From the Acting Principal

This introduction to the 2016 Annual Review is written in the midst of a transitional phase for St Anne’s. Tim Gardam stepped down as Principal at the end of August, inaugurating an eight-month interregnum before the arrival of his successor, Helen King, who is due to start in April 2017. We have an Acting Principal and Acting Vice-Principal ostensibly at the helm, but both of us are deeply grateful to all those colleagues who have pitched in to keep things running smoothly: the College Officers and their teams, the JCR and MCR Committees, and Governing Body Fellows.

2016 was an eventful year for the College. A high point was of course the election of the next Principal in October, at the end of a nine-month process in which more members of St Anne’s played a part than ever before, not just the Governing Body Fellows who formally elect, but also students, administrative staff, and alumnae. Helen King takes office with the strong support of all the St Anne’s community behind her. Another new arrival during the year was John Ford, our Treasurer and Finance Director, who joined us in April. He has settled in quickly as a key member of the management team, helping us refine our medium-term plan and formulating new strategies for the College’s financial growth.

The end of 2016 at last saw the completion of the new Library. The books were moved in December with minimal disruption after the end of term, in time for the building to enter full service at the start of January 2017. Right from the start it has been heavily used and much praised by the students. The official opening ceremony will be in October 2017, on a date to be announced.

As Acting Principal, I have found the practice of interviewing undergraduates for ten minutes each to be one of the more rewarding aspects of the job. Among the most important topics to discuss with them has been how they are planning for their future careers. This has now become a more urgent part of the university experience than it was for earlier generations, and the College is committed to widening our support for students in this area. Inevitably, people are at different stages in their career preparation, and some have not yet formed a clear picture of the aspects of the job. Among the most important topics to discuss with them has been how they are planning for their future careers. This has now become a more urgent part of the university experience than it was for earlier generations, and the College is committed to widening our support for students in this area. Inevitably, people are at different stages in their career preparation, and some have not yet formed a clear picture of the way ahead, but it seems most are availing themselves of the career advice resources available to them in the University and in the College. In this we are grateful for the help we receive from alumnae, who offer their time to mentor students and give careers talks in College, support internships to enrich and sharpen students’ work experience, and even providing opportunities for them to start up businesses for themselves, for example through the trial incubator scheme operated during the summer of 2016. This is all about the St Anne’s ethos of changing the lives of students, particularly those from backgrounds without the cultural knowledge to seek high-level careers in academia, industry, and commerce.

Helen King announced as Principal

‘I feel immensely honoured and a little overwhelmed to have been selected by the Governing Body of St Anne’s College to be their Principal and to be the first police officer ever appointed to head an Oxbridge college. St Anne’s is rightly proud of its history of having been established by a remarkable group of determined people in order to enable women of any financial background, with talent, appetite and determination, to gain a university education at Oxford. It resolutely continues to seek to identify and nurture students with potential, regardless of privilege. My three years at St Anne’s as an undergraduate in the 1980s shaped my life through my tutors, my contemporaries and the opportunities Oxford gave me.

I’d like to pay tribute to the positive legacy of the outgoing Principal, Tim Gardam, and thank the Acting Principal, Robert Chard and Acting Vice-Principal, Martin Speight, the College Officers and Governing Body for all the work that is being done during this interim period.’

Helen King (St Anne’s, PPE, 1983) joined the Cheshire Constabulary as a Police Constable in 1986 under the Graduate Entry Scheme. In 2005, Helen transferred to Merseyside Police as an Assistant Chief Constable. In 2009, she took over the Force’s Operations portfolio, responsible for Merseyside’s six policing areas. She was awarded the Queen’s Police Medal in the New Year’s Honours list 2011. In April 2012, Helen returned to Cheshire Constabulary as the Deputy Chief Constable. Helen joined the Metropolitan Police Service as Assistant Commissioner for Territorial Policing in June 2014 and, between April and December 2016, she held the position of Assistant Commissioner for Professionalism which includes responsibility for Training and Professional Standards.

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St Anne’s today

St Anne’s academic community is home to 446 undergraduates, 362 graduates, and 20 Visiting Students who joined us in Michaelmas term 2016, with a further 17 joining for Hilary term 2017.

St Anne’s remains an open, down-to-earth, friendly and independent-minded college. Our Fellows’ interests range across the arts and humanities, social sciences, mathematics, physical and medical sciences.

New Library and Academic Centre completed

St Anne’s has one of the largest Oxford College libraries, but the Hartland House Library, built in 1937, was too small for its remarkable collection and for the 750 undergraduate and graduate students who use it. We are delighted to announce that the new Library and Academic Centre has been completed and became available to students on 3 January 2017.

The new building provides a variety of study and seminar spaces and 1,500 metres of bookshelves for our growing collection of books. It complements our original Library in Grade II listed Hartland House designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, the façade of which has now been revealed to Woodstock Road. Designed by Fletcher Priest Architects plans for the new Library were inspired by Oxford’s historic buildings.

The first floor includes a large seminar room which will be used to welcome potential students to St Anne’s, and several smaller reading rooms that can be used for quiet study or for group working, depending on the students’ needs. The top floor provides working space for St Anne’s Research Centres in the arts and sciences, including The Centre for Personalised Medicine (http://www.well.ox.ac.uk/cpm/home) and Oxford Comparative Criticism and Translation (http://www.occt.ox.ac.uk/).

We are extremely grateful to the 500 alumnae and friends who have made a donation towards this project, and look forward to welcoming you back to St Anne’s. If you wish to view the new building, please get in touch with development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.
Admissions

There were 547 applications to St Anne’s College last year (excluding medics)¹, and 234 of these applicants received an interview. The majority of applicants received two interviews and some were interviewed at more than one College. Approximately 764 interviews took place in total. 150 offers were made (including medics) with a total of 126 undergraduate Freshers starting at College in Michaelmas term 2016. Of our current Freshers, 96 are UK nationals, 8 from the EU and 22 international.

¹Those applying to study medicine are required to make “blind” applications directly to the department.

Our undergraduates

Our student body has undergraduates of 35 different nationalities. There are 340 UK undergraduate students from across the country, and from a range of different educational experiences and backgrounds. The largest subject schools are English Language and Literature, Modern Languages, Mathematics and Computer Science, History, Jurisprudence, Earth Sciences, PPE, Materials Science and Engineering Science.

Student support and bursaries

Oxford awards bursaries to students on University criteria based on parental income. In 2015/16 full Oxford Bursaries were awarded by the University to students whose combined household residual income was under £16k; 25 of our students were on full bursaries, with a total of 85 students on bursaries in 2015/16, 39 of which were supported by the Danson Foundation. The total value of bursaries awarded to St Anne’s students in 2015/16 was £224k.
Axel Forssberg (Material Science, 2013) wins Engineering Undergraduate of the Year Award

On Friday 22 April 2016, the finals of the national, annual TARGETjobs Undergraduate of the Year Awards event took place at which Axel Forssberg, studying Materials Science, won the Engineering Undergraduate of the Year Award. The award was sponsored by E.ON and, through a series of online tests, application forms, interviews and assessment exercises, Axel emerged as the winner. His prize for winning was a placement with E.ON, a week’s trip to one of their European assets and a meeting with an Engineering Director.

Axel was one of 120 shortlisted students who were invited to the final event week and this award was one of twelve presented on the day with each award sponsored by a graduate recruiter. Axel collected the award from Fiona Bruce (who hosted the awards) and Dave Newborough from the award partner E.ON.

