the College with a first or a 2i. This is the most successful year for St Hilda’s on record, and one that propelled the College to fourteenth place on the inter-college Norrington Table.

Access and Outreach Programme

This year Oxford University published its first Annual Admissions Statistical Report, drawing together data about undergraduate admissions for the University as a whole, and for individual colleges and subjects. This report demonstrates that the University is heading in the right direction, and it should do much to encourage young people, who think that Oxford is not for them, to apply. In parallel with the report’s publication the University announced a substantial expansion of its flagship UNIQ summer school, increasing the number of places available by 500, in addition to introducing a funding scheme for admission interview related travel expenses for students of similar backgrounds. St Hilda’s is very keen to support both of these University activities.

St Hilda’s has always championed equal access to the University for women, and this has been an approach that we now apply to all applicants, regardless of background. You may see that our statistics are very good compared to the average for the University. We do not wish to be complacent, however, and will always strive to attract, and accept, the most academically able student, and we will do our best to support them when they are with us at St Hilda’s.
The College’s Access and Outreach activities continued by offering direct support to state schools, with a particular focus on students in years 9-13 from disadvantaged or under-represented backgrounds. We have seen the benefit of our work with the College’s link region’s schools in Surrey and recognise the need for this to be expanded, and we are investigating strategies to widen our reach. This includes a series of videos featuring our students and tutors, and a new Ambassador Programme to present St Hilda’s to a larger number of schools distributed across the UK.

We are confident that the students studying at St Hilda’s are assisted by the best academic and pastoral support we can deliver, and go on to achieve their very best in their degrees. We look forward to the coming academic year, and to welcoming the new undergraduates who will join our academic community in October.

DR SARAH NORMAN
Senior Tutor

JCR President’s report

St Hilda’s College JCR has had an enormously successful year. From valiant performances in Men’s Football Cuppers to the raging success of the St Hilda’s Feminist Festival, the JCR has enjoyed a productive academic year, characterised by reflections on the College’s past and commitments to its future.

Our traditional staple events of Charity Formals, Sports Dinner, and St Hilda’s Drama Society plays saw immense turnout and support. Other events were revamped in the wake of the 125th Anniversary of the College: the yearly Ball celebrated this momentous year, the Gender Equality Festival is now proudly renamed the Feminist Festival, and the great success of the Divestment campaign to reduce our reliance on non-renewable energy reaffirmed the College’s commitment to leading the way in green initiatives in Oxford.

Driving these changes and upholding St Hilda’s values were students: JCR Officers and Representatives championed our tenets of excellence and equality, initiating progressive and forward-thinking changes like the institution of a Trans Student Representative for the JCR. This is a significant step for our students: only 3 other Oxford JCRs have similar roles to support this community. Similar structural changes were made to the JCR Constitution in order to support the disabled and neurodiverse community, the LGBTQ+ community, and the BAME community.

As always, students rallied behind the Val McDermid JCR bar this year as well, ensuring that it remained a student-run space, financially thriving, and committed to inclusivity of all students. The redesign of the JCR was completed, and students continue to look for innovative and meaningful ways to improve the space. The new building works are eagerly awaited by all, and the JCR will continue to liaise with College to ensure student wellbeing is at the forefront of our decision-making as regards these new developments. I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude to College, the Governing Body, and our alumnae who demonstrated unwavering support to the student body over this past year. As we continue to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the College this calendar year, we hope to keep developing the College’s physical and constitutional landscape and celebrate its history.

ANTARA JAIDEV
JCR PRESIDENT 2017-18

Rachel McLean
Prize nominees
St Hilda’s graduate students have had another excellent year of achievement and academic enterprise.

In 2017, we awarded graduate studentships across a range of disciplines, including scholarships in social sciences (International Relations) and humanities (Women’s Studies) jointly funded with the University’s Clarendon scheme, and several doctoral training centre awards across the mathematical, medical and biological sciences.

University prizes were won in clinical medicine, law, and philosophy, further illustrating the multidisciplinary excellence of the College’s MCR.

Highlights from the MCR’s regular programme of academic events included two internal research symposia, around the themes of migration and foreignness and the five senses (www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/content/graduate-research-forums), and a poster session before the annual graduate supervisors’ dinner. To increase vertical links with the SCR, humanities and sciences tea parties were innovated, and we hope to develop these interactions next year.

