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Master’s introduction

An impression of principal events that have taken place over the past few months...

As Master, one of my final tasks before the new academic year begins in earnest is to write a speech for the College’s stated general meeting. The speech, an edited version of which appears in the College’s annual review, The Year, pulls together all that has happened at St Catherine’s over the past twelve months. While there is never a shortage of material for inclusion, I have been particularly struck this year by how extraordinarily successful the College and its individual members – Fellows, students and alumni – have been across the board. From achievements in the examination room, on the river, and on the stage, through to Oscar success for Catz alumnus James Marsh’s film *Man on Wire*, we have much to celebrate. I am looking forward to the challenges and excitements that the coming weeks and months will bring with them.

The College is justifiably proud of its reputation as a dynamic, creative institution; it is also a community whose strength is drawn from the relationships that are formed by its members. When speaking at alumni events, I often refer to the ‘wider Catz community’ and, as the fiftieth anniversary of the College’s foundation approaches, I hope that as many alumni and friends as possible will be able to join me at one of the many talks, concerts and receptions that we are planning to mark this significant milestone in our history. The College’s website will soon contain a page dedicated to information about Catzfivezero events, which will be updated regularly as specific details are finalised. I hope that you will find this resource useful, and that we will soon have the pleasure of seeing you at a College event.

Remember St Catherine’s in Your Will

In recent times, legacies received by the College have played a key role in supporting St Catherine’s in a number of ways – from funding undergraduate scholarships, to helping finance the construction of award-winning student accommodation.

For example, Father Frederick Stahl (1957, Theology) gave St. Catherine’s a sum of money in his will that has been used to fund Foundation Scholarships. These are awards which are given to undergraduates with the greatest financial need, thus continuing the St Catherine’s tradition of enabling the brightest individuals, regardless of background, to come to study at Oxford. We have recently received another substantial pledge to continue the good work that Father Stahl began.

We are pleased to report a positive response to our recent appeal for people to consider remembering St Catherine’s in their will. If you would like more information about making a bequest to the College, please contact Franca Potts in the Development Office.
The Catz Quintet perform in Singapore

On Saturday 26 September 2009, The Catz Quintet performed in the Conservatory Concert Hall of the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music at the National University of Singapore’s Centre for the Arts. The concert was the third event sponsored by the Shaw Foundation as part of the ‘Ones to Watch’ series. This prestigious series offers young, talented and vibrant musicians a major platform from which to engage with and inspire other young performers, and the members of The Catz Quintet were delighted to be offered such a wonderful opportunity to showcase their repertoire. Over 600 people joined them for an exciting programme of music that opened with a flourish with Mozart’s Overture to The Magic Flute. The focus of the evening then turned to more modern works, with performances of Křenek’s Kammermusik by Hindemith, Ligeti’s Six Bagatelles, Summer Music by Barber, Ravel’s Mother Goose Suite and Poulenc’s Sextet for Piano and Winds.

The Catz Quintet brings together the musical talents of Marc Simpson, BBC Young Musician of the Year and BBC Proms/Guardian Composer of the Year in 2006 (clarinet), Louise Maltby (flute), Hilary Cornwell (oboe), Jeffrey Douglass (French horn) and Harry Thorrington (bassoon). It was formed in Michaelmas Term last year, and is committed to raising the profile of wind quintets through the performance of non-standard repertoire. For the performance of Poulenc’s Sextet for Piano and Winds, The Quintet was joined by Jonathan Swainard (piano), Rapéteur Scholar at St Catherine’s and a leading light in the Catz Music Society.

Catz hosts reception at the Tanglin Club

While in Singapore, The Catz Quintet also performed at the Tanglin Club where, on Friday 25 September, the College hosted an informal drinks reception for alumni and friends. The Master was delighted to extend an invitation to all Oxford alumni in the area, as a result of which, many new friendships were made.

