



# ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER



*The College's rowing crews were entertained at High Table by the Warden to celebrate their successes in Summer Eights. Last year the women's crew won blades. They did so again this year - and so did the men. Both crews bumped on each of the four days, making St Antony's the most successful club on the river. Tribute is due to them not only for this but also for their continued success in fundraising. They are now assembling funds to buy a new boat which will cost over £8,000. Contributions from Antonians will be greatly appreciated and should be sent to the Development Office. Pictured L-R (front) James McDougall, Christian Thorun, Tobias Dougherty, Nathan Converse, the Warden, Sappho Xenakis, Kati Sule; (middle) Michael Bhatia, Kathleen Love, Emma Campbell, Krista Zongolowicz; (back) Roger O'Gorman, James Myburgh, Steve Allen, the Domestic Bursar (the Club's Senior Member), Emily Frost, Hannah Hill, Mathew Moorhouse and Jian Qin (Coach). Missing are Helen Barnes, Sonja Schwaneberg, Stefan Nielsen and Tim Noetzel. Photo Rob Judges.*

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## From the Warden

*Dear Antonian*

Greetings from St Antony's half-way through the first term of the 2002/3 academic year. The weather is awful but the news is good.

We have admitted 125 new students for 2002/3, one more than the record 124 admitted at this time last year. It is not of course College policy to set a new record every year, for our capacity to provide the services that students require, especially residential accommodation, is limited; we are in urgent need of at least fifty additional study bedrooms.

But, as I have said before, the admission of students is not an exact science. We can determine in January how many new students we would like to have in the coming academic year. We can estimate, on the basis of past experience, the number of offers that need to be made if that target is to be met. But we cannot determine how many of those offers will be taken up. This year's target was 100; in the event 125 offers were accepted.

A second cause of uncertainty is that in January we cannot determine how many students completing their Masters courses will decide to stay on and do a doctorate. Their intentions often become clear only after we have issued the offers to new students. This year 15 existing students decided to stay on; we are delighted that they did so. Indeed we are delighted by this evident surge in student demand for admission to St Antony's.

It seems to be due to a number of factors. One, not new, is St Antony's attraction as a cosmopolitan, specialist college that takes graduate students only. Another is the state of the global economy; it is, apparently, normal for the demand for graduate studies to rise when the markets are in decline and to fall when they are booming. A third is the University's decision to introduce a number of new Masters degree courses which have attracted many applicants, especially from overseas countries (as the University intended).

With the willing help of the JCR, the College has succeeded in absorbing the new intake and providing them with what they need. This year's Welcome Week was meticulously planned by the JCR and the College staff and was, by common consent, one of the best, if not the best, ever.

Another piece of good news is that, in spite of the stringent financial policy adopted by Governing Body last year, we have succeeded both in strengthening African Studies in the College and in restoring the European Studies Centre to its past strength which had been depleted by several retirements and resignations in the last two years.

On Africa, William Beinart has been joined by Raufu Mustapha who came to the College a year ago as University Lecturer in African Politics, and David Anderson who has migrated to Oxford from SOAS and holds a University Lecturership in African Studies. So the College again boasts three heavyweight Africanists, as it did in the years of Kirk-Greene, Kirkwood and Ranger. In addition, Paul Collier will return to us in April after five years service as Director of Research at the World Bank and will resume his post as Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies. We shall be glad to have him back but will miss John Toye who has been acting as Director of the Centre.

As for Europe, Andreas Busch came to the College last year as University Lecturer in German Politics, and Othon Anastasakis is also already in place as Director of the ESC's new South East European Studies Programme. Recruitment is now under way, or about to start, for three University Lecturerships which are again to be associated with the College. They are in Modern European History (vice Tony Nicholls), European Politics (vice Anand Menon) and Economic History (vice James Foreman-Peck).

Third piece of good news: after careful thought, we have decided to hold an Antonians' Weekend next summer, from Friday to Sunday, 4 to 6 July 2003. We realize that this is a far from ideal weekend for American Antonians but for various logistic reasons, with which I will not bore you, it is the only one we can manage.

Like its predecessors, this Weekend is an event for all Antonians at which all will be welcome. But it will also have a special theme. The Russian and Eastern European Centre was established in 1953, as the first of the regional centres which have contributed so much to the College's academic reputation and visibility. Next year will thus mark its Golden Jubilee. To celebrate this milestone, the Centre is organizing a conference on 'Russia and Europe'. Strobe Talbott, President of the Brookings Institution, will be the key speaker and half a dozen leading scholars from Russia will also take part. There will be a concert of Russian music on the Friday evening. See page 6 for more information on the weekend.

The Weekend coincides with the University's celebration of the centenary of the Rhodes Trust and we will be offering a Friday evening dinner and the concert to all the Antonian Rhodes Scholars who come to Oxford to participate in the Rhodes celebrations (see page 6).

So it promises to be a lively Weekend, perhaps even a hectic one on the Friday evening. The Russian and Eastern European Centre have already contacted their Antonians. So if you are not in that noble cohort and would like to come, please let us know as soon as possible. Because of the Rhodes centenary there will be heavy demand for accommodation in and around Oxford. The necessary Booking Form is on page 7 of this *Newsletter*.

Meanwhile, I thank you all for your continuing interest in – and support for – St Antony's. On behalf of the whole College, I wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

*Marack Embury*

**Are you Moving?** - If you are do please contact the Development Office DIRECT when you change address. Changes sent to the University and even elsewhere in College can take a while to reach us. Or use the on-line update form at <http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/antonians/updateform.html>.





## Current Members, news, honours, awards etc

**Wm. Roger Louis** (Honorary Fellow) and **Roger Owen** (Emeritus Fellow) are joint editors of *A Revolutionary Year. The Middle East in 1958* (I.B. Tauris, 2002).