Several graduates obtained funding from the Tutor for Graduates’ Fund for collaborative College research activity. Contributions were made to an author event with Eileen Myles and a ‘spoken word’ night organised in conjunction with St Hilda’s Feminist Salon, as well as to an interdisciplinary panel discussion around the question ‘Do we really know everything about love?’. A major conference on ‘Variation and Contact in the Ancient Indo-European Languages’ was also awarded a grant by the College Research Committee. This brought together linguists and philologists for a dialogue, from a range of perspectives and methods, on their research and possible new directions and collaborations.

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**DR HELEN SWIFT**
Tutor for Graduates

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St Hilda’s College University of Oxford

Our Graduates

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MCR President’s Report

The 2017-18 academic year was very positive for the St Hilda’s Middle Common Room. In the 125th anniversary year of St Hilda’s College many students used the opportunity to celebrate the history of the College while embracing the future.

We enjoyed a vivid MCR life with plenty of social and welfare events. A weekly highlight for many students was the MCR welfare brunch on Sunday mornings. We continued past charitable efforts by holding our Thanksgiving Dinner to help raise funds for the Kojo Minta Trust. Apart from the committee-organised termly guest nights and a second edition of the Murder Mystery Dinner, we liaised with MCRs of other colleges to host joint events such as exchange dinners. These events allowed our students to experience the tradition of formal dinners around the University, and it was always a pleasure to introduce guests to St Hilda’s outstanding catering and our round tables. We are proud to possess an incredibly engaged community of graduate students in St Hilda’s.

The MCR committee one of the priorities was to plan for the construction period for the Anniversary building projects.

We engaged with other members of the College to make sure the MCR’s needs are catered for well in the temporary MCR as well as in the planned MCR in the new building. We continued to support College sports clubs as in previous years. In addition, we set up funds to support sports on national level, support language classes and other extracurricular activities for MCR members from the coming academic year onwards.

We also held regular academic events such as MCR research symposia. Interdisciplinary topics such as “The Five Senses” allowed for science students as well humanities students to engage in lively debate. Furthermore, new Science Drinks as well as Humanities Drinks events help to form a community in College and promote collaboration.

The past academic year has been tremendously successful due to the dedication of our MCR Committee, the enthusiasm of all MCR members, and the great support we experienced by the College. We look forward to the bright future of St Hilda’s College in this year and all years to come.

DANIEL QUETSCHLICH
MCR President 2017-18

Students breaking ground

Supporting students behind the scenes

Many of our younger readers will recall Suzie Hancock, long-serving Academic Registrar. She retired in 2018, and to mark the occasion we asked her to describe her work at St Hilda’s:

“The Academic Office engages with students from the time they are exploring whether to apply to the College, through the application and interview process, induction, support whilst on course and during exams, and then guiding them through to graduation.

It’s a real joy and privilege to problem-solve on behalf of our students. I’ve particularly loved supporting those who have needed to sit papers in College or suspend study; helping those who need complex adjustments to exam arrangements to be put in place; and providing a listening ear for those who struggle with aspects of student life. The exam season can be particularly hectic. I’ve had to arrange permission for special chairs, hot water bottles, pillows, ‘incarceration’, as well as the usual extra time, rest breaks, medications, seats by exits, wrist supports, special keyboards, snacks, etc. The variety is endless. I’ll miss it – or most of it!”

In October Becky Unwin became the new Academic Registrar, and she has already made her mark on the College. She says:

“I came to St Hilda’s from New College, via a University department, and it’s been exciting learning the differences between the ways things work in different parts of the University. I’ve found St Hilda’s to be very friendly and supportive, both to staff and to students, and I love the role of Academic Registrar because I get to provide some of that support to our community here. As well as dealing with undergraduates, I also handle the administration behind graduate admissions and on-course graduates, and liaise daily with staff and tutors across all aspects of the College.

The other side of the job involves office admin: the University is constantly updating its procedures and finding ways to apply new IT systems and processes within a college situation is always interesting!

The students here have the same needs as anywhere else, but one of the reasons I love the job is because I get to spend time, as Suzie did before me, problem solving on their behalf. It’s a job that is full of variety, challenge and fun, with lots of interaction with people throughout St Hilda’s, in other colleges, and across the University. It’s a great job for someone who likes people. I’m looking forward to meeting our graduates at future events and finding out all about what they do after graduation.”
Dr Katherine Clarke, Tutorial Fellow in Ancient History, published *Shaping the Geography of Empire: Man and Nature in Herodotus’ Histories* with OUP in June 2018.

