Nuffield Newsletter
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Wardenship

We are delighted to announce that the Electoral Body of the College, at its meeting on 9 March 2011, agreed that Andrew Dilnot, Principal of St Hugh’s College, Oxford be designated the next Warden of the College, when the present Warden, Stephen Nickell, stands down on 31 August 2012.

Andrew Dilnot is a Pro Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and Chairman of the Commission on Funding Care and Support. He was Director of the Institute of Fiscal Studies from 1991-2002, and – among a variety of other positions – has been a member of the National Consumer Council, and has served on the Social Security Advisory Committee. He will continue the distinguished leadership provided by Wardens past and present.

The appointment is being welcomed by all who know the College and Andrew Dilnot.

Laurence Whitehead
Senior Fellow

Nuffield & Mexico

The College has a long running engagement with research and teaching in Mexican Public policy issues. During the current academic year, two themes within this broad agenda came to the fore. These are research and training activities focussed on selected priorities of the Federal District (urban infrastructure, access to justice, water management and citizen participation); and the political economy of reform in the oil sector at the national level. Under the first heading, the current Mayor of Mexico City, (Marcel Ebrard) visited the college to inaugurate and participate in a one-day workshop on June 2nd, 2010, and under the second the College hosted the final stage of an energy reform research initiative on November 4th 2010.

Plans are currently under discussion concerning a possible “public policy” college research officership and associated programme to be funded by the authorities in Mexico City; and a summary of the research findings and policy recommendations concerning the state oil company (PEMEX) will be presented to national policymakers in the capital city on April 29th 2011.

The Mayor’s visit began with an official inauguration of a small exhibition in the College Chapel, displaying various aspects of Federal District’s programme cultural heritage during the twentieth century. In particular it highlighted the capital’s post-revolutionary tradition of offering asylum to those suffering persecution in other lands, including both political and artistic refugees from the Spanish civil war, Bolshevism, Nazism, and South American “national security” regimes. Most of the day was devoted to academic presentations of various strategies for addressing issues of congestion pollution, sanitation, water management, citizen surety, and political participation in the megalopolis. Marcelo Ebrard asked probing questions throughout, and gave a summary of the innovations being undertaken by his own administration. The participants attended a closing dinner in his honour, at which proposals for further comparative policy research and training were tabled.

The energy workshop was a smaller and more closed event, at which final drafts were exchanged between...
the team of political scientists and energy economists who had been recruited to evaluate the scope and limitations of the reforms enacted in 2008, and to derive recommendations for Mexican energy policy over the coming decade. These policy conclusions are to be given as a (Spanish language) executive brief at the April 2011 conference, which is aimed at outreach from the academic community (the Oxford Programme of Mexican Studies, the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies and the James Baker Institute of Public Policy at Rice University, Houston) to Mexican opinion-formers and policymakers. The Mexican Council on International Affairs (Comexi) will be hosting this stage of the work. The research base for this project includes various Nuffield contributors (Carlos Elizondo, Gilles Serra, and Laurence Whitehead), and I have been responsible for its overall structure.

Laurence Whitehead
Senior Fellow

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**Oxford European Reunion**
PARIS 6-8 May 2011

Join other Oxonians and friends for this not-to-be-missed Oxford reunion in Paris, including drinks receptions in stunning venues and debates from leading Oxford academics. Visit www.alumni.ox.ac.uk/european_reunion to book your place by 6 April.

The Warden, Steve Nickell will host a Nuffield table at the main dinner on Saturday 7 May.

Nuffield alumni are also invited to an informal dinner on Friday 6 May. Please contact Paul Lawett (pmjlawett@gmx.de) for further information and/or to reserve a place (please note later deadline of 30 April for this dinner).

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**Nuffield Society**
AGM & Dinner
Friday 16 September 2011

All Alumni are encouraged to attend the AGM and following dinner. Guests may be invited to Dinner.

Full details will be available in April 2011.

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**Save the dates!**

**Economics Reunion Dinner**
Friday 16 March 2012
Invitations will be sent in early 2012.

**Gaudy 2012**
Friday 29 June 2012
For those who started at Nuffield from 1965/6-1974/5 and pre-1962.

Invitations are increasingly distributed by e-mail. If you prefer not to provide us with your e-mail address, please do not hesitate to phone or write requesting further information about events that you wish to attend:
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NEWS FROM FORMER MEMBERS

Adell, Bernie (S 1962-64)
Bernie Adell (Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario) co-ordinated a masters-level course in Comparative Labour Law in July 2010 at Queen’s University’s Bader International Studies Centre, located at Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex. He is now involved in the development of a new centre for law in the contemporary workplace, at Queen’s University, and is editor-in-chief of The Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal.

