Since the last edition of CatzEye, life at St Catherine’s has been as busy as ever for our students, Fellows and alumni, as you will no doubt see in the following pages.

It was with great sadness that I announced the death of one of our Emeritus Fellows earlier in the year. Derek Davies (1931–2016) died on 9 March 2016, aged 85. Derek was integral to the transformation of St Catherine’s Society into a College, he was Vice-Master from 1971 to 1973 and elected as the University’s Senior Proctor from 1963–1964. A familiar face to many of you, he taught as the College’s first Law Tutor until his retirement in 1996, when he was elected to an Emeritus Fellowship. Details of a memorial service in October will be announced shortly.

In Michaelmas Term, we welcomed Guardian Theatre critic Michael Billington (1959, English) to discuss his new book, The 101 Greatest Plays from Antiquity to the Present (Faber, 2015). In Hilary Term, we held the fourth staging of the CatzExchange Conference, with the aim of bringing together members of the College to share and discuss their research and promote an exchange of ideas. The Conference certainly succeeded in showcasing the broad range of subjects studied at Catz, as we welcomed a record 20 speakers across four multi-disciplinary panels.

I am delighted to announce that 2016 marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Wallace Watson Award, which has supported numerous Catz students with travel adventures around the world since it was set up in 2001 in memory of Wallace Watson (2000, Chemistry). Two of our undergraduates have been jointly awarded this year’s Wallace Watson Award and you will find details of their proposed expeditions on page 4.

Our students continue to excel on the sports field. In Hilary Term, the women’s College football team won the league and women’s hockey were runners-up in Cuppers; and numerous students have represented the University in Varsity matches over the year. Our students continue to excel on the sports field. In Hilary Term, the women’s

Cover image: A montage of scenes from around St Catherine’s
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Derek Davies 1931–2016

The College is deeply saddened to announce that Derek Davies [B.C.L., M.A., LL.B], Emeritus and Founding Fellow of the College, died on 9 March 2016.

In 1954, Derek became the first Tutor in Law at St Catherine’s Society and he was integral to the formation of St. Catherine’s as a recognised collegiate institution. He was Vice-Master from 1971 to 1973 and elected as the University’s Senior Proctor from 1963 to 1964. He taught at the College until his retirement in 1996, when he was elected to an Emeritus Fellowship.

Derek’s main area of interest was Trusts, and he also taught in the Law Faculty at the National University of Singapore during part of each year after his retirement from Catz.

A Memorial Service will be held for Derek in October and further details will be circulated in due course. A full obituary will appear in The Year.

If you would like to attend the Service, please email development.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk

Wilfred Wong Renews Catz Matching Gift

For the last two years, alumnus Wilfred Wong (m. 1976) has generously matched donations to St Catherine’s. Wilfred’s enduring support has made an incredible difference, generating record fundraising results at the College. He has doubled or tripled the value of over 400 donations, helping to raise more than £300,000 for the benefit of current and future students.

We are delighted and honoured to announce that Wilfred will be matching gifts again this year. The College is extremely grateful, and we hope that many in our Catz community will take this wonderful opportunity to continue their support or make their very first gifts.

‘My time at Catz helped to transform me’, Wilfred commented, ‘and I am very pleased to enable others to have the same life-changing experience that I had.’

To find out more about the difference your support makes at the College, please visit www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/giving

CatzExchange Conference Success

The College was delighted to welcome 20 speakers across four multi-disciplinary panels to the fourth CatzExchange Conference, held in the Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre in Hilary Term.

Initiated by Senior Tutor Professor Bart van Es, organised this year by Serkan Birgel (2014, Geography), Matthew Fisher (2011, Chemistry), Elizabeth Smethurst (2013, Medical Sciences), and supported by Jerome Mayaud (2013, Geography), CatzExchange seeks to bring together members of the College to share and discuss their research, demonstrate the broad range of subjects studied at Catz and to promote an exchange of ideas. The conference comprises a series of seven-minute talks and undergraduates, graduates and Fellows were invited to submit a paper. With 70 audience members in attendance, the 2016 CatzExchange proved a delightful measure of the event’s level of engagement in College.

