The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. Tony Blair PC, MP, visited St Antony’s on 2 February to give the annual European Studies Centre Lecture. Mr Blair’s visit, the first to the College by an acting UK Prime Minister, was at the invitation of Professor Timothy Garton Ash, Director of the European Studies Centre, and marked the beginning of a year-long celebration of the Centre’s thirtieth anniversary. The Prime Minister’s lecture took place in the Hall of St Antony’s to an audience of over 350 and was followed by a lively question and answer session. At a reception afterwards, Mr Blair met many members of the College and University, including the Vice Chancellor. He is pictured above with three of the Wardens of St Antony’s - from the left Sir Marrack Goulding (the current Warden), Sir Raymond Carr (1968–’87) and Lord Dahrendorf (1987–’97). Further details of the visit are on page 3 and the lecture can be read in full on the Centre’s website at http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/esc/blair-visit.shtml. Photo Barker Evans.

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From The Warden

Dear Antonians,

The last two editions of this Newsletter carried, on their front pages, photographs of Antonians gathered beside and behind the College’s first Warden, the late Bill Deakin. That repetition was not an accident; it was a deliberate tribute to Sir William, whose Wardenship will be celebrated again at a special Gaudy, ‘The Deakin Days,’ which will take place on 1 July. This will be a great event and we are much looking forward to welcoming our early members back to St Antony’s. Quite a number have already signed up, but there is still some room for those wishing to come. Either write to the Development Office, or visit http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/antoniants/ to download a booking form.

But we must not allow the College’s past to distract us from the task (and pleasure) of assessing its present strengths and weaknesses and designing its future development. Recent editions of the Newsletter have concentrated on the difficult but important processes of change which are under way in the University and in colleges too, the latest being the University’s plans for the development of the Radcliffe Infirmary site. The site is very close to the College and its development is going to have major consequences for us.

However, the Newsletter needs a rest from change. So, this article is about the College’s students (we have more or less succeeded in suppressing ‘junior members’). Nine and a half years ago I received a letter of appointment from Sub-Warden Archie Brown. It listed the Warden’s duties in 21 lines. But students were mentioned only twice: first, the Warden was “to superintend … the admission, discipline and instruction of [the College’s] members”; secondly, he was “to maintain the social cohesion of the College and sustain a sense of loyalty to the institution on the part of senior and junior members and staff”.

But that does not reflect the reality of St Antony’s; we don’t put our students backstage. Yes, the appointment letter’s list of the Warden’s functions includes “the fostering of a high-quality research and teaching environment” and much innovative research is done here, bringing international kudos (and money) to the College. But for the Warden, or at least for this one, the students are at least as important as research, if not more so. The College’s duties are not only to provide a base for brilliant academics but also to admit graduate students, provide them with accommodation, give them access to the Hall, help them to understand the complexities of Oxford University and assign to each of them a ‘College Adviser’ who is available if they need advice on academic or financial or personal problems - or just need a reference.

In recent years the College has introduced a process called ‘Graduate Consultations’ (the equivalent of ‘Collections’ in undergraduate colleges). Once each year the Warden and the Senior Tutor have a brief meeting with each student individually to take stock of the student’s academic progress and hear how he or she rates the academic support provided by the University and, especially, by the College. This process is time-consuming (more than 250 interviews of 10-15 minutes duration each year) but it is justified by the occasional discovery that a student does not realize that he or she is supposed to have a supervisor or does not know of the classes and seminars which he or she is supposed to be attending. We also benefit from the feedback which the students give us about their perception of the academic support they are receiving from the College.

Another innovation in recent years has been the closer involvement of students in the College’s governance procedures. Members of the JCR Executive attend the meetings of, but do not have a vote in, the College’s Management Executive Team (MET, one JCR representative) and its Governing Body (GB, two JCR representatives). During my nine years here, almost all the JCR Executives have been of high quality and their representatives have made significant contributions to the deliberations of the MET and the GB. A recent and welcome consequence of these relationships has been the recent (and long overdue) conclusion of a comprehensive Financial Agreement between the College and the JCR.

The College benefits also from the sporting prowess of its students. The University’s cricket XI last year included Amit Upadhyay, who is expected to be a Blue again this year. St Antony’s women footballers have continued to shine in their team, the Chihuahuas. In this year’s Torpids both the Men’s crew and the Women’s won their blades. This was a very welcome renaissance by the Women who had not had such a success since the Summer Eights of 2001 and 2002; and it was another triumph for the Men who have won their blades in four consecutive Summer Eights (2002 to 2005) and two consecutive Torpids (2005 and 2006).

