A Message
From the Principal

Michaels Term in an Oxford college is always a swirl of new faces and new names. But this year there has been a very particular novelty: the college has a new name too! And with the foundation of Green Templeton College—the university’s newest and proudest graduate college—the term has been punctuated with moments to remind one that we are involved in a new venture.

It began with a bang. Literally: the fireworks display after the launch event on September 24th was spectacular, with plumes of light and colour rising from the flat roof at the base of the tower area of the Observatory building. And the following week saw the Observatory re-opened after being closed during the summer for extensive refurbishment. The dining room is now at ground floor level; but the biggest visual difference is in the common room, upstairs, where the room has been restored to its original dimensions. Two archways that had been screened off have been reclaimed, and the barrel-vaulted bays leading north-west and north-east opened again. The way that they change the geometry of the room is quite startling.

Then each week of the term provided its own reminder. Paint was barely dry when colleagues moved into new offices; not even the floor was dry as students unpacked in the new college residence at 33 St Margaret’s Road (but the leak was quickly fixed); the old Committee Room is resplendent and re-equipped as the Barclay Room. Every committee meeting opened by welcoming new members, noting new terms of reference, and charting new territory. Governing Body meets in a new venue—yes, we will sort out the acoustics in the dining room!—and its members are giving up a Saturday morning to consider new challenges and new opportunities.

The new library room in the ground floor of the Observatory House is now open. Dinner was served on the new crockery for the first time. Letters and memos were sent out on new letterhead. The new coat of arms and crest have been translated into ties, tee-shirts and tea towels. A new Graduate Common Room Committee was elected. Students have new social space in what was previously the Stables Gallery. Staff have new roles and new titles. (I am getting used to being addressed as Ward—I mean Principal!)

Yet all this novelty is embedded in older, sturdy structures. The two merging colleges call upon a combined history of over 80 years. The main college site boasts the incomparable Observatory complex at its heart: one of Oxford’s great eighteenth century buildings, a neo-classical masterpiece. And the college is of course part of the collegiate university, an institution with a history stretching back over the centuries, its renown cumulative. The new in the old: it’s not a bad place to be.
When you stroll along the high street in Oxford, it is hard not to notice the myriad colourful college shields emblazoned on everything from polo shirts to stationery. The coat of arms is a unique and important part of every Oxford college’s identity, so when Green College and Templeton College set about merging, one of the many items to be addressed was the creation of a new visual identity. In September 2007, the Royal College of Arms was asked to design a new coat of arms for Oxford’s newest college.

After several iterations and a lot of careful consideration about such a significant part of the college’s identity, a new Coat of Arms was agreed. It combines aspects of both Green and Templeton’s existing coats of arms and its symbolic heraldry captures the spirit of each of their histories and character.

The shield incorporates two important symbols: the Rod of Aesculapius and the Nautilus shell. The serpent coiled around a staff is a symbol for the healing arts (Asclepius, the son of Apollo, was a practitioner of medicine in Greek mythology) and was at the centre of the Green College coat of arms as the school was founded for students specialising in medicine. The nautilus shell which symbolises evolution and renewal was chosen by Sir John Templeton and adopted by the College in 1984 when it changed its name from the Oxford Centre for Management Studies.

In the full coat of arms, there is a royal crest featuring a heraldic representation of the sun behind the astronomical symbol for Venus (♀) which is an homage to the historically important transit of Venus across the sun in 1761.

It was this cosmological event or rather the lack of appropriate facilities in Britain to observe it, that led to the building of the magnificent Radcliffe Observatory, the iconic building at the heart of Green Templeton College.

As artwork for the royal coat of arms was being developed, the college also commissioned a more contemporary representation of this same Transit of Venus. The logo designed is a familiar feature of much of Green Templeton’s official branding — from coffee mugs to stationery. Fitting for a 21st century college in an ancient university to blend the old and the new.
We are pleased to announce several new appointments to Green Templeton College...

Mr Paul Gambaccini has been appointed the News International Visiting Professor of Broadcast Media and a visiting fellow of Green Templeton. He studied at Dartmouth College, USA and University College, Oxford. He is well known to many as the current presenter of AMERICA'S GREATEST HITS and FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY on BBC Radio where he has appeared regularly for 18 years. Among his many awards and accolades, Paul was named Music Broadcaster of the year in 2003 and Philanthropist of the Year in 1995 for his work on behalf of the Terrence Higgins Trust. Paul will present 4 lectures (Hilary Term) to be held at St Anne's. (Due to his popularity, we don't have the seating capacity!)