**Sadako Ogata** (Honorary Fellow) who is Ford Foundation scholar-in-residence has been awarded the 2002 J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding and the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal. The Fulbright prize recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions toward fostering understanding among peoples, cultures or nations. The Val-Kill medal honours individuals who exemplify Eleanor Roosevelt's human rights legacy.

**Geoffrey Elliott** (Honorary Fellow) and **Harold Shukman** (Emeritus Fellow) have recently published *Secret Classrooms. An Untold Story of the Cold War* (Little Brown in association with St Ermin's Press). See page 5.

**Robert Service** (GB Fellow) has published *Russia: Experiment with a People* (Macmillan 2002).

**Kalypso Nicolaidis** (GB Fellow) co-edited with Robert Howse, *The Federal Vision: Legitimacy and Levels of Governance in the US and EU* (OUP, 2002).

**Rodrigo Cubero-Brealey** (Research Fellow) and Priscilla have a daughter Gloriana born on 28 July weighing 6.5 lbs.

**James McDougall** (Junior Research Fellow) has been awarded a Leverhulme Trust award for his work on colonial histories of French North Africa.

**Lawrence Saez** (current SAM) has recently published *Federalism without a center: The Impact of Political Reform and Economic Liberalization on India's Federal System* (Sage, 2002).

**Katsushi Imai** (former student and current SAM) is now an ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Economics, Oxford.

**Dominic Blaettler** (student) has been awarded the Greendale Scholarship 2002 at Merton College, Oxford.

**Jochen Prantl** (student) is doing a 3-month assignment in the Policy Planning Unit of the UN Department of Political Affairs in New York. He has also co-authored a paper *Informal Ad Hoc Groupings of States and the Workings of the United Nations*, ACUNS, International Relations Studies and the UN - Occasional Papers No.3 (2002).

**Ibrahim Al-Marashi** and **Emma Samman** (students) have been awarded Wingate Scholarships for the 2002/3 academic year.

**Cesar Calvo** (student) has been awarded the George Webb Medley Prize for the best overall performance in the M.Sc. in Economics for Development.

**Richard Ratcliffe** and **Mezna Qato** (students) have been awarded Peter Fitzpatrick Scholarships.

## The Sassoon scholars



*The Sassoon Scholars - pictured above are three of the four Sassoon Scholars - Larissa Douglass (left), a Canadian doing a D.Phil. on "Pathways to a national renaissance: the influence of the Jewish question on the shaping of Czech democracy, 1895-1920"; Nadine Beckmann (centre), who is German and a Probationary Research Student preparing to do a D.Phil. in social and cultural anthropology on "Patients and Healers in Eastern Africa", and Paul Goode (right), who is from the USA and whose D.Phil. is entitled "The scandal of secession: Post-Soviet Secessionist Crises". The fourth scholar, Assia Svirnovskaya, is away on a field trip in Tanzania doing research for her thesis on childrens' diseases there. Photo Rob Judges.*

The Sassoon Scholarship is for doctoral students only and is available annually to students of any nationality reading for a doctorate in any of the subjects in which the College specialises. It covers University and College fees.

Scholarships for doctoral students are in very short supply and are therefore subject to intense competition. The fact that it is not nationality-specific also encourages applicants and we get entries from all over the world.

The College is always interested to hear from Antonians who might be interested in sponsoring a scholarship. Please contact the Development Office for more information.

A full list of scholarships available at the College is at <http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/study/scholarships.shtml>.

### Legacy Leaflet

Thank you to all those of you who have been in contact about The Legacy Leaflet. It was sent out with the Trinity Term *Newsletter*. Anyone wishing to have further information on bequests to the College should please contact the Development Office, St Antony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF. Tel 44 (0)1865 274497 or email [antonians@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:antonians@sant.ox.ac.uk).

### Dates for your Diary

**25 November** - Careers Evening - contact JCR President for details at [andrew.zadel@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.zadel@sant.ox.ac.uk).

**4 December** - special concert by Joji Hattori to celebrate the arrival of the new grand piano and to thank those who contributed to its purchase.

**5 December** - lecture by Butros Butros Ghali (former UN Secretary General) organised by the European Affairs Society.



## New Governing Body Fellow



**Vivienne (Bland) Shue** ('67) is a new Governing Body Fellow this term.

A former student at the College, she returns to Oxford as the Leverhulme Professor of the Study of Contemporary China. Her work at Oxford will focus on contemporary China in the post-1978 era, with special reference to the social sciences. Professor Shue will also take a leading role in further promoting interdisciplinary work

on China at Oxford which currently has more than 20 posts that research aspects of ancient and modern China. She comes from Cornell University where she was the Frank and Rosa Rhodes Professor of Chinese Government.

Vivienne Shue will write about herself and her work in the Hilary Term *Newsletter*.

## POLITICIANS AND ACADEMICS: The Hilary Term Seminar

The tradition whereby the Visiting Parliamentary Fellows, together with Professor Archie Brown, put on a seminar on Tuesdays in Hilary Term bringing together prominent political practitioners and academics will continue next term. This academic year's Parliamentary Fellows are Alan Duncan, MP, a Conservative front-bench spokesman on foreign affairs, and Gordon Marsden, MP, who is Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Lord Chancellor's Office and a former editor of *History Today*. Both MPs are Oxford alumni and former graduate students at Harvard's Kennedy School.

The Hilary 2003 seminar (Tuesdays at 5 p.m.) will deal with many thorny and topical problems. The overall title of the series is 'Interests, Identities, and Interventions', and the specific themes are as follows: 21 January: What are British interests now?; 28 January: Building democracy and building capitalism: conflicting or complementary goals?; 4 February: When is foreign military intervention justified?; 11 February: Russian national identity and national interests; 18 February: Is American unilateralism out of control?; 25 February: National identity and migration: pluses and minuses; 4 March: Shifting sands: Iraq and its neighbours; and 11 March: EU and NATO: cousins or rivals?