Dr Rachel Condry, Fellow in Criminology, was awarded a prize for ‘excellence in impact’ and the overall Impact Champion Prize by O2RB, in recognition of her work in forging awareness and developing national policy responses from her research on adolescent to parent violence (APV). Her book, *Prisons, Punishment, and the Family: Towards a New Sociology of Punishment?*, was published by OUP in October 2018.

Professor Anne Edwards, Supernumerary Fellow in Education, has been elected a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales. The Society’s aims are to promote excellence and scholarship, inspire learning and benefit the nation.

Dr Dev Gangjee, Tutorial Fellow in Law, led the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre (OIPRC) research team in producing a study on voluntary registration and deposit systems in the United States and China that has been published by the European Union Intellectual Property Office’s Observatory.

Professor Susan Jones, Tutorial Fellow in English, oversaw a particularly busy Dance Scholarship Oxford (DANSOX) programme in 2018, with events featuring high-profile speakers and performers from around the world. DANSOX provides a major forum for dance scholarship in Europe, promoting dialogue between prominent academic disciplines and the worlds of dance theory and practice.

Dr Ana Namburete, Associate Research Fellow in Engineering, received the Best Paper Award of the 2018 International Workshop on Perinatal, Preterm and Paediatric Image Analysis. She presented her work during the 21st International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention in Granada, describing her novel automated approach to construct a 3D atlas (or digital map) from foetal brain ultrasound images.

Professor Alison Noble, OBE, FRS, Professorial Fellow and Technikos Professor of Biomedical Engineering, spoke on ‘The Changing Perceptions of Medical Ultrasound’ at the University’s Alumni Weekend in San Francisco. Professor Noble discussed how interdisciplinary machine-learning research at the interfaces of computational science, biomedical engineering and clinical medicine is changing this perception.

Dr Jonathan Patterson, Career Development Fellow in French, has published an article studying the fragmentary dissemination of ideas about intellectual disabilities and low social status in early modern French literature: ‘Les fous, les idiots, et les gens de basse condition chez Guillaume Bouchet, lecteur de Huarte’, *Bibliothèque d’Humanisme et Renaissance*, LXXX-2.

Professor Catherine Schenk, Professorial Fellow in Social and Economic History, became the 2018-19 Alexandre Lamfalussy Senior Research Fellow at the Bank for International Settlements.

Professor Selina Todd, Fellow and Tutor in History, was awarded £100,000 by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and a further £40,000 by the Fell Fund for her project ‘Women, Housing and Citizenship in Britain since 1945’. Professor Todd also delivered a keynote address on ‘What does a progressive economy look like?’ at John McDonnell’s State of the Economy conference.

Dr Maya Tudor, Supernumerary Fellow in Politics, was awarded a Fellowship at the Center for the Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University.

At the heart of research

Dr Tingting Zhu

Tingting is a stipendiary Junior Research Fellow at St Hilda’s, investigating the development of machine learning for understanding complex patient data, with a special emphasis on Bayesian inference, deep learning, and applications involving the developing world. She is passionate about finding ways in which advanced data analytics can help improve the quality of life of people around the world. Being the senior research lead for global health at the AI lab in Oxford-Suzhou Centre for Advanced Research, Tingting has been travelling to lower- and middle-income countries and working with clinicians across the globe, such as Vietnam, the Philippines, and China. Recently, Tingting obtained an EPSRC award under the FAST Healthcare Network Plus, where she is the principal investigator for a project looking at how advanced machine learning techniques can be used to tackle some of the biggest global health challenges.

Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) cause 17.7 million deaths annually across the globe, according to the World Health Organisation. CVD is especially prevalent in developing countries such as China, accounting for 45% of all deaths annually, with myocardial infarction (MI), often referred to as a ‘heart attack’, as the most common cause. MI is a condition where the blood flow to the heart is decreased or stops altogether, causing damage to the heart muscle. This disease also has an associated financial burden of $558 billion worldwide.

Conventional clinical practice for diagnosing MI includes an interpretation of the electrocardiogram (ECG) readings and a blood test. ECG measures the electrical activity of the heart using non-invasive electrodes placed on the skin. The goal of the ECG is to obtain information about the structure and function of the heart, and so provide an indication of risk of MI. This interpretation of the ECG is highly dependent on the expertise and training of the clinician. In developing countries, this poses a challenge as the scarcity of expertise results in unequal access to clinicians with appropriate training. This difficulty involved in interpreting ECGs results in inaccurate diagnoses, delayed treatment, and increased risk of mortality.

