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Newsletter



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Editorial

This newsletter is remarkable less for its content than for its enclosures. You receive with it not only the latest accounts and the accompanying report, with the minutes of last year's meeting, but also an up to date directory of members – I believe the first since that produced by Rodney Wright in 1995. Technology and the members have both moved on: that directory contained no e-mail addresses, and only three members were listed as retired.

The directory can contain only the information which is supplied, so if you see any errors or omissions, do please let George Reah know. There is a form for this purpose at the back of the directory. Changes will be notified in the newsletter to enable you to keep your own copy of the directory up to date.

Some weeks ago, he sent to those members for whom he had an e-mail address details of the College's permanent e-mail address scheme. I was surprised that this year's *Jesus College Record* did not contain a reprint of the College's own account of the scheme from the Computing Officer John Ireland, which I received from the Principal's Secretary last term. So while this newsletter is designed primarily for content specifically related to our Group, that account is reprinted here to supplement what George has said.

Last term's article on the College's initiatives to encourage applications from all school leavers concluded with an invitation (to those who had not already expressed a view) to say whether you favoured postgraduate or undergraduate assistance. Thank you to those who responded; views were evenly balanced, and for the time being the group can help students from both groups.

Alan Harrison's account of last year's Old Members' Day appears here, and the dates for your diary include this year's. As this newsletter goes to press the final nature of the event has yet to be determined (three quite different possibilities are under discussion), but details will of course appear next term, if they have not already been sent with an enclosure with this newsletter.

And finally, of course, you will find the answers to last terms' brain teasers, and some more to test you.

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Alumni E-mail Redirection Service

your.friend@alumni.jesus.ox.ac.uk

Jesus College is now able to provide both current and former college members with a personal email address for life. You can then give us details of an email account that you check regularly and we will automatically forward all email for your alumni address to there, ready for you to read.

Benefits

You don't need to tell all your friends and contacts when your email address changes. This is quite common for people who are moving to a new job, taking further courses at another university, or just changing internet service provider. The AERS provides a very simple registration form where you can specify your new email address: mail forwarding is updated immediately with the new destination.

You will be able to keep in touch with college friends easily, and possibly choose to receive information about forthcoming Old Members' events. Since your alumni email address is held by the college, we can make this available in a directory that can be searched by other college members. Old Members' Groups will also be able to contact you with news and events.

Address Allocation

Addresses have been pre-allocated to all college members, and further addresses will be allocated for new members as they arrive. Alumni email addresses are allocated permanently, and take a standard form:

firstname.lastnameNNN@alumni.jesus.ox.ac.uk

where NNN is a numeric suffix that enables us to generate unique addresses for people with the same name. Clearly there will be a number of people whose names will be unique anyway, and in this case the address *firstname.lastname@alumni.jesus.ox.ac.uk* will also work.

In the event that someone tries to contact an alumni address of the form *firstname.lastname@alumni.jesus.ox.ac.uk*, but we have more than one person to whom this could correspond, the sender will receive an automatic response listing those addresses which match in the name part but have different numeric suffices. Additional course and matriculation information will be given with the suggested addresses to enable the sender to identify the correct recipient.

Registration

Although your email address has already been allocated, you need to register with us the email address you would like mail to be forwarded to. This will normally be an email account that you check regularly – perhaps a work account or a free email account (e.g. FreeServe, Tesco, AOL etc). In order to register your address we will need a few details to confirm your identity, and then you will be given your alumni mail address. Mail forwarding will be activated right away. The registration page is available on the internet at:

<http://alumni.jesus.ox.ac.uk/>

You will receive a confirmation email to your registered address within a few minutes of completion.

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Further Information

If you would like further information on the alumni email redirection service, or any other computing facility provided by Jesus College, please feel free to contact the IT support team by email to support@jesus.ox.ac.uk or by telephone: +44 (0)1865 279729.

Old Members' Day, 29th June 2002

All Souls and the Codrington Library Renovation

While many of those reading law had privileged entry, most of us had not set foot in this postgrads-only, limited access medieval and eighteenth century masterpiece. Even the name 'The College of All Souls of the Faithful Departed' seems mysterious, posthumous even. But there to take the shrouds off and to act as guide for our visit was the larger-than-life librarian-in-charge, Dr Norma Aubertin-Potter. It



soon became apparent why she was dressed in informal clothes and a pair of trainers: the final throes of renovating the Codrington library were in progress. This splendid neo-Gothic construction was funded by a gift of £10,000 from Christopher Codrington, and designed by Nicholas Hawksmoor. The current renovation involved new lighting, heating, air conditioning and power points, together

with replacement bookstacks. This involved Norma and co removing 175,000 volumes into crates, storing them in other parts of the College, and replacing them in time for the re-opening on 14th October. No wonder she's on her third pair of trainers since the renovation started!

Among Norma's seemingly endless collection of anecdotes, the chasing of the mallard stands out. 'A tradition arose in the 17th century of the Fellows having a special dinner. After many drinks, they rose to chase a mythical mallard around



the quads and the rooftops. A 'Lord Mallard' was appointed to lead the chase, carried in a chair. In the 1660's, this was banned when after one such dinner considerable damage was done to the College. We know that the chase started up again in 1701, and from then was repeated every hundred years. While the Fellows clambered over the rooftops in 1901, in 2001 the Lord Mallard and his four chair attendants stopped at the top of the gatehouse in the front quad on health and safety grounds!'

Several JOM's commented on the lack of flowers in All Souls. An exception was a small 'weed' that grew in profusion around the edges of the north quad. Norma told us that an over-zealous gardener had removed it all a couple of years ago. There was uproar among the Fellows: this was no less

than *Mimulus moschatus* (musk). It's now a 'protected species', at least in All Souls!



We ended our visit in the 15th century chapel with its splendid hammer beam roof and reredos. The array of statues was ripped out during the reformation: the labourer was paid a shilling for his efforts! While the statues were replaced in the late nineteenth century, the organ – which was removed at the same time - never was. So we bid our thanks and farewells to Norma unaccompanied and made our way back to Jesus for lunch, much the wiser about this esoteric establishment.

Diary Dates

4th April	Jesus College Association Dinner
5th April	Old Members' Group Annual General Meeting In College at 9.30 am. A room will be allocated on the day
5th July	Old Members' Day

Brainteasers

Last term we asked you consider the following scenario:

You are driving along in your car on a wild, stormy night. You pass by a bus stop, and you see three people waiting for the bus: 1. An old lady who looks as if she is about to die. 2. An old friend who once saved your life. 3. The man (or woman) of your dreams. Your car only has room for only one passenger and you can't return to the bus stop once you have left it (I don't know why, that's the way it is). You are wondering who to give a lift to. *What would you do?*

The answer is that you give your keys to your friend and ask him to take the old lady to the hospital in your car and remain at the bus stop with the man / woman of your dreams conserving body heat as best you can.

Correct solutions were submitted by: **Chris Stahl, David Morris** (thanks for the body heat idea), **Richard Davies, Jeremy Eccles, Dick Crease, Roger Paice** and **Richard Coates**.

This term **Barry Green** has submitted the following teaser for you to get your minds around:

A fisherman takes his new 5 ft fishing rod onto a bus. He is told to leave the bus by the conductor who explains that nobody is allowed to carry on any item over 4 foot long. The rod is rigid and cannot be shortened in any way. However he returns after a while and is able to take his rod on the bus without breaching the rules. What did he do??

Barry has also come up with a word with 4 consecutive vowels—can you think what it is?

Answers to jesusbrainteasers@petersilverman.com

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