Dear Antonians,

Our Trinity E-Newsletter reflects the unprecedented nature of the term, what our Warden (below) describes as ‘surely been the most extraordinary term in St Antony’s history’. We have an update from Professor Roger Goodman, and also two of our students, who describe what it has been like to study this term. We also have notice of our podcasts, updates from alumni, and important College News - as our Fellows continue to produce pioneering research during this time.

All the best from Woodstock Road, and we wish you and your loved ones the best of health,
Wouter, Sara and Martyn

The Development Team

**College Update**

I am writing to update you on what has surely been the most extraordinary term in St Antony’s history.

While the pandemic has dominated all of our lives these past four months - and is likely to do so for many more to come - it has not got in the way of our core activities of teaching, research and administration, even if, for three groups within the college, the experience of the past months has perhaps been more unusual than most: the students who stayed in college, the students who did not stay in college; and the staff who have been on furlough. Dissertations, theses and books have continued to be written (some colleagues indeed claim to have been more productive than ever); high-quality Area and Development Studies research has continued to be pursued, even if remotely; the College has continued to review its practices and the Governing Body passed several important resolutions in response to the Black Lives Matter movement at its last meeting.

The renovation of the Hilda Besse Building has continued throughout the term and is on target to be completed by the end of the calendar year. Governing Body has approved the re-landscaping work around the Hilda Besse to be undertaken as soon as the building refurbishment is completed which means that the whole project should be finished by this time next year. GB was able to approve these works due to the extraordinary generosity of the college’s alumni and community of friends who have already - with further fundraising initiatives still in progress - collectively donated £6.7 million towards the total project costs of just under £10 million. This has been a huge vote of confidence - at a time when perhaps the college needed it more than ever - for which we will be forever appreciative.

Roger Goodman

Warden, St Antony’s College

The full letter from the Warden can be found [here](#).

The Warden’s and Governing Body’s statements on Black Lives Matter can be found [here](#).

For more information about the renovation of the Hilda Besse Building and to support the project, please [click here](#).
College News

Professor Paul Chaisty (Professor of Russian and East European Politics) and Professor Tim Power (Professor of Latin American Politics) won the 2019 Robert Elgie Prize for best paper, for their work on Presidential Politics.

Dr Othon Anastasakis (Senior Research Fellow, and Director, SEESOX) co-edited The Legacy of Yugoslavia: Politics, Economics and Society in the Modern Balkans

Professor Archie Brown (Emeritus Fellow) published The Human Factor: Gorbachev, Reagan, and Thatcher, and the End of the Cold War

Professor Brown also published a piece on the LSE blog entitled ‘Political leadership in the Cold War’s ending: Thatcher and the turn to engagement with the Soviet Union’

Professor Rosemary Foot (Emeritus Fellow) published China, the UN, and Human Protection: Beliefs, Power, Image

Professor Roger Goodman (Warden) co-wrote Family-Run Universities in Japan: Sources of Inbuilt Resilience in the Face of Demographic Pressure, 1992-2030

A full list of recent news can be found here.

Obituaries

In the last term, the College regrettfully announced the passing away of Honorary Fellow Nemir Kirdar. The College published a tribute.

We also publish obituaries of former members and alumni. Recent tributes have been made to Gil Loescher, José Cutileiro, Chushichi Tsuzuki and Yoshida Teigo.

Please contact alumni.office@sant.ox.ac.uk if you have any updates or requests.

Alumni updates
Our alumni and members go on to achieve incredible things, and make a real impact around the world. Each newsletter, we like to celebrate these achievements. If you have any updates for us, please contact alumni.office@sant.ox.ac.uk

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St Antony's Looks at the World Podcasts

We have produced **five podcasts** so far in our ‘St Antony's Looks at the World’ series, which aims to bring together Fellows and Alumni to discuss their work and the great issues of our time. We have interviewed:

- **Professor Simukai Chigudu**
- **Professor Thomas Hale**
- **Professor Kalypso Nicolaidis**
- **Professor Archie Brown** (interview by Dr Julie Newton)
- **Adam Pourahmadi** (CNN Digital Producer)

St Antony’s Webinar with Professor Chris Gerry

After the success of June's online event, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to our second Antonian webinar, which will take place on Wednesday, July 22 at **7pm BST**.

This time we will be joined by **Professor Chris Gerry**, who as College Dean and Associate Professor of Russian and Eurasian Political Economy can offer us multiple unique perspectives on our current times.

The event will be moderated by Antonian Dr Gregg Robins (MPhil Russian & East European studies 1989). He is the founder of **Robins Advising**, and has enjoyed a fascinating career in business and finance centred on Russia.
The Warden of St Antony’s, Professor Roger Goodman, will also be present and will give a short update on life at the College during the lockdown and the Hilda Besse project.

You can sign up by clicking here.

Please note by signing up you are agreeing to our Zoom policy.

**Student life in Lockdown**

_Dexter Docherty (MSc in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation, 2019) writes:_

While many might think of it as unfortunate that our time at Oxford was interrupted by Covid-19, being at St Antony’s during the pandemic has turned out to be one of the great blessings of my life. Spending the last several months here has been a remarkable emotional and intellectual experience that has demonstrated why St Antony’s is the best college at Oxford.

_Joshua Parker Allen (GCR President and MPhil Development Studies, 2019) adds:_

The pandemic struck Oxford suddenly yet in many ways rather quietly. Coming as it did towards the end of Hillary term, just as I was taking over as President of the GCR from my predecessor, its effects were abrupt. The thriving and buoyant community to which we had all become so accustomed at St Antony’s retreated first into isolation, then largely away from Oxford altogether. Yet this withdrawal occurred amidst the flurry of work typical of term’s end, and as the city dropped into relative silence, those of us hard at work in libraries were somewhat removed from the chaos the virus had begun to cause.

[Full story.](#)

**Leaving a gift in your will to St Antony’s**

St Antony’s depends on the generosity of its friends and supporters to continue to flourish as a unique community dedicated to advanced research and teaching on global and regional issues. Making a legacy provision in favour of St Antony’s is one of the most meaningful ways to support the College, and is regarded as one of the greatest honours an individual can bestow on the College. In doing so, your gift would uphold the tradition of philanthropic benefaction started in 1950 by Antonin Besse, from which every Antonian has benefited. Legacies have a transformative effect on the life of the College, whether by establishing scholarships, supporting specific projects, or allowing the College to respond to
developing needs as they arise. They offer the chance to make a difference that will be felt by generations of Antonians for years to come.

A gift of any size in your will has the power to ensure the continued flourishing of the Antonian community. For more information about legacy giving or to contact the College for a confidential conversation, please click the below button.

Click for more information

More in You - the St Antony's Playlist
For those who have Spotify accounts, the St Antony's alumni Spotify playlist is now live - add your favourite song as we aim to build an amazing international music collection.

For inspiration, the College staff 'Working from Home' playlist is here.