On 26th June, Magdalen opened its gates for a particularly special Commemoration Ball, marking 550 years of the College. As 1800 current and old members and their guests gathered to sip champagne under a bright blue sky, anticipation and excitement filled the air as guests read of the delights in store for them throughout the evening.

With five distinct areas created within College, guests could spend all night in one magnificently styled quad, be it Cloisters, transformed for the night into a 1920s jazz bar under a starlit sky, or the carnival atmosphere of the Deer Park with its Big Top and fairground attractions. They could also move between quads, following the pull of the myriad different entertainments available across the grounds.

Highlights included the fireworks, perfectly accompanied by the Oxford Millennium Orchestra and culminating in a spectacular finale, praised by one guest as ‘far better than Trinity Cambridge’s’; the Festival Circus, who wowed guests with their incredible skill and remarkable showmanship; and the main act, the platinum-selling Welsh rock group Feeder who filled the main stage tent to bursting for the duration of their set.

From the moment the first guest stepped across the threshold of Longwall Quad until the survivors’ photo was taken as the morning mist cleared, the 2009 Magdalen College Commemoration Ball was a magical experience that we hope will be remembered for years to come.

*Nikki Emerson (2006)*

Photographs kindly provided by The Ball Photographers – more pictures from the Commemoration Ball can be found on their website, [http://www.theballphotographers.com/](http://www.theballphotographers.com/)
Moments of Wonder: Magdalen Alumni in Kenya

Deep commitment and fundamental optimism. These are two of the key characteristics that are immediately evident about Aggrey Omondi, founder of the Ugunja Community Resource Centre (UCRC). We first met Mr. Omondi during our second year as students at Magdalen, when we went to Kenya to spend a week volunteering at UCRC.

Founded 23 years ago, UCRC began as a village dairy cooperative in the extremely poor Siaya district of western Kenya. As time went on, this group of farmers realized how powerful shared information could be in overcoming common challenges, and began a small community library. Since these modest beginnings, UCRC’s mission has steadily grown larger as different community needs have been identified, such as agricultural training, microfinance, women’s empowerment, education and healthcare. In 1997, UCRC registered as an official non-governmental organisation.

The region faces significant challenges now, due to HIV/AIDS as well as economic hardship, and we witnessed these challenges first hand during our initial visit. Yet one of the moments that resonated most strongly was when we created a science lecture for the local UCRC-supported high school, focusing on astronomy, after Mr. Omondi told us the marvellous stories he invented as a child about the night sky. These moments of shared wonder helped to bridge the significant gaps in experience and opportunity between ourselves and many of the local residents.

Since then, we have both been involved in helping start Community Hope for Health (CHH), a US non-profit organisation that seeks to support the healthcare initiatives in Ugunja. The Magdalen College Trust has repeatedly helped support this work, from joining our Founders’ Circle to making specific donations in times of need, for instance towards a maternity ward and a critical ante-natal malaria prevention program. In large part because of the Magdalen College Trust, the clinic supported by CHH now sees over 100 patients a day and is the primary source of healthcare for more than 25,000 people.

The challenges faced by UCRC and CHH escalated in 2008 when post-election violence erupted throughout Kenya. Since then the world economic crisis has spared few nations. But UCRC and CHH continue to work to assist those living in Ugunja by providing training, resources and much-needed health care. Local activists and organizers such as Mr. Omondi continue to display unshakeable faith that the future holds better lives for themselves and their neighbours, and an impressive track record certainly supports their optimism.

Emma Brunskill (2001) and Sarah Stewart Johnson (2001)

The Magdalen College Trust is a charitable organisation founded in the early twentieth century by members of Magdalen, with the aim of supporting charitable endeavours undertaken by current undergraduates. It is maintained by donations from old members and subscriptions from the JCR, MCR, and Fellows of the College. The trust spends approximately £6000 per year on projects, with an emphasis on deprivation and youth. More details can be found at the Trust’s page on the Magdalen College website: http://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/college/societies/trust

The Trust has so far been able to help the UCRC with £1,700 over six years, which has been used to fund a number of health and community initiatives.

Sarah Stewart Johnson (2001) received a B.A. in politics, philosophy and economics, and later returned to Magdalen to do an M.Sc. in Biology.

Emma Brunskill (2001) completed an M.Sc. in neuroscience while at Magdalen.