And, finally, there is the relationship between the students and their Warden. It is a relationship that I have enjoyed, and am still enjoying, enormously. St Antony’s is not a hierarchical place; I call the students by their first names and they call me by mine; there are no tables reserved for Fellows in the Hall; students play poker with the Warden in his Lodgings on Sunday evenings (except when impending exams deny them leisure); the closing rounds of the College pool tournament are played on his New York pool table; and occasionally he summons up the courage to make a foray into the Late Bar, where some hail him as “The Silver Fox” – can’t think why.

All this I shall miss very much.

Marack Endley

Warden-elect, Professor Margaret MacMillan, has been appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. The award is Canada’s highest civilian honour, with membership awarded to those who exemplify the Order’s Latin motto Desiderantes meliorem patriam, which means, “Desiring a better country.” Created in 1967, the Order was established to recognize the lifetime contributions made by Canadians who made a major difference to Canada.

(There is an interview with Professor MacMillan on page 8).
It has only happened once in a half century. On 2 February, Tony Blair visited St Antony’s to deliver the Annual European Studies Centre Lecture, on the subject of Britain and Europe. As the Warden noted in his introduction, while the College has welcomed many heads of state and government over the years, this was the first visit to the College by a serving British Prime Minister. The Prime Minister spoke to a Hall packed with an audience consisting of a large number of both senior and junior members of the College, academics and students interested in European Studies from across the University and distinguished guests, including the former Foreign Secretary, Lord Hurd, and the Director General of the BBC, Mark Thompson.

In his lecture, one of a number of events to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the European Studies Centre, the Prime Minister reflected on his years of experience of politics in the European Union at the highest level. After expressing his appreciation of the work done by the European Studies Centre and thanking its Director, Professor Timothy Garton Ash, for the invitation, he re-stated in moving terms the original reason that we have a European Union. Quoting from Anne Frank’s diary, he went on to say “There is something to me, at least, very solemn, moving and right about recalling those days and giving thanks for the idealism and faith shown by Europe’s founders.” However, this profound historical cause was not enough to make the case for the European Union today.

Reflecting on his experience of making European policy as British Prime Minister, he said: “The dilemma of a British Minister over Europe is acute to the point of the ridiculous. Basically you have a choice: co-operate in Europe and you betray Britain; be unreasonable in Europe, be praised back home, and be utterly without influence in Europe. It’s sort of: isolation or treason.” In an ironical aside, he said that nowadays he takes a kind of ‘perverse pleasure’ in it all.

He went on to distinguish between two kinds of euro-scepticism: outright, nationalistic anti-Europeanism with more than a touch of xenophobia, and “practical scepticism”. The latter, he said, “is a genuine intellectual and political concern about Europe as practiced; not about Europe as an ideal or a vision or even a set of values. This is not xenophobia, nor devotion to undiluted national sovereignty, but a worry about Europe’s economy being uncompetitive; its institutions too remote; its decision-making too influenced by the lowest common denominator.” (Some listeners believed they could discern in this sketch the outlines of Gordon Brown.)

The British argument for Europe, he suggested, had to be made for and with these open-minded, practical sceptics. Europe had first to work out what it wanted to do, what it was good for, and only then decide how to do it. By starting with the constitutional questions we may have started at the wrong end. Reflecting on the process of writing the European Constitutional Treaty, under the chairmanship of Valéry Giscard d’Estaing, he said: “Giscard, with characteristic brilliance, negotiated a solution. There was only one drawback. Apart from better rules of internal governance, no-one in Europe knew what it was meant to solve. As the problems of the citizen grew ever more pressing, instead of bold policy reform and decisive change, we locked ourselves in a room at the top of the tower and debated things no ordinary citizen could understand.”

However, if we started from the other end, we could find a great many important things that the European Union could do and that could only be done effectively by the sharing of sovereignty at the European level. These included economic reform, security policy, a common energy policy and a shared defence and foreign policy. “Now is the time of the practical people” he said - and he argued that with new leaders emerging in other European countries, there was a growing consensus in this direction. “There is no other way for Britain,” he concluded “Britain won’t leave Europe. No Government would propose it. And despite what we are often told, the majority of the British people, in the end, would not vote for withdrawal. So we are in it. And it is changing. And in a way we have sought and fought for. The manner in which we originally joined the European project has dogged us for too long. From now on, let the manner of our staying in define us.”