Typically the seminars have three opening speakers (sometimes four), the first two being politicians of different views and the third an academic, diplomat or journalist. The opening presentations are brief, leaving plenty of time for audience participation. The corresponding series last year regularly filled the College's largest lecture theatre. Speakers who have already agreed to take part in the 'Interests, Identities, and Interventions' seminar programme include, in addition to the three conveners, the Rt. Hon. Michael Ancram, MP, the Rt. Hon. Michael Portillo, MP, Lord Owen (former Foreign Secretary), Lord Wright of Richmond (former Head of the Diplomatic Service), Charles Wheeler (former BBC Washington correspondent), Field Marshal Lord Inge, Lord Howell, HE Grigory Karasin (Russian Ambassador to Britain), Baroness Scotland, Dominic Grieve, MP, Mrs Ann Cryer, MP, Sir Marrack Goulding, Professor Avi Shlaim, Dr Anne Deighton, Dr Henry Shue, Dr Alex Pravda, Yasmin Alibhai-Brown (columnist on *The Independent*), Professor Sir Adam Roberts and John Lloyd (former Moscow correspondent of the *Financial Times*).

## Mexico's changing place in the world



Given the important changes that have taken place in Mexico in the last 20 years, a group of Oxford academics undertook the effort to analyse them rigorously and in detail. With the support of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Latin American Centre is sponsoring a two-year programme to look at one of such changes: Mexico's place in the world.

The purpose of the programme is twofold: to examine several aspects of Mexican foreign policy in the post-Cold War years and to assess to what extent the International Relations literature is useful in explaining it, or how the Mexican case challenges common assumptions in the discipline. That is to say, it is an academic effort to study the particular and the general: how has Mexican foreign policy developed in recent years and how can it be theoretically explained? The programme will therefore not only advance our understanding of Mexican foreign policy, past and present, but it will also link it more closely with general thinking on international politics and economics.

The programme's core activity will be a series of three conferences, two of which will take place in 2003 and one in 2004. The aim is to bring together prestigious academics from Europe, the United States, Canada, and Mexico to discuss major trends in international politics and economics and Mexican foreign policy. The first conference will set the stage for the following two by identifying the ways in which the world has changed after the Cold War and the terrorist attacks of September 11. This conference will of course underline the role of the United States as well as globalisation and regionalism as key factors shaping the "new" world order. The second conference, to be held in Mexico City, will focus exclusively on Mexican foreign policy from both a historical and an analytical point of view. The question to be addressed is: how is Mexico responding to transformations in the international system? To do so, participants will look not only at these transformations but also at Mexico's domestic situation and other cases in Latin America where there has been notorious political transition. On the basis of the theoretical and empirical debates of the first two conferences, the third one will single out changes and continuities in Mexican foreign policy, and will test the applicability of diverse approaches to foreign policy and international relations for the Mexican case. Papers and comments presented at the conferences are expected to be published in English and Spanish in three volumes.

It is hoped that the programme "Mexico's changing place in the world" will also include visits from leading Mexican academics, financial support for students and scholars doing research in Mexico, and other activities such as lectures and seminars.

I obtained my D.Phil. in International Relations in 1994 with a thesis on Mexican-Cuban relations. I have continued to work more broadly on Mexican foreign policy, and hope to contribute to the programme with my own research. During my stay at Oxford, I intend to update my thesis, and carry on with a new project on how the evolution of the international human rights regime has influenced Mexican foreign policy.

ANA COVARRUBIAS



## The Story Behind the Book

*Secret Classrooms-An Untold Story of the Cold War* by Geoffrey Elliott (Honorary Fellow) and Harry Shukman (Emeritus Fellow) is published by Little Brown in association with St Ermin's Press at £18.99. Geoffrey Elliott has contributed this short note on how the book came to be written.

The thought that “there might be a book in it” can be sparked in any number of ways. Time at last to pursue a long cherished interest, topical relevance, a scrap of half heard conversation, just the desire to put words on paper. You would have to stretch to think that memories of cleaning latrines in the 1950s could lead half a century later to a serious book about learning Russian. But this was indeed the genesis of *Secret Classrooms*.

The book tells the story of the semi-secret scheme the British armed Forces ran during the Cold War to train national servicemen as Russian linguists. 5000 young men from all three services went through it at one of two levels — as Translators, at the Joint Services Schools for Linguists, at Coudson, Bodmin and Crail and, for a relatively small number selected by tough early examinations, the Interpreters courses at Cambridge and London. “Semi-secret” because with so many students passing through over a period of some nine years it could hardly be kept totally under wraps, but even so a slice of cold war history to which little attention was paid even after archives on other intelligence topics became more accessible. This was because the main work on which the translator-level Russian speakers were employed for the rest of their service time was signals intelligence, listening in to Soviet military air and naval communications, an area about which Whitehall has always been particularly coy.

First, though, to the latrines. In 1999 Alan Bennett, an alumnus of the Cambridge Interpreters Course, made a passing reference in one of his splendid biographical essays in the *London Review of Books* to a brief spell at the end of his service when he put his hard won linguists skills to use at the Intelligence Corps Depot cleaning the urinals without the benefit of mops and buckets .

It is often claimed that military intelligence “is a contradiction in terms”. Certainly the Depot at Maresfield Camp in Sussex was a joyless little backwater, whose permanent staff, officers and NCOs alike, were for the most part boozy no-hopers; it was a far cry from the glamour and mystery of the fictional secret world. Bennett’s recollections were a sharp reminder for me that when I was at Maresfield a few years later, following an identical trajectory, I too had been issued with a rusty razor blade and dispatched on the same Augean task.