Scholarships and Exhibitions

Scholarships and Exhibitions are awarded to students who have gained or almost gained a first or distinction in University Examinations, or whose work has been exemplary in tutorials and College examinations. 67 students (both undergraduate and graduate) were awarded Scholarships for their outstanding performance in their first public and Final Examinations. A further 80 undergraduate students were nominated for Scholarships and Exhibitions by their Tutors for their continued outstanding work. Fourteen St Anne’s students won University of Oxford prizes for results in their examinations, projects or dissertations.

James Chater (Music, 2014) awarded Michael von Clemm Fellowship

St Anne’s Music student James Chater has been awarded this year’s Michael von Clemm Fellowship by Corpus Christi College to spend the academic year 2017/18 as a special student at Harvard.

Michael von Clemm (1935-1997) was a graduate of Harvard University and a graduate student (and subsequently Honorary Fellow) of Corpus Christi College. This highly competitive Fellowship is intended to attract applicants of very high academic calibre who have the personal qualities likely to conduce to success in an academic or a non-academic career.

One of the aims of the Fellowship is to provide the opportunity of pursuing courses that are outside their normal academic area of interest. Whilst at Harvard, as a Special Student, James will be based in Political Economy & Government, but also hopes to take courses from the Middle Eastern Studies Department.

James hopes that the course will lead to a career in foreign reporting or international journalism, as a foreign correspondent, or similar. James, who just finished his term as editor of The Oxford Student, completed an internship with the New Statesman this summer thanks to the Danson Programme (see page 8), as well as work experience at the Metro newspaper.

James says: ‘I’m deeply honoured to have been offered the opportunity to study at Harvard as the Michael von Clemm Fellow. It will be a fascinating time to be studying in the Political Economy & Government Department and I can’t wait to get started.’

Academic performance

This year saw an exceptional performance from St Anne’s undergraduates, with 33 students awarded firsts in Final Honour Schools out of a total of 119 in 21 different subject areas. This included five firsts in Mathematics and Computer Science, three firsts in Modern Languages, and two firsts each in Engineering Science, Materials Science, Experimental Psychology, Geography and Biological Sciences.

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At the heart of St Anne’s College is a commitment to outreach and access initiatives and tackling inequality, encouraging all of those with the talent to come to Oxford, whoever they are and wherever they come from in the UK and worldwide. The new Library has an outreach space on the first floor which can be used for visiting school groups and other activities to provide an open, welcoming environment at the centre of College. We aim to attract students with the academic potential to flourish here, including those who might otherwise be discouraged from applying. We are also focused on preparing students for the world of work, looking at ways through which we can offer careers support, networking and mentoring, increase the number and range of internships we offer, and create a community which continues to support former students in their careers after graduation.

**Outreach to schools**

As part of the University’s regionalisation scheme, we work with schools in North East England and the London boroughs of Southwark and Hillingdon, and we also work with schools from across the UK in a variety of ways.

Shona Quinn, the College Schools Liaison and Outreach Officer whose work is generously funded by The Drapers’ Company, is the primary contact for prospective applicants and schools interested in visiting St Anne’s and finding out more about the College. In 2015/16 we ran or played a major role in 60 outreach events which engaged with 85 schools from across the UK. These events covered a wide range of activities such as visits to St Anne’s, interview workshops in schools and teacher conferences in North East England, which were run in collaboration with Jesus College, Cambridge.

St Anne’s College has supported the Pathways programme, an intercollegiate outreach scheme for schools with little history of student progression to Oxford, for a number of years. In 2015/16, Shona Quinn was appointed as the Coordinator for the Pathways Application Information Day for students in their final year at school who are on the verge of applying to Oxford. The Application Information Day took place in September 2016 and saw many school students stay the night in College before attending various sessions the following day. The overnight stay at St Anne’s was very popular with school students who spent time chatting to St Anne’s Student Ambassadors in the Danson Room in the evening, before getting an opportunity to stay in a student bedroom.

Students remain keen to be involved with the St Anne’s Student Ambassador team and we thank Sally Onions (Jurisprudence, 1977) for her generous support which makes this scheme possible. The Student Ambassadors are a credit to the College and spend their time visiting their local schools in their vacations, helping at Open Days and meeting visiting school groups to share their experiences.

Open Days were once again one of the major events in our outreach calendar as we welcomed prospective applicants, their parents and their teachers to find out more about the College. Prospective applicants had the chance to tour the College with a Student Ambassador, meet the tutors in their chosen subject and have lunch in the Dining Hall. We will be continuing our outreach work throughout 2016/17 and we particularly look forward to showing prospective applicants the facilities offered by the new Library and Academic Centre.
Hong Kong Summer School

The first Summer School took place in Hong Kong in 2014 and the second in conjunction with FrogAsia in 2015. From Monday 18 to Thursday 21 July 2016, St Anne’s College ran the third such initiative, a Hong Kong Summer School in collaboration with The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Thanks to the generosity and support from our donors Patrick and Isabel Huen, Patricia Huen and Bernard Man (Jurisprudence, 1995), and Ian and Marina Huen, St Anne’s was able to run this free of charge.

The Summer School gave 180 students the opportunity to work with our Fellows and Lecturers across eight modules, including Law, Neuroscience, Physics, Materials Science, Earth Sciences and Geography, Mathematics, Music and Biochemistry. Students attended four different modules during the week, and were taught as if they were first-year Oxford University students, giving them a unique insight into the teaching style at Oxford, and encouraging them to consider the possibility of applying for higher education abroad. After class, CUHK ran sessions for Summer School participants to see first-hand the facilities on campus. Visits included the Chinese Medicine Garden, Moot Court, Museum of Climate Change and a Dissecting Laboratory.

Opportunities for undergraduates

St Anne’s undergraduates are fortunate in the generous opportunities provided by our alumnae and supporters. CV workshops, career talks and a greater offering of internships provide a range of experiences for our students.

Following the success of 2015, three internships were offered at Stifel (thanks to Gareth Hunt, 1993) which provided an opportunity to work as part of their investment banking FIG team on solving problems, developing data models and looking at trends in geographic markets. As in previous years, we have been able to offer five Year in Japan Scholarships to St Anne’s undergraduates who are paid to spend a year at the Japan University of Economics in Fukuoka to learn Japanese and teach English language to students; the Deutsche Börse Scholarship; and Vacation Laboratory Scholarships which are designed to fund promising undergraduates where the research laboratory proposed agrees to support the research but is unable to meet the living expenses of the vacation student.

Tiber Karadag (Physics, 2011)

Last year I took part in the investment banking internship at Stifel offered to St Anne’s students thanks to Gareth Hunt. During the eight weeks, I worked as part of the FIG (Financial Institutions Group) corporate broking team and had the opportunity to work as the primary analyst on two transactions. One of the transactions was the AIM market IPO of Premier Asset Management Group, and the other was the move of Secure Trust Bank from AIM to the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange. In addition to the transactional work I found myself getting involved in the day-to-day workstreams of corporate broking, which included tasks such as preparing presentations on the UK regulatory landscape for the board of directors. At the end of my internship I was offered a full-time position, which I happily took.

This type of opportunity was valuable for someone like myself who had no previous experience in the finance sector. What makes these work experience opportunities unique and valuable is having St Anne’s alumnae, such as Gareth, acting as mentors to students like myself.