Michael Frayn named as new Cameron Mackintosh Visiting Professor of Contemporary Theatre

The playwright, novelist and translator Michael Frayn has been appointed to succeed Kevin Spacey as the next Cameron Mackintosh Visiting Professor of Contemporary Theatre. The Chair, founded through a grant from the Mackintosh Foundation at St Catherine’s College, aims to promote interest in, and the study and practice of, contemporary theatre. Michael, who started his career as a columnist for the Guardian and The Observer, has won numerous prizes for his novels, including the Somerset Maugham Award and the Hawthornden Prize. He is, however, perhaps best known as a playwright, with a catalogue of plays that includes Donkeys’ Years, Noises Off, Copenhagen and, most recently, Afterlife, together with a number of translations, mostly from Russian. Speaking after news of the appointment was made public, The Master said, ‘I am delighted that Michael has agreed to do this. I think he will bring a breadth of experience to the role that few could match in terms of the diversity and quantity of his output… His wit and intellect infuse all that he does, and we are immensely privileged to be welcoming him to St Catherine’s in this role.’

Michael Frayn delivered his inaugural lecture – ‘CHILDSPLAY: A personal look at the origins, nature and possibilities of the theatre’ – at St Catherine’s College on Monday 26 October 2009.
College life

Pictures in Public
Catz hosts high-profile symposium

On 11 September 2009, a conference was held in St Catherine’s on ‘Pictures in Public: Online Collections, Research and Public Engagement’. Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the symposium, which was organised by the College’s Fellow in History of Art, Dr Gervase Rosser, gathered senior professionals from the media (notably the BBC), national and provincial museums and galleries, and academic art historians. The object of bringing together the diverse participants was to generate conversation both about the proliferation of art image databases on the internet, and also about the impact of the new technology on academic research, on museums, commercial media and the public. Taking as a case-study a project called ‘YourPaintings’, which will put online the national collection of 200,000 oil paintings in public collections, the delegates discussed ways to further public engagement with the visual arts.

Oxford Food Symposium

It is now the fourth year that Catz has hosted the annual conference organised by The Oxford Food Symposium on Food and Cookery. The Symposium, an educational charity whose core objective is to encourage the serious study of food history, took ‘Food and Language’ for their theme this year. On Saturday 12 September, the 220 delegates – who comprised writers, critics and food enthusiasts – were given a thoroughly enjoyable lesson in ‘The language of French gastronomy: from the raw to the cooked’ in the form of a banquet prepared by chefs from Raymond Blanc’s Le Manoir aux Quat’Saisons.

Catz student leads Oxford to Varsity Triathlon victory

The College offers its congratulations to Sean Renfer (2006, Biological Sciences), who won the individual event at the Varsity Triathlon that took place at Blenheim Palace. Sean, who will be awarded a Full Blue for his achievements, led Oxford to their victory in the men’s team event, breaking a nine-year spell of Cambridge dominance.
Emilie’s Charities
An update report from Martin Harris

Emilie Harris was in her first year studying Human Sciences at Catz when she was tragically killed in a cycling accident in May 2004. She had been elected as a Charities Rep for the College the week before the accident. In 2002, Emilie had spent five months in South America, during which time she had worked in an orphanage in Bolivia, experiencing at first hand the challenges faced both by young children and by those preparing to leave the orphanage (often no further support would be available once they had left, and girls were particularly vulnerable to exploitation). She was very moved by her experience in South America, as two years previously she had witnessed the plight of poor children in Ghana.

After Emilie’s accident, Emilie’s parents got together with students from Catz to set up Emilie’s Charities to raise money for causes that Emilie would have supported. Emilie’s Charities has thus principally sought to assist projects involving under-privileged children and young adults in developing countries.

Now that the charity has been in existence for several years, we have had the pleasure of seeing the first ‘Emilie’s Graduates’ – students who have completed further education courses funded by the charity. Others are close to completion of courses, while several are just beginning. The subjects being studied include nursing, medicine, teaching, law, motor mechanics, languages, psychology and tourism. In addition, the charity is sponsoring a number of youngsters from poor families who are still in secondary education. (For other details of the projects see www.emiliescharities.org.uk).

Catz fundraising activities have included various musical evenings, cake sales, a quad marathon, two calendars (inspired by Calendar Girls), a sponsored hitchhike, a cricket match involving Catz old boys, and many other events. Emilie’s Charities was also selected as one of the beneficiaries of the sales of the book Capture the Oxford Moment, a selection of photographs taken by Oxford Students that includes a picture of Emilie and a friend from Catz. At the instigation of medics from Catz, Emilie’s Charities was also nominated as one of the beneficiaries of the 2007 Medical Students’ Pantomime.

Emilie’s parents, Martin and Judy, would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who has been involved at Catz and elsewhere in raising money for Emilie’s Charities. They have seen the enormous difference that the support of the charity has made to the lives of the youngsters across the world.