Presentation subjects ranged from gender-based violence, technology in the classroom, the concept of infinity, the meaning of ‘Being’, the significance of historical town seals, the churching of women in medieval Europe and deadly defects in aluminium casings, with a key aim being to encourage cross-disciplinary discussion. Emeritus Fellow, Professor John Ockendon, concluded the event by conveying some deep mathematical ideas to a multi-disciplinary audience in a very engaging manner. The spirit of the exchange was carried forth into a four-course dinner.

This year saw the introduction of the ‘Best Speaker’ Award, which was awarded to Stephen Pates (2015, Zoology) for his presentation entitled, ‘Trilobites – identifying 500-million-year old lunches’.

The organisers would like to thank all those who contributed to the event and they hope to see many of you at next year’s conference in Hilary Term.
Fifteenth Anniversary of Wallace Watson Award

William Hartz (2013, Chemistry) and Angus Young (2014, Chemistry) have been named as the 2016 Wallace Watson Award winners. It is the fifteenth anniversary of the award, which is awarded to a Catz student to undertake a challenging expedition in a mountainous or remote region anywhere in the world, in memory of Wallace Watson (2000, Chemistry). Angus is aiming to cycle 5000km across Asia from Osh to Ulaanbaatar, whilst William is heading into the Arctic Circle following the ski tracks of the 1923 Oxford University Arctic Expedition.

Founded by the Watson family in 2001, the Wallace Watson Award has funded students who have climbed peaks in Greenland, kayaked thousands of kilometres, travelled the length of the Ganges, biked from Poland across the Sahara to Benin, traversed the Alps and Pyrenees on a bike and hunted porcupines in Botswana. Many students have used their expedition to discover new boundaries and propel them to bigger adventures. Since leaving Catz, Myles Karp (2012, Cognitive & Evolutionary Anthropology) has continued his fascination with bananas. The knowledge acquired from his expedition has led him to help produce an episode of the television show Vice about the plight facing banana plants due to the threat of the Panama Disease (Tropical Race 4) on American TV channel HBO. It is expected to air later in 2016 or early in 2017. Myles commented, ‘My Wallace Watson experience has opened many doors, as well as cultivating friendships in Costa Rica that keep me going back. I am extremely grateful to the Watsons and Catz for enabling me to take the first steps and fuelling what I expect to be a lifelong passion.’

The annual lecture in Hilary Term, where last year’s winner gives a presentation on their adventure and the new winners are announced, saw over 220 people attend this year. Teddy Watson commented, ‘Most satisfying is watching award holders develop into resilient and responsible leaders. It augurs well for the future and Wallace’s light shines on!’

Catz Student Deputy Editor of Cherwell

We are delighted to announce that Emmanuelle Soffe (2014, History of Art), who is receiving a scholarship with the help of a group of alumni known as DJARPOTT, was appointed Deputy Editor of the Oxford University student newspaper Cherwell at the end of Michaelmas Term. Emmanuelle has been the only female member in the Senior Editorial Team and the most senior woman at Cherwell since December 2015.

Since taking up the position, Emmanuelle has interviewed Marina & the Diamonds and has worked as joint Press Officer for speakers Martin Garrix and Stormzy.

Before her role at Cherwell, Emmanuelle was Fashion Editor and produced/directed TDS and GANT clothing adverts. This summer, in addition to internships at GQ Magazine and The Sunday Times, Emmanuelle is co-launching her own fashion advertisement company and she is set to begin a postgraduate scheme with Brand Strategists Design Bridge after she graduates in 2017.

New Catz Orchestra Formed

In Hilary Term, a newly-formed Catz Orchestra comprising around 20 undergraduates and graduates and led by Chloe Rooke (2015, Music), who is receiving a scholarship from Simon Clark (1966, Modern Languages) and Clare Clark, performed a programme of Mendelssohn’s Hebrides Overture, Wagner’s Siegfried Idyll and Beethoven’s Egmont Overture as part of a spring-themed concert held in the Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre.

Chloe commented, ‘The selection of music was chosen to provide a suitable balance of difficulty to challenge players and give each section of the orchestra a moment to shine.’