Careers support for current students

Following consultation with the JCR and MCR, we have recently launched a careers newsletter which is sent out during term time to highlight career and internship opportunities, particularly those available exclusively to St Anne’s students. We are also using the Oxford Alumni Community: www.oxfordalumnicommunity.org as a platform for providing careers support. Through this we hope to create a group of alumnae and friends who are willing to be contacted by current students for careers advice and information. As a member, you can search for alumnae through the directory, post and search for jobs, post events and photos, and share professional insights. If you would like more information about the careers network and the Alumni Community, if your company is able to offer an internship, if you would like to be involved with careers events for current students, or you are interested in advertising a position to St Anne’s students please get in touch with Kelly Roddy, Alumnae Relations Officer, at development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.
The Danson Programme

Now in its fifth year, the Danson Foundation’s support remains invaluable to St Anne’s College. The Danson Foundation was founded by Mike Danson (Jurisprudence, 1982) and his wife Helen to help support all students to achieve their potential, regardless of background. Through the Danson Foundation, Mike and Helen offer St Anne’s students a wealth of opportunities through the funding of bursaries, an internship scheme and the Incubator start-up projects, which ran for the first time last summer.

Thanks to the support of the Danson Foundation over the past five years:

- **88 students have been awarded Danson Bursaries**
- **91 students have taken up internships**
- **10 students took part in the first Incubator projects**

During the 2016 summer break, 31 St Anne’s students undertook internships at organisations connected to the Danson Foundation, across a range of sectors, including digital and printed media, management consultancy and the third sector. Every year, this programme, unique to St Anne’s, gives undergraduate students the chance to complete a four-week paid internship. The programme offers work experience and careers guidance to St Anne’s students who will most benefit from the opportunities it will provide.

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**Will Rees (Earth Sciences, 2013) - GlobalData**

During my internship I worked with the upstream oil and gas analyst team at GlobalData. Over the four weeks I worked independently on one project and carried out tasks similar to what the rest of the analysts do. The project involved researching production figures and information on oil and gas infrastructure in Libya. Once I had located as many facts and figures as I could, I calculated the values I would need to input into the standard model for the country. I tested the economic model under different scenarios, before writing an accompanying report on the oil and gas project in question. Once I had finished modelling that asset, my task shifted to researching and analysing the situation in Libya as a whole. The thing I found most interesting was learning about different fiscal regimes and economic metrics, which is knowledge I can apply to different industries. The weekly talks were the highlight of the internship programme for me, demonstrating how varied and individual a career path can be.

**Aderike Adeniran (History and Politics, 2014) - Progressive Events**

During my internship I assisted on the event production and logistics for the events of the New Statesman. I worked on events such as the Nick Clegg post-Brexit talk, the New Statesman editorial lunches, and the Labour, Conservative and SNP Party Conferences. My role included research, drafting briefing documents, contacting MPs and cabinet ministers and managing the guest lists for the different fringe events. I worked on projects that collaborated with high-profile clients such as Barclays, HM Government of Gibraltar and Hitachi amongst others, which gave me a great opportunity to have exposure with such a wide range of clients. I was also given the opportunity to come up with future event ideas for the New Statesman. I was given a lot of responsibility in this role which helped instil confidence, and I was able to develop skills that I needed to adjust from an academic to work environment, such as organizational skills and the ability to strategize.
Incubator projects

From Monday 4 July to Friday 2 September, St Anne’s College and the Danson Foundation ran a pilot round of Incubator Projects to support students in starting their own businesses. Teams were provided with working capital and legal costs, office space and accommodation in College, and living expenses. They were offered dedicated mentoring and tailored support from St Anne’s alumnae helping the teams gain experience and advice which they used to refine their business plans and strategies. Our thanks go to all those who supported this pilot scheme.

The **Silo** team consists of four Oxford students Andros Wong, Du’aïne Davis, Howard Tam and James Morrill. After listening to student complaints about the convoluted and opaque search process for funding opportunities, they built www.silofunds.com, a platform that simplifies and improves a student’s chances of finding funding. This is done by allowing students to apply to funding institutions and crowdfund through one platform.

The St Anne’s Incubator provided Silo with an opportunity to prepare for their public launch in October 2016. During the Incubator they built the largest and most up-to-date database of funding opportunities and the most student friendly crowdfund platform. Since the Incubator more than 1,000 students have signed up.

Nearcut (William Bell, Andrew Firth, and Brodie Milne) aims to eliminate queues in barbershops. They give barbers online tools to manage their businesses and allow the public to book in and jump the queue. Men across the UK can now get a haircut with their local barbershop without queuing for up to three hours at peak times. Nearcut entered the St Anne’s Incubator to refine its product for barbers and their customers, and reach more barbers across the UK. Customers can now receive SMS and email reminders, as well as pre-pay for their haircut online. Their annual revenue stream has doubled during the Incubator. They plan to use the tools provided by the Incubator to continue the growth of their business in the coming years.

April Pierce, Liv Constable-Maxwell and Asiyla Radwan are all writers and artists who’ve studied at Oxford and came together with shared frustrations over the lack of accessibility and support for writers in Oxford. **Oxford Writers’ House** grew out of a desire to see more communication and collaboration between writing groups in the city and universities. They are focused on bringing writers together via support online and through writing events alone and in partnership with their sponsors. Their aim over the summer was to create an online platform where they could provide resources, news and guidance for writers, including a complete directory of all the writers’ groups in Oxford, a calendar of events, curated articles from Oxford’s writing talent, as well as news and updates from Oxford’s literary scene. The website is now live at: www.oxfordwritershouse.com. You can read more about Silo and Oxford Writers’ House in *Oxford Today* at www.oxfordtoday.ox.ac.uk.
Travel grants

St Anne’s offers travel and research grants, built up over the years from endowments by many generous benefactors, for those vacation projects that enhance or support academic experience. Last year, the College gave £15,841 to 57 students. Grants allowed students to undertake a broad range of different activities, including Earth Sciences mapping projects, attending language courses, working as a mental health volunteer in Bali, a research project in Munich and an archaeology project in Peru.

Georgia Crump (English and Modern Languages, 2015)

This summer I produced the play xx (“kiss kiss”) at the Edinburgh Fringe festival. The play is about chance encounters with ten duologues and five monologues, the order of which is randomised by algorithm every night along with the actor’s parts. This meant any actor could play any part, in any scene, with any other actor in any order, resulting in over thirty six trillion possible variations.

xx is the first show I have ever produced and it was a huge learning curve, but I learnt a lot in terms of organization and team management. We sold 82 per cent of all our tickets, selling out around a third of our performances. Although only a forty seat venue, it was great to have a full audience, particularly when friends and family came who laughed the loudest. A highlight was a four star review from BroadwayBaby, who review shows internationally.

Edinburgh is saturated with performers and industry professionals, making it an important networking opportunity. One of our actors was even scouted for a future TV series. I am extremely grateful to St Anne’s for the support they gave me, it was an unforgettable experience!

Liz Heard (Biological Sciences, 2014)

I spent six weeks on two game reserves in Swaziland and South Africa collecting data on elephant behaviour, and their impact on the surrounding habitat. Small, fenced reserve areas have led to population sizes that exceed the capacity of the available area, resulting in vegetation damage due to intense elephant feeding. In order to stop population growth in this particular reserve, the older bull elephants have been vasectomised. I wanted to see the effect of dominant bull sterilisation, and track vegetation changes over time.

Bulls were fitted with radio-transmitting collars, and elephants would be located via signal so we could conduct behavioural studies. Watching the elephants almost every day was an incredible experience and I had some amazing sightings.