Dr David Levy has been appointed the new Director of the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism and a GTC Governing Body Fellow. He was previously Controller, Public Policy at the BBC until 2007 where he led the BBC's policy for the recent Charter Review and Licence Fee negotiation. David has previously worked as a BBC journalist, as a radio producer, as a reporter on File on 4, as a TV reporter on Newsnight, and as Editor of Analysis on Radio 4. He has published on broadcasting policy in the UK and Europe and is an Associate Fellow at the Saïd Business School.

José Vicente Martinez has been appointed University Lecturer in Finance at Saïd Business School and Fellow of Green Templeton College. He specializes in capital markets, investments and investor behaviour. He is currently studying the differences exhibited by pension and retail mutual fund investors, and working on understanding how capable individuals are at managing their retirement assets. José obtained his PhD in Finance from Columbia Business School in 2006. He also holds a BSc in Economics from Universidad Nacional de Rosario, and a MA in Economics from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella. He was previously a visiting researcher at the Institute for Financial Research in Stockholm, Sweden.

Dr Stephen Tucker has been appointed to a University Lectureship in Biological Physics and a Governing Body Fellowship at Green Templeton. Stephen Tucker studied Biochemistry at Oxford University where he also gained his DPhil in 1993. In 2000 he was appointed a Royal Society University Research Fellow and University Research Lecturer. From 1996-2008 he was also a Fellow of Wadham College. The Tucker Lab is focused on understanding the intimate relationship between ion channel structure and function. Its objectives are to understand how and why ion channels are able to conduct electrical currents, and to understand their molecular mechanism of operation at an atomic level as well as understanding their role in physiology and disease.

Sarah Davis has been appointed Pastry Chef. As well as preparing desserts and cakes (mmm!) Sarah will work flexibly in the Kitchen giving greater capacity to cover in the event of annual leave or sickness of one of the other Chefs. Sarah will start with us on 5th January.

Hannah Sale has been appointed Assistant Butler. She has previous waiting experience at St John’s College and will take up her post here at Green Templeton on 1st December.

In November, seven new casual waiting staff were appointed to assist Steward Jasen Bustin with evening and weekend work. They will help reduce the College's reliance on the use of agency staff which will help to reduce costs but, more importantly, will improve the quality of service as they become better acquainted with other members of College and their dining guests.

The merger has resulted in increased activity in the Kitchen (greater numbers of lunches served, dinners held and covers attending each dinner). To alleviate some of these pressures several new posts have been filled.

Former Reuters Fellows

Arthur Sulzberger, publisher of The New York Times

Yaron Deckel, Joyce Lau, Bjorn Bredel
The Osler Connection
13 Norham Gardens

As Green and Templeton have recently merged, some may be less than familiar with a very important and unique connection to the man regarded as the father of modern medicine.

Perhaps Osler’s greatest contribution to medicine was his insistence that students learn from seeing and talking to patients and the establishment of medical residency. This idea spread across the English-speaking world and remains in place today in most teaching hospitals. Born in Canada, Sir William was appointed to the Regius Chair of Medicine at Oxford in 1905, a position which he held until his death.

13 Norham Gardens, one of the finest houses in Oxford when Sir William Osler acquired it, became more than his home. During his 14 years as Regius Professor, Osler made 13 Norham Gardens a meeting place and source of inspiration for medical students, physicians, scientists and academic visitors from all over the world. It became known as ‘The Open Arms’ for the warm welcome offered and was an Atlantic bridge for medical scientists and practitioners.

The Osler home was later occupied by another Regius Professor, Sir Richard Doll, Founding Warden of Green College. With generous contributions from friends close to Green College, including the McGovern Fund in Texas, Dr John P. McGovern himself and the Patrick Trust, Green was able to purchase 13 Norham Gardens and undertake a major refurbishment. Today 13 Norham Gardens is home to the Osler-McGovern Centre and the Reuters Foundation Fellowship Programme. It is an historic and dynamic part of the Green Templeton college.

From The Osler McGovern Centre
Osler was a great diagnosticon but not the greatest of preachers of oral medicines, lotions and potions. We cannot know how he would have managed today’s National Formulary and the fact that most of one’s patients are also taking Alternative and Complementary Medicine (CAM). It is probable that he would have given time and comforting words to his patients and he would not have approved of a system of medicine that merely hands over a prescription on demand. So in some respects, Osler has more in common with CAM practitioners than with contemporary Investigative Medicine which often short cuts "History Taking and Examination" for Physical Signs.

