Michael von Clemm Fellow at Harvard, where he will specialise in Economics. Open to all final year Oxford undergraduates and recent graduates, the Fellowship offers a year’s study at the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and is of course fiercely competitive.

Looking ahead, let me draw your attention to two special events to be held in the coming months.

The construction of our new accommodation block, below Oxford Castle continues apace and on schedule. The College is delighted that Sir Peter Lampl has agreed to let us name the building after him, in recognition of the outstanding work of his Sutton Trust. Peter has been tireless in his efforts to raise the educational aspirations and improve the academic chances of those bright young people for whom Oxford appears inaccessible; Corpus is proud to be a beneficiary of his vision and generosity. We will hold an opening ceremony during Michaelmas Term.

Next spring will see the launch of the first phase of our Quincentenary Campaign, as we close in on the College’s 500th anniversary in 2017. At the launch we shall set out an ambitious programme of academic investment, including support for undergraduates, graduates, and JRFs. We shall also unveil our architects’ plans for several flagship projects: a new building that will provide an essential expansion of our teaching accommodation and accommodation block below Oxford Castle, and an enhancement of the Chapel cloister quad. We are entering a time of exciting transformation.

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European Reunion

Oxford University European Reunion

Friday 26 - Sunday 28 April 2015

Corpus formed a significant and lively part of this year’s Oxford University European Reunion in Madrid, a biennial event, which had previously graced Berlin and Paris. After joining other Old Members of the University on Friday to enjoy the British Ambassador’s hospitality at his surprisingly modern house in the Madrid suburbs, the Corpus cohort of 25 then had a fine – and lengthy – meal at the very central Café Gijon, allegedly the traditional haunt of intellectuals since the end of the Spanish Civil War. Saturday then opened with an academic programme which focused on Spain’s past glories and its current difficulties. Charles Powell, a history lecturer at Corpus in 1984 and now Director of the Elcano Royal Institute, was a member of the very distinguished panel. Tours of Madrid’s art and architecture in the afternoon were followed by an excellent dinner with other Colleges at La Posada de la Villa, this time featuring lamb, roasted in a wood fired oven. On Sunday, fortified by a generous brunch of salads, tapas and (more) wine, we were able to visit another wonderful display of Spanish, Italian and Flemish art at the Real Academia De Bellas Artes, where Goya was a teacher and Picasso and Dalí were former students.

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Eating disorders are hugely under-acknowledged, and as I know first-hand have devastating effects physically and mentally. Corpus, Bill Morris, helped motivate the crew to the finish by hosting the Corpus flag from a neighbour’s house on the river. At the finish line, the tired but happy crew were cheered on by parents, students and Old Members at The Dove in Hammersmith. After an emotional reunion with loved ones, the rowers and the supporters enjoyed champagne in the summer sun.

Cooking up a storm

I took over the kitchens at Corpus Christi 22 years ago having worked at the Rothmans Conference Centre at Nuneham Courtenay for three years and at the Shillingford Bridge Hotel before that. The catering here was in need of a bit of an uplift but, as in all new jobs, it took a while to settle in and change old methods and working practices. The then butler, John Nolan looked after me, keeping me up-to-date with comments from the SCR.

Over the years, with the approval and guidance of Colin Holmes, Domestic Bursar, we have slowly turned things round with one of our major targets being the maximum use of local suppliers wherever this was possible. This continues today, with the Covered Market providing high quality fruit and vegetables, and some of our meat and fish. Quality must always come before price, but balancing these two is one of the crucial parts of the Manciple’s job.

Good quality means less waste, and using local suppliers allows a rapport to be built up. Just meeting and dealing with suppliers face-to-face allows for some cracking deals to be struck and promotes understanding. These days, special dietary requirements – such as real and imagined allergies, coeliac diets, and the general rise in vegetarianism – are a complication for any kitchen, and menu-planning is much more complicated than it used to be. The Manciple’s desk and office is often strewn with invoices for specialist ingredients, recipe ideas, long shopping lists, and menus. The Manciple’s day often involves more paper – are a complication for any kitchen, and menu-planning is much more complicated than it used to be. The Manciple’s desk and office is often strewn with invoices for specialist ingredients, recipe ideas, long shopping lists, and menus. The Manciple’s day often involves more paper –

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College Faces

Mike Curran
Manciple

Food with flair

The manciple talks about those chefs who have inspired him during his 22 years at the college.
**Upcoming sports events**
The Varsity Match – 12 December.

**Contacts**
Golf: Development Office 01865 278758

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**Sports**

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**Rowing**

**Interview: Clare Franklin**

CCC Boat Club President, describes a busy and successful year for the Corpus Rowers.