The orchestra is holding a Trinity Term concert to include Bizet’s Carmen Suite.
Michael Billington Discusses New Book

In Michaelmas Term, the College welcomed Guardian theatre critic, Michael Billington (1959, English) to discuss his new book, The 101 Greatest Plays from Antiquity to the Present (Faber, 2015).

Professor Kirsten Shepherd-Barr, Fellow and Tutor in English, interviewed Michael in the Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre in front of an audience of students, Fellows and visitors, questioning him on how he chose the plays he includes and what he considers to be the qualities that make a great play.

As well as drawing on his vast experience of drama from his many decades as Guardian theatre critic, Michael explained how his experience of studying English at Catz fed directly into his career.

Asked how he defines ‘greatness’, Michael revealed how he particularly values plays that have moral ambivalence, leaving the audience with conflicting emotions or those that leave the audience to decide, given the dilemma posed by the play. Another criterion is the ability to inhabit multiple time zones simultaneously: plays that are rooted in their historical period but transcend the generational barrier, thus helping them stand the test of time.

Meanwhile, this Trinity Term both Siân and fellow Catz student Sarah Attril (2014, Biological Sciences) hope to repeat the Oxford University Women’s Cricket Club records they set last summer, with Siân scoring 127 not out in the T20 varsity and Sarah scoring 141 not out in the 50-over match. Oxford hosted Cambridge in the Cricket T20 Varsity on 20 May in University Parks and will play them in the 50-over Varsity match at Lords on 1 July.

Catz Student to coach Argentinian National Cricket team during Year Abroad

Siân Kelly (2014, Modern Languages & Linguistics) has represented Oxford in Football and Cricket varsity matches during the past year and the double Blue is delighted to have secured the opportunity to work as the manager of the Argentinian women’s cricket team, Los Flamingos, during her year abroad next year.

Siân will fly out in early September to work with the team in preparation for the South American Championships in Rio de Janeiro in October. She will also be going into local schools and clubs in Buenos Aires to lead and assist with coaching sessions. After her varsity successes, Siân hopes to continue to play both cricket and football whilst she is in Argentina.

In Michaelmas Term, Siân was part of the best college women’s football team that enjoyed a 1–0 victory over Cambridge. Siân commented, ‘Varsity was a real highlight of what was a successful season. I also joint-captained the St Catz women’s football team with Ellie Jarman (2014, Chemistry), where we won the league we had just been promoted to. Therefore, I suppose we can call ourselves the best women’s college football team in Oxford!’

You can still buy the 2016 Oxford Almanack, which features Catz. See www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/Buy-Almanack to purchase your copy. The Almanack makes a very special College souvenir!
The JCR Report

It has been a fantastic year for the JCR, which has once again excelled in sport and established a range of new projects. What’s more, we continue to embody that wonderful something which makes the Catz culture so welcoming and vibrant.

Projects have included a funding system to enable sports teams to go on tour, a new constitution, a written agreement that the rainbow flag will fly above Catz during LGBTQ history month, kitchen refurbishments, tutor welfare training, and even the possibility of a Catz cat! Alumni funding has contributed to gym renovation and the commissioning of six portraits of female college members, which will be hung in the Library’s (currently all male) collection.

JCR dynamism has been matched on the clubs and societies front, with the creation of Catzappela, Great British Bake-Off Society, Maths Society, Breakfast Club and Go-karting Club. The women’s football team won Division One, women’s hockey finished runners-up in Cuppers and numerous JCR members were awarded Blues and Half Blues. 75 JCR members went to Cambridge to compete in what is set to become an annual day of varsity-style matches against our sister college, Robinson.

College Welfare reps have done some fantastic work, running sexual consent workshops for students, as well as a Mental Health Awareness Week in Hilary Term to promote understanding and open discourse. Hilary Term saw Catz’ first International Week to give JCR members a taste of each other’s cultures, with events including Chinese calligraphy courses, language taster sessions and dumpling tasting workshops. This year has also seen us appoint the Catz Ball committee for the event scheduled for Hilary 2017.