Emilie’s Charities is a Registered Charity, number 1108537.

Emilie’s Charities has, to date, supported children and young adults in Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Nepal, Russia, Nigeria, Uganda, Rwanda, Mali, Malawi and South Africa.

All money raised goes directly to the projects, with administration costs covered by the trustees.
Peter Mandelson addresses Oxford University Labour Club

Lord Mandelson, First Secretary of State returned to St Catherine’s, his former college, on the invitation of Oxford University Labour Club early in Michaelmas Term, to talk to a packed Bernard Sunley Theatre. A relaxed looking Mandelson spoke enthusiastically about Labour’s achievements, the Conservative opposition and his party’s future. He focused on the need for change in a talk that appealed to a theatre crowded with ‘budding princes of darkness’, as Mandelson himself joked. Second-year St Catherine’s student and co-chair of OULC, Ben Lyons said of the event: ‘It was really exciting being able to host Lord Mandelson at his old college. He seemed excited to be back at Catz and gave a great speech, full of energy and enthusiasm. We had people from across the university queuing up to come in and at the end, he seemed surprised (although not unhappy) to receive the celebrity treatment, with plenty of requests for interviews and photos with students.’ A full report of Lord Mandelson’s speech will be published in The Year.

Your College needs you!

The Development Office continues to plan a very full calendar of events to celebrate the College’s anniversary in 2012, and in order to invite as many of our alumni as possible back to the College for these events, we need your help.

We have a number of Year Reps who keep in regular touch with their year group and occasionally meet up with them. However we need more. If you think you would be able to spare a little time to contact the members of your cohort, to find out what they are doing since they left College and make sure we have their up to date contact details, we would be very grateful.

The main role of the year rep is to ‘friend-raise’ and strengthen links between alumni and the College, with the full support of the Development Office.

If you would like to volunteer as a year rep, please get in touch with Franca Potts in the Development Office at franca.potts@stcatz.ox.ac.uk or telephone 01865 281596

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Catz second year builds punt

Many students while away the summer term with long days punting on Oxford’s rivers – but few decide that they spend so much time doing so, that they may as well build their own punt! James Newman, a second-year Medical student decided in Trinity Term that he would combine two of his interests, woodwork and punting, and attempt to build his very own punt. The project came to fruition over the summer, as James routinely spent five hours a day for two months in his parents’ garage working on the craft.

James describes his greatest obstacle during the construction process as working out how to make sure that his punt functioned. This was especially tricky as its design is ‘unique in the world of punting’, using lighter, thinner materials and featuring several luxury additions, including drinks holders and a storage compartment. It is constructed from marine-ply and pine and is waterproofed with epoxy resin and fibreglass. It is significantly lighter than standard punts and thus is faster, more manoeuvrable and demands less effort. At 5.8m long, 90cm across and 36cm deep, the punt comfortably seats four people plus the punter.

The punt, which was housed at St Catz for the first week of term, had an official launch on the 17th October, where it was named ‘Ratio’.

When asked if he had any future plans for other such projects given the success of ‘Ratio’, James said, ‘if anyone desperately wants a punt I’m sure I could enter into some sort of negotiations’, although for the time being, he will return to working for his degree! James is currently fishing for somewhere to moor his punt.
Jonathan Morgan

Jonathan Morgan comes to St. Catherine’s as Tutor in Law. Originally from Warwickshire, Jonathan read jurisprudence at Balliol before lecturing at Warsaw University and then Magdalen College. In 2002, he moved to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge to write a PhD examining social science perspectives on contract law, especially law and economics, and sociological studies of contracting. From 2004-2009 he was Fellow and Director of Studies in Law at Christ’s College, where he also joined the Fellows’ rowing squad and became senior treasurer of the Cambridge University Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Jonathan’s research interests range widely across public and private law. Conference papers in 2009 have included an examination of the law and politics of causation and compensation in the ‘asbestos saga’ in England and Scotland, and a proposal to strengthen parliamentary scrutiny of human rights while diminishing the role of judges and lawyers. Current research plans include a book on the limits of judicial intervention in commercial contract law, and a call for a return to textual fidelity in statutory (and contractual) interpretation.

