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If you have a Facebook Profile and would like to be updated with news and events taking place at Nuffield College then please head to and like our new Facebook page ‘Nuffield College’.

Front cover photo: A view of Nuffield College from the lower quad, taken in 2011 by Greg Smolonski.

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From the Editor

I am very grateful to Katie Price who has taken up where Catherine McNeill left off, and has embraced Nuffield, its particular ways and all its members, past and present, with great enthusiasm. Katie has taken the Annual Report to print, which all members should have received, and has researched the details of our fine Oxford Crown which can be viewed at the Ashmolean (page 8).

Oxford avoided being razed by war in the 1640’s. What an escape!

William Morris began in production in Oxford in 1915. When he died 50 years later the city had been transformed. Our celebrations were commemorative of his death and are recounted here (page 4) but there was much background support from the BMW car plant, which now feels confident enough about the British car industry to recognise its heritage.

We even managed to return Lord Nuffield (in the form of his bust) to the Cowley Factory!

Many old members will be interested to know that our very popular site manager, Rod Oakey, retired to Bournemouth this summer. He has all our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Gwilym Hughes

William Morris began production in Oxford in 1915. When he died 50 years later the city had been transformed.

Rod Oakey and Gwilym Hughes
College News

Lord Nuffield’s 50th Anniversary

As mentioned in the last issue of the Newsletter, 2013 is the 50th anniversary of Lord Nuffield's death. In order to mark this occasion, the College, in conjunction with the Nuffield Foundation, and the University have helped to host various events.

On Saturday 7 September a morning of talks took place, looking at the different facets of Lord Nuffield’s remarkable generosity, together with a small exhibition of items from the College archives. Professor Eric Sidebottom investigated his donations to medical sciences in Oxford, Liz Woolley looked at his contributions to the University and Colleges more generally, and Robert Harris on the enlightened way in which he treated his employees.

“The man who would give money is compelled to do a great deal of hard thinking. Is his gift going to do good or harm? The responsibility of a would-be giver is great.” Lord Nuffield, 1927

On Thursday 10 October a Memorial Service was held in St Mary’s the Virgin (University Church). This service was organised by the University, but with full support from the college. Canon Brian Mountford expressed his thanks by saying, “Our committee is elated by the overall success of the occasion, especially in bringing together Town and Gown in a very positive way.”

The extraordinary philanthropy of William Morris, Lord Nuffield is undiscoverd by many, which is why the 50th Anniversary of his death presented a great opportunity to celebrate his generosity and reflect upon the impact of his donations which still surround us today.

There is a special commemorative booklet published by Nuffield College, in partnership with the Nuffield Foundation that captures the story of Lord Nuffield as one of Britain's most generous benefactors. While stocks last it can be found in the B1 office at Nuffield, available to everyone.

Open Doors September 2013

Nuffield College opened itself to the public for the 4th time to share some of its much admired architecture and retell our history. With tours of the Senior Common Room, The Chapel and refreshments in the Dining Hall, Nuffield was viewed and enjoyed by over 1000 members of the public over the space of 2 days. This has become a highly successful event and one we hope to be involved in year after year. As well as attending the event we do ask for volunteers to become guides and stewards for some part of the weekend. If this is something you’d be interested in and would like to take part in for September 2014, please contact: events@nuffield.ox.ac.uk.
Alumni News

Board, Simon (S 1997-99)
I’d like to report that I was promoted to Associate Professor (with tenure) at the Department of Economics, UCLA. I am particularly grateful to Paul Klemperer and Meg Meyer for allowing me to stand on their shoulders.

Jones, Eric (S 1961-63, RF 1963-67)

Leunig, Tim (S 1993-96, PRF 1995-97)
Tim has taken 2 year’s leave from LSE to serve as senior ministerial policy advisor in the Department for Education.

Loveless, Matt & Binelli, Chiara (RF 2007-09 & RF 2008-11)
Matt and Chiara had a baby daughter, Paula Sofia Loveless, on 22 March 2013. Mum and dad are very happy.