The library at 13 Norham has as its focus “Public Health before and after Osler” thus, it attempts to deal with one of the greatest public health problems of our time which is the public’s liking for other systems of medicine. There is a substantial collection of Asian and Indian Texts and users of the library will find a very useful entry point for studying other systems of medicine. It includes the Journal of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, and publications on policy by the leading writers on the subject such as Oxford’s Gerry Bodecker of the “Global Initiatives for Traditional systems (GIFTS) of health” and Exeter’s Edzard Ernst. For those interested in Osler's likely perspective, there are not only his writings but publications of his time like the BMA’s "Secret Remedies", which did not differ much from normal prescribing at that time. Other textbooks of the period were often inclusive of ideas of energy, new electrical “forces". Herbs were still the basis of Medical Prescribing. As it happens John Grosvenor, the Radcliffe Infirmary (RI) Physician, was the foremost promoter of Massage and his "Rubber Nurses" were active up to Osler's time. At the end of the 19th century the RI was the place to obtain a training in physical therapy, and Oxford's Libraries and Botanical Garden the richest sources of knowledge about Herbs.

With a change in ownership to Green Templeton College, The Osler McGovern centre now has a small collection of books on Templeton’s history and plans a formal ‘open day’ for Oxford’s librarians in Hilary Term 11th or 12th February.

Note: Some visitors to Oxford hoping to see the Osler McGovern Centre have been disappointed. (Signposting was damaged.) Visits require prior appointment through Green Templeton College or communication with: Terence Ryan at userry282@aol.com or Jennie Turner at jenturner@btinternet.com

The Osler Institute for The Study of Journalism

Dr. David Levy, was appointed the new Director of The Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism. He recently led the BBC’s Charter Review, was Controller of Public Policy at the BBC until 2007 and serves as a member of President Sarkozy’s Commission pour la nouvelle télévision publique.

The Fellowship Programme’s 25th Anniversary marked a quarter of a century of successful and highly fruitful cooperation between Reuters (now Thomson Reuters) and the University of Oxford. The two-day event was an extension of the Reuters Fellows from 39 different countries made the journey to over 70 journalists and academics, more than 100 former Fellows from Hong Kong, Israel, Austria, Russia, Denmark and the UK. There was much to celebrate and all enjoyed a closing Garden Party at Green Templeton.

Nine new Fellows on the Journalism Fellowship Programme arrive: 
- Alexandre Frech, Foreign Affairs Editor, Austria Press Agency; 
- Amel Al Aariqi, Managing Editor, Yemen Times; 
- Jeremy Hayes, Senior Output Editor, The World Tonight BBC Radio 4; 
- Kimmo Lundgren, Economic Reporter, Kauppalehti, Finland; 
- Annikka Mutanen, Science Journalist, Tiede, Finland; 
- Salla Nazareno, Project Leader Institute for War & Peace Reporting; 
- Ramata Sore, L’Evenement, Burkina Faso; 
- Tran Thi le Thuy, reporter, Tuoi Tre, Vietnam; 
- Haiyan Wang, Chief Editor, Southern Metropolitan Weekly, China

Look for the RISJ Wednesday seminar series at GTC.

"He who studies medicine without books sails an uncharted sea, but he who studies medicine without patients does not go to sea at all.”
- Sir William Osler
Things to Do....

London Calling

London Marathon 26th April 2009
Richard Pring is once again running in the London Marathon ("very slowly" he says, but officially "good for his age"!).

If anyone else is interested in running, how about forming a Green Templeton team? It can be better for fund-raising and for the occasional bits of preparation.

With 23 marathons under his belt, Richard might be able to give a little helpful advice on how not to come last. If you are interested, please contact Richard at: richard.pring@education.ox.ac.uk

The Book Club

The book club meets twice a term. Our discussions tend to be wide ranging, covering not only the literary style and merits of the work, but also the underlying ideas and philosophy expressed. Conversations are frequently lively, with consensus a rarity.

Recent books discussed include Salman Rushdie’s ‘Midnight’s Children’ (The small group present agreed that Rushie was a brilliant and imaginative writer.) and ‘The Fifth Business’ by Robertson Davis, Canadian author of the Deptford Trilogy. In January, we will discuss ‘English Passengers’ by Matthew Kneale, which won the Whitbread Novel of the Year award in 2000.