This year has certainly been an eventful one, both for me and for the boat club. I have coxed my first race, won blades with W1 and become President of CCCBC. I have also been hit in the face with an oar (wielded by an extremely apologetic fresher), been frustrated by the seemingly endless closures of the river (due to bad weather) and witnessed three members of our First Boats sent home with mumps one week before Eights. I have been part of a boat club which has raised over £10,000 for charity (see page 4 for more details), achieved three sets of blades and bumped 20 times. There are so many highlights to this year of Corpus rowing that it’s hard to know where to start.

The year began, as usual, with a huge amount of enthusiasm for recruiting novices. Unfortunately, heavy rain caused the river to be closed for the majority of term, and Christ Church regatta was cancelled. Hilary brought with it yet more rain, and we began to get used to training solely on the land. When the river finally reopened (just a week before Torpids) our crews had trained hard and were positioned to do well. The term ended on a high, with blades for both W1 and W2.

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Our women used tenth week of Trinity to undertake a very different kind of rowing challenge. From the 23rd-26th June 2013, a squad of 11 CCCBC women rowed 180km from Oxford to London to raise money for the eating disorder charity ‘Beat’. They rowed for three full days, and raised more than £10,000. I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped CCCBC achieve such great things this year, and am hopeful that next year will be another exciting one for the Club.

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**Golf**

**10th Anniversary Hardie Golf Tournament**

Tuesday 7 May

At Huntercombe Golf Club 18 Corpus Golfers competed for the coveted Hardie Trophy under the first blue skies of the year, joined by Phil Golding, a pro from the European Tour. The day got off to a fantastic start with Roger Pettit Law 1969 making a hole-in-one his first shot of the day. The tournament was eventually won by Richard Bay (Classics 1963).

If you would like to take part in Corpus golf, whatever your standard, you would be extremely welcome. It is always a very enjoyable and convivial day out for all concerned and we would be delighted to see some new faces.

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**Rugby**

**Corpus and Somerville make Cuppers Plate Final**

The Corpus / Somerville combined team had an excellent run in this Spring’s men’s rugby Cuppers tournament. The squad, containing students from both Colleges, made it all the way to the plate-final, where they were narrowly beaten by a fine Exeter team.

In the final, a poor start to the game for Corpus / Somerville saw them concede ten early points without return, but the team fought back in excellent fashion in the second half, scoring four tries to Exeter’s two, to pull the score back to Exeter 25 – Somerville / Corpus 24 with just ten minutes remaining. Alas, Exeter had the final say and scored one more try to take the trophy. Congratulations go to the team for their fine run in the competition and for the spirited fight-back in the final.

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**ToP: Clare Franklin**

**ABovE: Commemoration in chalk in the quad**
To mark his 40 years at Corpus as a Fellow and Tutor in English, the College commissioned a portrait of Professor Val Cunningham, to hang in the Rainolds Room. The study, by Surrey-based artist Colleen Quill, captures Val in characteristically pensive mood. It has already drawn admiring comments from those who attended the June Gaudy and future visitors can look forward to quaffing their pre-dinner drinks under our former Dean’s thoughtful gaze.

Photograph by Nick Read
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Onsite

A Midsummer Gaudy: Matriculation Years 1959–64

Friday 21 June

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Research

Dr. Jas Elsner
Humfrey Payne Senior Research Fellow in Classical Art and Archaeology

EMPIRES OF FAITH

Major new research initiative with The British Museum

Dr Jas Elsner describes a new project that will examine how religious iconographies were disseminated.

I have for the last 14 years been Humfrey Payne Senior Research Fellow in Classical Art and Archaeology at Corpus. This has involved adding a visual and material dimension to the College’s rich expertise in all areas of Classics, and I myself work on Roman and early Christian art, and their receptions in later periods (for instance in collecting, museum display, and pilgrimage).

However, from next October, I will be devoting about half my time to directing a Leverhulme Trust funded project between the British Museum and Oxford University entitled ‘Empires of Faith’. This will bring together five postdocs, three fully-funded graduate students, and some curators seconded from the Museum, to investigate how images and objects were used to construct and disseminate religious iconographies in Late Antiquity. We shall be based in the Ancient World Cluster of Wolfson College, and we shall have people working on early Buddhist art in what are now India and Pakistan, on the traditions of Greco-Roman image-making, on Sasanian iconography before the advent of Islam, on early Christian art in both the Latin-speaking west and the Greek east of Christendom, and on Ummayad art and architecture (circa 200–800 AD). The geographic scope of the project is extremely wide – from Britain and Spain in the west to the Indian subcontinent and the borders of China in the east. Among the religions whose imagery will be explored are not only those that have survived, such as Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam as well as the polytheisms of India, but also many lost religions from the cults of the Roman empire to Manichaeism.