I also experienced the problems involved in reserve management and conservation, which are largely to do with people, politics and economics, rather than practical issues. This trip has inspired me to want to educate others on the issues facing much wildlife and to get involved in future research projects, as well as providing me with a vast quantity of skills useful to both university study and future careers.
Our graduates

The College has a dynamic research community supported by academics across the disciplines. Graduates are central to this lively, intellectually challenging culture. There are numerous events, academic and social, arranged by the MCR which attract distinguished speakers and alumnae and bring together graduates and Fellows informally. The graduate community also encompasses mature students doing undergraduate courses and scientists doing research for the final year of their first degree. In Autumn 2016, St Anne’s admitted 166 graduate Freshers and 25 part-time graduate Freshers, bringing the total number of graduate students here to 241 full-time and 61 part-time (in addition to 60 in year four and above who are finishing their DPhils). Our graduate students include 12 PGCE students who spend most of their year in the classrooms of Oxfordshire schools. Last year 42 achieved their DPhil.

Our graduate students come from across the world with 66 different nationalities represented including students from the UK (109), the People’s Republic of China (32), USA (29), Germany (25), Italy (14), and Canada (13). Other countries represented include the Dominican Republic, Azerbaijan, Singapore, Malaysia, Cyprus and Russia. Our graduates continue to produce the St Anne’s Academic Review (STAAR) which is an online journal run by the college MCR. The journal aims to promote academic interests and achievements of St Anne’s researchers to a wider community through articles that are accessible and of interest to non-specialist readers.

In 2016, clusters of graduate students are studying subjects including Major Programme Management (29), Mathematics and Mathematical Finance (18), Engineering Science (16), Materials Science (13), and the Master of Public Policy (6). Graduates study a wide range of courses including Radiobiology, Music, History, Environmental Research, International Development, Taxation, and Clinical Embryology to name just a few.

Subjects studied by graduates

Seminars

The MCR organises interdisciplinary weekly seminars during term time open to all members of College. In the past year talks included:

- **Dr Victor Adrian Prisacariu**, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Engineering Science: ‘Computer Vision: 3D Object Tracking and Pose Recovery’.
- **Dr Madeleine Wood**, Senior Lecturer, Queen Mary University of London: ‘A heart hard as a nether millstone: The relational dynamics of Victorian addiction’.
- **Professor Hugo Dobson**, Professor of Japanese Studies, University of Sheffield: ‘Prime Ministerial Afterlives: the Case of Japan’.
- **Dr Claire Jones**, Research Associate, King’s College London: ‘Septic Subjects: Infection and Occupational Risk in British Hospitals, 1870-1970’.
- **Marcia C. Schenck** (MSc African Studies, 2009), History Department, University of Princeton: ‘Republic of the Mind’ and PhD research in the US’.
- **Professor Chris Lintott**, Professor of Astrophysics, University of Oxford: ‘Zooniverse’.

Graduate students are also involved with Subject Family Events - informal talks, open to non-specialists - which provide a way of getting to know others within the St Anne’s community. These events are organised for the sciences, humanities, and Centre for Personalised Medicine, usually taking place six times each year.
Graduate scholarships, travel and research grants

In 2015/16 College awarded 14 new graduate scholarships and 21 bursaries in addition to scholarships which were renewed, totalling £108,844. These included six much-prized Graduate Development Scholarships and Graduate Teaching Bursaries (these scholarships provide teaching experience, an essential part of building the foundations for an academic career). The College also awarded 14 scholarships for 2015/16 to fresher graduates without which they would not have been able to pursue their course of study.

St Anne’s offers its graduates grants to pay for travel and accommodation, supporting attendance at conferences particularly to present a paper or poster, funding research trips to libraries and research institutes overseas, and supporting medical electives which provide an opportunity to compare healthcare systems in two different countries in the world.

In 2015/16, College grants, funded from endowments built up by College donors over many years, made possible 76 graduate travel grants totalling more than £18,000. The grants enabled graduate students to attend conferences in places including Helsinki, The Hague, Toronto, Pittsburgh and Chicago. Students also undertook summer placements, fieldwork and research thanks to the support of a travel grant.

Victoria Miyandazi (DPhil Law, 2015)

I had the rare opportunity to give a public lecture to over 500 law students, faculty members and other legal experts at Kabarak University Law School in Kenya. The lecture touched on various aspects of my doctoral thesis, on how to conceptualise and interpret the new and competing conceptions of equality under Kenya’s 2010 Constitution. This is something that courts and legal practitioners are still grappling with as the country is at the nascent stage of implementing equality and non-discrimination provisions entrenched in the relatively new Constitution. As such, it was an opportune time to talk about my work to one of the main target audiences my thesis aims to reach: legal practitioners.

On the day of the lecture, I had lunch with some of the Law Faculty lecturers and got to hear about their research interests. They were also keen on hearing about my area of expertise, past work experience in Kenya, my doctoral thesis and current work as Editor of the Oxford Human Rights Hub Blog.

The students and faculty members asked really great questions, and giving the lecture was an enriching experience in terms of talking about my research, receiving feedback and seeing how my work is beneficial to lawyers and the Kenyan public considering current equality debates in the country.

Maria Bruna (DPhil Mathematics, 2008) wins Women of the Future Award

Dr Maria Bruna, Junior Research Fellow in Mathematics from St John's College, Oxford has won the Women of the Future Award in the category of Science, for her work on stochastic models of interacting particles and its application to industry. Dr Bruna studied for her DPhil in Mathematics at St Anne’s College. The winners of the 2016 Awards were announced at an event in London in the presence of WOF founder Pinky Lilani CBE DL, WOF patron Cherie Blair CBE, QC, Baroness Shami Chakrabarti CBE, and the Rt Hon John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons.

The judges commented: ‘She has an understanding of the full picture – from a mathematical start right through to commercialisation. She has a very flexible attitude, recognising dilemmas and responding positively. She is understanding and articulating research for economic progress’.

The WOF Awards, now in their 11th year, continue to play an important role, recognising, inspiring and offering practical support to the inspirational young female stars of today and tomorrow. They are open to women aged 35 or under and celebrate talent across categories including business, culture, media, technology and sport.
Sport

Sport plays an important role in the lives of both undergraduate and graduate students at St Anne's and 2015/16 has seen continued success for the various sports teams in College. There is something for everyone, from our well-established rowing, rugby, football and netball teams, to the one-off tournaments for inter-collegiate lacrosse, pistols or frisbee. Our excellent facilities include an on-site gym (with cardio and weights rooms), and we also share a sports ground with St John's. A recent exchange with Green Templeton College across the road has also enabled us to use their squash courts twice a week.

In rugby, the Saints (St Anne's/St John's men's team) had a fantastic season, steamrolling Division 2 in the second rotation to secure promotion to Division 1. In Cuppers they knocked out no less than three heavyweight Division 1 top seed teams in tightly fought matches: Balliol, Keble, and New. For the second time in two years, they reached the Cuppers final, which they unfortunately lost to Osler House.

The women's team, the All Saints, reached the final of the first ever Women's Cuppers competition - featuring women from St John's, St Anne's, St Hilda's, St Catz, and St Cross. The team included both seasoned blues, and total newbies. They faced a strong Teddy Hall team who, unfortunately for the All Saints, went on to win the match 14-10.

In football, the Mint Green Army 1st team competed in Division 1, but with opponents including the 2014 Cuppers champions (Exeter), 2015 Cuppers champions (Balliol), 2015 and 2016 Cuppers runners-up (Pembroke and Teddy Hall), and a team loaded with Blues talent (Queen's), they unfortunately suffered relegation. The MGA 2nds narrowly missed out on a top two finish in each of the last two seasons but are hoping for success in 2016/17. Providing a platform for all to get involved and play football, regardless of experience, a remarkable 41 different players appeared for the 3rds last year, and the team ended the season in great form with victories over Queen's and Lincoln.

St Anne's Boat Club saw the first outing of the new women's VIII, new coaches for both the men and the women, and a host of new rowers joining.

