

Regent's Now *2009/2010*



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Welcome to another edition of Regent's Now. It marks the end of an extraordinary year for Regent's Park College.

The start of Michaelmas Term 2009 was very difficult for the college community. On 27th October 2009 one of our Freshers, Antonia Bruch, died suddenly of meningitis. As you can imagine, students and staff were devastated. Antonia was a popular, lively and intelligent young woman and had made an astonishing number of friends in her very short time at Regent's. There was an incredible sense of support and concern within Regent's in the aftermath of Antonia's death and I am incredibly proud of the way everyone coped and pulled together. On page 9 you can read about the charity football match in aid of a cause selected by Antonia's parents and played in her memory.

Our results this year were outstanding and go to show the commitment of both staff and students to academic excellence. Our final year undergraduate students were awarded 8 firsts, 33 2:1s and 3 2:2s.

In Michaelmas Term we completed an extensive review of Regent's future strategy. We see the development of such a strategy as an essential step in preparing for the years ahead. Alumni, students and staff were all consulted in the exercise. Many very useful points emerged along with a new mission statement:

"Regent's Park College is a Christian foundation in the University of Oxford, which focuses on achieving excellence in undergraduate and graduate studies, ministerial formation and academic research. Our mission is to create an exceptional community of learning and research made up of individuals from a broad range of backgrounds and life experience."

As with last year, the generosity of those contributing to the Annual Fund, including our American Advisors, Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church and other individuals, meant that we could transform another room in college. This year it was the turn of the Collier Room which had a full make-over (see page 7). If you would like to contribute to the annual fund you can do so online at www.giving.ox.ac.uk/regents or by sending your gift in the enclosed envelope. You can, of course, give to other areas of college like student support or the library should you wish.

In Trinity Term I was on sabbatical and I return reinvigorated. This is just as well given the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. I hope to see as many Alumni as possible in the year ahead. Do please come and visit.

Regent's Drama

ANNA HEXTALL

During the past year Regent's students have been heavily involved in Drama, both inside and outside College

College productions included *Aladdin Under the Sea*, directed and produced by Marchella Ward (*1st Year, Classics and English*) and Joshua Ashley (*2nd Year, English*) with Rebecca Williams (*2nd Year, Theology*) as Aladdin and *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. All were performed by a range of different people including some members of the domestic staff team.

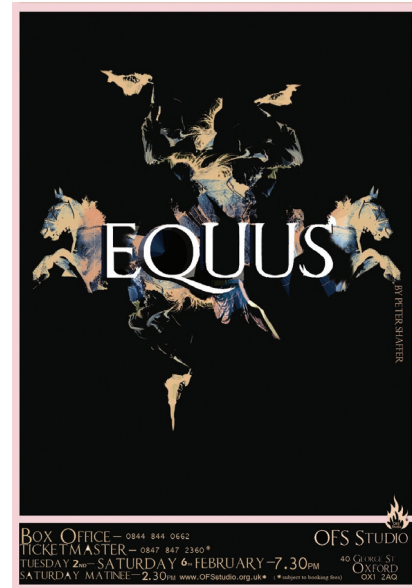
In February 2010, Anna Hextall (*2nd Year, English*), directed *Equus* at the Old Fire Station and received rave reviews in Oxford's student press. 60 people auditioned for the production, these were then whittled down by Anna and her team to 12. After four crammed weeks of rehearsals, some very effective marketing and positive early reviews, the production ran for a sell-out week.

Ruby Thomas (*1st Year, English*) has had an incredible year too. She came to Oxford wanting to spend as much time as her degree allowed doing drama. During the year she has been in two five-star plays in the O'Reilly and the Old Fire Station theatres. She also appeared in *Barnaby Rudge*, a student adaptation of the Dickens novel, which received four and

five-star reviews and was acclaimed by all who saw it. Ruby and another Regent's fresher, Cassie Baraclough (*1st Year, English*), edited and performed a two-woman play in Cuppers. They got through to the final ten plays and Ruby was awarded the Best Actress award. Finally, to end an incredible year, Ruby took the role of Calypso in an excellent student production of *The Odyssey* at the Oxford Playhouse. (see picture below)

Rhys Bevan (*1st Year, English*) has also taken a number of roles. He appeared in Cuppers and was in the highly successful production of *Our Country's Good* at the Burton Taylor Studio. He also appeared in a production of *Blood Wedding* at the Old Fire Station. Rhys is not only involved in drama; he is a talented footballer too. He plays for Regent's Park men's team, for Somerville's team and the University 2nd XI (The Centaurs) and is hoping for a Blue next year. He also comments that he's 'thoroughly enjoying his degree!'

Regent's is now looking forward to Michaelmas Term when Anna Hextall and Sarah Ventress (*2nd Year, English*) will be



directing and producing *A Streetcar Named Desire* at the Oxford Playhouse. After a last-minute bid and some stiff competition they were given the opportunity to stage the play. Following a gruelling auditioning process involving 80 hopefuls, Ruby Thomas was given the lead role. Rhys Bevan and Cassie Baraclough have also secured smaller parts. Rehearsals begin in September. If you would like more information about the production or would like to come to a performance please contact Alumni@Regent's.ox.ac.uk.