It occurred to me that this was perhaps a Maresfield ritual reserved for those whom the Corps “hard men” men dismissed as “poncy linguists”, hiding behind dictionaries to avoid service in Cyprus, Korea and other trouble spots. A letter I wrote to the *Review* inviting other peoples’ reminiscences generated a surprising number of responses. Discussing them with my friend and colleague Harry Shukman, it dawned on us, first that no full history of the scheme had been written and second that between us we in fact had personal experience of all three Schools and both University courses, as well as different periods of the scheme. Moreover, I could bring an army perspective, and distant impressions of working behind whitewashed windows in Berlin. Harry had the bird’s eye view of the RAF.

However, we needed more than memories. The book took its first serious step forward when Harry uncovered the papers deposited at the Cambridge University Library by one of the prime movers of the

scheme and indeed of Russian language studies in the UK, the redoubtable Professor “Liza” Hill. Some had originally been highly classified and they gave a fascinating insight into the official thinking behind the defence planners’ need for Russian speakers and the organization of the scheme, from locating the school sites, the recruiting of staff, the selection of students as well as the teaching disciplines, which were as redoubtable as Liza herself. We also had the benefit of a personal memoir from Dr Ronald Hingley, the Chekhovian scholar and translator and her counterpart at London University, who drove his Interpreter students with even more rigour than Liza. Another important source of material was an almost complete set of the “school magazine” *Samovar*, whose editors over the years included Michael Frayn, held by the Library of the University of Leeds. This was a valuable reminder of what a broad group of talent the courses assembled and how wide their interests were. They also revived images of the exotic Russian theatrical productions orchestrated by two of the teaching staff and performed by the students. Another key find was the transcripts of interviews kindly made available by the journalist Vincent Dowd, who in the 1980s had talked to some of the better known alumni, for a broadcast which in the event never saw the light of day. We were not short of old photographs, but we hope that asking Patrick Procktor RA, himself a Naval interpreter who had been at Bodmin and the London University Course to produce his three watercolours added a special “feel” to the book. One disappointment was that a recent portrait of Dmitri Makaroff, one of the prime movers in those drama productions, in his later incarnation as Father Dmitri of the Russian Orthodox Church in Sparta, reached us too late for publication.

Our enthusiasm for the book grew as it became clear just how successful the scheme had been on various fronts. First, educationally. It taught people hard and well, admittedly with a focus sharpened by the grim fact that failure to pass the frequent exams meant being returned to the rigours of Service life. Professionally in that though the Course was part of service life, which from time to time brought clashes with over-zealous officers who thought the Schools lacked discipline, the services managed by and large to maintain a bias that favoured the book over the bayonet. Socially it was a success in two senses. It blended together students from a broad range of backgrounds who lived and worked without too much intrusion of class or cliquiness. Its broader social contribution was to create a new generation of Russian scholars and teachers for British schools and universities. And it met its basic remit by turning out men who put on earphones and listened out for the rumble of trouble from the East - a task which, thankfully for future generations, proved the most uneventful if not downright tedious aspect of the whole Russian learning experience.

There might have been three problem areas in writing a book like this. In theory, writing in tandem could be expected to add a layer of complexity to the task. In practice it proved remarkably smooth and a case where two heads were definitely better than one. Second, though we were not intending to write a history of Cold War signals intelligence, we might have run into some pursing of lips in official quarters. To the contrary, we were given directions to files we might otherwise not have found, and there was no sign of hesitation. The jury is still out on the third problem - trying to distil the most interesting and relevant personal memories into a coherent narrative without leaving some of our many contributors feeling we had not done justice to their own input. Whether or not we have accomplished that only time and more emails will tell.

GEOFFREY ELLIOTT



## Antonians' Weekend with a Russian Flavour

Antonians' Weekend in 2003 will be from 4 to 6 July. While open to all old members, it will have a strong Russian flavour. The St Antony's Russian and East European Centre was founded in 1953, so next year it celebrates its first half-century.

A major conference on 'Russia and Europe' is being organised by the Centre as an integral part of the Weekend. It will begin in the late afternoon of Friday 4 July with a keynote address by Strobe Talbott, the principal architect and executor of the Clinton Administration's Russia policy who, as an Oxford graduate student in the late 1960s, shared a house in Leckford Road with the future President Clinton. Former Deputy Secretary of State Talbott's research supervisor at Oxford was a Fellow of St Antony's, Max Hayward. Invitations have been issued to senior Russian scholars and political and economic influentials with whom Centre Fellows enjoy longstanding friendly relations: Mr Igor Kostikov, Chairman of the Federal Commission for the Russian Securities Market; Academician Nodari Simonia, the Director of IMEMO (Institute of World Economy and International Relations); Professor Vladimir Mau, Rector of the Academy of National Economy of the Russian Government; Academician Nikolai Shmelev, Director of the Institute of Europe; Dr Rair Simonyan, President of Morgan Stanley, Russia; Dr Lilia Shevtsova, senior research fellow at the Moscow Carnegie Center; and Professor Vladimir Baranovsky, Deputy Director of IMEMO and a leading specialist on Russia's relations with Europe. (Five of the seven have already agreed to take part and we are hopeful that all seven will be among the speakers.)

Most of the presentations (whether in plenary sessions or in parallel sessions on politics and international relations; the economy; history; and culture) will be by old members of the College. Contributions already promised include: David Gowan (currently Minister in the British Embassy in Moscow) on 'Russia and the EU';

Dr Jeffrey Kahn (New York), 'Russia's "Dictatorship of Law" and the European Court of Human Rights'; Dr Alexander Lukin (MGIMO, Moscow), 'Russia between China and Europe'; Dr Neil Melvin (Leeds University and OSCE), 'Russia in the Changing European Security Architecture – the Future of the OSCE'; Dr Julie Newton (Paris), 'Conceptual Change in Russia's Policies Towards Europe'; Dr Milan Hauner (University of Wisconsin), 'Benes and Stalin'; Dr Rosamund Bartlett (University of Durham), 'The Ministry of Culture in Post-Soviet Russia'; Dr Martha Merritt (University of Notre Dame), 'Russia and the Baltic States: Together Again in Europe?'; Dr Alex Pravda (Director, St Antony's Russian and East European Centre), 'Europe in Putin's Foreign Policy', and Polly Jones (St Antony's), 'From "Bolshevik" to "European": Evolving a model for the treatment of the Soviet past in post-Soviet Russia'.