David Womersley

Professor of English elected to a Fellowship of the British Academy

The College extends its warmest congratulations to David Womersley, Thomas Warton Professor of English Literature, who has been one of seven Oxford academics to be elected to a Fellowship of the British Academy, the national academy for the humanities and social sciences, at the Academy’s annual general meeting on 16 July 2009. Professor Womersley, who has been a Fellow at Catz since 2002, is also a Fellow of the English Association and the Royal Historical Review. His research interests extend from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries and he has published on Burke, Johnson and Gibbon. He is currently one of the General Editors of the forthcoming Cambridge University Press edition of the complete writings of Jonathan Swift, for which project he is editing Gulliver’s Travels.

Peter Edwards

Catz Fellow honoured by German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

Professor Peter Edwards, Head of Inorganic Chemistry in the University of Oxford, has been elected to the distinguished German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina in recognition of his scientific achievements and personal standing. The Leopoldina is the oldest German-speaking society of scholars, with an uninterrupted history of over 350 years. It is a free association of scholars acting to advance human scientific development beyond the boundaries of disciplines and countries. In 2008, The Leopoldina became the National Academy of Sciences in Germany.

Michael Sullivan

Emeritus Fellow honoured in Beijing

In March 2009, Professor Michael Sullivan went to Beijing to receive an award from the Beijing Harmony Culture Foundation. The award, which took the form of a cake of precious ink, engraved in gold with Professor Sullivan’s name, was made in recognition of his lifelong work promoting the knowledge and understanding of Chinese art and culture abroad.

Udo Oppermann

Udo Oppermann is Principal Investigator of the Metabolic Enzymes Group (MEG) at the Structural Genomics Consortium (SGC), a not-for-profit organisation that aims to determine the three-dimensional structures of proteins of medical relevance, and place them in the public domain without restriction. Over the past four years, the group has solved the structures of over 100 novel human enzymes involved in metabolic disorders and cancer. These achievements have positioned the MEG as one of the leading groups working in the field of structural biochemistry of metabolic enzymes, and have resulted in the establishment of strong collaborations with international and Oxford-based research groups. Professor Oppermann, who has been at Oxford since 2004, has recently been appointed to a Professorship of Musculoskeletal Sciences and a Fellowship by Special Election at St. Catherine’s College.
Visiting Fellows

Professor Denis Baranger
Christensen Fellow, Michaelmas Term 2009

Denis Baranger has been Professor of Public Law at the Law Faculty of Paris (Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris II) since 2001, and a Fellow of the Institut Universitaire de France since September 2008. He read Law at the Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris II and later studied for a degree in public administration at the Institut d’études politiques of Paris. He also holds an LLM from the University of Cambridge. Denis wrote his doctoral thesis on the inception of parliamentary government in eighteenth-century Britain. His research was turned into a book – Parlementarisme des Origines – which was awarded the François-Furet Prize in 2000. Denis has held visiting positions in several universities, including the University of Melbourne and the University of Oxford, and is currently the director of the Institut Michel Villey. His research interests centre round constitutional culture (especially British constitutional culture) and the history of political and moral thought. He is currently working on classical utilitarianism – particularly as advocated by Jeremy Bentham – and its impact on the history of political thought.

David Carnegie FNZAH
Christensen Fellow, Michaelmas Term 2009

David Carnegie holds a Chair in Theatre at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, where he has taught since 1978. His undergraduate and PhD work were undertaken at Toronto and London respectively. In addition to working in professional theatre in London, he taught in Canada at McGill University and the University of Guelph, and New Zealand’s University of Otago, before moving to Victoria. His research interests combine textual and dramaturgical study of early modern theatre with practical theatrical exploration of the plays in performance. He has edited for the Malone Society, and is co-editor of the (so far) three-volume Cambridge edition of The Works of John Webster. He is currently editing Twelfth Night for the Internet Shakespeare edition, and a fourth and final volume of the Cambridge University Press Webster, research for which will include directing the little-known Sir Thomas Wyatt next year. While at St Catherine’s he will also be preparing for publication a collection of essays from the recent Cardenio Colloquium held in Wellington on the occasion of his directing the world premiere of Professor Gary Taylor’s creative reconstruction of Shakespeare and Fletcher’s lost play Cardenio.