For more information about the Ugunja Community Resource Center or Common Hope for Health, or to make a donation, please visit http://www.ugunja.org/ or http://www.commonhopeforhealth.org/ or e-mail emma@csail.mit.edu or sjohnson@fas.harvard.edu.

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Please contact us at ScholAlum@admin.ox.ac.uk. We look forward to hearing your stories!

http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/studentfunding/index.shtml
Conserving A Papal Presence in Magdalen’s Archives

In December 2002, the Oxford Conservation Consortium (OCC) embarked on a long-term project to clean and rehouse Magdalen’s collection of 12,000 medieval property deeds. The deeds are still stored in their original 15th century oak boxes, in 15th century purpose-built cupboards in the Muniment Tower, and are among the most frequently consulted documents in Magdalen’s archive. Once cleaned, the deeds are rehoused in acid-free envelopes, and, where possible, placed back inside their original boxes. Apart from their obvious historical value, the deeds are beautiful objects in themselves, and include some fine examples illustrating the development of charter diplomatic over some 500 years.

Amongst the deeds of Magdalen’s estates in Northamptonshire is one such example: a papal bull issued by Urban IV at Viterbo in 1261. Written on parchment, and in a papal minuscule with highly decorated capitals, this bull is notable for its handsome lead seal, which is attached to the document with braided red and yellow silk thread. Lead was a common material for papal seals, but its malleability has also meant that the seal impression can easily suffer damage over time. This particular example, however, remains in excellent condition with the front of the seal bearing a very clear image of St Paul and St Peter, while Urban’s title appears on the back.

Examples of this kind of papal document are relatively rare among Magdalen’s collection of medieval deeds. During the 13th century, however, the papacy reached the zenith of its power and supremacy, and throughout Europe the influence of papal government was felt at all levels. In this bull, Urban is confirming an agreement made between the Hospital at Brackley, Northamptonshire and the monastery of Inchaffray in Perthshire regarding the settlement of a dispute over tithes. Urban’s role as final arbiter in this regional administrative dispute is one example of just how far the hand of papal authority stretched during this period.

To help preserve the current state of Urban’s bull, particular interventions were taken during its rehousing. Lead seals can be quite sensitive to polluted or otherwise unsuitable environmental conditions, and so for preventative reasons the document has been housed separately in an acid-free box.

The weight of the seal is also supported by an archival board, which can be removed easily. More generally, the environment in the Muniment Tower is constantly monitored to detect any harmful changes at an early stage.

Since 2002, the OCC deed-cleaning project has made excellent progress, with about two-thirds of the collection now rehoused. Along the way, interventions like those taken for the bull of Urban IV are helping to preserve both the form and content of Magdalen’s impressive collection of medieval deeds for future generations.

Maria Kalliggerou, Conservator, OCC
Julie-Ann Vickers, Library and Archives Trainee, Magdalen College
The Magdalenen Society: Committee Candidates

MARTYN BRACEWELL
Medicine, 1983
Birmingham

Martyn read Medicine 1983-86, disappeared to California and then Cambridge (Mass., he hastens to add) to do a neuroscience PhD, and returned to Magdalen in 1991 for his clinical training. During this time he was MCR Treasurer (which mostly seemed to involve running the bar at MCR parties). He was a junior doctor in various Oxford and London hospitals, and has pursued a career in Academic Neurology in Birmingham and North Wales (whence he hails). He has maintained his connections to Oxford, with college lecturers at Exeter and Hertford since the mid-1990s, and was a college lecturer at Magdalen in 2000 and 2007 during John Stein’s last two sabbaticals. If elected to the Society committee, he would in particular hope to arrange activities north of Watford, where a (surprisingly large) number of Old Members can be found.

PAUL CAMPY (Current Committee)
PPE, 1995
London

Paul spent an inordinate amount of his time at Magdalen as JCR President and running down to the boathouses to cox the Women’s 1st VIII. After a year as an OUSU sabbatical officer, Paul found himself thrust into the heady dot.com world and currently leads bids for CSC (global IT services & consultancy). Paul is keen to exploit new methods of connecting, informing and involving old members in the Magdalen community long after they leave the College’s walls. Since its inception, the Society has been instrumental in retaining and maintaining those connections: a reinvigorated committee with new tools, methods and ideas at its disposal can do even more.