In Michaelmas 2015 the women were knocked out from Christ Church regatta by the Green Templeton crew that would go on to win. They achieved success in Torpids with a strong +3 result, bumping up into Division 2. During Summer Eights, the new boat, Vera, served the crew well to a +3 result that places the women within reach of Division 1.

In Torpids the men were unable to avoid spoons despite putting out strong performances and some close racing. Summer Vllls yielded a new coach and with it a new crew. They were bumped on day one and two, but on the third and fourth days, they finished with two row overs, keeping them within Division 2 by a whisker. The club purchased a second hand Jano 4+ over the summer which is proving incredibly useful both as a training tool and to allow them to race in smaller numbers.

Michaelmas term 2016 has started well with new members joining from both the MCR and JCR. The senior crews are training up at Godstow this term and noticing the advantage of having a much clearer stretch of water to row on. The Boat Club are very grateful to alumnae who support the club, and in particular to Redington (a company established by Rob Gardner, 1997) who have sponsored them for a number of years.
Intellectual life and events in College

Events at St Anne’s this year have included:

• **Noeleen Heyzer**, former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Devaki Jain Lecture: ‘At the Frontlines of Change: Feminist Leadership Transforming Lives’.


• **Professor Steve Sturdy**, Professor of the Sociology of Medical Knowledge and Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator in Medical Humanities, University of Edinburgh: ‘The Genomic Revolution in Medicine: Historical Perspectives’.

• **Lord Patten of Barnes**, Chancellor of the University of Oxford (and former Chairman of the BBC Trust), on ‘The Future of the BBC’, organized by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism.

• The Oxford Translation Day in June celebrates literary translation with a number of workshops, talks and translation events taking place, culminating in the announcement of the winner of the **Oxford-Weidenfeld Translation Prize**. This award is for book-length literary translation into English from any living European language and was awarded to Philip Roughton for Jón Kalman Stefánsson’s *The Heart of Man* (MacLehose Press), and Paul Vincent and John Irons for *100 Dutch-Language Poems* (Holland Park Press).

**Domus Seminars**

• **Dr Graham Nelson**, Supernumerary Fellow in Mathematics: ‘On Connections, Programs and Texts’.

• **Professor Andrew Briggs** and **Mr Roger Wagner**, Professor of Nanomaterials, The Ruskin School of Art (respectively): ‘The Penultimate Curiosity: Does science swim in the slipstream of ultimate questions?’.

• **Tim Gardam**, former Principal: ‘The Beaver, The Ship and the Boojum’.

**Subject Family Event speakers have included:**

• **Natasha Ryan**, Third Year DPhil Student in French: ‘He’s not the Messiah, he’s a very naughty boy!’: some poetic responses to Daguerre’.


• **Cong Zhang**, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics: ‘Speech planning isn’t planning a speech: what we plan when we plan speech production’.

• **Dr Jenny Taylor**, Programme Director for the Genomic Medicine Theme, Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics: ‘Medicine for the 21st Century: a Personalised Approach to Clinical Practice’.

• **Professor Alex Rogers**, Tutorial Fellow in Computer Science: ‘Searching for the New Forest Cicada: Citizen science, sensor networks and ubiquitous computing for biodiversity monitoring’.

• **Dr David Smith**, Emeritus Fellow of St Anne’s and former Librarian: ‘Degrees by degrees: Annie Rogers and the campaign for women’s education at Oxford’.

Music Recitals organised by St Anne’s Director of Music, Dr John Traill, have included performances by Simon Desbruslais (trumpet) and the St Anne’s Camerata, as well as Simon accompanied by Clare Hammond (piano), the CHROMA Ensemble performing Messiaen’s *Quartet for the End of Time*, Joint Venture Percussion Duo, Stephen Bradshaw (violin), Graeme Bailey (piano), David Sadlier (tenor), Lellia Sadlier (piano), as well as a performance from the Cornish American Song Institute, and an AMP Composition Workshop with St Anne’s Camerata.

The Literary Society, Classics Society, St Anne’s Geology Society (STAGS), Geldart Law Society, and the Creative Writing group organise regular talks and activities.

**St Anne’s also hosts:**

• the Comparative Criticism discussion group events which form part of Oxford Comparative Criticism and Translation, a joint initiative of St Anne’s and the Oxford Research Centre for the Humanities (TORCH): http://www.occt.ox.ac.uk/

• the Centre for Personalised Medicine events (see p.15).

• and the Science, Medicine and Culture in the Nineteenth Century seminars which form part of two Science in Culture Research Projects, led by Professor Sally Shuttleworth: Constructing Scientific Communities: Citizen Science in the 19th and 21st Centuries (AHRC) and Diseases of Modern Life: 19th Century Perspectives (ERC).
The Centre for Personalised Medicine

The Centre for Personalised Medicine (CPM) was created in 2013 as an innovative partnership between St Anne’s and the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, drawing upon the interdisciplinary strengths of the College’s research community and the excellent facilities where many of its events are held. The CPM brings together key individuals and groups from within biomedical sciences, clinical sciences, social sciences, humanities, law and education to facilitate cross-disciplinary dialogue and collaboration, in order to provide expertise and leadership in the field of personalised medicine. The Centre is supported financially by the Stanley Ho Medical Development Foundation in Macau.

Michaelmas term was busier than ever for the Centre, with a range of collaborations and high-profile events. The Annual Lecture, sponsored by Genomics plc., was given in November by Dr David Altshuler of Vertex Pharmaceuticals on the topic of Human Genetics and the Discovery of New Medicines. Later in the month, a very successful seminar in the Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre focussed on personalised medicine in cancer, with talks on predisposition and screening, risk stratification, molecular heterogeneity and cancer therapy, given by leading experts from the UK and overseas.

Looking ahead to the rest of the academic year, the Centre will host its annual college-based Subject Family Evening on immunology; it will combine forces with Cancer Research UK to run an interactive Question Time session for patients and the public; it will examine advances in reproductive science with a two-day seminar; and it will collaborate for a second time with the Ethos Centre for a conference on intellectual property in personalised medicine. There will also be several smaller events to engage students, schoolchildren and the public.

Details of all of the CPM’s past and forthcoming events, along with case studies of personalised medicine in practice in Oxford and a large video library of its recorded talks can be found on its website: www.well.ox.ac.uk/cpm

The Centre moved from one of the College’s Victorian houses to its new home in the Library and Academic Centre in December 2016. The CPM’s Director, Dr Simon Leedham, has welcomed the move: ‘The Centre has increased its visibility at St Anne’s and it is now even better placed to collaborate with others in the College to develop a local, national and internationally active centre, engaging students, academics, clinicians and the public with the benefits and challenges of personalised medicine.’

The Senior Common Room

The Governing Body meets five times a year to review strategic issues and is made up of the Principal, 40 Official Fellows, 13 Professorial Fellows, seven Supernumerary Fellows, and five College Officers. They are supported by 41 College Lecturers, 26 Research and Junior Research Fellows and nine Supernumerary Fellows. At the end of 2015/16, David Pyle became a Supernumerary Fellow and a member of Governing Body, and Professor Stuart Robinson joined as Tutorial Fellow in Earth Sciences.

In 2016, it was with great sadness that we reported the death of Miss Betty Rutson, Emeritus Fellow in French at St Anne’s. Her association with St Anne’s was a long one: as an undergraduate she read Medieval French Literature here from 1955 to 1958, in which she gained a First, then a BLitt from 1958 to 1961. She became a Fellow very soon afterwards, and retired in 2000. Her many contributions to St Anne’s are well known to many of us; she served both as Dean and as Vice-Principal. She was for a long while also closely involved in University administration, as a member of the General Board, and Chair of the General Board’s Undergraduate Studies Committee.
Our academics’ awards and achievements

**Professor Jo-Anne Baird**, Pearson Professor of Educational Assessment and Director of the Department of Education, was conferred as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. Professor Baird has long been a leader in the field of educational assessment, pioneering the research-based identification and analysis of the educational policy implications of different approaches to assessment. She was also appointed as Standing Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee on Education in 2016.