Mechan, Elizabeth (S 1975-79)

Pegg, Mark (S 1975-78)
I have been appointed Chief Executive of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education that provides leadership and organisational development for all the UK’s Universities and Higher Education Colleges. Visit www.lfhe.ac.uk. I have also been elected Vice Chair of Governors of Dr Challoner’s Grammar School, Amersham – an outstanding school, it’s a real pleasure to work with the Head, staff and boys.

Pelczynski, Zbigniew (S 1951-53)
Zbigniew Pelczynski: A Life Remembered, a biography, was published in 2012.

Rose, Richard (S 1958-60)
As the EU has expanded its influence on member states I have turned my attention to Brussels. OUP published Representing Europeans: A Pragmatic Approach in April, 2013. It turns inside out the theme of my doctoral thesis, the influence of domestic politics on foreign policy, by examining the impact of EU policy on citizens who have more rights as national citizens than as EU citizens. In 2014 the ECPR Press will publish Learning about Politics in Time and Space: A Memoir. It includes chapters about the distant past, eg, Oxford in the 1950s and segregated America in the 1940s, as well as about my experiences in Northern Ireland before and after the killings started and Communist countries before and after the Berlin Wall fell. Any members who would like to see chapters now circulating can contact me at richard.rose@yahoo.co.uk.

And if in the West of Scotland, Rosemary and I continue to live in Helensburgh, where the Highlands come down to the sea, and I remain research active at the University of Strathclyde.

Solesbury, William (GGF 1990)
His recently published book World Cities, City Worlds: Explorations with metaphors, icons and perspectives, (Matador, ISBN 978 1783060 085) is about how we make sense of cities, those extraordinary places where half the world’s population now lives. It explores ways of seeing, experiencing and thinking about cities by framing them through metaphors (regarding cities as communities, as battlegrounds, as marketplaces, as machines, or as organisms), by reference to iconic cities (the book provides portraits of Mumbai, New York, Tokyo, Paris, Los Angeles and Venice) or from different perspectives (those of city rulers, of artists, of analysts and of everyday city life). In these ways it delves below the familiar appearance of cities and the commonplace sensations of living there to reveal how – across the world and through history – cities work, how they change and what makes them tick. William Solesbury is currently a Senior Visiting Research Fellow in the Department of Political Economy, King’s College London.

Ster, Nick (S 1968-69, VF 2005-12)
From 2012-2016 I am Vice-Chair of the Trustees of the British Museum and from 2013-2017, President of the British Academy (first economist since Lionel Robbins 50 years ago).

Wlezien, Chris (FF 2001-05)
Christopher Wlezien has been named the Hogg Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin beginning 1 July, 2013.

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

Alison Redmayne (S 1963-67) died on 20 February 2013.
Raymond Boudon (HF 2008-13) died on 10 April 2013.
David Stout (S 1956-58, AM) died on 10 May 2013.
Barun De (S 1957-60) died in Kolkata on 16 July 2013.
Jackie Wardell (S 1978-80) died in Portland, Maine, on 29 October 2013.
Norman Geras (S 1965-67) died on 18 October 2013.
Where are they now?

Class of 1978-9  (Above: Copy of New Students photos sheet 1978-9)

Robert Bell          CEO & Founder of Archomai and The History Troupe (Nuffield Society Committee)
Michael Bilton       Investigative Journalist
Clive Briault        Financial Services Regulation - Consultant, and senior adviser on regulation to KPMG
Steve Broadberry     Professor of Economic History at LSE
Peter Cappelli       George W. Taylor Professor of Management at The Wharton School and Director of Wharton’s Center for Human Resources.
Ed Chambers          
Ken Cheong
Philip Davis         Pastor Penge Baptist Church, “Principal Research Fellow” at NIESR and Professor of Banking and Finance at Brunel University
Alexander De Mont   Senior Lecturer in the Department of Applied Social Studies, Faculty of Health and Social Science, at the University of Bedfordshire
Matthew Fforde       Professor of Contemporary History at LUMSA, a Catholic university in Rome.
Les Green            Professor of the Philosophy of Law, University of Oxford; and Fellow of Balliol College.
Nick Hallett         
Sheldon Himmelfarb   US Institute for Peace - Director, Center of Innovation: Media, Conflict, and Peacebuilding / Director, Center of Innovation: Science, Technology and Peacebuilding
Bridget Hutter       Professor of Risk Regulation, Department of Sociology, LSE and Former Director ESRC Centre of Analysis of Risk and regulation
Michael Katz         Sarin Chair in Strategy and Leadership, Haas School of Business, and Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley
David Levy           Director, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, Oxford University (Nuffield Society Committee)
Iain Macbeth  Director, Age Concern (Custodial & Trust Services company, located in Stockton on-Tees, Durham)