It has been an honour and a joy to lead the JCR in a year full of sporting and cultural achievements. I will be forever proud to have led this wonderful community!

Sarah White
(2014, English) JCR president

The MCR Report

Starting from a bright and busy Freshers’ Week, our new members have quickly soaked up the Catz spirit and got actively involved. This has marked this past academic year as a vibrant and busy one for the MCR community.

Our bursting social calendar has included Exchange Dinners, two joint bops with Trinity College and New College, weekly group yoga sessions, Sunday pizza and taco nights, waffle brunches, and a day-trip to Bath. The MCR Charity Auction raised over £1350 towards the MCR Overseas Scholarship, which after three years of fundraising, has accrued enough to be awarded in this coming academic year, thanks to the generosity of our members. All of this success so far is owed to the hard work of the outgoing MCR committee, headed by Co-Presidents Pete Forsyth (2009, Engineering) and Elizabeth Smethurst (2013, Medical Sciences).

The past year has also been filled with sporting achievement. At College level, Moctar Kane (2014, International Development) revived the MCR Football team, which went on to win eight out of nine matches after a seven-year absence. At University level, Ben Abraham (2014, International Development) won a Blue for Basketball, Caroline LeClerc (2014, Continuing Education) received Half Blues in both Horse Racing and Pentathlon, and Robert Main (2013, History) represented Oxford at Ice Hockey and American Football.

To keep with the theme of a vibrant and busy community, a series of MCR events have been taking place this Trinity Term, including exchange dinners, an exchange visit to our sister college, Robinson College, an Academic Seminar by the MCR graduate scholars and the much anticipated MCR Garden Party.

As the Co-Presidents, we are excited and proud to lead the Catz MCR forward.

Julian Malisano
(2014, Materials) and William Beuckelaers
(2014, Engineering Sciences) MCR Co-Presidents
Catz Olympic Hopefuls
Target Rio

In an outstanding year of sport at Catz, where the women's football team won the league, women's hockey were runners-up in Cuppers and numerous students represented Oxford in Varsity matches in their respective sports, we are delighted to announce that several of our Catz community are aiming for the Rio Olympics this summer.

Alumni Andrew Triggs Hodge MBE (2004, Geography & the Environment) and Mari Rabie (2010, Statistics) are set to participate in their third and second Olympics respectively, whilst alumnus Zoe de Toledo (2010, Experimental Psychology) and current DPhil student Sophia Saller (2011, Maths), whose DPhil is very generously supported by funding from Andrew Mullins (1998, Maths), are hoping to add to the tally of Catz Olympians, which currently stands at ten, by making it to Rio.

CatzEye met our Olympic hopefuls to hear their thoughts about Catz sport on the Eve of the Games.

How is your preparation going for Rio?
MR: Racing has gone really well in the World Series with a fourth place in the New Plymouth World Cup.
SS: I had a foot injury a few months back, but I am very young for a triathlete, so if I don't make Rio, I'm going to have another shot at the Olympics.
ZD: My preparation is going well. We won the Europeans last month and we had a good training camp in Germany.
AT: We have the strongest and most experienced team I've ever rowed with. Preparations are going well, spirits are high and winning is the only real option!

What has been the role of Catz along your sporting journey?
MR: Sophia and I are the only two Oxonians racing Triathlon on the world circuit, so that shows something about Catz. I was inspired by Catz' previous Olympians. I would look at Matthew Pinsent's photo on the Iffley Road track and think 'How on earth did he do it?'
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ZD: I loved racing in the Boat Race and in bumps for Catz and it taught me so much. It is fantastic that Catz is still producing so many rowers.
AT: Rowing for Catz and Oxford encapsulated the true nature of rowing: dedication, belief, and enjoyment. I have some great memories.

What is your advice for sporting students at Catz?
MR: Never give up chasing what you want. I was injury ridden during my time at Catz, picked up weight, became really unfit, but still couldn't let this Olympic aim go.
SS: Never lose the passion that got you into your sport and never stop believing in your ability: If you think you can, you will.
AT: Sometimes a door is opened for you, but often you must find and open the door yourself. Occasionally walk an unknown path and you will be surprised what you will find.