Next Meeting Dates:
15 January 2009 at 6:00 pm in the William Gibson Room
26 March 2009
21 May 2009
2 July 2009

Meetings are open to all members of College and their guests. All new attendees, including students, will find a very warm welcome, sherry or orange juice and a lively discussion. Do come!

Paul Brankin Paul_brankin@btopenworld.com
Mary McMenamin

Cheers!

A wine society began in 1986 at Green College in University that has long cherished the value of thoughtful discussion over a ruby filled glass. It should come as no surprise that this is one tradition both Green and Templeton are eager to see continue!

The Green Templeton Wine Society will hold one to two tutored wine-tastings each term in the Observatory Dining Room. The Society is self-funding - there is no official membership list - and all members of Green Templeton College may attend along with a guest (up to 3). Tastings are held on a Friday evening with speakers from the wine industry or from the College presenting a selection of wines on a theme. The next event will be:

"Classic European Wines" presented by Gerald Sacks
Friday 16th January at 7.30pm

If you want to tip a glass amongst friends and improve the discriminating powers of your palate, please book a place at the Lodge.

Payment due on the night - £10.00 per person (£5.00 for students of Green Templeton) - to meet the cost of the wines provided.

Are you interested in presenting a tasting? Contact Gerald Sacks at: gerald.sacks@googlemail.com

In the News

Peter Friend, Oxford’s leading transplant surgeon spoke out recently about the UK Organ Donation Task-force’s refusal to back plans to harvest more organs.

Peter, who had backed an opt-out scheme, said he was deeply disappointed by a decision not to change the organ donation laws. An article appearing in the Oxford Times, 18 November noted that the UK has one of the lowest organ donation rates in Europe. Instead of a change in the law, the Government will plough £4.5m into publicising the need for more donors. To read the full text of the article and more of Peter’s comments, follow the links on GTC’s website.

Alastair Buchan, Head of Oxford University’s Medical Sciences Division and Green Templeton Fellow has said he believes the University could play a pivotal role in creating “one of the finest providers of healthcare in the UK and beyond.” In an Oxford Times article appearing 20 November, Alastair talked about a team currently working on the final stages of a bid to create an Academic Health Science Centre in Oxford. It would formalise collaboration that already exists between several Oxford Hospitals and the University but also allow for new discussions that could improve clinical care and attract some of the best doctors from around the globe. To read the full text of the article, follow the links on GTC’s website. It is worth noting that several GTC fellows are involved in the planning of this project, including Keith Ruddle, Sue Dopson and Stephen Kennedy.
Graduate Common Room (GCR) Report
Jackie Cheng & Koichi Mikami, Outgoing GCR Co-Presidents

What a year!
The merger of Green and Templeton Colleges has been the talk of the town and has occupied the agendas of nearly all meetings. Students and staff celebrated the launch of the new college with a black tie reception ending the evening with a launch of 10 beautiful sky lanterns set off into the starry night. Then it was business as usual in the student community with lots of entertainment and welfare activity.

Freshers’ Fortnight frivolity brought all the students together, starting with a “Get-to-know-your-housemates” event and our annual silent charity auction in which we raised over £500 for Children In Need. Matriculation day was the highlight as students woke up early to be photographed, matriculated and then played croquet on the lawn before a bus tour of Oxford and pizza in the bar that evening. Freshers continue to pour their energy into College life. One has only to eavesdrop at lunchtime to hear a range of topics being discussed – from politics and management studies to bop costume preparations and plans for exchange dinners at other colleges.

Citizens of the World
The British Council has awarded over €15,000 to Green Templeton College to host a Youth In Action forum for British and Albanian youth leaders. Youth in Action, a Programme created by the European Union, aims to inspire a sense of active citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union’s future.

Matthew Morton (2008 GTC DPhil Scholarship Recipient) led the grant application and project planning team which included graduate students from across the University of Oxford, community workers in Albania, and youth leaders from communities in both countries. The forum will be held in Oxford in March 2009.

Further projects contributing to youth empowerment and solidarity across the EU are certain to follow. It is a powerful demonstration of the leadership role GTC students take in shaping the world they inhabit.

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Dr. Felix Reed-Tsochas  
Fellow Green Templeton  
Co-Director, CABDyN Complexity Centre  
Said Business School

Dr. Reed-Tsochas and collaborator Brian Uzzi (Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University) have published an article in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences this October.

The results of their in-depth study (the first of its kind) of a declining business network over an extended period of time revealed mechanisms that allow business networks to survive even in a contracting industry.