After his lecture, the Prime Minister spent more than half an hour answering questions from the audience, on questions ranging from Turkey’s prospective membership in the EU to civil liberties and the role of universities in informing and enriching Britain’s European debate. He then attended a reception in the Combined Common Room at which he met with many students, Fellows and other Antonians. The event mobilised all the resources of the College, and all the College staff rose magnificently to the challenge. The full text of the speech can be read on the College website at http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/esc/blair-visit.shtml

When the Prime Minister met Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin soon thereafter, she said: “I must say that it was with great interest and pleasure indeed that I read the speech that the Prime Minister gave in Oxford.”
Perhaps you will think it a rather circuitous route to have returned to Oxford in this capacity as an anthropologist of Africa having left Pembroke College sixteen years ago armed with a degree in modern history and a passion for the Tudors. It has certainly been a fortuitous one. After Oxford I studied Development Studies at Manchester. I then worked for a non-governmental organisation with whom I conducted research in Sudan, Mali and Ethiopia on the relation between migration and development. Working in the bustle of Bamako, the altitude of the Ethiopian highlands, and the staggering heat of villages on the bank of the Nile in northern Sudan I learned far too much about my own frailties and gained an enduring respect for the people that I worked with. When the funding on these projects expired I began to focus in earnest on anthropological doctoral research that I had started at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London again on migration and development but this time in Nigeria. At least that was the plan. It is difficult to say exactly when the plan was axed but the result of my fieldwork in the Annang-speaking area of south-eastern Nigeria is a book on murder and politics in colonial Africa.

Somewhere along the line the stories that people related to me of events half a century earlier in these Annang villages led me to investigate a period between 1945 and 1948 when the Imperial gaze of police, press and politicians was focused on a series of mysterious deaths that were attributed to the ‘man-leopard society’. At the time the police investigation was reported as the ‘biggest, strangest murder hunt in the world’. Almost two hundred men, women and children were victims yet despite the scale of the investigation those closest to it feared that the so-called man-leopard murders would remain shrouded in mystery. The murder mysteries were of two distinct but related kinds, the forensic and the historical. The immediate problems of the criminal investigations were whether these were wild-leopard killings or whether they were organised by a cult of killers who could disguise the crime scene to simulate them. Yet, these murders were not only linked to the ruses and rituals of the killers but also to the broader impact of commercial, Christian and colonial relations on Annang society. As such the historical questions that I address in my ethnography concern debate and conflict over the moral order of Annang society throughout the colonial period.

Since my Ph.D. I have taught in the anthropology departments at Edinburgh where I was also a social development advisor to DFID, at SOAS where I held a British Academy Post-doctoral Research Fellowship, and at Sussex where I had two and a half happy years teaching my socks off. In this time I have continued my fieldwork in Nigeria and my work on the anthropology of violence. Most recently these interests have led me to explore the politics of youth in ethnographic work with vigilantes and gangs. In the brief time that I have been at St Antony’s the College has already proved a welcoming and stimulating environment and I very much look forward to working with colleagues and students here in the years to come.

DAVID PRATTS

Dr Hanah Ashrawi, recently elected to the Palestinian Legislative Council and Honorary Fellow of St Antony’s, has accepted our invitation to give the keynote address to the Middle East Centre’s 50th Anniversary Gaudy, scheduled for the weekend of 30 June – 2 July 2007.

“I am happy to learn that the Middle East Centre will be celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in 2007,” Dr Ashrawi wrote. “It has been instrumental in engaging and informing many scholars who seek it out as an authority on Middle East issues.”

Tom Friedman, New York Times columnist and multiple-Pulitzer prize-winning author, has also confirmed he will be joining us for what promises to be the largest gathering of Middle East talent in St Antony’s history.

Current and Emeritus Fellows will soon be meeting to finalize the programme for the weekend’s events. The draft programme will be posted to the Centre’s web page, along with other information for Antonians planning on taking part. As always, the Gaudy will combine social and intellectual events to remind you of the joys of your Oxford experience, without the drawback of exams or vivas.

Progress on the fiftieth Anniversary Book proceeds apace. Derek Hopwood has now completed articles on the history of the Middle East Centre, the Centre’s Library, and an essay of reflections on Albert Hourani. A number of other articles have been commissioned and will be brought together for publication in time for the big event. We would welcome any suggestions of essay topics to be included in the book, which we hope will prove a lasting tribute to the Centre’s accomplishments in its first half century.

Our efforts to compile a complete list of all masters and doctoral students in Middle Eastern studies is proving more difficult than we had thought. The St Antony’s members are all on the College’s database, but the wider community who studied elsewhere in Oxford involves our tackling the Byzantine records held in Wellington Square. We have now learned that student records up to c. 1985 are only kept in a card index, in alphabetical order. They are not differentiated by academic year, subject, or any other category. This poses some difficulties, but we have a team of five dedicated graduate students to crack Wellington Square’s code.

Be sure to pencil the dates in your diary now: 30 June – 2 July 2007. We count on seeing you then. If you want to flag up your interest in attending email us – franca.potts@sant.ox.ac.uk - and watch for developments on the centre website. We hope to have something up and running soon.

DAVID PRATTS

The Middle East Centre
invites you to celebrate
its 50th anniversary
30 June - 2 July 2007
Thank you all - it has been a pretty stimulating 15 years and even though the thought of this speech has been giving me sleepless nights, I couldn't leave without telling you a bit about my feelings about St Antony's and to say a few thank yous. But please don't expect any jokes - I have been trying for 15 years but just can't get the hang of it. So there will be no sartorial wit or incontinent pigeon about St Antony's and to say a few thank yous. But please don’t though the thought of this speech has been giving me sleepless Thank you all - it has been a pretty stimulating 15 years and even retirement on 10 March.