Our aim, in a series of individual and also collaborative research projects, will be to put the best of new and current research on late-antique religious history and archaeology in the University side by side with the unparalleled scholarly and material resources of the Museum, in an experiment in intellectual collaboration between the two institutions in the United Kingdom with the greatest strengths in the material culture of late antiquity. The intention will be both to forge a method for doing a global comparative art history of religions, within the specific temporal and geographical limitations of the project, and to study the key themes of religious change, self-assertion and identity through visual means. No research project has ever before attempted to take such a panoptic view of this subject, region, and period. Only by looking at this area as an interconnected whole, and by bringing together perspectives from a wide range of academic specialisms and disciplines will these vital features of this pivotal period – and their continuing legacy – be able to be properly understood.

This does all sound like a tall order! But the attraction of bringing together bright minds in a vibrant and direct conversation over four years to bring life and dynamism to a great and venerable field of study was impossible to resist…
The Corpus Papers

There are many treasures in the College’s library collections. Created by donation and bequest, ours is a library of libraries. These individual collections reflect the intellectual interests and collecting fancies of Corpus’ founder, Richard Fox, and its Presidents and Fellows as they contributed to our collection.

On the Art of Building
Joanna Snelling, Librarian, Corpus Christi College

The core of the Founder’s gift is a collection of printed books, bought mainly in Rome in the late fifteenth century by Fox’s predecessor as Bishop of Durham, John Shirwood. These titles reflect Shirwood’s main interests in classics (especially Cicero) and history, along with some poetry and, as befits a bishop, a little theology. Preserved at Corpus for half a millennium, it is a collection of books bought and read by an English bishop just as printing enabled the development of extensive personal libraries.

These Corpus copies are also essential for book historians. Shirwood wrote his name, and the date and place of purchase, in his books. Incunabula (texts printed before 1500) lack the publication data we take for granted today. Shirwood’s purchase date therefore often provides a terminus ante quem for a particular edition. This provenance information also confirms a clear line of ownership practically since the pages left the printers.

One highlight of Fox’s donation is a beautiful blind leather stamped volume containing three texts on architecture printed in the 1480s. These three titles, bought by Shirwood in Rome on 16 August 1487, reflect the emergence of the new Renaissance learning, and its foundations in antiquity. Classical works are represented here by a first century AD report on the aqueducts of Rome, Frontinus’ De aquis que in urben influunt, (printed at Rome before 16 August 1487); and the first print edition of Vitruvius’, De architectura, (printed at Rome between 1486 and 16 August 1487).

The first work bound in this volume, however, is the earliest treatise on architecture of the Italian Renaissance: Leon Battista Alberti’s De re aedificatoria (printed at Florence, 1485). Alberti was a true Renaissance man. A humanist and accomplished classicist with interests in art, architecture, engineering, mathematics, music, grammar, moral philosophy, surveying, astronomy and cryptography, he might even have given the average Corpus undergraduate a run for his or her money. Alberti enjoyed exploring the use of mathematical principles to serve the arts and sciences. His 1455 treatise Della pittura introduced the science of perspective for the representation of three-dimensional images in two-dimensional form.

Medieval architects were master craftsmen who learned through experience. Through De re aedificatoria, Alberti established a professional role for the architect in society. For him, the architect should be able to apply disciplined theory and method to practical work. He should organise material and events to satisfy social requirements and, if successful, create beauty. Alberti felt that buildings should be stout, strong, functional, and delightful to the eye; beauty would come from the harmonious combination of each part into a single whole. The architect’s beautiful designs should have a direct positive impact on society. Alberti’s treatise offered guidance to the patrons of projects, elevating the status of architecture to an art.

Alberti’s work had been prompted in the 1430s by his patron’s suggestion that he should restore Vitruvius’ De architectura (the second text bound in our volume).

Unable to agree with all Vitruvius’ theories, and even some of his definitions, Alberti studied further ancient texts, including works by Plato and Aristotle. Alberti stressed the use of mathematics and observation in architectural practice. He studied the ruins in Rome and geometric forms in nature. His treatise exploring the duty of the architect was completed by 1452, and the first printed edition appeared in 1485.

Here, where we have Alberti’s text and its author, the new learning is brought to life: a study of ancient texts for a new era; its author a scholar who studied and theorised, but who also made practical use of his ideas. A staple topic in the eighteenth century was the comparison of Alberti’s text with his predecessor’s, Vitruvius’. The programme explored the work’s influence on the design of Henry VIII’s palaces, another example of its wider impact.

Like the buildings that Alberti envisaged, our composite volume’s significance is much greater than its historically important parts. Given by the College’s founder, it exemplifies the commitment of both Fox and his College to the new learning. Featured in a twenty-first century television programme, it demonstrates the importance of Corpus’ continuing commitment to the preservation of its treasures for the benefit of its own members and of society generally. Preserved by the Library since the College’s earliest days, it gives Corpuscles of all generations a tangible link to their founder and the many generations who have understood the need to preserve a heritage which was theirs and is now ours.