Additionally, the quality of ECGs can vary depending on the skill of the healthcare worker, producing inconsistent results. This situation is made more difficult in developing countries, where such expertise is scarce, and where the use of low-cost ECG equipment further reduces data quality.

There is a need for an automated system that can reduce expert disagreement in diagnosis, and where it would be required, to improve care in resource-constrained settings. This program aims to produce a proof-of-principle using a novel machine learning system based on deep learning, constructed using data acquired from collaborators in China during this proposed study, and exploiting data already available from the collaborating China Kadoorie Biobank.
Engaging Buddhism

**Dr Anita Avramides**

Two years ago I was asked to participate in a forum at the American Philosophical Association to discuss a new book by Jay Garfield, *Engaging Buddhism*. At the time I had no knowledge of Buddhist philosophy, but I knew that Jay was a good philosopher and that Buddhist texts had some interesting things to say about topics that I work on in the philosophy of mind. I accepted the invitation and found myself participating in a most interesting cross cultural debate.

In the Spring of 2018 I was invited to be a visiting professor in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer School in Charleston, South Carolina; the topic was ‘Self Knowledge in Eastern and Western Philosophies’. These summer schools are designed for early and mid-career philosophers to get together and discuss ideas in a certain area with guest professors from around the world. After two weeks of intensive conversations with philosophers steeped in Buddhist texts, I was more convinced than ever that this rich philosophical tradition had much to teach me. The intricacy of argumentation that one encounters in these Buddhist texts is astonishing. More astonishing still is how these two very different traditions – East and West – have managed to look at questions to do with the self and others in such similar ways. So many of the arguments that are used in Western analytic philosophy can be found in these early Buddhist text. While my own knowledge of Buddhist philosophy is only beginning, I do intend to convey to my students just how valuable it can be to explore philosophy beyond the standard curriculum.

Powering the world

**Dr David Howey**

Dr David Howey leads a research group focused on energy storage, particularly batteries. The group’s aim is to build and simulate battery systems and work out how to control them correctly so that they last as long as possible, with the primary purpose of ensuring the cost effective deployment of electric transport and energy storage for the power grid. Their work involves running many tests on different battery cells and looking at how they behave in the real world, building models of their performance, and joining the dots from the technical constraints to the economic factors. They have developed a system that stops a battery pack from being limited by the worst-performing cell in the pack, allowing one to have a pack that lasts for a longer time (thereby reducing waste), or is cheaper or smaller. The group has a spin-out company, Brill Power, which is working to commercialise this technology.

Last year, Han Zhou (Engineering, 2015) was funded by St Hilda’s for a Summer Internship with Dr Howey. Dr Howey and Han worked with BBOXX, a company producing solutions to provide affordable, clean energy to off-grid communities in the developing world. Under Dr Howey’s guidance, Han helped to develop algorithms to analyse data from off-grid energy systems in sub-Saharan Africa, to enable accurate failure detection and lifetime prediction.

Dr Howey’s work as one of the country’s top battery system experts has also led to his appointment to a team tasked with supporting the development of next-generation batteries, enabled by a £42 million grant provided by the Faraday Institution. The team, comprised of researchers from several leading universities, focuses on the modelling and simulation of batteries and different length scales, which could have a big impact not only upon the speed at which we switch to using electric vehicles, but also on the sustainability and performance of batteries.
Champagne and YouTube

Dr Dev Gangjee

My research focuses on the legal protection of valuable intangibles. Intellectual property (IP) law is a field that has not only commercial but cultural as well as political significance. The fortunes of Apple and Disney rely upon it, while US accusations of systematic intellectual property theft against China make global headlines. (The US conveniently doesn’t bring up its own past as a haven of book piracy in the 19th century). However, as it becomes easier and cheaper to create and distribute, less may be more. While property rights are presumed to provide an incentive to create or invent, too many property fences impede cultural flows and collaborative research. IP scholars therefore tend to focus on fine-tuning protection regimes to ensure the appropriate balance is achieved.