AN INTERVIEW WITH

Roland Rudd

In Trinity Term 2010 Roland Rudd became an Honorary Fellow of Regent's Park College. Sarah Ventress (2nd Year English) interviewed him for Regent's Now.



Named one of the most influential 'PR gurus' in the country by industry magazine PR Week, Roland Rudd is one of Regent's Park's most distinguished alumni. A founder and senior partner of Finsbury, one of the leading financial, regulatory and political communications agencies in the world, he has been described by Management Today as 'a social dynamo at the hub of Britain's business and political life'.

It is therefore not surprising that I felt some trepidation on entering his shiny Moorgate offices. I needn't have worried. An engaging and attentive conversationalist, Rudd is charming and full of enthusiasm for his years at Regent's and for the future of the college. He remains in close contact with the college and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship this June.

He switches from topic to topic with ease – from worse-for-wear student memories, to the hottest financial story of the day, to his love of opera and the ballet, and back to his days at Regent's.

Throughout our chat, he fields calls from various clients and colleagues, always apologising profusely to me before speaking to everyone with unequivocal charm and good humour.

He instantly took to Regent's and its atmosphere. 'There was a great camaraderie amongst the undergraduates. I liked that immensely, I thought it was incredibly friendly and a nice way to start. There was a great collegiate spirit; I made some very good friendships. I lived out after my first year, but I always enjoyed going to things in college. I remember the glorious summers the best.'

Rudd remains the only Regent's student ever to have ascended to the lofty heights of student politics and become President of the Union. He is disarmingly modest about his success, achieved on his third attempt, by a margin of six votes.

'Yes, people have always said to me it must have been difficult in the Union, coming from a small college. Actually, to get my leg up, it was easier coming from Regent's. The next stage, it was probably a little bit harder, but the leg up was there. There was a core of us at Regent's, about 12, who joined the Oxford Union, and I was involved from the off and stood for the library committee in my first term.'

He enjoyed his time studying Philosophy and Theology, and credits much of his success to his tutors. 'I had some wonderful tutors. Paul Fiddes was terrific. He always said I gave him

the most original excuse for not handing in an essay – I was kidnapped by the Cambridge Union. The first thing I thought was what is Dr Fiddes going to say?'

As well as being involved in the development of Regent's, Rudd spends a lot of time on other causes close to his heart, including the NSPCC, of which he is a patron and chairman of the Stop Abuse Now board.

'Having built up Finsbury, which absorbed all of my time while I was doing it, I wanted to do more things, in public policy and the arts and charity. On the charitable thing, I thought I wanted to do something I'm passionate about, and wanted to do one thing where I really put a lot of effort in.'

Rudd is passionate about the future of Regent's.

'I think what I took from the college's Christian foundation was the friendship and the atmosphere and the really nice feel of it as a college. In the hurly burly of Oxford, where there is so much to do, it was a lovely place where you could feel you could go out and do stuff, but you could always come back and I liked that enormously. And I always thought people in the college were very supportive of what everyone else was doing.'

'I think it's essential that it continues to thrive and it's obviously doing better all the time, and I think that's terrific.'

A profile of Sarah Ventress

Sarah is passionate about pursuing a career in television and has thrown herself into the media and drama opportunities at Oxford. This year, she has been a deputy editor of Cherwell, Oxford's independent student newspaper. She has written dozens of articles and features, including an investigation into graduate recruitment at

MI6, an expose of injustices in Thailand and a number of celebrity interviews. She has supported her student journalism with stints at local and national papers. She has recently secured a placement at Sky News sports desk, which will combine her love of sport with her passion for the broadcast media.

Through her involvement with Oxford Fashion Week (OFW) as PR Director, she is attacking the media from the other side, attracting top fashion names to OFW's

advisory panel, securing extensive media coverage of the events and acting as OFW's representative in printed, radio and television interviews. Oxford Fashion Week is one of Oxford's most ambitious and exciting ventures and, according to Sarah, it has been an intensely demanding yet rewarding project for all involved.

Sarah's current project is to produce A Streetcar Named Desire at the Oxford Playhouse in Michaelmas 2010.

RAG and Charity

CHARLOTTE FLOWERS

Members of the college have excelled themselves this year by raising more money than any other college in the University. Altogether Regent's students raised approximately £7000 by holding events such as the charity auction, panto, Regent's Got Talent, charity chicken, assassination game and the football tournament in memory of Antonia Bruch.

Regent's has also played a massive role in university fundraising with two Regent's students, Charles Bailey (*3rd Year, Theology*) and Charlotte Flowers (*2nd Year, Theology*) organising the university-wide RAG to Riches ball which raised £5000 in Michaelmas Term. The Oxford RAG (raise and give) executive includes 4 Regent's students (Charles Bailey, Louis Barclay (*2nd Year, PPE*), Rebecca Williams (*2nd Year, Theology*) and Charlotte Flowers).