Brook, Penelope (S 1984-87)
Penelope Brook has recently moved to Buenos Aires as the World Bank’s Director for Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Butler, David (S 1949-51, RF 1951-54, OF 1955-92)
David Butler was knighted in the 2011 New Years honours in recognition of his services to political science. Sir David was also awarded a special honour for his book Political Change in Britain which was judged to be the best book to win the WJM Mackenzie Prize since its inception in 1987. This special award was made to celebrate the Political Studies Association’s 60th anniversary and was presented at the awards dinner in November 2010.

De Jasay, Anthony (S & RF 1955-62)
Published two volumes of the collected papers of Anthony de Jasay. Political Philosophy Clearly; Political Economy Concisely.

De Mont, Alex (S 1978-81)
I am working today as a Course Manager and Senior Lecturer in Applied Social Studies at the University in Bedfordshire. Most of our students are in work and see their degree study as a means of developing a professional career in the human services.

Fisher, David (S 1983-84)
David Fisher was awarded a PhD in July 2010 from King’s College London. His thesis is being published in March 2011 by Oxford University Press under the title Morality and War: Can War be Just in the Twenty-First Century?. He is now teaching Ethics and War at King’s College.

Hazlehurst, Cameron (S & RF 1966-70)
New experience 2010 is chairing the Owner’s Corporation of a fourteen storey apartment and commercial complex: Goldbrough Building in Sydney’s Darling Harbour. Steep learning curve on strata title law, council fire regulations, building management, etc. Completion of book on lives of three cabinet ministers, Chief of General Staff, and six others killed in Canberra aircrash in August 1940 delayed to early 2011.

Hooper, Meredith (S 1962-64)
The Longest Winter: Scott’s Other Heroes (John Murray, hardback 2010, paperback 2011; US: Counterpoint, 2011)

Jowett, Paul (S 1980-83)
Paul Jowett, with his wife Francoise Jowett, have finished their book Private Equity: The German Experience which was published by Palgrave Macmillan on 26th January 2011. Paul recently moved to become a partner at Roland Berger Strategy Consultants in their Munich office, responsible for private equity support services. Paul will be giving a seminar on “The History of Private Equity in Germany, 1965-2010” in the Guido Goldman Room at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for

Abbreviations: AM Associate Member  GF Guardian Fellow  GGF Gwilym Gibbon Fellow  HF Honorary Fellow  OF Official Fellow  PF Professorial Fellow  NCF Norman Chester Fellow  S Student  VF Visiting Fellow
European Studies, Harvard University, on 27th April 2011 at 5.30 p.m.

**Kell, Michael (S 1989-92)**
In May 2010 I left Deloitte to join the National Audit Office as Chief Economist, where I am enjoying life back in the public sector.

**King, Anthony (S 1958-61)**

**Oakeshott, Matthew (S 1970-72)**
I am a liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman in the House of Lords (since 2001) and Chairman of Vince Cable’s Business Advisory Group (since the 2010 General Election).

**Pełczynski, Zbigniew (S 1951-53)**
I celebrated my 85th birthday at the end of November 2010 with a seminar on “Faces of Leadership” (business, education, politics), at the Polish Embassy in London. Leadership education has been my main retirement interest for almost 15 years and it has produced impressive results, as far as Polish national and local politics and civil society are concerned. I would be grateful to hear from any Nuffield alumni with interesting leadership experience in any field.

**Raffé, David (S 1974-75)**
David Raffé is still at the University of Edinburgh, where he has resumed the directorship of the Centre for Educational Sociology on an interim basis, pending the appointment of a permanent replacement for Jenny Ozga.

**Schoenbrod, David (S 1964-65)**

**Steil, Benn (S 1986-91)**
Benn is Director of International Economics at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, where he has been based since leaving Chatham House in 1998. His most recent book, *Money, Markets and Sovereignty*, won the 2010 Hayek Book Award. He and his wife Gloria had a son, Ethan Alexander Steil, in April.

**St John, Ian (S 1990-98)**
I continue to teach History at Haberdashers’ Aske’s School, Elstree. This year my political biography of Gladstone, *Gladstone and the Logic of Victorian Politics*, was published, while my earlier *Disraeli and the Art of Victorian Politics* appeared in a second edition.

**Syed, Murtaza (S 1999-04)**
Appointed as Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in China since July 2010. I will be based in Beijing for the next three years, before returning to the IMF Headquarters in Washington D.C.

**Walker, Nigel (PF 1961-73)**
I am now living in Edinburgh, aged 93. My wife died aged 90 and I have published one or two books since leaving Nuffield.

**Westcott, Gill (S 1972-74)**
Gill Westcott married Timothy Gorringe, St Luke’s Professor of Theological Studies at Exeter University in 2008. She works for Transition Exeter, and looks after Jacob sheep.

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**Sadly, we note the deaths of the following former members:**


What Role for Business Studies at Nuffield?