**Professor Anthony Grayling**, Supernumerary Fellow, was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to Philosophy. He is currently Master of the New College of the Humanities, and has written and edited over thirty books on philosophy and other subjects.

**Professor Ian Phillips**, Gabriele Taylor Fellow in Philosophy, has been appointed as a Visiting Research Scholar in the Program in Cognitive Science at Princeton University.

**Professor Colin Mayer**, Honorary Fellow of St Anne’s, Peter Moores Professor of Management Studies and Professorial Fellow of Wadham College, was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to business education and the administration of justice in the economic sphere.

**Professor Jonny Steinberg** was appointed as Professor of African Studies in August. The theatrical adaptation of his book, *A Man of Good Hope*, was performed at the Young Vic in London in October and November and is showing in New York in February 2017.

**Professor Francis Szele**, St Anne’s Fellow and Tutor in Developmental Neurobiology, will lead OxStem Neuro, a new company launched on 3 August 2016. OxStem Neuro will identify new classes of drugs that stimulate neuron production from brain stem cells. This will help cure neurodegenerative diseases, stroke and traumatic brain injury and also aims to increase neurogenesis to restore cognitive function during normal ageing. OxStem Neuro is one of several subsidiaries of OxStem, one of the most ambitious Oxford spinouts to date.

Our Fellows

**Dr Michelle Taylor, Senior Postdoctoral Researcher and Stipendiary Lecturer**

Dr Michelle Taylor, Lecturer in Biology, had two major sea-going expeditions this year: one to Antarctica and one to areas west of Scotland. The Antarctic research on the RRS James Clark Ross was undertaken in collaboration with the British Antarctic Survey to investigate the seafloor biodiversity around the South Orkney Islands. Dr Taylor is an octocoral taxonomist and, in addition to the many species identified, she also discovered two new species during this fieldwork. Dr Taylor was one of the principal scientists on board the RRS James Cook for her second expedition this year. This voyage involved using deep-sea robots to collect deep-sea coral; a vulnerable marine ecosystem. Genetic analysis of the samples taken will investigate connectivity of areas to the west of Britain to support future conservation and management efforts in this region.

Naturally the St Anne’s mascot was one of her companions on these expeditions. Could the St Anne’s mascot get further from Oxford than the South Orkneys… a challenge perhaps?
Dr Peter Judge, Lecturer in Biochemistry

Dr Peter Judge’s research focuses on biological membranes, the selectively permeable barriers that delineate the interior of the cell from its external environment. He studies the mechanisms that cells use to communicate with each other and the strategies that they employ to take up nutrients and expel waste substances. He is also working with a UK SME to develop lipid-based nanoparticles for clinical applications, including the delivery of chemotherapy drugs and anti-depressants to their target sites within tumours and the human brain respectively.

Recently Dr Judge has been working with colleagues at Diamond Light Source to understand the ways in which a light-sensitive protein, similar to the rhodopsin protein found in the retina of the human eye, changes shape in response to the absorption of a photon. The protein was originally isolated from an archaeabacterium found in Tibetan salt lakes and is used by the organism to harvest energy from sunlight, when carbon-based food sources have become scarce. As part of his work for this project, Peter visited the SACLA X-ray Free Electron Laser source, north of Kobe, Japan, and he is one of the first UK scientists to be awarded experimental time at this facility.

Professor Victoria Murphy, Professor of Applied Linguistics, Governing Body Fellow

Professor Victoria Murphy is Professor of Applied Linguistics at the Department of Education, University of Oxford, and has become the new Dean of Degrees for St Anne’s. As well as holding the post of research group convener of Applied Linguistics and Research in English as an Additional Language research groups, Professor Murphy is course director of the MSc Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition. Her area of research lies mainly within the realm of child L2/FL learning, vocabulary and literacy development.

In January 2016, Professor Murphy’s new book Early Childhood Education in English for Speakers of Other Languages was published by the British Council, a volume she co-edited with Dr Maria Evangelou. The book focuses on the educational and linguistic issues surrounding preschool provision in English in non-English speaking countries.

Professor Murphy has given keynote and plenary addresses in Munich, Muenster, Krakow, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Braunschweig and Vienna this past year. She also organised an international conference in July 2016 – the Young Language Learners Symposium. The Symposium conference delegates stayed at St Anne’s where they also had an excellent conference dinner thanks to the brilliant support of staff in the conference and catering teams at St Anne’s.
Robert Stagg, Lecturer in English Language and Literature

Robert Stagg joined St Anne’s in October 2016 and is currently working on two projects about Shakespeare. One is a book provisionally titled Shakespeare’s Defence of Verse, examining Shakespeare’s involvement in the literary criticism of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and how it shaped his writing. Uncovering new evidence of Shakespeare’s intellectual associations, it aims to show how Shakespeare used Renaissance debates about verse and verse style to produce some of the things we have valued in his writing, from depth of characterisation to speed of onstage action.

The second project is a feature-length documentary about Shakespeare’s early career in Shoreditch. While we have tended to associate Shakespeare with The Globe Theatre, about half of Shakespeare’s work (including Romeo and Juliet and Henry V) was produced for two Shoreditch theatres. The documentary compares sixteenth-century and modern-day Shoreditch, exploring how high rents and gentrification were behind Shakespeare’s move to the South Bank in 1599. Filmed in a series of Shoreditch locations (including the remains of the original Shoreditch theatres, and the crypt of St Leonard’s Church), it features interviews with Owen Jones, Peter Tatchell and Sir Ian McKellen and is now in the final stages of editing and post-production.

Dr Sarah Wordsworth, Associate Professor and St Anne’s Fellow

Sarah Wordsworth is a health economist whose research focuses on trying to improve population health and well-being whilst using health care resources efficiently. She is particularly interested in how individuals and society make decisions and behave in the context of health care. For instance, why do some individuals feel strongly about having particular diagnostic tests or avoid taking antibiotics if possible, while other people have the opposite attitude? Sarah also undertakes policy work and is leading the Health Economics analysis for the UK’s 100,000 Genomes Project, which is the largest sequencing initiative in the world, sequencing 100,000 entire genomes from around 70,000 National Health Service (NHS) patients with rare diseases and cancer.

Her work examines the costs of sequencing and downstream consequences of testing (such as the use of targeted drug therapies) and public health opportunities from any secondary findings from sequencing, where a mutation in a gene not being the main reason for testing is revealed. Sarah collaborates with the Centre for Personalised Medicine at St Anne’s and is Graduate Advisor for St Anne’s DPhil students whose research explores a range of topics in population health.

College staff

Once again a huge thank you to all the full and part-time support staff who provide valuable domestic, administrative and technical services and facilities to enable the College to function successfully on a daily basis.

The building work is now complete, and we would like to thank staff and students for their patience throughout the year and we are looking forward to having a lovely new building for all to use.

There have been a number of senior appointments this year:

Following the retirement of Chris Wigg, John Ford joined us in April as the Treasurer continuing the excellent work Chris has achieved in managing the College finances.

Katherine Brown joined us in October as the Academic Registrar who will support the Senior Tutor and the Academic Office in providing a high level of service to student processes and academic staff.