There will be special dinners on both Friday and Saturday evenings, the main one on Saturday. The Friday dinner will be followed by a short concert of Russian music, given by past and present Russian Centre members, comprising: Gabriel Gorodetsky (Tel Aviv University) who combines distinction as a historian with high professional standards as a violinist; two bass solos from Jonathan Story (INSEAD, Fontainebleau); plus the notable trio of Alex Pravda, Robert Service and Jackie Willcox. On the Saturday evening there will be an after-dinner speech by John Lloyd, an old member of the College who is one of Britain's leading commentators and whose journalistic career includes five years as Moscow correspondent of the *Financial Times*.

ARCHIE BROWN

### Rhodes Centenary Celebrations

The Rhodes Trust celebrates its centenary in 2003 with a number of events in South Africa, London and Oxford. As part of the Oxford event, St Antony's has invited all its present and former Rhodes Scholars to a special dinner in College and then to join all those Antonians attending Antonians' Weekend - see above - at the concert which is being given after the dinner. We have written to all our former Rhodes Scholars and are hoping to offer them a very special taste of St Antony's as it is now.

If you are a Rhodes Scholar and wish to attend this dinner, please contact the Development Office at the College - on [antonians@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:antonians@sant.ox.ac.uk), telephone 44 (0)1865 274496, fax 44 (0)1865 274494 or write to The Development Office, St Antony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF, UK

### Conferences at St Antony's

With its peaceful location in leafy north Oxford but easy access to the centre of Oxford, St Antony's provides an ideal setting for meetings and conferences.

The College has a variety of different-sized rooms with audio visual facilities if required. It also has a first class kitchen. We can offer competitive rates for both residential and daily delegates and would be delighted to discuss your special requirements.

For more information, please visit the College website <http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/conferences/> or contact the Accommodation and Conference Coordinator on email: [conferences@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:conferences@sant.ox.ac.uk), telephone 44 (0)1865 284718 fax 44 (0)1865 310518 or write to Conferences at St Antony's, Oxford OX2 6JF.





## From the President of the JCR



Before our long summer days became long nights in the Gulbenkian room, it was our sincerest pleasure to welcome one hundred twenty new students to the St Antony's community. This year's welcome week intended to bring new students into close contact with neophytes from other colleges, though this orchestrated cross-pollination was not intended to imply support for genetically modified foods. A party at the (the aptly named) Love Bar

included guests from Somerville and St Anne's, and gave me an opportunity to prove that my idea of pole dancing was not a ballet in Warsaw. The week began with karaoke in the Late Bar, proving that we have yet to spurn the traditions upon which we have been raised, and featured the Domestic Bursar's lightning-fast burger-flipping technique at a BBQ.

The new junior membership has once again stepped up the diversity of the student body, notably with the inclusion of more African students than in previous years and students from previously unrepresented programs such as Jewish Studies. Another interesting feature has been the arrival of about twenty students from the UK, serving to remind us that we do live in England after all. Involvement in the JCR is off to an impressive start, with freshers Jessamine Dana and Louis Deszeran stepping in to fill the vacant post of bar manager and athletics officer, respectively.

A newcomer to St Antony's, but not to Oxford, Jasmine Waddell, has donned the mantle of social action coordinator and created an *ad hoc* committee to push forward the portfolio. Shifting from our previous focus on local charities, the committee has shown a global perspective in making HIV/AIDS its prime target. Apart from World AIDS Day events, the social action committee has decided to donate proceeds of our coming attic sale to the Terrence Higgins Trust, a UK-based organization committed to reducing the spread of HIV and promoting sexual health in high-risk groups. The sale will also serve to offload the flotsam gleaned from last year's aggressive attic cleanup.

JCR meetings have returned to their original venue in the Combined Common Room, drawn there either by the comfy chairs or the spiritual gravity of the ancient votive stupa which continues to dominate the decor. Respect for the Buddhist artefact has grown steadily, and a small group of hardliners has reputedly decided to replace the Hilda Besse Building with a giant replica of the stupa, housing the original iconic pyramid inside. Those wishing to construct their own ritual shrine to the JCR can find instructions on The Stupa Information Page: [www.stupa.org.nz](http://www.stupa.org.nz). Under the influence of this mystical shrine, the JCR treasurer has demonstrated profound generosity with his constant insistence that we disburse our accumulated surplus. Befitting recent spending trends, sports teams have benefited considerably from this new found wealth. Notably, the boat club has claimed its share, promising to equal its last year's stunning result in summer eights.

Social life at St Antony's has continued to grow at its usual rate, like a fungus without a cause. The shock waves created by last term's notoriously successful "Spies Like Us" Ball continue to ripple through the junior membership as our freshers learn the meaning of the term "Late Bar", and push for its redefinition. The

newly elected Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Officer, Nicholas Miller, has promised that this year's Hallowque'en will surpass the historical debauchery of this consciousness-raising event. It would seem that my term as President will end where it began: in a slim-fitting blue dress and feather boa.

The Antonian wine tasting society continues to grow, betraying the essentially decadent nature of our junior membership. Under the leadership of Rutha Astravas, an elected student delegate to Governing Body, the society now boasts more than forty members and holds five wine tastings a term. The (not so) hidden agenda of the society is to tour the globe with its collective tongue, this term covering Spain and Germany before expanding to the slightly balmier recesses of Northern Africa.