John McCallum  Head, Research Translation Group at National Health and Medical Research Council (Australia)

Philippa Marks  Director, Plum Consulting

Kathy Orr  Lay pastoral leader for the Wellington Central Pastoral Area (New Zealand)

Bob Rankin  Chief Representative in Europe for the Reserve Bank of Australia

Jon Riley  Professor of Philosophy at The Murphy Institute, Tulane University

Vaughan Robinson  Professor and Director of the Graduate School at King’s College London

Alan Scatter  Deputy Director-General for Environment, European Commission (Married to Matthildur Steinsdottir in 1981)

Leslie Seidle  Research Director (Diversity, Immigration and Integration). Institute for Research on Public Policy, Montreal Canada

Paul Sherwin

Alastair Simpson

Matthildur Steinsdottir  Recently retired from EFTA Surveillance Authority’s legal department

Anthony Teasdale  Director General, European Parliamentary Research Service (Nuffield Society Committee)

Platon Tinios  Assistant Professor, Statistics and Insurance Science at University of Piraeus

Greh Tricklebank  Organizational Development and Change Management Specialist, Delta Partners

Jackie Wardell

Passed away in Portland, Maine, on October 29th from a recurrence of breast cancer. She was an M.Phil. student at Nuffield in 1978-80, studying Management at what was then the Oxford Management Centre, soon to become Templeton College and now part of Green Templeton College.

After Nuffield Jackie worked in management consulting for more than a decade, rising to become a partner in Grant Thornton’s New York office conducting international trade antidumping investigations. Work with trade law gave her the desire to take a law degree, and she returned to Oxford to take a law degree from Lady Margaret Hall in 1995. After two years’ practice with Allen & Overy in London’s City, she returned to the US to take up the job of Chief Operating Officer at Coastal Enterprises, Inc., in Wiscasset and Portland, Maine. CEI is a pioneer in the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) industry - a non-profit development bank providing business and community development loans, venture capital, low income housing development, and managing US Treasury New Market Tax Credits. Jackie took the additional responsibility of Chief Financial Officer in 2008.

Jackie met her husband of 30 years, Chris Hall (D.Phil. 1977-80) at Nuffield. Chris is currently Interim President of York County Community College in Maine.

The Early Years at Nuffield College 1937 - 1958: G.D.H Cole and W. Beveridge
by A.H Halsey

Earlier this year A.H Halsey, better known as Chelly, gave a seminar that was the final session of his 90th birthday celebration. The context of his seminar is in regard to the sort of College Nuffield should become, and he reveals how this has been debated since the beginning in 1937 when Lord Nuffield offered to build and endow Nuffield College. Chelly began with an introduction of the social context at that time, ‘Less than 2% of the population as riches and poverty, mastership and subjection’ are concluded as ‘a golden age’ for social science, playing a key part in Beveridge’s ‘enthusiasm for academic social science’ and Cole’s belief ‘for a society of equals, set free from the twin evils of riches and poverty, mastership and subjection’ are concluded as ‘a golden age’ for social science, playing a key part in the early years of Nuffield College.

To read the full version of Chelly’s seminar please go to the College website and see ‘Alumni - Downloads’, or ‘Prof Chelly Halsey’ Biography.
Nuffield’s Oxford Crown
Minted in 1644

Unusually, this item of Nuffield’s silverware is probably viewed more often by the public than by College members. The Oxford Crown, as this coin is known, is on display in the Heberden Coin Room at the Ashmolean.

The College acquired the coin as part of Lord Nuffield’s bequest, and it was decided that the correct place for it to reside was in a public museum.