This year a team of 3 Regent's students, Adam Vallance (*2nd Year, History*), Caitlin McGivern

(*2nd Year, Philosophy and Theology*) and Louis Barclay competed in the RAG lost event. They were dropped off in an unknown location and had to get back to Oxford with no money. They managed to win 'best transport' by flying a plane, and also won best fundraisers by making an amazing £1500 for Barnardos.

RAG has had an amazingly successful year and the new RAG executive have the aim to engage more students in fundraising by helping charity reps in colleges do bigger better events. So far, the newly produced Best Practice Pack has been based on successful Regent's events. In the University as a whole RAG smashed its target of £45,000 and raised £60,000. Regent's events contributed more than 10% to the final total. As well as being top of the 'money raised' league Regent's also tops the 'money raised per student' league.



Playing Football for other Colleges

A great opportunity for Regent's students!



Everyone knows Regent's is small but, as we all know, this has lots of benefits. Regent's students don't just get to have a full academic and social life at Regent's, they also have opportunities to play sport with other colleges too. This year Charles Bailey and Charles O'Halloran have, in their words, 'had the privilege of being able to play football outside Regent's Park College'. Mark Michaelides

played for Christ Church AFC, who are in the First Division. As their leading goal scorer, Mark played a critical role in Christ Church's hugely successful, league-topping season. Both Charles and Mark make the most of the opportunities playing for other colleges presents them with. According to Charles, 'this is one of the beauties of being at a PPH; I'm able to enjoy life at Regent's whilst also being able

to meet and socialise with people in other colleges through sport.' Throughout Charles B's three years as an undergraduate, he has played rugby and football at Magdalen which, according to him 'was one of my most enjoyable experiences, only made possible by my being at Regent's Park'. Playing for Magdalen also gave Charles the opportunity to represent Oxford in Rugby League in the BUSA League. Playing at Blues level came with a rigorous training schedule, with 6.30am weights and conditioning sessions, as well as a further three practices throughout the week.

As a postgraduate next year, studying for a PGCE in Religious Education, Charles is looking forward to continuing Regent's Park Rugby Club and possibly starting a full 15-a-side team, with a strong emphasis, once again, on getting new players involved in the game.

Serampore DD

An unusual Honour for former RPC student

In February this year, Edward HB Williams was awarded an Honorary DD from Serampore College (University) in India. After he had studied Physics at St Edmund Hall, and then Theology at RPC (1953-55), he served as a Baptist missionary in the Physics Department at Serampore from 1959-68 and then held two pastorates in the West Midlands before retiring in 1997. Since then he and his wife Rosemary have been secretaries of Friends of Serampore. Here he explains what happened.



Over 400 graduates were present in Bangalore to receive their Theology degrees, out of an annual 1200 ranging from Pentecostal to Syrian Orthodox (and including an RC archbishop as one of the four DDs). These graduates were from fifty colleges and institutions which all look to Serampore as 'the mother college'. The portraits of William Carey, along with Joshua and Hannah Marshman and William Ward, his colleagues, are familiar on the walls of the dining hall at RPC but these names are honoured throughout the Church in India, even its most ancient branches.

As well as the four portraits, and Carey's couch just outside the library, RPC has many connections with Serampore. In my time in the 1950s Yesu Das Tiwari, a Brahmin convert, came for a year's intensive study of Greek ten years later he was to be our colleague and friend in Serampore, and his son Ravi is now the Registrar of the Serampore Senate. Dhiren Sahu, another RPC student, has recently completed a term as General Secretary of the National Christian Council. Nicholas Wood has been a regular visitor to Serampore, whilst the Principal Dr Lalchungnunga has visited RPC.

At first I was highly embarrassed by the proposal of a DD. I realised that it was intended as an expression of 'thanks for services rendered', but felt that it was out of all proportion. But the citation concluded, 'Honouring him, we are also expressing our gratitude to the Baptist Missionary Society, the institution Carey himself founded', and I became aware of how much this meant to those conferring the honour.

An even greater honour and privilege was to be asked to deliver the 'Commemoration Sermon' on the morning of Convocation Day. Commemorating whom? William Carey, of course! So I preached the sermon of my life to a congregation of eight hundred, including many present and future leaders of the Church in India. What an opportunity, to distil a lifetime's experience and reflection! I moved from what I learned at RPC of Carey's theology and motivation, to what Serampore itself taught me of respect for those of other faiths: you do not magnify Christ by belittling others.

After Convocation my wife and I travelled 1200 miles for a few days in Serampore itself, that wonderful place. The college founded with such foresight now comprises a Theology

Department (where Rosemary taught the subject of Religious Education in her spare time from looking after our three young daughters) with 150 students from all over India, and an Arts / Science / Commerce Department of about 3000 students which is a highly regarded local college within Calcutta University.

A 'Felicitation' was held for us. One speaker was a former student who had gone on to become head of the Physics Department and is now retired (that dates me!). He told of how he had been 'a very naughty boy' in my lectures and I remembered the incidents well!

It became abundantly clear that Carey's name is honoured far more widely than in Christian circles only. Indeed, because of his achievements in so many spheres besides education (including social reform, translation and printing and journalism, botany and horticulture) and his towering place in the renaissance of Bengali as one of the world's great literary languages, many would agree with the description of him as 'the greatest Englishman India ever possessed, take him all in all'.