Besides entertaining ourselves, the JCR has been hard at work tackling issues of student life. The College has convened a special committee to evaluate and re-strategize the use of our libraries, including three elected student representatives: Lindsay Whitfield, Gökhan Yücel, and the aforementioned Rutha Astravas. These three have been polling students and convened special discussion groups to determine what disciplines are underrepresented, and to help decide on a development strategy for our libraries. Security continues to be an issue at St Antony's, especially after several students were able to detain an intruder who had entered a house on Church Walk. The impromptu arrest lasted nearly an hour before the authorities came to collect the would-be burglar. In light of this and other incidents, we have been working with the Head Porter to create a safer living and working environment for St Antony's students.

As our JCR committee turns its camels towards the sunset (or the pub, as the case may be) I can only hope that we will endeavour to remember our challenges as well as our successes. The new executive and officers will bring to the junior membership a renewed enthusiasm, further strengthened by the experience of those who have gone before. Before passing on my gleaming sceptre, I'd like to thank the College staff for its assistance and understanding, in the hope that the next JCR will continue what has become a fruitful and mutually supportive relationship. Finally, and most importantly, I would like to express my gratitude to the outgoing JCR executive and officers. Together, you have not only made St Antony's a better place, but have made my presidency a memorable and fulfilling experience.

ANDREW ZADEL

## Dates for your diary

**25 November** - Careers Evening - Penny Fowler ('90) will talk about careers at Oxfam. Contact JCR President for details - [andrew.zadel@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.zadel@sant.ox.ac.uk)

**4 December** - special concert given by Joji Hattori to celebrate the arrival of the new grand piano and to thank all those who contributed to its purchase.

**5 December** - lecture by Butros Butros Ghali (former UN Secretary General) organised by the European Affairs Society.





### 'The Chihuahuas'

*From left to right (Back row): Stina Torjesen (Norway - MPhil in International Relations), Nicole Evans (Canada, DPhil in International Relations), Kim Mathiesen (South Africa, D.Phil in Modern History), Gayle Lonergan (Wolfson College), Lindsay Whitfield (U.S.A., DPhil in Development Studies)*  
*Front row: Anne-France White (France, MPhil in European Politics and Society), Amna Khalid (Pakistan, MPhil in Development Studies), Ana Vega (Mexico, MPhil in International Relations), Suriya Ashok (India, MPhil in Development Studies).*



## Men's Football

The high turnover of students at St Antony's means that the football team has to be rebuilt each year as our members complete their degrees and go off to conquer the world. This year we have been fortunate to retain a committed core of players from last year and recruit an enthusiastic group of new students. We have a solid, fit squad that contains some outstanding players – we even have good players on the bench, something that is almost unheard of at St Antony's!

We began our campaign in this term's MCR league with a solid 3-1 win over Magdalen. Our tally, in fact, could have been much higher, as we hit the woodwork three times in the second half, but they also had their chances and three points is three points so one shouldn't complain. Our second game was a hard-fought 1-1 draw with Balliol. It was disappointing not to win this match as we led for most of the game only to lose a late equaliser. Nonetheless, this was a creditable result given that we had to play without several key players as all of our new students had to attend matriculation. Our next game against Lincoln was what is normally called a 'rollercoaster' in football parlance. We dominated the first half against clearly inferior opposition. After an hour, however, thanks to some atrocious finishing and scandalous defending we found ourselves 3-0 down. Our survival instincts – and fear of the ribbing the porters would dish out – kicked in and sparked a fight-back. Some excellent attacking play saw us regain parity and at 3-3 we were pushing to win the game. Alas, it was not to be, as we gave Lincoln another soft goal to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and lose 4-3. The team then got back to winning ways with a convincing 4-0 win over a capable Christ Church side. This, our best performance to date, leaves us second in the league and looking forward to the rest of our games with optimism.

KEN WILSON

## 'Attack of the Chihuahuas'

Inspired by the proud example of our men's football team, a few of us decided to throw together a women's football team in Michaelmas 2002. Our team contains some of the ingredients which have been key to the success of the men's squad: enthusiasm and team-work, tyrannical coaches and, most importantly, star strikers of Latin-American and Scandinavian provenance.

Our players' nationalities reflect the diversity of the college: we boast a Pakistani, a Norwegian, two South Africans, an Indian, a Zambian, a Canadian, a Mexican, a handful of Brits and a few Americans (as well as one or two people with confused identities). Our lack of experience and imperfect fitness level are strongly compensated by our determination and team-spirit, and our dogged quest for victory is aptly captured by our nickname, the 'Chihuahuas'.

After a promising but ultimately unsuccessful 'friendly' against Magdalen, our captain, Stina Torjesen, led us to a blistering 2-1 victory in our first league game against the fresh-faced Somerville undergraduates. The next week, we were all looking forward to a Mexican standoff against Nuffield, our proverbial rivals- much to our disappointment, however, they never turned up for the friendly, presumably because word of our fearless invulnerability had reached their quivering ears.

We are now ready to take on our next rivals, Balliol, followed by Corpus Christi later on in the term, in our crusade to put an end to the Old Colleges' dominance over women's soccer. Needless to say, the Chihuahuas are yapping with impatience at the prospect of biting at the ankles of these mighty and respected teams. In a bid to improve our credibility, which was somewhat undermined by the fact that we played wearing 'Air Kazakhstan' T-shirts, we have now ordered a uniform, which means that from now on the Chihuahuas will hit the pitch in an awe-inspiring harmony of red-and-black.

Supporters are very strongly encouraged to come along to our game (and we are not averse to the idea of a male cheerleading team). Look out for the game schedule on the JCR notice-board. Go Chihuahuas!