Catz Olympics throughout History

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Eleanor Stride gains Red Women Award

Professor Eleanor Stride, a world expert in biomedical engineering, has been named as one of Red magazine’s Women of the Year for her work on using tiny bubbles to improve the delivery of cancer treatment.

As a part-scientist and part-engineer, Professor Stride’s work has the potential to change lives, by making better use of chemotherapy drugs to treat cancer, by ensuring the drug is released on target.

Red magazine invites nominations from the public for outstanding women ranging from Olympic athletes to top entrepreneurs. Winners are decided by a panel of judges consisting of leading women from the media, politics and business sectors.

Richard Parish and Peter Franklin Retirement Dinners

To mark the retirement of Professor Richard Parish after 39 years at the College, the Richard Parish Dinner for Modern Linguists was held at Catz during Hilary Term, with over 80 of Richard’s former students attending.

Richard joined the College in 1976 as a Tutorial Fellow in French. He has since held a variety of positions, including Vice-Master, Senior Tutor, and Tutor for Graduates and although he has retired, Richard is still at the College regularly, having succeeded John Simopoulos as Dean of Degrees.

Earlier in Trinity Term, a retirement dinner was also held for Professor Peter Franklin, who had taught at the College for 19 years. Peter joined Catz in 1996 as the College’s first Fellow in Music and he has made an extensive contribution to College life, both as a Music Fellow and formerly as Senior Tutor.

Fellows’ Publications

Kirsten Shepherd-Barr, Fellow and Professor in English and Theatre Studies, has published Modern Drama: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press, 2016). The book comprehensively charts the main developments in theatre since the 1880s and explores playwrights ranging from Ibsen, Robins and Shaw to Brecht, Beckett and Hansberry to Caryl Churchill, Sarah Kane and Tom Stoppard.

Fiona McConnell, Fellow and Associate Professor of Human Geography, has published Rehearsing the State: The Political Practices of the Tibetan-Government-in-Exile (RGS-IBG book series, Wiley, 2016). The book presents a comprehensive investigation of the institutions, performances, and actors through which the Tibetan Government-in-Exile is rehearsing statecraft and offers new insights into how communities officially excluded from formal state politics enact hoped-for futures and seek legitimacy in the present.

Bart van Es, Fellow and Professor in English, has published Shakespeare’s Comedies: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford University Press, 2016). Identifying the key qualities that make Shakespearean comedy distinctive, the book explores the changing nature of Shakespeare’s comic writing over a career that spanned nearly a quarter century of theatrical change. It looks at the history of the plays in performance, from the biographies of Shakespeare’s original actors to the plays’ endless reinventions in modern stage productions and films.

Justine Pila, Fellow and Tutor in Law, has written with Paul Torremans European Intellectual Property Law (Oxford University Press, 2016). The book aims to give readers a deep understanding of the key concepts and rules of European IP law, including their theoretical underpinnings and significance for the domestic laws of EU Member States, equip readers to analyse issues of IP law from a European perspective and to engage and interest readers further in the process of legal harmonisation, as well as in the European IP regime.

Paul S Davies and Justine Pila, Fellows and Tutors in Law, have co-edited The Jurisprudence of Lord Hoffmann (Hart Publishing, 2015). The book contains papers by current and past colleagues of Lord Hoffmann from Oxford University, which examine different aspects of his jurisprudence in private and public law. Compiled as a Festschrift to mark Lord Hoffmann’s 80th birthday, the contributions are testament to the clarity and creativity of his judicial and extra-judicial writings, to his enduring influence and extraordinary intellectual breadth, and to the respect and affection in which he is held.

Ben Bollig, Tutor in Spanish, recently launched The Foreign Passion (Influx Press, 2016) at an event at Espacio Enjambre, an arts space in Buenos Aires. The book is his bilingual edition of a new collection, La pasión extranjera, by the Argentine poet Cristian Aliaga. The collection was triggered by Aliaga’s travels around the British Isles and continental Europe during a visiting professorship at the University of Leeds.
Mark Simpson’s Opera premiered

Catz alumnus, virtuoso clarinettist, composer and former BBC Young Musician and BBC Proms/Guardian Young Composer of the Year, Mark Simpson (2008, Music), has written his first opera, Pleasure, which premiered in Leeds in April.