Polly Friedhoff’s farewell speech given at a party to mark her retirement on 10 March.

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St Antony’s doesn’t have the medieval beauty of much of Oxford and at first glance a gothic convent, brutalist eggbox, Japanese teahouse and postmodern habitation don’t immediately inspire, but there is something about this eclectic mix which has both character and honesty. How many of us have cursed when trying to get from the main building to the Besse Building in the rain or to a lecture, but that constant meeting with the outside world and the elements – however uncomfortable – encapsulates how I see the College. Always relating outwards and what is going on there.

How do you sum up 15 years in a short speech – I feel deeply privileged to have been the first Public Relations and Development Officer (PRADO) here – to have put past members on a database; to have had the pleasure of working closely with them and in setting up Antonian networks worldwide; to have seen the College mailings change from a family party over tea and home-made cakes in the now Computer Room to streamlined outsourcing to a mailing house; to have had a part in such things as the wonderful Book Sale in 1993 when Malcolm Deas found a vocation as auctioneer and persuaded a large number of present, past and (we hope) future Antonians to part with much more money than they had intended. High spots like Bill Deakin’s eightieth birthday Gaudy, the fiftieth anniversary celebrations and the inauguration of the Founder’s Building not to mention the numerous visits from the great and good – including Kofi Annan, Mikhail Gorbachev and Tony Blair!

The role of the PRADO (named after a museum in Madrid – if you have seen pictures of it, you will know why I have a slightly ambivalent feeling about the acronym) is closely tied to its Warden and I am proud to have worked with two of them. I have fond memories of scuttling after our present Warden as he strode the streets of a snowbound New York and have discovered a new skill in keeping the worst ravages of the Warden’s travel fever at bay.

The Development Office works closely with all the various categories of fellow – with Governing Body on Gaudies, fundraising, visits to Antonians, lectures by the great and the good and sometimes the not-so good (we are after all a tolerant place!); - with the Emeriti to tap their memories of past members, lost Antonians, and special birthdays. And the students – well they are why we are here. It has been a pleasure to help them with careers and in turn to have their help at Gaudies when tales of past and present experience as members of the College are happily exchanged and new friendships forged across the generations. I know that we all swell with pride when we feel a good job has been done – as a shy, awkward student from say Colombia, China or the USA leaves St Antony’s as a truly global citizen much more tolerant and knowing of the world.

The Emeriti – are the College’s memory and a constant source of wisdom and knowledge to the Development Office and a big support to me all through my many years here. And here I want to say how pleased we are to see Tony Kirk-Greene back in College after his stroke; to pay special tribute to: my proof-reader par excellence – Geoffrey Lewis - who has meticulously read through and corrected countless Newsletters to spare my blushes and I owe him a huge debt of gratitude; to thank Michael Kaser for constantly updating me on our great and good; Archie Brown for his meticulous attention to detail; and the Maestro - Derek Hopwood for his musical skills and willingness to share them.

Finally the staff – hard-working, dedicated, loyal and huge fun to work with – I will miss the constant ribbing from the Accounts girls and the laughter at coffee. I can’t mention everyone – I could try but that might sound a bit too like an Oscars speech (hey was that a joke!) – but Ray – thanks for all the help with the website and everyone in the domestic bursary for all their help, imagination and flexibility at Gaudies and special events. But I want to say a big and especial thank you to my team of girls – Wendy Bunning who helped start the whole thing off, Susan Bark who got us out of a hole, Franca Potts who has stepped in so magnificently and in whom I have huge confidence, but especially Janet Collyer who has returned today and who has been a sterling support for 11 years through good days and bad.

The University, the College and the Development Office are all going through a period of change so now it is the right time to go – to let fresh blood with new ideas and energies take over. Please give Franca Potts your support and friendship because she is the face of the future.

Thank you all for your friendship and for allowing me to have what must be one of the most varied and enjoyable jobs in Oxford. I will miss you all – but I am looking forward to being my own boss and to a new life. I’d like to finish with wishing you all a great future and invite you to join me in a toast that my Scottish father used to use – here’s tae us, wha’s like us, damn few, mair’s the pity!

The Future of the Development Office

With the retirement of Polly Friedhoff, the College set up a committee to look at the future working of the Development Office. That Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr Eugene Rogan and which included the present Warden, the Acting Warden for 2006-7 and the Warden elect, Professor Margaret MacMillan reported to Governing Body at the end of Michaelmas Term - to the effect that the College should employ a Development Director to lead the working of the Development Office which would comprise an Administrator - Franca Potts - and a Public Relations and Development Officer to replace Polly.