ANNE-FRANCE WHITE



## Antonian Meetings

### Chile

Do you still remember those dark and cold evenings, long candles on the table, sitting in the basement of an old building while listening to fascinating stories from all around the world? Well, that was exactly what happened Tuesday 18th of June at Santiago de Chile. The occasion, the first meeting of the Oxford University Chilean Society, (or I should say, the Antonians' Chilean Society), the venue: the cellars of the traditional Cousiño Macul vineyard, and the speaker, of course, our beloved Lucia Santa Cruz. A splendid occasion where former ministers, diplomats, academics, Oxonienses in general, enjoyed sharing experiences and stories about our golden years at Oxford. During this black-tie dinner accompanied by a fabulous Antiguas Reservas, and despite contrasting versions of some Oxford "stylised facts" between pre- and post- Besse Building scholars, consensus emerged on supporting this new society aimed to promote linkages between Alumni as well with British institutions in Chile. Hard work for the elected committee, integrated by several Antonians, who had already appointed a second meeting for the first days of December - and in the same venue!! - where on that occasion the guest speaker will be our friend and teacher, Mr Alan Angell.

Salud !!

### Washington

Zach Shore (contact details overleaf) is trying to co-ordinate a meeting. Get in touch if you would like to be involved.

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### Offspring

**Martina Vandenberg** ('90) and Alan Cooperman have a son Marshall Pieter born on 27 May 2002.

**Andrea Brown** ('95) and **Philipp Schuller** ('93) have a son Oscar born on 8 October weighing 3350 grams and 53 cm long.

**Lawrence** ('90) and Amy **Tal** are the proud parents of twins - Mathew Zachary and Luke Alexander - born on 21 August 2002.

**Sara Cohen** ('83) and Colin Hall have two sons aged 3 and 18 mths.

**Alex** ('87) and Alisa **Meerovich** have two sons Asher and Levi.

**Lakshmi (Daniel) Jakota** ('87) had a daughter Shakti Chira-Ana on 5 July 2002, a sister for brother Zaheu.

**Dejan Keserovic** ('99) and Mirijana Veljovic had a son Djordje (George) on 16 August at 3.75 kg and 52 cm.

**Clare Gordon** ('92) and Denis Mareschal have a daughter Ella Miriam born on 19 July, a sister for Anna and Joshua.

**Mark** ('86) and Ana Lucía **Alleyne** have a son Nelson DaCosta born on 29 April, 2002 weighing 6lbs and 4 ozs.

**John Nagel** ('95) and Susi Varga have a son Jack born on 13 October 2001.

### Japan

On 29 September 2002, an Antonian meeting in Japan took place at International House of Japan in Tokyo. Over seventy Antonians got together and welcomed Professor Arther Stockwin and his wife, Audrey. Professor Stockwin gave a talk on recent development in Oxford in general and St Antony's College in particular. Attendants spend a comfortable evening with intellectual conversations.

### Portugal

The Antonian Liaison Officer for Portugal, João Espada, is now Secretary of the Portuguese branch of the Oxford Society. A dinner - jointly hosted by the Oxford and Cambridge Society - was held on 9 November which was attended by many Antonians.

### Australia

Australian Antonians are gathering in Canberra on 29 November to attend a dinner in honour of the Warden. Sir Marrack is Visiting Fellow at ANU for the week. Further details from the Liaison Officer, Professor Les Holmes at the following contact details: Dept of Politics, Univ. of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic 3052, Tel +61.3.9344.6565, fax+61.3.9344.7906, [lth@politics.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:lth@politics.unimelb.edu.au).

### Alliances

**Elnor Allhusen** ('96) to Mark Spearing on 7 September in Devon.

**Matthew Webb** ('95) to Elizabeth Smart on 21 September in Staffordshire.

**Varapat (Joe) Chensavadjai** ('93) to Natinee Sitthimongkol in December 2000.

**Charles King** ('90) to Lori Khatchadourian on 17 August 2002.

**Christopher Paul Jones** ('95) to Lorraine Moule on 11 August in Las Vegas.

**Ian Lesser** ('83) to Pamela Gross in Los Angeles on 16 May 2002.

**Jen Robson** ('92) to Claudi Crespi on 13 July 2002.

**Peter Wien** ('99) to Imke Ahlf on 29 June, 2002 in Berlin.

**Steven Everts** ('94) and **Virginia Mucchi** ('94) were married in Perugia, Italy, on 1 June, 2002.

**David Rezvani** ('98) to Leanna Bridge on 29 June, 2002.

### Antonian news continued (see also pages 11 and 12)

**Eric Fusfield** ('88) is now Deputy Director for European Affairs at the American Jewish Committee in Washington, DC.

**Kemi Rotimi** ('92) published *The Police in a Federal State: The Nigerian Experience* (College Press Publishers, Ibadan, 2002).

**David Keen** ('86) has been promoted to Reader in Complex Emergencies at the London School of Economics.

**Kevin Rosser** ('96) has joined the Control Risks Group as a Middle East analyst responsible for the Gulf states, Iran and Turkey.

**John Hillen** ('93) has been appointed to Board of Trustees at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (ISS) in London and the Board of Trustees at Philadelphia University.

**Owen Gibbons** ('95) is head of Specialist Sales for transport, business and leisure services at Morgan Stanley.

**João Espada** ('90) was elected President of the Portuguese Political Science Association in January this year.



## Antonian News

**Margaret Macmillan** ('68) has been awarded the BBC 4 Samuel Johnson Prize for non-fiction for her book *Peacemakers: The Paris Conference of 1919 and Its Attempt to End War* (John Murray).

**Lawrence Kelly** ('85) has recently published *Diplomacy and Murder in Tehran. Alexander Griboyedov and the Tsar's Mission to the Shah of Persia* (I.B. Tauris, 2002) and has graciously presented a copy to the College.

**Denis MacShane** ('98) has been appointed Minister for Europe in the latest UK Cabinet reshuffle.

**Jan Kavan** ('68) is President of the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

**Kais Firro** ('86) recently published *Inventing Lebanon. Nationalism and the State Under the Mandate* (I.B. Tauris, 2002).