To read Edward's Commemoration Address, go to www.friendsofserampore.org.uk

Sam Sharpe Conference

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theologians as having a powerful influence on the process leading to the abolition of slavery. Sam Sharpe was proclaimed a Jamaican national hero in 1975.

The conference explored the Sam Sharpe story to gain new insights into the characters, events and social institutions of the time. The conference examined the theological insights that Sharpe and his colleagues were developing

about human freedom and liberation, and it looked at the legacy of Sam Sharpe for today.

The conference represented a collaboration between the Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture, the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB), the Jamaica Baptist Union and BMS World Mission. It was part of the process initiated by the apology made last year by the BUGB for the transatlantic slave trade.

Annual Fund Report

Generous gifts from the US Friends of Regent's Park College, Bloomsbury Baptist Church and other annual fund donors have paid for the complete refurbishment of the Collier Room. The refurb included new audio-visual equipment, furniture, curtains and redecoration. The beautiful parquet floor in the room has been refurbished to its 1930s glory!



Before



After

Chapel Report

MATTHEW BROWN

Regent's Chapel retains very strong Baptist links but also embraces other Christian traditions. Following the closure of Greyfriars Hall in 2008 and the arrival of 32 students, the Chapel became one of several foci for integration.



The Chapel has continued to have regular services including Morning Prayer every day, apart from Friday, and Evening Prayer on Mondays and Tuesdays. A Catholic Mass is held once a term.

In Hilary 2009 the Chaplaincy Team introduced Chaplaincy Dinners which have all been sell-out events. Every term a dinner is held in Chapel which is followed by a presentation and discussion by an eminent academic. So far we have enjoyed: Prof Keith Ward

(responding to Dawkins), Prof Marilyn McCord Adams (the problem of evil), Prof Nigel Biggar (the Iraq War), Dr Simon Gaine (God and human freedom) and Dr Suke Wolton (the 2010 general election).

Regent's distinguishes itself as the only Oxford college with a Gospel Chapel Choir. Under the direction of a professional local musician, Peter Gunstone, the choir performs twice a term in community worship and has begun performing in Formal Hall to general acclaim.

The Emmanuelle Society



Launched last year, The Emmanuelle Society exists to enable Alumni and Friends to give an everlasting gift to every future generation of Regent's students. For each gift of £400, which can be given over 20 months, a book will be bought in your chosen subject every year, for ever. Each book will have a name plate inside the front cover with your chosen inscription. If you prefer to dedicate your books to someone else we would be pleased to do that. A commemorative entry will also be placed in the Emmanuelle Society Book. If you would like to become a member please email alumni@Regent's.ox.ac.uk or go to www.giving.ox.ac.uk/Regent's

New Members of the Emmanuelle Society:

Dr Peggy Heeks

Pastoral Theology and Systematic Theology

Mr Clement Mason & Revd Dr David Pusey

The Old Testament and its Languages In honour of former Principal Revd Dr G Henton-Davies

Mr Davis Bunn & Dr Isabella Bunn

Theology or English, In honour of former Principal Revd Professor Paul S Fiddes

Mr Stephen Mace

Ecclesiastical History In honour of Former Principal Revd Dr Barrie White

Mrs Margaret H Wyatt

Theology In honour of Revd William Harold Cox

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Theology In honour of Revd Ernest Madge, Mrs Edna Madge and Mrs Arthur Wyatt

Dr and Mrs R Gardner

Theology, specifically Church History.

Steve Mace signs the Emmanuelle Society Book at the New York Reunion in April 2010.

Ministerial Association

ROWENA WILDING

The training of men and women for ministry in Baptist churches continues to be a central part of Regent's life and mission.

In September 2010, as part of the ministerial training course, 2nd Year ministerial students have been given the opportunity to visit Calcutta, in India to observe and get involved in the work of the Baptist World Mission. The first hurdle the students had to get over was that they had to raise funds to pay for the trip. Barry Davis arranged a sponsored bike ride from his placement church to his sending church and back and raised more than £2,000. Paul Burnish decided to draw on his talents from his previous life in the dramatic arts to organise and perform a one-man show. The performance consisted of monologues from Richard III and Hamlet, Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*, and Chekov's *The Cherry Orchard*. There were also poems from *Please Mrs Butler* including the *Ordeal of Robin Hood*, as well as some asides about vicars and two amusing *Father of the Bride* speeches. Paul raised £500 towards his trip to Calcutta. There will be a full report of the group's activities in the next *Regent's Now*.

As part of ministerial training at the end of the 1st year, students are required to arrange a fortnight placement in a different church situation to the one where they normally work. Vanessa Rye went to Bradford and found a multicultural city with

many challenges for the church. In the past there has been racial unrest in Bradford but much has been done to build bridges between the different groups. Being a Local Ecumenical Partnership, the church Vanessa went to, Little Lane Church, was a challenge in itself. However, all traditions and rites of each denomination are respected and the church is a happy blend.