Within the broader field of IP, I focus on thematic aspects of branding/trade marks and copyright law. I have spent almost two decades researching collective geographical brands such as Champagne and Darjeeling, exploring – along with geographers, historians, geologists and economists – how the notion of a special causal link between a product and its region of origin is articulated and folded within legal regimes. Many are familiar with the notion of terroir in the wine industry, which reflects this link. With considerable regret, I confess that my approach is primarily historical (archival) and doctrinal (looking at case law, legislation and international treaties). If only it could have been more field-work based... I am also interested in how endlessly protean, psychologically influential and commercially valuable brands are understood and protected by trade mark law. In ongoing empirical research I am investigating a paradox: the UK is internationally acknowledged to have one of the weakest legal regimes for protecting celebrity brand image. Yet the UK has a thriving market for celebrity-related transactions (paid appearances, product endorsements etc). What explains the existence of this thriving commercial market in a weak field of property rights? Another emerging research focus relates to the regulation of online intermediaries, since there is growing pressure to hold internet platforms responsible for the conduct of their users. Should YouTube be liable when users upload videos that infringe copyright law? If not, should YouTube nevertheless have a legally enforceable obligation to ‘do more’, such as unleash artificial-intelligence enabled ‘bots’ to patrol its content and remove offending videos? And what if the ‘offending content’ is a ten second clip of music played in the background, within a child’s birthday party home video? Sited at the intersection of technological evolution, cultural borrowing and market forces, IP is an endlessly fascinating subject.

The impacts of trauma on multiple generations

Dr Hamsa Rajan

Hamsa Rajan’s current research, conducted in Tibetan areas of western China, explores the aftermath of traumatic experiences and its impacts on family relationships. Not only is family life a strong core at the heart of many communities in this region, some of the elderly have also led very traumatic lives, experiencing food insecurity or communal violence. Studies tend to show that people traumatised by social upheaval generally live with it for years afterwards, leading to unusual responses to uncertainties and threats, poor mental health, or animosity in interpersonal relations. Lasting and wider social problems may be created, as entire generations of children and grandchildren grow up in environments characterised by parents’ heightened stress and anxiety. This research investigates how trauma in older generations may have been transmitted into the behaviours, attitudes, and interpersonal patterns of children and grandchildren.

The project also draws on Hamsa’s previous research, which explored local patterns of family abuse. Hamsa highlighted the importance of moving away from individualistic theories when working in parts of the global South, and argued instead that the totality of relational dynamics in extended families is often more to blame for domestic abuse than any one individual’s choices. Hamsa’s current project continues to draw on this lens, in which families are understood as highly collective in nature.
2018 began with Jonathan Powell returning to the JdP to perform a varied programme of works from Schubert to Feinberg. Students then embarked on the production of a one-act opera composed by Toby Young. In February, we embarked on four days of events that launched a whole year of the College’s 125th Anniversary celebrations. The four days were framed by two outstanding concerts – the jazz composer Zoe Rahman’s solo piano concert and Steven Isserlis’s recital of music by Shostakovich and Rachmaninov for cello and piano.

These celebrations highlight the development of the JdP’s own mission. The music building was opened in 1995 to bring outstanding classical concerts to Oxford. 2018’s concerts of chamber music from the Piatti and Kreutzer Quartets and piano concerts from Jonathan Powell and Tim Horton maintain this sense of purpose. Yet the JdP’s active engagement with academia has also led to new possibilities for exploration and enquiry – such as the remarkably successful DANSOX (Dance Scholarship Oxford) series convened by Professor Sue Jones and the first-ever series of contemporary music workshops, lectures and concerts (‘Liveness, Hybridity and Noise’) supported by the John Fell Foundation and Arts Council England.

Over the summer the JdP, in collaboration with DANSOX and LHN, hosted the magnificent Dutch ensemble, Ensemble Klang, and four leading dancer-choreographers for a week to workshop, rehearse and present new pieces by four up-and-coming composers from Oxford.

Later on in the year, we were lucky enough to see the return of our Patron, Steven Isserlis, who performed works by Bach, Beethoven, Fauré and Schumann alongside pianist Alasdair Beatson. Steven was presented with a gift as the Principal announced his Honorary Fellowship, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to music and his many years of artistic support to St Hilda’s.

Other Michaelmas events included a recital featuring works by ‘American Pioneers’ Ives, Crawford Seeger and Nancarrow; Bernard d’Ascoli presenting piano works by Debussy, Franck, Chopin and Ravel; many Oxford Lieder Festival workshops and masterclasses; and a fantastic Christmas family show by Wild Boor Ideas based on the popular Winnie the Witch stories!