Jeremy Tambling

Jeremy Tambling is Professor of Literature at Manchester University, and, until 2005, was Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Hong Kong. His research interests are in all aspects of literature and critical theory, and on opera and film: his most recent books are Going Astray: Dickens and London (Longman 2008) and Allegory (Routledge, 2009). He is currently writing a book called On Reading the Will: this is on the will, and will-power, and on the ‘last will and testament’.
London Party 2009

Over 150 alumni and friends of the College attended this year’s London Party, which took place on Monday 21 September in the splendid surroundings of the Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall. The evening saw a virtuoso performance by the Catz Quintet, and the College’s oldest known alumnus, ninety-nine-year-old Reverend Dr Marcus Gregory (1935, Oriental Studies) spoke to the assembled party about his affection for St Catherine’s before presenting the Master with a copy of his latest book, The Regulators of our Cognitive Behaviour Programme.

History Reunion Dinner

On Saturday 12 September 2009, over thirty alumni joined current and Emeritus Fellows at St Catherine’s for a highly successful Historians’ Reunion Dinner. The evening began with drinks in the SCR garden and was followed by dinner in the Long Dining Room. After dinner, Emeritus Fellow Jose Harris gave a speech in which she focused in particular on the character and teaching of the late Professor George Holmes, a Founding Fellow of the College, whose presence had been anticipated when the dinner was planned, but who died earlier this year. Professor Harris emphasised both the humanity and intellectual range of George Holmes, noting that while his early work showed influence of economic materialism, he was, even then, susceptible to the cultural and religious concerns which became more evident in his later career. The dinner concluded with a toast to St Catherine’s Historians.

Northumberland Garden Party

On Saturday the 4th of July, Dr. Tony and Mary Henfrey kindly hosted a wonderful garden party in conjunction with the Master and his wife, at the Henfrey’s Northumberland home, Callaly Castle. The event was a great success with over thirty guests from Scotland and the north of England gathering to enjoy beautiful weather and beautiful surroundings.

Botanists host first reunion dinner at Catz

As part of this year’s Alumni Weekend, the College was pleased to host the first official reunion dinner for Botany alumni. Catz Emeritus Fellow Dr Barrie Juniper, a world expert on the origins of the apple, was guest of honour at the event, which saw alumni from across the University gather in the Senior Common Room for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.
Ian Craig

Human Sciences reunion lunch to celebrate retirement

On Saturday 26 September 2009, over eighty of Ian Craig’s former Human Sciences students returned to College for a buffet lunch to celebrate his retirement. The College’s Tutor for Visiting Students, Naomi Freud, who first came to Catz as one of Ian’s students, spoke on behalf of all present when she thanked Ian for, in her words, recognising her potential and ‘taking a chance on me, and on us all’. All members of the College join in wishing Ian a very happy retirement.

Clark Ervin

Catz alumnus plays key role in Obama’s Transition Team

Clark Kent Ervin (1980, PPE), who came to St Catherine’s as a Rhodes Scholar, served as Co-Chairman of the Transition Team at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for then President-elect Obama. For a period of several weeks following last year’s American election, Clark and his small team combed every nook and cranny of the massive American-government agency (it has a budget of over $40 billion and employs 200,000) established to protect the United States from the threat of future terror strikes after the attacks of 11 September 2001. The Department of Homeland Security focuses on securing the air, sea and land borders of the American transport network; and it plays a key role in emergency preparedness and response, critical infrastructure protection, intelligence, and counterterrorism. Clark and his team evaluated which programmes and operations were working, which were not, and what policy and organisational changes – if any – should be made by the new management team. Their work culminated in a lengthy report for the new Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano (a former Governor of the State of Arizona), a document that is no doubt proving invaluable to her as she assumes the mantle of leadership at the DHS.

Upon the completion of the report, Clark played a key role in preparing Napolitano for her Senate confirmation hearings, before acting in a similar capacity for Jane Holl Lute, who was confirmed by the Senate as Deputy Secretary in April.

Previously Inspector General of the United States Departments of State and Homeland Security, Clark now heads the Homeland Security Program at the Aspen Institute, a Washington-based public policy and convening organisation. He is also a security analyst for the international media network, CNN, and a member of the congressionally-chartered Wartime Contracting Commission on Iraq and Afghanistan, which is charged with investigating contract-related corruption in those two wars. Clark, who is frequently cited in print as a security expert, is a regular contributor of feature articles and commentaries on security matters to major American publications such as The New York Times and The Washington Post, and is also frequently called to testify in Congress. His book, Open Target: Where America is Vulnerable to Attack, was published to widespread critical acclaim in 2006.