Early in 2010 at a South Birmingham Baptist Church Cluster Meeting, Paul Beesley (2nd Year, ministerial) suggested that the churches should co-ordinate a first-of-its-kind prayer walk to cover the whole area. On Saturday 3rd July, members of the 9 Baptist churches within the South Birmingham Cluster started walking at Hockley Heath and finished at Stratford Road. The prayer walk covered more than 22 miles and encompassed over 30 local Churches of all denominations. Each church put forward particular prayer points for prayer en route, and an item which represented their church was taken to the final celebratory service at Stratford Road, which was led by Rev Barrie Smith, the Regional Minister for the area.

Paul, Dave Tubby (Olton – who will also be a 1st year in September at Regent's), Marie

Brown (Stratford Road) and John Bradley (also from Olton) all walked the whole 22 miles.

The walk was a huge success. Dave Tubby was thrilled with the event and said: 'We were so encouraged by people's willingness to pray for the communities we live in. It was such an eye-opener walking from leafy Hockley Heath, through urban Birmingham and into industrialised areas. Each church faces a different challenge in the community it is in, and yet all are unified by the common desire to show God's love to those around us.' To which Paul added, 'Jesus came to break down barriers so finding creative ways of sharing our faith with integrity, respect and love to those of other faiths or none, should be a clear aim of the cluster churches.' The prayer walk is now set to be an annual event.

Ministerial Students who have recently settled in churches:

Martin Mills at Arlington, Oxfordshire

Ben Gotts at Littleover, Derbyshire

Kalyan Das at Botley, Oxfordshire

Jason Gain at Chipperfield, Hertfordshire

In memory of Antonia

CARA SINGER



On 27th October, Regent's and the Oxford Jewish community suffered a great loss when Antonia Bruch tragically died of meningitis. Antonia was a Fresher in Michaelmas Term. When she arrived at

Regent's she threw herself into lots of sport and social activities. In a very short time she became an enthusiastic participant in many areas of Oxford life, including the Regent's-Balliol Women's Football team and the Oxford Jewish Society.

This year, I have attended three separate memorial services for Antonia and have heard continually from friends of her outgoing kindness, her energy, and her dedication to everything she did, whether it be sports, music, her studies, debating about politics, aspiring to be a future Prime Minister, or caring for her friends. The extent to which Antonia gave of herself to others was clearly evident.

A number of students wanted to honour Antonia and celebrate her life by doing something she loved to do.

James Fox (2nd Year, PPE: JCR President), Charlotte Flowers (2nd Year, Theology) and I decided to bring together multiple communities to compete in a 5-a-side football competition. The event was not just a charity football tournament but a community day, with a barbecue, human-sized table football inflatable, raffle, auction, and beer and Pimms. We were really pleased that Antonia's parents were able to attend the event and give out the prizes.

We raised £3734.40 in support of a community sports initiative in South Africa chosen by the Bruch family. The Charity is called Ma Afrika Tikkun (<http://www.maafrikatikkun.org.za>). In addition to raising so much money, it was a fitting testament to Antonia that 150 people played and many more supporters came to watch and celebrate her life.

Celebrating the integration of Greyfriars students in to Regent's



On Friday 18th June the Chancellor, the Rt Hon the Lord Patten of Barnes unveiled a plaque commemorating the migration of 31 students to Regent's Park College from Greyfriars Hall in 2008. The plaque was commissioned by Br. James OFM. Cap., Provincial of the Capuchin Province of Great Britain, and designed by Br. Mark OFM. Cap., Guardian. During his speech the Chancellor said 'I think this is a wonderful example of ecumenism, of 'the church is one foundation' working in practice... Regent's Park College gave a home to many young students and teachers from Greyfriars, you did so with enthusiasm, you made them feel at home and I think everyone in the University should be delighted by that practical example of collegiality... I think you've done a tremendous job, it's been clearly of great value to the university but I think it tells us something more about the world; Regent's Park College with its great Baptist tradition, Greyfriars with its Franciscan Christian tradition both working together in the interests of the great ideals of researching, studying and learning that we share.'

Dr John Jarick – Old Testament lecturer

In October 2010, Dr John Jarick is starting a three-year appointment as Departmental Lecturer in Old Testament Studies in the Faculty of Theology, in association with Regent's Park College. At Faculty level Dr Jarick will be lecturing in place of Professor John Barton, who is absent on a Leverhulme Fellowship for the period, and in Regent's Park he will be teaching the Old Testament components of the various theological qualifications offered by the college.

An Australian Lutheran, with a doctorate from the University of Melbourne, Dr Jarick was a post-doctoral fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and taught at the universities of St Andrews, Sheffield, and Roehampton, before coming to Oxford in 2001 as the Tutorial Fellow in Old Testament and Hebrew at St Stephen's House. He has particular interests in the Old Testament wisdom literature (especially the book of Ecclesiastes) and historical writings (especially the books

of Chronicles), on both of which he has published extensively. He serves as Co-Editor (together with Professor Keith Whitelam) of the Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, as General Editor of the Readings series of biblical commentaries (published by Sheffield Phoenix Press), and as an editorial board member of several academic series, including the Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies (published by T & T Clark).

Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture

Over the past year the Centre has hosted termly public lecture series on: Exploring Baptist Origins (in partnership with the Centre for Baptist History and Heritage); Being Human (Theological and Biomedical perspectives) and Religion and Politics.

In May 2010 the Centre hosted an International Symposium entitled Religion and International Relations: Transatlantic Perspectives which was the culmination of an ongoing project on Religion and Public Policy led by the Honourable Dr Olin Robison (Regent's 1960–1963). Next year the centre will be holding three series of lectures: Michaelmas Term 2010: Equality and Diversity: Politically Correct or Theologically Necessary?; Hilary Term 2011: Religion, Theology and Sport; Trinity Term 2011: 400 years of the King James Bible. The majority of these lectures will be available as MP3 downloads from the college's website.

JCR Report

JAMES FOX, JCR PRESIDENT.



This year has, as ever, been an eventful one for the JCR. Both rowing teams enjoyed relative successes in difficult circumstances. After a term plagued by injuries and illnesses the women only narrowly missed out on qualifying for Torpids in a crew combination who had never trained before! The men enjoyed great success bumping every day and were robbed of blades only by a very unlucky klaxon despite having significant overlap on Keble II just after the start.

Summer eights was a mixed experience. Surrounded by some tough crews, such as Christ Church, the men were unfortunately bumped on day two after rowing over on



the first day. Things picked up towards the end of the contest, however, with the men rowing over once more before securing a bump on their last day. The women had a strong start to their eights campaign, bumping before Donny Bridge on day one and two. Unfortunately the surrounding crews bumped out on day three leaving us to row-over on day four we were outrowed by Worcester II after putting up a good fight against a very strong crew. We look forward to fighting for blades again next year!

The Trinity Term Final Fling was a marvellous spectacle to behold (pictures above). With overgrown toadstools, Beauty and the Beast on stilts, men walking



around on top of giant ladders, and hog roast, the Grimm Tale Ball 2010 will not easily be forgotten. Organised by Rowena Wilding and her wonderful Ball Committee, the Ball stood in classy contrast to some of our stranger Bop themes, which have included a Super Mario Bop and an Invertebrates, Exoskeletons and Crustaceans Bop.

It seems that we definitely continue to "punch above our weight" in so many ways, and I have no doubt failed to mention a number of other individuals who have achieved a number of noteworthy feats. It has truly been a pleasure and a privilege to have been the JCR President of such a vibrant and talented community.

Dr Justin Barrett

In September 2009 Supernumerary Fellow at Regent's, Dr Justin Barrett, received the prestigious William C. Bier Award made by Division 36 of the American Psychological Association. The award is offered annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution through publication and professional activity to the dissemination of findings on religious and allied issues or who has made a notable contribution to the integration of these findings with those of other disciplines, notably philosophy, sociology and anthropology.

Lauren Adams

(2nd Year, Law) was part of a law mooting team which came second in the prestigious Jessops Law Mooting national competition in Washington DC.

Prof. Malcolm Evans

(Law, 1979 - 1986) Malcolm Evans OBE, Professor of Public International Law at Bristol University and Vice Chair of Regent's Governing Body, has been appointed a member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT). The SPT is a unique United Nations treaty body composed of ten individual experts, established in accordance with the stipulations of the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention Against Torture. It is charged, among other things, with conducting regular visits to the places of deprivation of liberty which are in the jurisdiction and control of the party states. The SPT has been operational since February 2007, since when it has conducted six visits to party states. Professor Evans is an expert in international human rights, specifically in the area of torture prevention, and has particular expertise on the practice of the European Committee on Prevention of Torture (CPT).

Chris Stefanowicz

(3rd year, English) was in the Rackets team and was a real tennis Blue. Maggie Henderson Tew (1st Year, English) will captain the ladies real tennis team next year.

Helena Clowes

(2nd Year, English) gained a place in the University Ballroom Dancing Team and danced in the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, among other top venues.

Geordie Keelan

(1st Year, Theology) gained a place in the Oxford University Amateur Boxing Club Squad.

Regent's Sport



Rugby

CHARLES BAILEY

The academic year 2009/2010 marked a turning point for sport at Regent's Park, not least in terms of the newly created rugby club. Owing to Regent's size, attention was focused on the annual Trinity Term Rugby 7s college competition which is notoriously competitive and a highly entertaining day of free-flowing rugby.

Practising twice a week from Hilary Term onwards, the team improved on a variety of levels. Most impressive were the three American visiting students who had never even watched a game of rugby, let alone played the game. All three became accomplished players integral to the squad by the end of the year, without whom Regent's Park Rugby Club would not have been possible.

In the 7s competition itself, Regent's ended up winning its group with impressive wins against Merton – Mansfield and the winners from the previous year, Pembroke. In the quarter finals, Regent's lost to the eventual winners Brasenose in a tightly fought contest. Needless to say, these were extremely impressive results against much larger and more experienced squads.

Sailing

ELENA GADDES

In Michaelmas Term Elena Gaddes (*1st Year, Geography*) was selected for the university sailing squad. Sailing is a Blues sport at Oxford, and involves sailing in teams of 6 people against other teams, with the aim of getting the highest overall team score. Elena was sailing for the second team and trained twice a week for the first half of Michaelmas Term and then competed in the second half of term.