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**Did you know?**

Many JdP events are live-streamed and can be viewed now at jdp.sthildas.ox.ac.uk/livestream
2018: A Year of Celebration

2018 saw us celebrating the College’s 125th Anniversary in style, with our biggest and widest ranging series of events to date, including talks, receptions, weekend programmes, international reunions, and so much more. Many thanks to all who came along, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

6 - 7 April: St Hilda’s Fellow Professor Alison Noble OBE, FRS spoke at the University’s Meeting Minds Alumni Weekend in San Francisco

16-17 April: The Kathy Wilkes Conference to honour the work, both political and philosophical, of a much admired St Hilda’s Fellow

20 April: The inaugural Mathematics Reunion, with the late Dr Margaret Rayner, Emeritus Fellow

23 June: A Victorian Garden Party, complete with costumes, sumptuous food, and a carousel for the children

24 May: Dr Daniel Bulte, Associate Professor in Engineering Science, delivered a talk on The Body Electric at the Wellcome Collection, London

19 April: The inaugural Mathematics Reunion, with the late Dr Margaret Rayner, Emeritus Fellow

15 September: BBC World News America presenter Katty Kay delivered the Gaudy’s keynote lecture on ‘What’s happening in the corridors of power in the US & beyond’, then signed copies of her book The Confidence Code

14 December: Zeinab Badawi and the Principal cut the College’s 125th birthday cake on Founder’s Day, following a spectacular procession and service

18 February: Wendy Cope and Nicola LeFanu created St Hilda’s of Whitby: A Cantata which premiered to a full house in the University Church

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125th Anniversary Campaign

Our progress

When launched, the campaign target was to raise a minimum of £15 million to be achieved by 2021. Thanks to the generosity and shared vision of our donors and the energy and efforts of our US and UK Campaign Boards, we have achieved the gift income and pledges to reach our first target ahead of time. As a College we could not be more grateful for the strength of support shown by our alumnae and friends, encouraging us to aim high and to create the best environment for our students and Fellows to flourish.

As we work to complete Phase I, we are also designing Phase II, to fulfil our promise to provide all our undergraduates with a College room. We must now explore how best to develop the remaining area on our lovely riverside site to support the strategic goals of the College.

Gift income for the 125 Fund received and pledged

- Major pledges received for buildings and key spaces: £6,570,000
- Total for gifts (income received) for 125 Fund: £9,261,000

- ‘College’s area of greatest need’ Fundraising summary position Phase I: £15,831,000 (July 2019)

Named bursaries and scholarships

The Campaign includes opportunities to establish named bursaries and scholarships as well as to fund academic support. Our donors have responded with great heart and over the last three academic years St Hilda’s students have received an additional £36,250 for undergraduate bursaries and travel and research awards.

Two new graduate awards were created: the Kathy Wilkes Memorial Studentship was established by alumnae, family and former colleagues at the time of the conference held in her memory in April 2018; and a new graduate scholarship in law has also recently been established and will be offered for the 2020-21 academic year.

Hear from our students

Here you can watch a short film featuring our students describing the difference that the new bursaries and awards make to their lives and opportunities:

https://youtu.be/-OBI5noCrOs
REMAINING MAJOR NAMING OPPORTUNITIES:
- Pavilion: £1,500,000
- Middle Common Room: £200,000
- Top floor seminar room: £200,000
- River walkway: £80,000
- Tutor’s room: £15,000
- Student rooms (three remaining): £10,000 each
- Name on the donor colonnade: £5,000 or above
- Garden spaces and bird/bat boxes: range of naming opportunities
- Seats in the pavilion: £1,000

NEW SPACES TO BE RELEASED:
Academic spaces in South Building

To find out more about naming opportunities or to make a gift, please contact Bronwyn Travers, Development Director & Fellow, on +44 (0) 1865 286624 or bronwyn.travers@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk

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Applause!

Kensington Mortgages appointed Jayne Almond (PPE, 1975) as its new chair in November 2018. She also joins Kensington’s parent company, the Northview Group, as an independent non-executive director. This is the latest amongst many senior appointments for Jayne, who has extensive experience of the financial services industry and has sat on the Competition Commission and the council of Oxford University.

Zeinab Badawi (PPE, 1981) was awarded the British Academy President’s Medal in recognition of her international contributions to broadcast journalism and for advocating women’s education in the Sudan and other countries.

The Very Reverend Vivienne Faull (History, 1974) became the 57th Bishop of Bristol after being appointed by Her Majesty the Queen. She is the first woman to take on this role in Bristol.