Reviewing over 700,000 financial transactions from the New York Garment Industry during an 18 year period which saw the number of firms drop from 3,000 to 190, their study shows a lot about contracting business networks. However, Dr. Reed-Tsochas also stressed that the scope of the work is much broader. “We suspect there may be implications for understanding the loss of functionality in degenerative neural diseases, as well as new insights about the fragility of eco-systems subject to environmental stress.”

Recognition of Distinction

Five Green Templeton College Fellows have been successful in the University’s Recognition of Distinction exercise.

Sue Dopson has been awarded the title of Professor of Organisational Behaviour. Sue is a postgraduate tutor; she teaches elements of the University's degree programme in Management, and works on the Said Business School's Strategic Leadership Programme. A member of the Oxford Health Care Management Institute (OHCMI), she is involved in the development of courses for the NHS and her most recent research involves considering how developments in genetic science will influence clinical practice and health care policy.

David Feeny has been awarded the title of Professor of Information Management. Now an Emeritus Fellow of Green Templeton, David contributes to Said Business School's executive programmes and is Director of the Oxford Institute of Information Management, internationally recognised for its pioneering work on the strategic implications of IT. His work has been published in leading IS and general management journals including Harvard Business Review and McKinsey Quarterly. He is a former Vice-President of Templeton College.

Emeritus Professor Alan Emery  
Honorary Fellow  
Green Templeton

A new and expanded third edition of his patient book "Muscular Dystrophy - The Facts" has just been published by OUP, all royalties from which are used to fund the annual Alan Emery Lecture. The last Lecture given in June by Lord Walton (former Warden of Green College) was a great success and much appreciated by all.

His "Emery's Elements of Medical Genetics", in its 40th year and 13th edition, was awarded the BMA Prize for the Best Student Textbook in 2008.

Professor Emery was awarded an MD honoris causa by the University of Athens in October.

John Lennox has been awarded the title of Professor of Mathematics. John is a mathematician who also has a strong interest in Philosophy of Science, particularly the contemporary science/religion debate. After a long attachment to the University of Wales, Cardiff, Professor Lennox came to Green College as a Research Fellow in Mathematics in 1997, and was subsequently a Visiting Fellow at the Mathematical Institute in Oxford. Now a Governing Body Fellow of Green Templeton, he also serves as Pastoral Adviser.

Paul Montgomery has been awarded the title of Reader in Psycho-Social Intervention. Paul is Director of the Evidence Based Social Intervention Course and Co-Director of the Centre for Evidence Based Intervention Research, both based at Barnett House. His aim is to get ever nearer to answering questions of 'What Works?' in psycho-social settings. He is currently running large randomised trials of melatonin in children with neurological disorders and another of omega-3s in Oxfordshire schoolchildren who are underperforming at reading.

Linda Scott has been awarded the title of Professor of Marketing. Linda joined the Said Business School in 2006 and has written extensively on cultural issues related to advertising and consumption. She is on the board of the Advertising Educational Foundation in New York and edits the Advertising & Society Review. Her current research interests focus on women's empowerment in emerging markets and changing symbol systems in the globalizing consumer culture.

Professor Steve Woolgar  
Fellow Green Templeton  
Professor of Marketing

Steve Woolgar has been awarded the prestigious J D Bernal Prize for his distinguished contribution to the social studies of science. The Bernal Prize is the highest honour given by the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), and is awarded annually for Distinguished Contribution to the field. Previous recipients have included Robert Merton, Thomas Kuhn, and Mary Douglas.

Professor Woolgar received his nomination for the major contribution he has made to Science and Technology Studies throughout his career, including the analysis of the temporal and discursive organisation of discovery accounts; ethnographic studies of laboratory science; and visualisation in science.

On presenting the award Professor Michael Lynch, President, Society for Social Studies of Science, commented: "It is a special pleasure to give this award to Steve Woolgar, because the considerable achievements it recognises are far from finished, and I fully anticipate yet more creative turns in the future."

Emma Link  
Green Templeton  
DPhil Student

Emma has been awarded a Graduate Research Prize by the University's Nuffield Department of Medicine for the design and conduct of a trial with important implications for public health.

She discovered that genetic variants in SLCO1B1 predict statin-induced myopathy, and has recently published these findings as a first author in NEJM.

Said Miss Link, "During my D.Phil, I have benefited from close collaboration with colleagues in the CTSU and at the Wellcome Trust for Human Genetics nearby. I have been inspired by the intriguing CTSU and University seminar series, and by the opportunity to talk to so many world-renowned speakers, particularly at Green [now Green Templeton] College."