Kirsten Jellard joined the Academic Office in December in a new part-time role of Director of Programmes and Networks. The role will assist the College in the strategic direction and development of summer schools, internships, incubators, access and outreach and Visiting Student activities.

Oxfordshire Restaurant Awards

The St Anne’s catering team were nominated for three Oxfordshire Restaurant Awards in 2016 including for the new category ‘Best College Dining Room’. Head Chef, Ray Killick, was nominated for the Chef of the Year Award, and Chris Angus for the 2016 City of Oxford College Trainee Award. Chris Angus went on to win this award which is presented to an individual who has achieved success through an apprenticeship or other formal programme of learning, leading to a qualification opening up future progression opportunities. In three years, Chris has progressed from Kitchen Porter to Third Chef/Chef de Partie.
The Library

At the time of writing we have reached a notable milestone in the history of the College Library: the completion of the book move into the new Library and Academic Centre. After several months of planning, the Library staff watched with joy as the removal team packed and moved the equivalent of 1,101m of books and journals over five days from the Library in Hartland House into the new Library. The collections which have moved are mainly the social sciences, sciences and medicine, whilst the majority of the arts and humanities texts remain in the ‘old’ Library. The Law collection is also staying in Hartland House in its traditional home, the Geldart Room.

Library use throughout 2015/16 has continued to be high, with over 31,400 loan transactions and an additional 3,622 books being recorded as used in the Library but not borrowed. This figure supports the belief that many students prefer the communal study atmosphere of the Library to working in their own rooms. As the role of the 21st century college library oscillates between the provision of resources and the provision of space, our new building looks set to satisfy both requirements – room to house a growing collection and an enviable array of informal, traditional and group study spaces. The Librarians (Clare White, Sally Speirs and Catherine Hartley) are looking forward to seeing the reactions of the students when they use the new Library for the first time and we welcome any visits from alumnae who want to see the new building or Hartland House Library too.
In 2015/16 finances were again affected by fundraising and expenditure for the new Library and Academic Centre and associated activities. Happily after a delay of several months, the project was completed just before Christmas, largely on budget. Pledges of donations to buildings continue to be received as forecast. The summary to the left is from the College management accounts with a reconciliation of the surplus to the published annual accounts.

The statutory reporting requirements for charities requires the College to include all donations including capital donations as income, therefore this tends to inflate income and surplus numbers compared to the management accounts. However our underlying activities produced a surplus which was better than budget, although 7.5 per cent down on last year. The College was also required to make an explicit provision for future pension liabilities under accounting guideline FRS 102, details of which are included.

Academic income performed well, being supported by contributions from graduate fees and Visiting Students. Conference income bounced back strongly, being 16 per cent up on the previous year.

The 20 rooms lost last year following the demolition of the Gatehouse are still being supplemented by College rented houses in Jericho and two seven bedroom houses to increase the rooms available for graduates. There is no doubt that the College will have to look again at future plans for accommodation provision following the completion of the library project.

The College’s core development income, including legacies excluding donations for the new library was up 19 per cent on the year.

Operating expenditure was up three per cent on the year, mainly because of increases in employee National Insurance and pension contributions.

The surplus from operations was well ahead of budget but four per cent down on last year. This was mainly because conference business and academic income were better than expected but there was not the same impact from legacies as in 2014/15.

Investment income held up well despite continued pressure on dividends and coupons. The investment committee pursues a total return strategy for the funds invested, subject to the generation of a target level of income each year. Income generated was above target and represented a yield of four per cent on the value of the fund on 1 August 2015. Capital values ended the year higher than at the start after another year of increasing volatility in financial markets. Taken together, the endowment fund produced a total return last year of 10.5 per cent versus 6.5 per cent in 2014/15.
As always the future is full of financial challenges. The result of the EU referendum increases uncertainty with regards to student applications from the EU, staffing (both academic and domestic) and research funding throughout the university. Weaker sterling has made Oxford cheaper as a destination for study but it brings with it increasing risks of higher inflation. Higher contributions to the USS and OSPS pension funds, of which St Anne’s is a member are also likely in coming years. It is unlikely that the Teaching Excellence Framework will lead to increased government funding for higher education.

Fundraising will continue as an essential source of annual income as well as helping to finance larger projects. The aim is to secure a consistent level of annual donations and to work with alumnae and donors to consider how best to support St Anne’s in future.

St Anne’s College endowment

St Anne’s relies on its endowment partly to provide capital in order to mitigate financial risk and partly as a valuable income stream to complement other sources of income. This income helps to ensure the financial sustainability of the educational objectives which remain at our core. This income tends to be in the region of £1.5m per year and has held up well despite downward pressure on interest rates and share dividends in recent years. St Anne’s, as one of the newer Oxford colleges, has never enjoyed the historical riches of some of its older neighbours but it has made great strides in increasing the value of its endowment over the last few years, despite the focus on income rather than capital growth.

As a valedictory gesture to our departing Principal, Tim Gardam, our fund managers prepared a short review of the growth of our endowment over the time of his period in office from 2004 to 2016. This period covered the early 2000s post Enron boom, the so-called ‘Great Financial Crisis’ of 2007/08, and the recent period of central bank asset buying. The highlights are contained below:

‘On 31 July 2004, the value of St Anne’s assets stood at £16 million compared to £36 million as of 31 July 2016. Net inflows totalled £10.9 million and we have seen an increase of £9.08 million in the value of the assets. During this period, income totalling £13.7 million has been returned to the College from the portfolios. The fund has increased by 174.21% (+8.77% per annum) over the past 12 years. In this period, the underlying benchmark which is a combination of UK and global equity and bonds, increased by 163.43% (+8.41% per annum.)’

There is no doubt that government policy, in particular quantitative easing, has supported this capital growth. It has been further supported by the fall in the value of sterling since the EU referendum in June, which some might argue is artificial. The current value of the endowment is now around £38.7 million.

St Anne’s endowment assets are mainly managed by Newton Investment Management and overseen by members of the Investment Committee. The College is immensely grateful to both the internal and external members of the Investment Committee who provide very helpful advice. These include members of Governing Body and a number of current and former investment professionals, some of whom are also alumnae of the College. The performance of the endowment to date is a testament to their stewardship. It also reflects the value of donations and legacies as an important part of that growth.
Development and fundraising

As a registered charity, St Anne’s College depends on the generosity of its many supporters – alumnae, both graduate and undergraduate, former Fellows, friends, and the parents of present and past students. At St Anne’s we pride ourselves on fulfilling our commitment to educational equality and ensuring that our students, whatever their background or subject of study, can make the most of every opportunity available to them in Oxford. Your support helps us to attract students from diverse backgrounds, enriching College and encouraging people from all walks of life to aspire to positions of leadership and influence in the future. Thanks to the generosity of alumnae and friends, total funds raised in the year were £2.84million. (2014/15: £4.52m).

Annual Fund and St Anne’s telethon

We are only able to ensure that our students can make the most of the opportunities available to them thanks to over 1,150 alumnae who give back to College each year. Your donations to the Annual Fund help secure the future of St Anne’s, supporting areas including bursaries and scholarships, travel grants, student welfare, sports clubs and societies. The Annual Fund donations, totalling £553k in 2015/16, ensure that students can benefit from a world-class education that might otherwise be out of reach. This means that students are free to immerse themselves in their learning and achieve the best degrees – leading to greater career possibilities.

Thank you to all those who support the Annual Fund and who have taken a call in our telethons.

Sam Zwolinski
(MPhys Physics, Danson Bursary recipient)

My experience of life in Oxford has improved enormously as a result of being so well supported. The money provides a degree of insulation from financial stresses and fears that can be so damaging. Being able to study unburdened by such worries is something I am immensely grateful for.