Clark is also a member of the Board of Directors of Clear Path Technologies, and a Special Venture Partner in a Silicon Valley-based venture capital fund, Levensohn Venture Partners IV. He lives in Washington with his wife, Carolyn Harris, and their three year old daughter, Callie.
News in brief

Births
Non-identical twins Amelia Carys and Georgiana Bronwen were born on 1 May 2009 to Adrienne (1994, Biological Sciences) and Tim Forster, a month before their first wedding anniversary.

Alexander Edward Gibbons was born on 7 June 2009 to Andrea (Law, 1996) and Edward Gibbons.

Awards
Susannah Fleming (1998, Engineering Science) was awarded the Royal Academy of Engineering Research Student Fellowship 2008 and the Institution of Engineering and Technology’s William James Award 2008. David Taplin (1961, Engineering Science) has been awarded the Premier Gold Medal of the International Congress on Fracture (ICF) in Ottawa. He received the Inaugural ICF Takeo Yokobori Gold Medal for his research in fracture and his contribution to the ICF (1969–2009) on the occasion of his seventieth birthday in July this year.

Appointments
Reza Abhari (1981, Engineering Science) and his wife, Karen, and three daughters moved to Switzerland ten years ago from America. He is currently the Director of the Laboratory for Energy Conversion at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, leading a dynamic, multi-cultural community of researchers who are working to address a range of the interesting scientific and technical challenges which face society today. In Michaelmas 2010, he will be returning to College as a Christensen Visiting Fellow.

Tony Hancox (1949, English) has been appointed co-ordinator by the River and Rowing Museum and Thames Rowing Club – which celebrates its sesquicentennial year in 2010 – to stage an exhibition of its 150 years of rowing in the museum’s Schwarzenbach International Gallery in Henley on Thames. At its centenary, Thames had won at Henley Royal Regatta sixty-seven times, and had produced thirty crews which had represented England or Great Britain at the Olympic Games, the British Empire and Commonwealth Games and the European and the World Championships. Tony was its Captain in 1958, the year in which he rowed at 5 in the England VIII at the sixth British Empire and Commonwealth Games, winning silver.

Publications
The latest work by Mark Beech (1977, PPE), The Dictionary of Rock & Pop Names was published in June this year by Pen & Sword. It is an updated version of his earlier book The A-Z of Names in Rock (Robson Books: 1998). Mark has interviewed many rock stars for his books, and for columns which are syndicated to 500 newspapers worldwide.

Free Agent (Simon and Schuster: 2009), a first novel from Jeremy Duns (1993, English), was published in Britain and Canada in May this year (and by Penguin in America two months later). The first of a trilogy of spy-thrillers set in 1949, the book has received favourable reviews from The Guardian, The Chicago Sun-Times and Publishers’ Weekly and was listed as one of The Daily Telegraph’s ‘fifty summer reads’.

Personality, Personality Disorders and Violence by Mary McCurrin and Richard Howard (1968, PPE) was published by Wiley Blackwell in March 2009.

Other news
Tina Lee (2005, Geography) has matriculated at Princeton University as a Sociology student reading for a PhD. She will begin her research in autumn this year, and expects to graduate in 2014.

David Littlewood (1962, Modern History) has, together with another person, developed a long-distance walking route (approximately 260 kilometres in length) across the Alps. For more information about the route, and how to walk it, please go to www.alpieway.com.

Raghuraj (Raj) Prasad (1957, Botany) has recently retired after working for the Canadian Forestry Service for several decades and after an international career in integrated pest management which saw him garner many awards and honours. He now works part-time at the Pacific Forestry Centre in Victoria, Canada.
Dates for your diary

Monday 30 November
Alan Tayler Lecture – to be delivered by Lord Desai from the London School of Economics

Thursday 10 December
Varsity Match

Thursday 11 February 2010
The James Lecture – to be delivered by Lord Drayson, Minister for Science and Innovation

Friday 9 April 2010
Spring Inter-Collegiate Golf Tournament at Frilford Heath Golf Club

Monday 26 April 2010
London Party in the House of Lords

Thursday 20 May 2010
Katritzky Lecture – to be delivered by Professor Richard Thomson, Watson Gordon Professor of Fine Art, University of Edinburgh

For more details about these and other forthcoming events, please go to the College’s website, www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk, or contact Franca Potts in the Development Office.