Canada’s youngest-ever Cabinet member, Democratic Institutions Minister, The Hon Karina Gould, PC MP (International Relations, 2011) made history in March 2018, as the country’s first cabinet minister to give birth while in office. Returning to her post in May, with her young son Oliver, she was the first Canadian federal cabinet minister ever to take maternity leave.

Anna Hall (English, 1987) was nominated for Catching a Killer: The Search for Natalie Hemming in the Best Documentary Series category at the BAFTA Awards, and Best Director: Factual in the BAFTA Television Craft Awards – the only woman ever to be nominated for two consecutive years in the latter category.

Alison Hoddinott (English, 1954) has published Women, Oxford & Novels of Crime, with Brandl & Schlesinger. The book explores the way in which women’s crime novels set in Oxford reflect the struggles women faced in academia and reconciling career aspirations with social expectations, and the impact social change had on such texts.

Arlene Holmes-Henderson (Classics, 2000) co-edited Forward with Classics, published by Bloomsbury. The book investigates the benefits of learning classical languages and explores how Classics is taught around the world and the possibilities for future curricula.

Bettany Hughes (Ancient and Modern History, 1985) was the winner of the 2018 Helena Vaz da Silva Award for Raising Public Awareness on Cultural Heritage, in recognition of her efforts ‘to support, celebrate and save Europe’s heritage’.

Adam Hurst and Sam Hussain (both Engineering, 2008) have started the tech company Log My Care which provides software to assist care homes, enabling managers to communicate with frontline staff more effectively so that residents’ care is managed in a secure and efficient way.

Andrew Hyslop (Engineering, 2014) was awarded the Rolls-Royce prize for Thermofluids during the University of Oxford Engineering Department’s 44th Maurice Lubbock Memorial Lecture day.


Rachel Kelly (Music, 1999) was shortlisted for the TechWomen100 Award 2018 for her work with Parkinson’s UK, where she has led a culture change towards data-driven decision-making across the organisation, creating more effective collaboration between strategic and operational levels.

Edward Lowe (Economics & Management, 2012), published The Making of Champions: How Children Become Sporting Greats, exploring the childhoods of the world’s greatest athletes to better understand how their early moments influenced their success in sport.
**Giovanna Mallucci** (Physiology, 1982) was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences. A pioneer in the field of neurodegeneration and the treatment of dementia, she will also lead a new centre on Cambridge Biomedical Campus which forms part of the new UK Dementia Research Institute.

Two St Hilda’s alumnae were among the five judges for the 2018 Man Booker Prize: **Val McDermid** (English, 1972) and **Jacqueline Rose** (English, 1968). As part of the shortlisting process, they both had to read 171 books in just seven months!

**Nadifa Mohamed** (Modern History and Politics, 2000) was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

**Anna Mohr-Pietsch** (English, 2001) produced *Swimming with Men*, starring Rob Brydon, Jane Horrocks and Rupert Graves. Based on a true story, the film is a comedy about a motley crew of middle-aged men who find solace and friendship in the form of a synchronised swimming team. It was shown nationwide over the summer.

**Laura Mulvey** (History, 1960) was awarded an honorary degree by Yale University. *Yale News* described her as ‘one of the great figures in the history of film theory[...] Lauded for her influential role in developing the field of feminist film theory, she has inspired generations of scholars at Yale and around the world.’

**Cherie Nursalim** (Engineering and Economics, 1985) is the Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Southeast Asia and was co-Chair of its conference dedicated to the topic of blended finance in October 2018. Cherie is internationally recognised for her passion for sustainable development and ongoing commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals. These are implemented in her leadership of past and future planned activities on the island of Kura Kura, Bali, dubbed the “Island of Happiness” for its adoption of the ancient Balinese philosophy of Tri Hita Karana, or three routes to happiness.

**Hannah Rothschild** (History, 1981) received a CBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List, for services to the Arts and charity.

First elected in 2010 for Alabama 7th District, **Terri Sewell** (Politics, 1986) was re-elected in 2018 to serve her fifth term in the US House of Representatives. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the New Democrat Coalition, and in December 2018 was appointed Chief Deputy Whip for the Democratic Caucus. She is a Member of the Steering and Policy Committee, and a Co-Chair of the Voting Rights Caucus.