Interviews for the post of Development Director take place on 13 March and the holder of that position will play an active role in the selection of the new PRADO to be advertised shortly thereafter. Meanwhile, your Antonian contact will be Franca Potts - franca.potts@sant.ox.ac.uk - and she looks forward to hearing from you.
The Victorious Cricket Team after their thrilling victory over Nuffield (the score is that shown on the scoreboard) to reclaim the Ashtray Challenge Cup. To celebrate the occasion, the annual general meeting of the club bestowed the following awards: Player of the Season - Alastair Fraser; Cricketers’ Cricketer - Matthew Tejada; Champagne Moment of the Season - Jeppe Sorensen; Ashtray Man of the Match - Amit Upadhyay; Honorary Life Presidency - James Milner. The team is shown above left - Back row - Amit Upadhyay, Ivan Pearson, Matthew Tejada and Andrew Novo, Front row - Richard Horton (capt.), Adam Higazi, Henry Mance, Jeppe Sorensen, Alex Bristow, Sam Sims, James Milner and Alastair Fraser. Not pictured - Tony Squirrell, Stephen Malyon, Alex Albert. (Right) The dedicated fans, who cheered and encouraged their team all along the way, are pictured outside the Pavilion.

STOP PRESS - Double blades for St Antony’s at Torpids

Following the success of our crews in November’s Christ Church Regatta and the Isis Winter League races, and with a desire to make this the sixth consecutive year of winning ‘blades’, the Boat Club was hoping for great things at this year’s Torpids, which took place from 1–4 March. It wasn’t disappointed! Both of the men’s crews and one of the women’s crews participated in the races (while the women’s second boat rowed strongly in the race to qualify the previous Friday, they unfortunately missed out on qualification by five seconds), and all rowed convincingly throughout the competition.

After four days of racing in bizarre weather conditions – ranging from beautiful sunshine to raging blizzards in a matter of minutes – the St Antony’s crews managed some impressive results, with the men’s and women’s first boats winning blades, and the men’s second boat also performing very strongly, bumping on 3 out of 4 days. As a result, St Antony’s was ranked joint fifth out of 35 colleges in terms of overall bumps – showing us as a force to be reckoned with in Oxford college rowing. Our Torpids success was testimony not only to the crews’ months of dedicated preparation but also to some impressive displays of tenacity during the races – M2 recovering from being bumped twice on the first day to catch Wolfson II by the boathouses, M1 holding on to bump St Peter’s II, who were 5 places ahead of them in the division, having narrowly missed bumping Linacre II, and W1 (rowing in the heavyweight men’s boat) bumping Lincoln I for blades 30 metres before the finish line. It was also thanks to the much-appreciated support from College members, without which the W1’s aforementioned last stretch would certainly have been much more difficult!

These great results put us in an excellent position to begin preparation for Summer Eights later in the year, in which we hope to enter five crews (three men’s and two women’s) and to continue what is becoming our blade-winning tradition!

KATY NICHOLSON,
Boat Club Secretary
It seems like only yesterday when I stumbled through the gates of St Antony’s College, bulging suitcases in tow. Home in India seemed far away. But before long, I was charmed by the life and vibrancy of the College, and swept into the social ways of things at St Antony’s. All around me I saw new friends being made, connections being built, and new members gradually beginning to feel at home – the College became our college. In this transition, I must thank last year’s JCR Committee for all their efforts in making the new lot feel at home.

The new JCR committee has begun its first term in office with much enthusiasm, and the term has been packed with academic and social events.

The Writing Tutoring Service, which was established in 2003, offered two sessions per week in Hilary Term. This programme is run by three student volunteers: Meredith Carew, Tom Williams and Alan Gamlen. English can be a convoluted language, at times incomprehensible to the best of us. The Tutoring Service is catered specifically for non-native English speakers, and it demands a substantial amount of time and dedication from the student volunteers who run it.

The term also saw a repeat of the popular Careers Evenings. The evenings are intended to allow St Antony’s students to discover the range of possible career options open to them at the end of their degree programme – ranging from jobs at major banks to secret service agencies! A series of Research Seminars was also held this term, offering students a chance to present their own work to their peers, and receive useful feedback. The seminars have been well attended. Furthermore, with the help of Visiting Parliamentary Fellow, James Gray, a trip to Parliament for 40 students has been organised.

St Antony’s International Review (STAIR) is steadily becoming a significant flag bearer of our college, standing as testament to the zeal and academic strength of our student body. The third issue of the journal, titled ‘International Politics of Oil’, is currently in the works and will be in print in May of this year. The continued efforts of the co-editors Alex Betts and Matt Eagleton-Pierce, as well as the newly elected Managing Director, Emily Paddon, must be acknowledged. I hope each of you reads and supports St Antony’s own academic journal.