**Paul Lalor** ('86) has recently published *Writing on the Wall. Culture, Society and Politics in the Middle East* (I.B. Tauris, 2002).

**Martina Vandenberg** ('90) is now a fully fledged member of the New York Bar Association.

**Taimur Hyat** ('95) is an associate with McKinsey in New York.

**Varapat (Joe) Chensavasdijai** ('93) works for the Forecasting Team in the Monetary Policy Group of the Bank of Thailand.

**Nick Redman** ('95) is Eastern Europe editor for the Economist Intelligence Unit's Viewswire service.

**Dimitris Livanios** ('91) will be Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Greek History at Brown University in Hilary 2003.

**Christine Nicholls** ('64) has published *Elspeth Huxley, A Biography* (HarperCollins, 2002).

**Rodrigo Carcamo-Diaz** ('98) works for the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Christian Schmidt** ('94) is doing an MBA at INSEAD.

**Sara Cohen** ('83) has been appointed Director of the Institute of Popular Music at the University of Liverpool. Her next book *Popular Music and the City* (Ashgate, 2002) has just been published.

**Nina Bowen** ('87) is Deputy Regional Director for CARE for West and Southern Africa based in Johannesburg.

**Heather Ecker** ('90) is Smithsonian Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at Arthur Sackler Gallery/Freer Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

**Damian Thwaites** ('98) is now at UKREP, Brussels working on European Security and Defence policy.

**Mark Hickford** ('96) has been appointed Crown Counsel at the Crown Law Office in Wellington, New Zealand.

**Anthony Kemp-Welch** ('75) has been awarded a Leverhulme Trust award for work on Party and Opposition in Poland 1980-89.

**John Russell-Wood** ('64), Herbert Baxter Adams Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University, has published *Universalidade das Santas Casas, 500 anos de cultura lusofona* (2001) and *Salvador: Empresa Grafica and Slavery and Freedom in Colonial Brazil* (2002) Oxford: Oneworld. He has been awarded the Order of Rio Branco by the Government of Brazil and elected Corresponding Fellow of the Academia de Letras of Bahia.

**Roman Skarzynski** ('78) is Senior Economist at the Statistics Department at the International Monetary Fund.

**Naomi Azrieli** ('93) has an appointment in the History Department at the University of Toronto.

**Francis Ghilès** ('69) has been appointed as Senior Fellow at the EuroArab Management School in Grenada, Spain.

**Alex Meerovich** ('87) is Human Rights and Chechnya officer in the Office of Russian Affairs at the US Department of State.

**José Esteban Castro** ('93) was invited by the European Commission to present a paper on "Partnerships for public utilities", at the Forum on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development, part of the World Summit at Johannesburg.

**Christoph Wilcke** ('99) is Middle East Research and Advocacy Officer for the Save the Children Fund in London.

**Giles Radice** ('94) has recently published *Friends and Rivals: Crosland, Jenkins and Healey* (Little Brown, 2002).

**Anthony King** ('93) now works for an NGO in Johannesburg as a policy advisor to the South African government and business sector on political and social issues.

**Riazul Islam** ('83) has recently published *Sufism in South Asia: Impact on 14<sup>th</sup> Century Muslim Society* (OUP, 2002).

**Jeff Kahn** ('94) recently published *Federalism, Democratization, and the Rule of Law in Russia* (Oxford University Press). It has been reviewed in the Michigan Law Review by Professor William Butler (University College London), where he called it the best book on the subject that he had read "in any language."

**Clara Botero** ('95) is Director of the Museo del Oro of the Banco de la República de Colombia in Bogotá.

**Isao Kubota** ('67) is chairman of the Lone Start Japan Acquisitions LLC, a Japanese arm of the US private investment company.

**Wolfgang Schwentker** ('91) has joined Osaka University as an Associate Professor of Cultural History, in the Faculty of Humanities.

**Tomila Lankina** ('96) is Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for the Social Sciences at Humboldt University.

**Guido Schmidt-Traub** ('98) is Project Officer for the Millennium Project at UNDP.

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**Paul Chaisty** ('97) is Tutor in Politics at Pembroke College, Oxford.

**Harri Salmi** ('90) is Director of the Unit for Western Europe at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Helsinki.

**Gary Hart** ('00) has recently published *Restoration of the Republic: the Jeffersonian Ideal in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America* (OUP, 2002).

**Charlotte Opal** ('97) works for Transfair, the USA's Fair Trade labelling organisation.

**Daniel Gilfoyle** ('98) is a Research Fellow at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford.

**Mark Alleyne** ('86) will publish *Global Lies: Propaganda, the UN, and World Order* (St Antony's/ Palgrave) in 2003.

**Charles King** ('90) has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Government of Georgetown University.

**Ian Lesser** ('83) has been appointed Vice President and Director of Studies at the Pacific Council on International Policy in Los Angeles. He has recently published *Greece's New Geopolitics* (RAND, Santa Monica, 2002).

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**Klaus Gallo** ('87) published *Great Britain and Argentina. From Invasion to Recognition 1806-1826* (St Antony's/Palgrave).

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**John Nagl** ('95) recently published *Counterinsurgency Lessons from Malaya to Vietnam* (Praeger, 2002). He is an International Affairs Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

**Helen Brooks** ('98) is head of the Indonesia/East Timor Section of the South East Asia Department at the UK Foreign Office.

**Jeffrey VanDreal** ('84) is First Secretary at the US Embassy in Moscow.

**Philip Khoury** ('74) was elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**Dov Lynch** ('95) is Research Fellow at Institute of Security Studies for the European Union, based in Paris.

**Steve McGuire** ('91) has been awarded the John Willis Award by the University of Bath for 'demonstrated dedication to the academic

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