Rowing

LOTTIE STABLES

After learning to row with Regent's in 2007 and doing a year of rowing in 08 / 09 Lottie Stables (*2nd Year, Philosophy and Theology*) decided she was ready for a new challenge and trialled with the university lightweight squad for a seat in the Boat Race this year. She dedicated herself to training twice a day, six days a week, as well as doing all her degree work. According to Lottie, she had very few expectations when she started out, other than wanting to gain more experience and improve her rowing. She certainly did not expect to still be with the squad by the end of the year. A couple of weeks ago she headed to Nottingham to compete and win a gold medal at the British Universities Regatta. Not only did this contribute towards Oxford being the club to win the most women's medals at the regatta, it also qualified them to row in the European Universities Regatta in Amsterdam at the end of summer as representatives of the GB Universities team. Lottie is staying in Oxford over the summer to train with the crew hoping that they can continue their success in Europe.



Men's Football

MARK MICHAELIDES

Regent's enjoyed a successful season, finishing 5th in a league comprising 12 teams. Frustratingly however, because of adverse weather conditions, unable to play all its games. After a heavy defeat in their first game, the team bounced back extremely well and everyone involved showed great enthusiasm and passion throughout the season.

Highlights include a 3-2 win over Merton-Mansfield with Joe Atkinson scoring the winner, a 3-1 win against St Catherine's, arguably the best opposition we faced all season, and the 3-3 draw with Wycliffe Hall, who went on to win the league. As the season progressed, the team became more comfortable passing the ball and we began to play some good football, often leaving opposition teams flat-footed.

In terms of key players, everyone played their part but a few individuals stood out from the crowd. Oli Watson was superb in goal, a position he only took up this year because we were without a keeper. Corey Husak and Chris Stefanowicz were solid at the back, Tobias Kahnert was consistently hard-working, whilst Will Barns-Graham produced moments of Berbatov-esque flair, resulting in three goals throughout the campaign. Finally, Joe Atkinson, when he was available, was a constant threat up front with his pace and desire to win. Mark Michaelides captained the team and is looking forward to another successful season next year.

Women's Football

CHARLOTTE FLOWERS

Balliol-Regent's Women's Association Football Club (WAFC) had a good season this year staying comfortably in the third division. They started the season with new kit through a sponsorship deal with the Turf Tavern and with an amazing 7 goals to 1 win over Lincoln.

The season continued with lots of new players getting their first taste of football and although the team didn't replicate their initial form, they really enjoyed all their games. Unfortunately the team were knocked out of Cuppers by Teddy Hall who went on to compete in the final.

Rachel Third (*1st Year, Philosophy and Theology*) from Regent's and Steph Melvin from Balliol have now taken over as captains. Trinity term started with the charity football tournament to remember Antonia Bruch, both Regent's and Balliol teams entered. The team also competed in five-a-side cuppers as well.

In preparation for the next season a manager has been appointed to coach the team and new jackets have been purchased through the Turf Tavern's sponsorship.

Some of the Balliol girls came to a Regent's Formal Hall and many happy hours have been wiled away in both the Balliol Bar and, as you'd expect, the Turf Tavern.

Alumni News

Revd Ian Kemp

1947-1949

At 84, I enjoy good health and am still active in ministry. I preach in Baptist churches and visit prisoners, one of whom I mentor for theological studies.

Revd Harvey Thorn

1949-1951

I'm now 89 with 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren

Revd Stuart Armitage

1956 - 1958

Now retired from preaching in local churches, I still continue to act as a volunteer with SSAFA Forces Help, working with ex-service personnel and their families.

Mr James Bradnock

1959-1963

I have enjoyed the challenge of being a churchwarden at the parish church in Wellington; my stint ends in 2011. Tessa and I became grandparents last year. I am about to start on an up-date of the excellent history of Wellington School.

Dr Rex Ambler

1960 - 1964 & 1965 - 1967

Now retired, in the last two years I've been travelling in America, Southern Africa and the Middle East doing talks and workshops on Quaker Meditation.

Mr Philip Lucas

1960-1963

I've just returned from three months with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) where I lived in Bethlehem supporting people whose human rights are threatened. Whilst in Bethlehem, I worked alongside Israeli and Palestinian human rights and peace organisations. Since returning to the UK I've been doing advocacy work for EAPPI.

Revd David Hardiman

1961 - 1964

I'm President of the British Region of the International Ecumenical Fellowship and am kept busy taking services (Baptist, Methodist and URC). Cynthia, my wife of over 20 years now, is a retired Methodist minister and is kept equally busy!

Mr Adrian Cassidy

1961-1965

I'm retired but am working as a local church leader in Twickenham United Reformed Church.

Revd Malcolm Hopkins

1961-1965

After 24 years in the library service, I retired recently. I keep active with grandchildren, walking tennis and dancing. I'm very glad to still be in touch with some Regent's contemporaries.

Mr Peter Lane

1962-1966

I retired from local authority educational psychology in 2008 (though I am still registered). I am currently doing a doctorate in educational psychology at Cardiff.