Pleasure is played out against the backdrop of a gay nightclub, and tells the story of Val, who works as an attendant in the toilets in the club, presided over by the Bacchanalian drag queen Anna Fewmore. Val is much loved, but viewed as an enigma. When Nathan, a beautiful and unpredictable young man, arrives in Pleasure and leaves a gift for Val, it marks the beginning of an emotional and violent night.

Mark has collaborated once again with librettist Melanie Challenger and the Jerwood Opera Writing Fellowship has enabled the pair to work on Pleasure. The duo recently received critical praise for their contribution to the Manchester International Festival, The Immortal, which was performed by the BBC Philharmonic.

Catz Alumnus appears on BBC4

Catz Alumnus Dr Robert Morrison (1984, English), appeared on BBC4’s The Secret Life of Books in November, a show hosted by John Cooper Clarke that explores how classic books shape life and culture. The fourth instalment in the series of the programme was devoted to Thomas De Quincey’s most famous work, Confessions of an English Opium-Eater, and contained two interviews with Dr Morrison, who is a leading expert on De Quincey.

Dr Morrison commented, ‘I was delighted to participate in this project because it was a chance to talk about De Quincey’s most notorious book and the profound impact it has had on our understanding of drugs, creativity and addiction.’

Dr Morrison is the author of The English Opium-Eater: A Biography of Thomas De Quincey, which was a finalist for the James Tait Black prize, the oldest literary prize in Britain.

Alumni Honours

The College would like to congratulate the following alumni on their recent achievements:

Professor David Mabberley (1967, Botany) was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2016 Australia Day Honours List, in recognition of his significant contribution to Botanical Science. As an academic, researcher and author of 17 books, Professor Mabberley has worked with plants on six continents over more than 45 years in both universities and at some of the world’s top botanic gardens, including Kew in London, the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney, where he was Executive Director from 2011–2013, and the University of Washington Gardens in Seattle.

Vivienne Cox (1977, Chemistry) was awarded the CBE in the 2016 New Year’s Honours List, for services to the UK Economy and Sustainability. Vivienne is a former Executive Vice President of BP where she was responsible for Gas, Power and Renewables, and previously served as Chair of Climate Change Capital. She currently sits on the Boards of Stena and Pearson. She is also a Non-Executive Director of the Department for International Development and was a member of the Airports Commission chaired by Howard Davies. She is Chairman of Vallourec SA, a major French company making seamless steel pipe.

Guy Vassall-Adams (1989, PPE) has been appointed Queen’s Counsel. Specialising in media law, public law and human rights, Guy has a high-profile practice, which involves representing national media organisations in open justice, privacy and libel cases, and internet service providers defending cases relating to online publications. Guy was at Doughty Street Chambers before joining Matrix in November 2013. Before being called to the Bar, he was a television journalist and a humanitarian affairs officer for the United Nations, where he was one of the founders of the humanitarian news service IRIN.

Professor Richard Carr (1956, PPE) has been awarded Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, in recognition of a lifetime’s writing on architecture in Domus, Der Architekt, The Guardian, The Scotsman and he was Scottish Correspondent from 1976 to 2000. Richard has also just completed his autobiography, which contains much about Catz and he is waiting to hear whether it has been accepted for publication.
Alumni Publications

Dev Lahiri (1975, Modern History) has published *With a little help from my Friends* (Rupa, 2015), essentially the story of his life, which, for variety of reasons, has followed a very unusual trajectory. He also gives an insight into the fate of people who ‘buck the system’ and challenge accepted beliefs and, indeed, the status quo.

Keith Jacobsen (1967, Modern Languages) has published *Sisters of Fury* (Book Guild Publishing, 2015), his fourth novel, dedicated to his Catz contemporaries and with the opening episodes set in the College in the late 1960s. His main characters, Jack and Hasan, meet in college as undergraduates and start a strange, lop-sided relationship which ends fatally for one of them.