The social calendar has been just as busy as the academic one – this year there has been a renewed and heightened participation in sport. The Men’s and Women’s Boats continue to excel. The Cricket club has been training hard over the winter, and for the first time in college history seems to be set to field two teams this summer! The women’s football team is undefeated this season so far. Yoga continues to be a popular activity, and the term’s Pool Tournament, hosted by our Warden Sir Marrack, was an all-out success. We also have several Blues and Half-Blues in our midst. In total, there are eight varsity athletes in college, all of whom have their varsity matches this term. I wish them all the success and the best of luck! – we are all very proud of their achievements.

Our Social Secretaries have also been hard at work, so that the rest of us may indulge in some play after our long hours of study – social gatherings have ranged from a massively successful celebration of ‘Aussie Day’, to a thrilling encounter with James Bond, to deliciously mellow Jazz evenings. In addition, there have been numerous smaller events like Karaoke nights and Poetry readings.

Last, but certainly not the least, we are now gearing up for Trinity Term – high on the agenda is the annual summer Ball on Saturday 3 June (see below). The anticipation and excitement is building, and the ball committee is eagerly planning what will be the last Ball for our beloved retiring Warden. I call on each of you to make this event a special and befitting farewell for Sir Marrack.

In sum, this has been a fantastic first term in office – along with the rest of the JCR Committee, I look forward to bringing you an exciting, productive, but most of all, fun-filled remainder of the year!!

JAIDEEP GUPTE
In 2007, St Anthony’s will welcome a new Warden, but someone who is no stranger to the College. Dr Margaret MacMillan is an Honorary Fellow, past Senior Associate Member and student (D.Phil. on the British in India). Another link is her role as academic referee for many Canadian Antonians, myself included.

Dr MacMillan is completing her term as Provost of Trinity College and Professor of History at the University of Toronto. In perfect historical parallel, she graduated from the same College with an Honours B.A. in History.

We sit in a rooftop bistro overlooking the University to talk about her recent achievements, reminisce about life in Oxford and hear about her plans as Warden. She is warm, witty, and stylishly-dressed. Beneath the good humour, there is a focused historian and dedicated teacher. No wonder she continues to be a favourite among students and colleagues.

When asked about returning to Oxford, she is still in awe. “I still don’t believe it. Who’d have thought forty years ago that I’d end up back here?” Dr MacMillan’s UK interview unfortunately coincided with the Antonians party she was to host at Trinity Provost’s Lodge (we did raise a glass to her). Perhaps it was an omen. She was “absolutely thrilled” to receive the good news and “very grateful to the College for allowing me to complete my term at Trinity College. It is all so exciting, but 2007 still feels so far away.”

It has been a busy couple of years for MacMillan since publishing the bestselling Peacemakers: the Paris Conference of 1919 and Its Attempt to Make Peace (or Paris 1919: Six Months that Changed the World in North America). The book’s great acclaim brought her travel, interviews, and awards. Most recently she was named Officer of the Order of Canada, yet she remains as relaxed as ever—except when it comes to her writing. By May she must complete her newest book on President Nixon’s 1972 trip to China. “It’s possible because I have a great research team.”

There are many similarities between her current and future positions. Both posts entail fundraising responsibilities. Both are federated Colleges in a big university. St Anthony’s, however, is much smaller; it has only graduate students; and it does not have a Faculty of Divinity. Both colleges are sociable places with many opportunities for contact with students and fellows. “Eating in Hall is the best way to catch up. I love how at St Anthony’s everyone sits with everyone else. You get such a fantastic mix of people.”

Laughing, she recounted how on her first day at St Anthony’s she accidentally sat at High Table. “Everybody, from the Warden to the guests, were too polite to correct me.”

Though the first North American and woman to head St Anthony’s, she doesn’t see a need to make drastic changes, but she wants to start major projects, in fundraising for example, early on. She has followed the many proposed changes at Oxford with interest. She has some questions about the expansion of one-year masters programmes. “I’ve talked to students who feel that in a year they have barely arrived here, then have to go home,” she said. “It’s a serious challenge for a graduate college.” Overall she sees her role as being “helpful” to the College’s functioning. She is interested in supporting the Area Studies Centre, and looks forward to hosting students and Fellows at the Lodgings. “Unlike Sir Marrack, I do not play pool,” she laughed, but she looks forward to visiting JCR societies and Late Bar.
Michael Ignatief ('93) has been elected as a Liberal Candidate to the Canadian Parliament for the Etobicoke Lakeshore constituency.

Ken Endo ('93) has been appointed Visiting Professor at Sciences Politiques de Paris for a period in the spring.

Maria Filomena Monica ('71) recently published *Eça de Queiroz*, with a foreward by Sir Raymond Carr. The book is published by Tamesis Books (www.tamesisbooks.com).

Lindsay Levkoff ('02) is working in the Boston office of Bain & Co.