Mr John West

1962

I'm retired but am the chief examiner for the Council of the Indian School Certificate. I also lead workshops in the teaching of Chemistry in secondary schools.

Professor Robin Attfield

1964-1966

After retirement from a full-time professorship (August 2009) I was appointed to a part-time Professorial Research Fellowship (from October 2009), funded by the Oxford University Cognition, Religion and Theology Project working on 'The Bearing of Evolutionary Theories on Religious Phenomena: Libertarian Darwinism and its implications.'

Revd Gordon Molyneux

1965-1971

Following 21 years in theological education in the Democratic Republic of Congo and 13 years on staff at All Nations Christian College, I've taken up an appointment with SIM UK, based near Bristol, and am responsible for recruitment and member care in the South and West of the UK.

Revd Ray Porter

1967-1969

Since 2005 I have seconded by OoIF International to Oak Hill Theological College. I set up and now teach a degree course in Theology and World Mission up to MTh level. I am also Assistant Minister at St Mary's Eaton Socon.

Dr Kaikhoben Kipgen

1968-1973

My wife and I have been raising fund and building a school for the rural children in Mauipur, NE India, for the past 20 years.

Mr Alan Austin

1972-1975

I'm looking to retire next year after 32 years teaching, mainly at Wirral Grammar School for Girls. Planning to spend 4 months in Scotland with my fiancée Sabine, marrying later in the year.

Revd Paul Campion

1974-1977

I am in my 3rd year at Shirley, Solihull after 28 years of ministry in London. I enjoy working in a local church as much now as ever.

Mr Andy Bruce

1977-1980

Having moved on from Baptist ministry in 2006, my wife and I run a small craft and stationery business in Arnold near Nottingham (www.aandacraftsonline.co.uk).

Revd Malcolm Egner

1978-1981

I am working at Rising Brook Baptist Church but am seconded part-time to work for a human rights organisation Dalit Freedom Network UK, as campaign manager to head up their anti-trafficking campaign.



Revd Leonard Clark

1979-1981

Having resigned the full-time pastorate of Page Moss Lane Baptist Church, my wife and I are now working towards retirement and ministry in France.

Mr Ken Batty

1983-1984

Amene and I recently celebrated our 25th anniversary with a dinner for friends at the House of Lords

Revd Daniel Burton

1983-1986

Recently appointed Area Dean of North Manchester and am President of Biblelands (www.biblelands.org.uk).

Revd Alan Stoulger

1984-1987

I am the moderator of Silver Road Baptist Church in Norwich and Chairman of the local Dereham and District Bible Society Group.

Revd David Silvester

1986-1989

I am now a member of the Leadership team of Ellel Ministries (www.ellelministries.org) at Ellel Grange, Lancaster, with special responsibilities for pastoral care of the team.

Revd Ken Hyde

1988-1991

I've been Pastor at Broadmead since July 1995. The church and I are preparing for my retirement in 2011. Jen and I have 3 grandchildren. The longer I have continued in ministry the more grateful I am for the part Regent's played in my ministerial education and formation.

Revd Dinah Hargreaves

1989-1992

Although retired now, I accepted the call to part-time ministry at Montacute (Somerset) and was inducted there in November 2009

Revd Christopher Mattock

1990-1993

I was appointed Chaplain to Bucks Hospital NHS Trust based in Wycombe General Hospital in August 2010.

Revd Michael Vidler

1990-1993

I retired in 2009 and am active in the church and community. I play the organ and keyboard at Taunton Baptist Church and am a volunteer on the West Somerset Railway.

Revd Cliff Jackson

1992 - 1995

In May 2010 I was appointed Chaplaincy Team Leader for Auchlochan retirement village, leading a team of 4 chaplains in the care of 400 residents and 350 staff.

Revd Robert Beamish

1995-2001

I am enjoying living in North Wales. We have two amazing children Alice Mae, who is nearly 3, and Edward, who is 14 months.

Dr Sarah Dunlop

1996-1998

I've published a book, *Visualising Hope: Exploring the Spirituality of Young People in Central and Eastern Europe*, and have had a baby boy.

Mr Richard Morton-Jack

1996-1999

I'm now married with my first baby enroute! My book, *The Bumper Book of British Sleaf* won the *Sunday Times* Political Book of the Year 2008.

Miss Alison

McDougall-Weil

1997-2000

I'm in the first year of my PhD studying the user experience of the architecture of science at Cambridge

Mr Oliver Burberry

2002-2005

I'm engaged to be married in 2011. Currently developing my gardening business and hope to take further training at Sparsholtt College, near Winchester.

Miss Rhian Howells

2002-2005

I'm due to qualify as a solicitor in 2011.

Miss Jennifer Orr

2003-2006

I am about to submit my PhD thesis at the University of Glasgow, having tutored students for medieval to modern Scottish literature. I work part-time for the Woodland Trust, a conservation charity dedicated to preserving and creating woodland.

Revd Ben Gotts

2006-2009

On June 5th I was inducted at Littleover Baptist Church in Derbyshire. I am getting married in 2011 when my fiancée will join me in Derbyshire.



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