Paul Jowett asks Alain Enthoven – now Professor of Public and Private Management at Stanford University, and Peter Cappelli, Professor of Management at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, what they think are the benefits of closer links between the disciplines Nuffield engages in and Business Studies.

Paul: Having spent the best part of my career as a management consultant, having had brief stops at London Business School and Templeton College; Oxford, I’ve been wondering whether Nuffield would benefit from closer links with the academic and professional worlds of business and management. Ironically, despite the fact that Nuffield has no students or faculty focussed on business, around nine percent of former members in the United States have become leading members of Business and Management faculties. So I thought I would ask a few representatives of this group what they think the pros and cons of such closer links might be. Alain, could you begin by giving us your view on whether there should, for example, be a closer link between economics and business studies at Nuffield?

Alain: At Stanford, the Business School and the Economics Department have quite close links, with some hiring of each others’ PhD graduates. We also attend each other’s seminars. I think that the close links are very beneficial. It would be hard to understand macroeconomics these days without knowledge of or help from what we call Finance – that is deep knowledge of financial institutions. I don’t know the present status of links between Nuffield and Said so I can’t comment on whether they could profit from closer relations with one another. But I think if economics students don’t know how finance and business work, they are in a weaker position to understand the economy.

Paul: Would you hold the same view Peter?

Peter: That’s a trickier question. It’s easy to suggest that students at Nuffield should wander off to the business school to pick up thesis topics or that business faculty should come over to Nuffield to learn theory. But in practice, these last-minute exchanges don’t work very well because neither side knows enough about the other to even know where to look. It would take some matchmaking on the ground – some individuals who know enough about both sides – to make a relationship work.

Paul: It sounds as if this is one of the disadvantages of having no shared staff between the two institutions. What disadvantages does Nuffield have from not having students or faculty engaged in business studies?

Peter: The disadvantage is lost opportunities. But there is also a risk, and that would be if new students and faculty don’t have enough in common with the existing community. Then one simply has a mini-business school within Nuffield, and neither side benefits.

Paul: The options would appear to be the encouragement of at least one new member of the Said faculty to simultaneously become a fellow of Nuffield, and the encouragement of at least one of Nuffield new students to take up a thesis topic falling also within the scope of the Said academic remit. I would like to thank you Alain and Peter for their useful insights into the overlaps between social science and business studies, and what more Nuffield could be doing in this space.
The Nuffield Society Update

The Nuffield Society of America was launched at the start of the new year, and after first contact was established with former members in the US, groups of enthusiasts were identified in Boston, New York, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego willing to organise local events and activities.

The first meeting of the Nuffield Society of America’s Boston Chapter is scheduled for 27th April for breakfast at the Harvard Faculty Club. Any other former members in the US who happen to be in or near Boston during that week are extremely welcome to attend. Meetings are also planned in April and May for New York, Washington D.C., and Philadelphia.

In Europe, the Society has organised an event alongside the University’s European Reunion Weekend in Paris on 6th-8th May 2011. The Warden and several current fellows of the College will be attending, and in addition to an informal dinner on the Friday evening (6th May) there will also be University organised events on Saturday, a gala dinner on Saturday evening (which will include a Nuffield table), and a brunch event at the British Embassy on the following Sunday (8th May). All those interested in attending the University events need to register by the 6th April, but anyone can attend the Nuffield only event on the Friday evening up until the last minute.

The Committee had its first meeting after the 2010 AGM on 24th October 2010, at which plans were discussed for a London event, the Sociology Alumni Seminar and Dinner, and the creation of the Society’s infrastructure in the US. The Committee also had a well attended meeting on 18th February 2011 (albeit with the notable exception of the Chairman who was held captive by M40 traffic from London). Foremost on the agenda were the continued efforts to globalise the Society, including discussion of challenges of internal communication and data sharing on former members. The decision was taken at the meeting not to hold a London event this year, given that an event had already been organised in Paris.

The Committee very much hopes that the AGM scheduled for September 2011 may attract former members from outside the UK to attend. Once again, the AGM will be timed to coincide with the University’s Alumni Weekend, this year on the theme “Meeting Minds – 21st Century Challenges”.

Paul Jowett
Chairman, Nuffield Society

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Nuffield Society of America

First breakfast meeting of the Boston Chapter from 8am **27 April 2011**

Harvard Faculty Club
20 Quincy Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Could all those wishing to attend please send an e-mail to Paul Jowett on pmjowett@gmx.de

Nuffield Society of Europe

Paris events at the Oxford Reunion Weekend **6-8 May 2011**

Please register for the University events online before 6 April 2011 www.alumni.ox.ac.uk/european_reunion

Those attending the Friday evening dinner on 6 May 2011 at 8pm (location tbc) please send an e-mail to Paul Jowett (pmjowett@gmx.de)
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