Adam Noble ('84) has just been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Wilton Park, the conference centre for opinion-formers.


Christopher Bishop ('96) has been appointed Second Secretary/Vice Consul at the US Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan.

Scott Mixer ('83) has been appointed Chairman, CEO and President of All Metro Health Care.

Anson Chinavanno ('83) has been promoted to Director-General of East Asia Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok.

Odolipupo Adamolekun ('69) was awarded the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM), Nigeria’s highest national prize for academic and intellectual attainment, on 1 December, 2005. The award is in recognition of his “contributions to scholarly research in the field of Public Administration”.

Zayde Antrim ('95) has been appointed to a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in History and International Studies at Trinity College, Hartford, CT.

Christian Webersik ('00) has been appointed as post-doctoral fellow at the Earth Institute at Columbia University, NY.

Thomas O'Keefe ('90) has been appointed as Legal and Economic Integration Director for the US AID-funded Caribbean Open Trade Support Programme based in Antigua.

Fiona Macaulay ('91) has been appointed to a new post as Lecturer in Development Studies in the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford.

Anders Aslund ('78) has joined the Institute for International Economics as a Senior Fellow studying the economies of Russia, Ukraine, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

David Stafford ('76) has been appointed by the Prime Minister to write the official history of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) in Italy, Part Two, 1943-1945. He takes over this commission from Christopher Woods, CMG, who has completed Part One of the project.


Alison Stewart ('90) has received a PhD in Applied Linguistics from London University. She is a Visiting Professor at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.


Harmut Pogge von Strandmann ('62) has now retired and is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Oxford.

Eduard Mühle ('00) has been appointed Chair of Eastern and East Central European History at Westfälische Wilhelm-Universität, Münster. He recently published a monograph *Für Volk und deutschen Osten. Der Historiker Hermann ubin und die deutsche Ostforschung* (Drose Verlag, Düsseldorf, 2005).

Neil Melvin ('86) is a Senior Researcher at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

Jaime Granados ('96) co-edited with Julio Lacarte, *Inter-Governmental Trade Dispute Settlement: Multilateral and Regional Approaches* (Cameron May, London).

Jeremy Jennings ('75) was recently appointed to the Chair of Political Theory at Queen Mary College, University of London.

Haiden Bellenoit ('01) is Professor of History at Mount Holyoke College. His article ‘Misionary education, religion and knowledge in north India, c.1880-1915’ was in Modern Asian Studies (2006).


Sheila Fitzpatrick ('64) published *Tear off the Masks! Identity and Imposture in Twentieth-Century Russia* (Princeton University Press).

Masayuki Rikihisa ('96) is now Professor of European Political History at Doshisha University.

Keith Robbins ('61) has been awarded an honorary D.Litt. from the University of Wales. His book *Britain and Europe, 1789-2005* was published in September by OUP.

Christopher Jones ('95) works as a Commercial Finance Manager in the Global Technology Practice of PA Consulting, near Cambridge.

Craig Pennington ('92) works as an Oil Analyst for Schroders in London.

Robert Danin ('92) has been appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs in the US State Department.

Samuel Sims ('03) has founded a language solutions company specialising in translation www.oxfordintegra.com.

Austin Ivereigh ('89) is Director for Public Affairs to the Archbishop of Westminster. He was in Rome to help elect the new pope.

Adrian Rossiter ('60) is principal consultant: EU and Central/East European governance, National School of Government at the Cabinet Office.

Ariel Ezrahi ('99) works as an Associate for an American law firm – Chadbourne & Parke MNP in London.

Jean-Marie Le Breton ('51) has been presented with the Pierre Lafou Foundation Prize for his book *Grandeur et Destin de la Vieille Europe, 1492-2004* (Editions L'Hammattan).
Nicoletta Batini ('94) is working in the Research Department of the IMF.

Reuben Wong ('99) has recently published *The Europeanization of French Foreign Policy* (Palgrave).

Shany Payes ('96) has recently published *Palestinian NGOs in Israel. The Politics of Civil Society* (IB Tauris).

Moshe Ma’oz ('62) and Ilan Pappé ('80) have published *Middle Eastern Politics and Ideas: A History from Within* (IB Tauris).


Linda Herrera ('00) is Senior Lecturer of Development Studies at the Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, with a particular focus on youth studies and development.


William Flemming ('96), the new Liaison Officer for Russia, is now working for Rothschilds in Moscow.

**Current Members - Elections, awards etc**


HE Atiku Abubacker has been elected to a Foundation Fellowship of St Antony’s.

Dr Serra Kirdar ('97) has been elected to a Foundation Fellowship of St Antony’s.

Kate Meagher, and Sarah Washbrook ('98) have been elected to two British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellowships at the College.