Chris Crowcroft (1971 Law) has published for the Shakespeare 400th anniversary *Shakespeare in Trouble* (Aesop Modern, 2016). Based on true events, it is a detective novel that explores what happened when the playwright was implicated in an armed rebellion in 1601 after the performance of a play intended to incite the mob to regicide.

Lawrence Siegler (1954, Anthropology) has published *Selected Poems of William Dunbar: An Interlinear Translation* (In Promptu, 2010). This lively and sometimes bawdy court poet of James IV of Scotland wrote in Middle Scots, which is quite inaccessible to non-specialists. Dunbar writes with a vivid voice, metric versatility, and artistic skill. His work has never previously been translated into Modern English in an interlinear format, which makes his brilliant verses easily enjoyed by all.

Mitch Crusto (1977, Law) has published *Involuntary Heroes: Hurricane Katrina’s Impact on Civil Liberties* (Carolina Academic Press, 2015), which is about the government’s overreaction in post-hurricane Katrina New Orleans and how its abuse of civil liberties impacts the US constitution today. The book examines the experiences of Hurricane Katrina’s ‘involuntary heroes,’ those whose civil liberties were infringed upon by the government and who ultimately received little redress in the judicial system for their suffering. The book was a finalist for the ABA Silver Gavel book category.

Piers Torday (1993, English) has published *The Death of an Owl* (W&N, 2016), which is his father Paul’s final novel, but completed by him. It tells the story of Andrew Landford, who is driving home one night, when a barn owl flies into his windscreen. Andrew is poised to become the country’s next prime minister and was recently appointed to a parliamentary committee concerned with the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Barn Owls are a protected species, and it is a crime to kill one. He tries to cover up the accident, to protect his political career, but this has severe consequences.

James Rodgers (1984, Modern Languages) has published *Headlines from the Holy Land: Reporting the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2015). He draws on his experience as the only BBC journalist to be permanently based in Gaza from 2002 to 2004 to weave a history of reporting in the region and highlight the values of journalism. Using new archive research and original interviews with leading correspondents and diplomats, the book explains why this region exerts such a pull over reporters, who are often on the front lines telling the story of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Valentina Vadi (2003, Law) has published *Cultural Heritage in International Investment Law and Arbitration* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), in which she explores how international law governs the interplay between the protection of cultural heritage and the promotion of economic activities.

Family News

Olufemi Fadugba (2006, Materials Science) and Afkera Daniel (2010, Politics) recently announced their engagement, with Femi choosing staircase 12 at Catz, where the couple first met, as the location for his proposal! They look forward to seeing many College friends at the wedding.

Valentina Vadi (2003, Law) is proud to announce the birth of Ester Susanna, who arrived on 20 August 2015.

After an international rowing career spanning 17 years, which also included 10 world championship gold medals and three Boat Race appearances for Oxford, Matthew Pinsent CBE (1989, Geography) moved into sports commenting for the BBC and he will broadcast live from Rio this summer.

**Can you tell us about your involvement at the Rio Olympics?**
I will be going to Rio as part of the BBC team, covering rowing and slalom canoe primarily, but also a handful of other sports on a day-by-day basis, depending on where the Team GB medals are coming from.

**How optimistic are you about the Games?**
I think Rio has some real challenges ahead. The venues look behind schedule in some key areas and there are some difficulties with water quality for sailing. Add in the Zika virus and you have some potentially unpleasant headlines. However, I do still think there is a good chance of a fantastic Games. There is a magical quality to Rio, so it will be great to experience it in an external sporting festival.

**In your opinion, does the Olympics hold the potential to really contribute towards regenerating the city?**
I spoke to the Rio Mayor in the wake of 2012 and his desire was to elevate Rio’s bus network to encompass far more of the population. I do think that Brazil and Rio have an opportunity to really showcase themselves. London did so in 2012, putting on a really successful Games and reshaping the geography of the city to be far more East-facing. Brazil has other challenges in the political landscape and in relation to the economy, but the potential is there.