As I enter my final year, the resources required for work have become highly specialised. My research project combines aspects of palaeontology, geology and astronomy; as one might predict, this requires that I read an awful lot of very disparate books. I am aiming to use tidal simulations to discover the mechanism by which our distant ancestors first migrated from the sea to the land. Thanks to the bursary I have the freedom to obtain any book or software package I need which permits me to investigate a problem that has never been attempted before.

Legacies

Leaving a gift in your will gives you the opportunity to make a lasting impact and help to provide vital funding for the College. The Plumer Society was founded to acknowledge those who inform us of their decision to make a bequest to St Anne’s. Members will be invited to a Plumer Society event every two years, which allows us to thank our legators for their commitment. If you would like further information about legacies, please contact legacy@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.

Student callers in 48 Woodstock Road during the telethon
1980s and 1990s Campaigns

The 1980s campaign was launched at the 1979 to 1989 reunion on 21 March 2015 with a view to engaging and involving more members of this decade and encouraging them to donate to the College. The aims of this campaign were connecting and re-connecting alumnae with College and old friends; increasing the number of volunteers who are willing to host events, reach out to other alumnae, support careers activities, and become involved with the St Anne’s Society; and raising funds including the 1980s Bursary Fund. Our 14 champions have worked with College to achieve this and we are delighted to announce that £105k has been raised towards the fund. Through this campaign, we also hoped to build a network to support St Anne’s students, both current and future, and 42 1980s alumnae have signed up to the Oxford Alumni Community to network with current students and alumnae and provide careers support and guidance (see page 7 for further information on the Alumni Community).

Following the success of the 1980s campaign, we will be launching the 1990s campaign at the Reunion on 18 March 2017. If you would like to find out more about either of these campaigns, please contact us at development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.

Tim Gardam Student Welfare Fund

In June 2016, we launched a campaign in order to celebrate Tim’s contribution to the College as he stepped down as Principal. After conversations with Tim, St Anne’s decided to honour him by creating an endowed Student Welfare Fund in his name. During Tim’s time as Principal, he noticed the ever increasing pressure on students and the growing anxiety in their everyday lives. Our students’ experience of Oxford has been markedly changed by the demands upon them, from the moment they arrive, not only to get to grips with their course but also to build a CV, to compete for internships and negotiate the increasingly precarious transition from student life to the world of work.

Because of Tim’s commitment, the College has significantly increased support for students, many of whom in the course of their degree find themselves in need of counselling and guidance. St Anne’s appointed a Dean of Welfare in 2015, a very experienced retired college doctor who is available for students to share their worries, and who has a very close relationship with the University Counselling Service. The costs of welfare provision have markedly increased; in accordance with Tim’s wishes, we therefore created an endowed fund to ensure the College could afford to meet this intensifying demand. Thanks to your support we have raised £100k for the Tim Gardam Student Welfare Fund to secure future welfare provision which will continue to benefit students for many years to come.

Dining in Hall

We are delighted to be able to offer you the option to dine at St Anne’s at lunchtime on Monday to Friday during term time. You are welcome to come in to lunch in the Hall between 12 noon and 1.30pm. Seating will be with the students in the Hall. The cost of £8 (including VAT) per person includes two courses and coffee/tea. Please email development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk or call 01865 284517 to book.

Bed and breakfast accommodation in College

St Anne’s College also offers alumnae a 10 per cent discount on bed and breakfast accommodation booked via UniversityRooms.com. This is available when we have rooms free in College outside term. There is a special promotional code for this offer and you will need to log-in or register to access this. Access the code at http://www.alumniweb.ox.ac.uk/secure/page.aspx?pid=3223. Once you have accessed the code, and checked availability via Kate Russell (katherine.russell@st-annes.ox.ac.uk), you can book online: http://tinyurl.com/annesb-b.

All alumnae are welcome to visit St Anne’s and have a look around at anytime, just let the Lodge know on arrival that you are an alumna or alumnus. We look forward to seeing you back in College again soon.
Please find below a list of forthcoming events for alumnae and friends. Events will be held at St Anne’s College unless otherwise indicated. Please contact Kelly Roddy, Alumnae Relations Officer, for further information. Email: development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.

**Saturday 18 March: 1990 to 1999 Reunion**
Reunion drinks and dinner for all those who matriculated from 1990 to 1999 (inclusive). Book your place online at http://tinyurl.com/stannes1990s.

**Friday 24 March: Alumnae Dinner in Singapore**
Drinks and dinner in Singapore with alumnus and Honorary Fellow Sir Danny Alexander (PPE, 1990) and hosted by Principal-elect Helen King. Book your place online at http://tinyurl.com/stannessingapore.

**Saturday 25 March: Law Reunion**
Reunion drinks and dinner for all those studied law, with guest speaker and alumna Professor Jo Delahunty QC (Law, 1982). Book your place online at http://tinyurl.com/st-annes-law.

**Saturday 25 March: Oxford Today: Adapting for the changing world**
Delhi, Jaypee Vasant Continental Hotel, 7pm
Drinks reception with St Hugh’s alumna Kalli Purie and St Anne’s alumnus Raj Singh Bhandal. A talk on how the University remains a global leader in teaching, research and study. With information and guidance on how to apply to Oxford.

**Wednesday 29 March: ‘Oxford and India Conversation on Advanced Drone Technology’ Alumnae Reception**
Mumbai, Breach Candy Club, 7pm
Professor Chana, aircraft engine specialist at the University of Oxford and head of the Oxford Turbine Research Facility, will be in conversation with Sukaran Singh, MD of Tata Advanced Systems, offering their expert insights into innovations in aerospace engineering. There will also be a talk about applying to Oxford.

Both alumni events are free of charge and guests are most welcome. You can register online at http://tinyurl.com/st-annes-delhi-mumbai. Our especial thanks go to St Anne’s alumni Roy de Souza and Raj Singh Bhandal and St Hugh’s alumna Kalli Purie for supporting these events.

**Saturday 17 June: End of Term Garden Party**
All students and their families will be invited to this event which celebrates the end of the academic year.

**Saturday 24 June: Post-2000 Reunion and MA Celebration**
Reunion drinks and dinner for all those who matriculated from 2000 onwards. This will include an MA event for those who matriculated in 2009 and 2010.

**Friday 15 to Sunday 17 September: Alumni Weekend and Gaudy**
Save the date for this annual event open to all alumnae and friends.

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Do you want to continue receiving communications from St Anne’s College?

You are always welcome at St Anne’s; we would love to see you and hear your news and we would like to encourage you to come back to College, not just for formal events, but whenever you wish. Keeping in contact with our alumnae and friends is so important to all that we do at College. Most importantly, we want to help you keep in contact with each other after you have left St Anne’s, to foster and nurture a global community of alumnae and friends of the College. We really hope that you enjoy receiving our publications, communications and appeals. It’s also really important that we ensure that we are sending our communications to you in the best way in the future. Due to legislation changes in May 2018, after this date the College will not be able to send you communications including the Annual Review, The Ship, event invitations and College news without your consent.

**Updating your details and communication preferences**

We will shortly be sending an update form to ask you what information you would like to receive from us and to confirm that you want to remain on our mailing list. You can already update your details at any time via our alumnae area (https://www.alumniweb.ox.ac.uk/st-annes), or you can get in touch with us at development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk to find out more or to let us know that you want to hear from St Anne’s.

**Email communications**

We can now only send you emails if you have let us know in writing (either on an update form or in response to a previous email) that you are happy to receive messages from us. If you’d like to continue receiving emails, please get in touch with us at development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.