Mustafa Badawi (Emeritus Fellow) has been awarded a special shield by the Supreme Council of Culture in Egypt in appreciation for his contribution to the causes of Arabic culture worldwide.


James Milner (current student) has been awarded a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada which he will hold at the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto.

Eric Weaver (current student) published *National Narcissism: The Evolution of the Cult of Nation and Gender in Hungary* (Peter Lang, Oxford).

Agnia Baranauskaite (current student) has been chosen as a finalist in a national modelling competition to be judged shortly.

Avi Spiegel has just been awarded the Peter Fitzpatrick scholarship and Alan Gamlen the Holly Wyatt Walter Scholarship. Both scholarships were founded in honour of former students of St Antony’s.

Anna Komheden ('00) is the new Political Officer responsible for Education, Children and Youth Issues, Health and UN Issues at the British Embassy in Stockholm (from January 2006).

Sebastian Cody ('04) has been appointed as Special Adviser to the Director at The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) a non-governmental research organization located near Vienna and is the new Liaison Officer for Austria.

Tina Podplatnik (Jennings) ('91) is Russia representative and Country Head of Sotheby's in Moscow.

Charles Taylor ('72) has been appointed Director-Operational Risk by RMA - The Risk Management Association based in Philadelphia.

Dr Ibone Amezaga ('01) has been appointed as Vice-Minister for Education (Universities and Research) in the autonomous government of the Basque Country.

**The Deakin Days Gaudy**

On 1 July 2006 some of the College’s earliest members will join together to celebrate the Founding Warden, Sir William Deakin. Professor Nicholls will give a talk about the Deakin Days and there will be a panel discussion on the significance of the Deakin Wardenship.

For further details look at the website [http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/antonians/](http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/antonians/) or email the Development Office for a booking form: dev.office@sant.ox.ac.uk

**St Antony’s ‘Global Public Intellectuals’**

In a recent edition of *Prospect* magazine, the following Antonians were classed as among the top 100 Global Public Intellectuals: Thomas Friedman ('76), Timothy Garton Ash ('78), Michael Ignatieff ('93), Paul Kennedy ('66) and Tariq Ramadan ('05).

**The Late Sir Norman Wooding**

St Antony’s Members may wish to know that Recollections by Sir Norman Wooding (SAM 1987-2005) have just been published and can be obtained from The Memoir Club, Stanhope Old Hall, Stanhope, Co Durham DL13 2PF, email memoircanlclub@email.msn.com

**Antonian News**
Recent Additions

Laurie Belin ('98) and Kieran Williams ('89) are the proud parents of Philip Owain Williams born on 15 November, brother to David.

Iver Neumann ('87) and Cecilie had a son Iver Jakob on 31 January 2006.

John Lourdusamy ('95) and Selvi have a daughter Petrina Daisy born on 1 December in Chennai hospital.

Neil Melvin ('86) and Anna had a second daughter Rebecka Maya on 6 November, 2005, a sister for Klara.

Rhoda Smyth ('92) and Craig Pennington ('92) have three daughters, Lois, Kate and Sarah.

Cecile Laborde ('96) and Mark Hewitson ('95) have a daughter Anna, born on 8 November 2005. They would love to hear from Antonian friends (c.laborde@ucl.ac.uk, m.hewitson@ucl.ac.uk).

New Liaison Officers

We would like to welcome the following new Liaison Officers:

Austria - Sebastian Cody; Benelux Countries - Lasse Michael Boehm; Russia - William Flemming and North Spain - Dr Judith Clifton. Their contact details are overleaf.

The College would like to thank the retiring LOs for Benelux and Russia - Dr Steven McCarthy and Dr Tina Jennings (Podplatnik) - for all their help over the the last few years.

India

A dinner for Antonians in India is being held on 8 May in Delhi by the High Commissioner, Sir Michael Arthur ('93). For further information email franca.potts@sant.ox.ac.uk

Wai Seng Senior Research Scholarship

The College proposes to elect a Wai Seng Senior Research Scholar in Asia-Pacific Studies with effect from Michaelmas Term 2006. It is tenable at St Antony’s College for two years and is open to all matriculated students of Oxford University working for a Doctor of Philosophy degree involving the study of the Asia-Pacific. Preference will be given to candidates whose research interests are focused on China, Hong Kong or Taiwan, or on comparative Asian studies involving one of these territories. Further particulars are available from the Secretary to the Asian Studies Centre, St Antony’s College, Oxford OX2 6JF, e-mail: asian@sant.ox.ac.uk.

Antonian Connections

An occasion to remember. On 28 December in Islamabad, two current students tied the knot. Amna Khalid and Paul Petzchmann celebrated their marriage in glorious style supported by a close group of their friends - from the left - Bilal Siddiqi, James Milner, Nicole Evans, Simonne Horwitz, Emma Samman, Waldemar Pelser, Anne-France White, Amelia Trhulj, and Richard Horton.