**Philippa Sigl-Glöckner** (PPE, 2008), the founder of macro-finance think tank Dezernat Zukunft, featured in *Forbes*’ recent ‘top 30 under 30’ in the Europe: Finance category. Dezernat Zukunft is a non-partisan think tank that aims to explain and re-think monetary, financial, fiscal, and economic policy in an accessible, coherent and relevant manner.

**Haruno Yoshida**, graduate student, was appointed the co-chair from Japan for the W20, one of the G20 engagement groups comprised of women leaders from G20 countries in public and private sectors. The W20 was established to make recommendations on the world’s gender equality issues to the G20. The College was deeply saddened to learn of Haruno’s untimely death in June 2019.

**The Very Reverend Vivienne Faull**
Construction activities continue to dominate daily life in the Bursary. This year has seen the completion of the extension and refurbishment of the properties at the corner of Iffley Road and Stockmore Street, now renamed the Jocelyn Morris Quad (JMQ), and the start of construction activities for the new front of house development. But more of that later.

Financially, the year to 31 July 2018 was another positive year for the College, in which net assets increased to £113.4 million at 31 July 2018 from £111.3 million a year earlier. The year on year gain was not as great as in the previous year due to weaker, though still positive, returns on invested assets. The underlying operational performance was very satisfactory, particularly given the loss of accommodation income during the refurbishment of student rooms in JMQ.

However, the outlook for 2018/19 and beyond is somewhat more concerning. The fourth quarter of 2018 saw a significant decline in the value of the investment portfolio, which we may or may not recover in 2019. Perhaps of greater concern, however, are the impending recommendations of the Government’s review of post-18 Education and Funding. If these include significant reductions in tuition fees as some recent press reports have mooted, and if these are enacted, there could be a serious and persistent adverse impact on College finances, which we will have to manage. At the same time, employment cost pressures are beginning to build up. We are fortunate therefore that our fundraising programme is being so well supported, which will enable us to proceed with our planned construction activities notwithstanding these financial storm clouds.

Building programme

Construction andfitting out work on the JMQ was completed in time for re-occupation by students in Michaelmas Term 2018. The new quad was officially open at Gaudy weekend, when attendees were given the opportunity to look around the new and refurbished accommodation. There was universal agreement that these were a vast improvement over what was there before and, delays in final completion notwithstanding, we must extend our thanks to Feltham Construction and other supporting teams, both internal and external, for a job well done. I am convinced that JMQ will become a very popular place to live for students.

March 2018 saw the final, unanimous approval by Oxford’s Planning Committee West of our plans for the redevelopment of the front of house. Since then, the construction team has raced to complete the detailed construction drawings and specifications and sub-contracting necessary to allow the final construction contract to be agreed. Demolition of Milham Ford, the Porters’ Lodge wing and the bicycle storage began in Michaelmas and as I write in January 2019 I can feel the vibration of the piling machines as they drive protective sheet piling into the river bed in front of what will be the new Pavilion.

It’s all systems go and fingers crossed for a trouble free construction that is due for completion in July 2020.

A word of thanks

This year, perhaps more than any in recent years, the value of a dedicated and committed staff has been evident. Our 125th Anniversary year has been filled with glorious events, attracting many more visitors than usual, and our staff have had to deliver a welcome to all of these whilst their physical surroundings were changing around them. It was gratifying to hear that their efforts were widely recognised and appreciated. My sincere thanks to all. You really will transform the College.

FRANK GARGENT
Bursar

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Jocelyn Morris Quad

Last year we shared with you our plans to combine Fulford House, Stockmore House and 85/87 Iffley Road into one student accommodation hub. We are delighted to be able to show you here the finished site, called the Jocelyn Morris Quad.

The Quad was developed as part of our plans to improve and increase facilities for our students, with work starting in July 2017. The completed project provides 67 high-quality study bedrooms, most with en suite bathrooms. There are also a number of comfortable kitchens, each serving between three and seven rooms, including an accessible kitchen with height-adjustable fittings. The buildings – Stockmore House, Rosalind Hill House, Catherine Fulford House, and Sylvia Mann House – all share a central garden that is currently having its landscaping finalised. Our first residents moved in at the start of Michaelmas Term 2018, and by all accounts the site is a very welcome improvement to the College, creating a homely environment with a strong sense of community for those living there.

CATHERINE FULFORD HOUSE
37 student rooms

SYLVIA MANN HOUSE
12 student rooms

ROSALIND HILL HOUSE
11 student rooms
including 3 fully-accessible rooms on the ground floor

STOCKMORE HOUSE
7 rooms

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