Charles I established his headquarters and parliament in Oxford during the English Civil War, and his mint was here with him from 1643 to 1646. This crown was struck at the Oxford mint by the master craftsman John Rawlins, and it was situated at the present site of St Peter’s College in New Inn Hall Street. The reason for this allotment was that at the commencement of the civil war the students, who were Puritans, suddenly fled, and the place was deserted. This Hall and that of Magdalen, whose members were also of this persuasion, were then commonly styled “the two nests of Precisians and Puritans.”

The King needed money to fund the civil war against Cromwell and Parliament, and the Oxford mint produced the needed currency by coining college silver and re-minting foreign coins. The King lost no time in seeking for bullion, and, on the 6th January, three days after the arrival of the Mint, issued a circular letter to the various Colleges requesting them to lend him their plate, to be repaid at the rate of 5s. the ounce for white, and 5s. 6d. for gilt plate, “as soon as God shall enable us.” The response to this appeal was both prompt and generous, for by the 20th January twelve Colleges had delivered to the Wardens 1,610 lbs. 1 oz. 8 dwts., and others followed suit later.

The obverse of the Oxford Crown (left-hand image) gives us a view of Oxford at the time of Charles I. A detailed picture of a city like this is without parallel on English coinage. In the foreground is the city wall and moat. On the left is Magdalen Tower. The two central spires belong to All Saints Church (reconstructed since the time of Charles I, and now Lincoln College library) and the University Church of St. Mary on the High Street.

The writing in Latin across the reverse of the coin (right-hand image) advertises Charles I’s war aims – to uphold the Protestant religion, the laws of England, and the freedom of Parliament, Oxford 1644. The writing around the coin is from Psalm 68: “Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered”.


Photos included courtesy of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.
Events Calendar

December 2013

Friday 20th

Nuffield College Closes

Happy New Year!

January 2014

Thursday 2nd

Nuffield College Opens

March 2014

Friday 7th

Founders Feast

Friday 21st

Sociology Alumni Dinner

Friday 28th

Concillium Dinner

June 2014

Friday 13th

Stated Meeting Dinner

Friday 27th

Mid Summer Dinner

July 2014

Friday 4th

Gaudy (1975/6-1984/5 and pre- 1964)

Old Boys Football Match
March 2014

The 2014 football match will be the 21st anniversary since one of Nuffield’s victories in Cuppers. Join the Old Boys team to play next year to try and recreate past glories!

If you have played for Nuffield and are interested in turning out for the Old Boys in 2014 or beyond, please e-mail managers, Hussein Kassim (h.kassim@uea.ac.uk) or Emre Ozcan (emre.ozcan@gmail.com), or JCR President Luigi Marini (luigi.marini@nuffield.ox.ac.uk), who will co-ordinate and send out details nearer the time.

Invitations to each event will be sent in the New Year. To ensure you receive your invite please keep us updated with your current email and contact details.

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Happy Christmas
to all readers of the Nuffield Newsletter!

Happy New Year!

Friday 28th

Concillium Dinner

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Nuffield’s Photographic Competition

Nuffield’s Annual Photographic competition is a chance for members of College to show off their photography skills. This year saw a great variety of images from scenic views to modern day art. There were 3 categories, Oxford, General and Portrait, and this year General had the most entries.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part, and well done for producing some fantastic images. This year’s winners are as follows; Alexander Gard-Murray for ‘Radcliffe Camera from Divinity School’ in the Oxford Category, Amy Nivette for ‘Fast Food’ in the General category, and Elizabeth Martin for ‘Forget Me Not’ in the Portrait category and for ‘Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight’ for the Overall prize.

Congratulations to all the winners!

‘Radcliffe Camera from Divinity School’ by Alexander Gard-Murray (Oxford)

‘Fast Food’ by Amy Nivette (General)
‘Forget me not’ by Elizabeth Martin (Portrait)

‘Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight’ by Elizabeth Martin (Overall)
Did you know?

The final four Poirot films, ending with the aptly titled Curtain, have recently been aired and Nuffield Place was used in ‘The Big Four’, one of the final films, which sees Poirot reunited with Captain Hastings, Inspector Japp and Miss Lemon. The former home of Lord Nuffield, who moved there in 1933, was the perfect setting with the interior still left intact along with all the furnishings and decor.