In sum, the book is not only a beautiful object, but a significant resource for historians and a key element in the College’s identity.
New Chairs for the Founder’s Room

The first of the new Corpus Quincentenary Chairs, by designer Josh Howard-Saunders of furniture-makers Bates and Lambourn, arrived in March. Commissioned to celebrate the College’s Quincentenary in 2017, fourteen of them will eventually take their places in the Founder’s Room around the fine oak table donated by Charles Bowen (Physics 1919). This room was created from the upper part of the original Tudor kitchen about thirty years ago. Two more chairs will stand guard either side of the altar in the Chapel. Each of the sixteen chairs will feature a carved animal associated with Corpus: a fox, an owl, a tortoise or a pelican. This first chair boasts one of Hugh Oldham’s owls.

Sixteen Old Members have each generously sponsored a chair and will have their chosen initials carved on the elegant bar at the back of the chair. Their contributions have helped to pay not only for the chairs, but for renovations to the Founder’s Room.

Once all the chairs – and animals – have been carved, sponsors will be invited to a special celebratory dinner in the Founder’s Room. The College is hugely grateful for the enthusiasm and support this project received.

New Arrivals

Andrew Mell
Andrew Glyn Career Development Fellow and Tutor in Economics

This year saw the arrival of Andrew Mell as the Andrew Glyn Career Development Fellow and Tutor in Economics. Andrew previously studied PPE at St. Catherine’s College and stayed on to do his MPhil in Economics. After the MPhil he went to work as an Economics Consultant in London for a couple of years before returning to do a DPhil at Nuffield College. Andrew’s research concentrates on the economics of reputation, with specific applications in illicit markets. Andrew has used existing economic models of reputation to analyse how various illicit markets are able to function in the absence of any legal mechanism to enforce agreements, from drug markets to the online markets for stolen bank and credit card details. Andrew has also pursued more theoretical work on the economic nature of reputation itself. In this stream of work, he constructs a new way of modelling reputation which naturally leads to intuitive cycles in reputations, something more traditional models have difficulty producing.

Andrew teaches introductory courses in both micro and macro economics as well as more advanced courses in microeconomics. He also gives lectures on maths for undergraduates wishing to strengthen their mathematical skills.

Andrew’s field of research reflect a growing issue in the world economy and is starting to attract attention from those who have a professional concern for the maintenance of legitimate markets.

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Regulars & Fundraising
## Corpus Christi College Alumni events

### October 2013
- **Friday 4 October**
  - **Decade Dinner for 1970s**
  - Sold out – waiting list only.

- **Saturday 26 October**
  - **Corpus History Day**
  - Join a day symposium led by Corpus tutors on the changing practices and theories of researching and teaching history. Contact the Development Office for more details.

### November 2013
- Date to be confirmed
- **London Drinks**

### December 2013
- **Saturday 7 December**
  - **Carol Service for Old Members**
  - With the College Choir. Booking information to follow.

- **Thursday 12 December**
  - **Varsity Rugby Match**
  - Join other Corpus fans in the civilised warmth of the Blues Village. Contact the Development Office for more details.

### January 2014
- **Friday 3 January**
  - **Gaudy for 1990-92 Matriculands**
  - A great start to the New Year.

### March 2014
- **Friday 21 March**
  - **Intercollegiate Golf Match**
  - Your College needs you.

### April 2014
- **Friday 11 & Saturday 12 April**
  - **Oxford University North American Reunion**
  - Biennial Oxford University Reunion in New York, based at the Waldorf-Astoria. Corpus Dinner to be arranged.

### May 2014
- **Saturday 31 May**
  - **Eights Week Lunch**
  - BBQ Lunch in College, then down to the Boat House to watch the action.

### June 2014
- **Friday 27 June**
  - **Gaudy for 1981-84 Matriculands**
  - Save the date…

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## Conferences

**Discount on Conference Facilities for Corpuscles**

The College has a range of meeting rooms available for hire, mainly during the vacations, but also some limited availability during term-time. Room capacities range from 10 to 120 people and the College also offers comprehensive catering and audio-visual facilities. Old Members are entitled to a 20% discount on the College’s standard room hire fees. Please contact Colin Holmes (colin.holmes@ccc.ox.ac.uk) for further information.

## Hotel

**Oxford Hotel Discount for Old Members**

The College has arranged a discount for Old Members on rooms at the recently refurbished Head of the River at Folly Bridge. Double en-suite rooms with full English breakfast, normally priced at £180 per night, will be available at just £95. Please contact Sarah Salter in the Development Office for further details. (sarah.salter@ccc.ox.ac.uk).