**Does commenting at the Olympics make you miss your rowing days and bring back memories of your Olympic experiences?**
No, not really. I’m happy with the chapter of my life that was rowing. I can’t go back and I wouldn’t want to actually. It is a lot less stressful watching others race and win for GB!

**Could you outline what you have done since retiring?**
Initially, I moved into BBC News and then Sport. I get to go to Summer Games and now Winter Olympics, Commonwealths, rowing events, the Boat Race and canoeing events too, so it’s a very varied calendar.

I still speak in a business environment and I’m doing a qualification in business coaching, which is fascinating and rigorous. It’s been great taking the next step from motivation into one-on-one coaching.

**Reflecting on your time at Catz, can you tell us about The Boat Race experience?**
Catz had a great run of rowing Blues during my years there. Three of the 1991 boat were Catz men.

Catz was amazing when I took a year out for the 1992 Olympics. It was clear that there were a few raised eyebrows within the academic quarters, but my tutor, Professor Ceri Peach, and the Master, Sir Brian Smith, were a formidable combination!
JUNE 2016
Saturday 18
Parents' & Second Year's Garden Party
Saturday 25

JULY 2016
Saturday 16, Friday 22, Saturday 23, Friday 29 & Saturday 30
Degree Days

SEPTEMBER 2016
Saturday 17
Degree Day
Friday 16, Saturday 17 & Sunday 18
Alumni Weekend in Oxford
Saturday 24
Family Day

OCTOBER 2016
Friday 7
Autumn Golf Meeting
Saturday 8
Derek Davies Memorial Service

NOVEMBER 2016
Saturday 5
Degree Day

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Galileo made his own and saw four moons of Jupiter with it (10, 9)
13 & 40. Author of Shakespeare in Trouble (5, 9)
14. Swiss warblers? (9)
15. Competitor, etymologically sharing the same waterfront? (5)
16. Sponsor’s due in limo for memorial symposia in Catz (10, 7)
18. Point–its end, its middle and its beginning (3)
19. Happily without number, perhaps (9)
21. One of those who weeps, according to the finder’s doggerel (5)
23. Bodypart found among the tulips (3)
25. Raise a beer glass— or swot for an exam (3, 2)
27. Double-dealing (9)
29. I have drunken deep of [3], And I will taste no other wine tonight—Shelley
30. To miss here, by the sound of it, is to misinterpret (7)
31. Originally a sandy place (5)
32. Bouquet—gay following has a minimalist one (5)
33. Bell—where Neville Robinson worked (4)

**CLUES DOWN**

2. Erasable programmable read-only memory (5)
3. It’s a Roman thing (3)
4. The only member of the family Myocastoridae (5)
5. Her—what they once called the missus oop North (7)
6. Freezing or frozen (5)
7. Peter ‘n’ Ally finally, and forever (9)
8. Follow directions to Susan (5)
9. Festive hang-up—don’t put your foot in it (9, 8)
10. Spin around and pot about four (5)
11. A sea orchid producing polyhedral forms (10)
12. Sort of periodical a flier sticks with? (8)
17. Exercise of tedious chaplaincy? (8, 10)
20. Fizz and Italian beer–America’s favourite pizza topping (9)
21. Every second letter from Algeria is made of flowers (3)
22. Princely ruler brought up to be open (4)
24. Types of fruit sold by James Joyce? (5)
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34. Bow of the archangel Michael (3)
35. Pole of interest to Malinowski–and Freud? (5)
38. Worshippers of rods are broken (7)
39. Straight sort of char met with in explaining 1 across? (3)
40. See 13
42. Goodbye to Shakespeare? (5)
43. Stage making AI legal (3)
44. If you go 5 down you do this (5)
46. Bury in Tintern Abbey (5)
47. It sounds as if it could be everything to a cobbler (3)
49. e.g. Saatchi & Saatchi (11, 6)
50. The soft palate (5)
51. Inhabitant of modern Lower Mesopotamia (5)
52. Fleshy spore-bearing inner mass of e.g. the stinkhorn (5)
53. Aliphatic or semi-aromatic polyamide (5)
56. Japanese for 28 down? (3)

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