JAMES CRONIN (Current Committee)
Physics, 1994
London

James has been an active member of the Magdalen Society committee since graduation, both organising and attending events. After Oxford he moved to London to work for Virgin Net and Virgin Management where he specialised in Internet technologies and businesses. Currently he is executive director and CIO of the leading global e-commerce service provider Venda as well as managing director of the UK’s finest boutique chocolaterie, Paul A Young Fine Chocolates, based in Islington and Bank. Outside of work he is chairman of the registered charity running the mySociety projects, and is a founding director of the Open Rights Group.

JOHN CROSSE
Physiology and Psychology, MA, 1975
Leeds

After graduation, John undertook a number of RAF command and leadership roles in the UK and overseas. He retired in 1986 with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He then joined West Yorkshire Police, spending the next 13 years in operational roles in Leeds and Bradford, followed by eight years as Assistant Chief Constable of Humberside Police. He was promoted Deputy Chief Constable on taking up his appointment as the Programme Director of IMPACT (improving the ability of the Police Service to manage and share information) in March 2008. In April 2009, John retired from the police service after 32 years’ public service, and continues as the Programme Director in a contractor capacity.

MICHAEL DREXLER
Mathematics, DPhil, 1993
London

Michael is a Managing Director at Barclays Capital, London, where he is Global Head of Strategy for Investment Banking and Wealth Management, and also holds a senior finance post. He was closely involved in all stages of the recent Lehman Brothers acquisition. Michael also works closely with the World Economic Forum, as founding member of their Financial Services Strategic Advisors Community, and is additionally an expert on global capital flows. He maintains close and regular ties to College.

JUDITH HIBBERT (Current Chair)
Classics, 1980
London

Judith has been a supporter of the Magdalen Society since its inception, attending the Chairman’s Group as well as dinners and events. In 2002 she became a trustee of the Development Trust and was elected Chair of the Magdalen Society in 2006. As Chair she has a seat on the College’s Development & Alumni Relations Committee. She also attends the Student Support Fund Committee meetings. Judith has worked to further the College’s aim of integrating the Magdalen Society’s activities into its overall programme of alumni events. She feels that the Committee should now, in size and composition, be more representative of the alumni body.

WILLIAM HOLMAN
History of Art, 1975
New York, NY

William has worked with the American Friends of Magdalen for 14 years, supporting alumni events in North America, and is currently its Vice Chair. In 2006 he became a Partner of Davis Brody Bond Aedas LLC, a New York architecture firm. He works on client management issues, fee negotiations, global business development, and is involved in the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center and the Manhattanville campus of Columbia University. He was formerly with Thomson Reuters, and served as Chief Executive of Baring Brothers in the Americas.
The Magdalen Society was established to maintain and foster contacts between and for the mutual benefit of the members of the Society and Magdalen College. The Committee, which meets every 2-3 months, is responsible for arranging activities to achieve these objectives. The Society is keen to develop a larger and more international programme – which will engage more members in the activities of the Society, so they remain connected and involved in the College.

**JULIAN LIGHTON**

Law, 1995  
San Jose, CA

Julian received an Executive MBA from Harvard Business School, and is an accredited Negotiator from The Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He is currently the Vice President of Strategy and Business Development for Cisco Inc’s Emerging Markets, which covers 130 Countries and 23 time zones. In this capacity he is responsible for strategy, business intelligence, government affairs, new alliances and partnerships, and investments and acquisitions.

**CHARLES MARQUAND**

PPE, 1982  
London

Charles is a barrister, advising various developing countries, including Vietnam, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. He is married with four children. He did some acting during his time at Magdalen and he is a member of the Union. He has fond memories of the College, and is looking forward to supporting the Society.

**TREVOR PITMAN**

PPE, MA, 1977  
London

Trevor is the Regional Credit Officer (Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia Pacific) for Fitch Ratings. While at Magdalen, Trevor served as soccer club secretary and Commemoration Ball secretary, and is now a trustee of the Development Trust and a member of the Development and Alumni Relations Committee. He was an action group chairman for fundraising purposes for the Grove Buildings (1993-95), and arranged the London dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in January 2009. He also served as a Conservative Councillor in the London Borough of Southwark between 1987 and 1990.

**NICK SAYERS**

Modern History, 1978  
London

Since leaving Magdalen, Nick has pursued a career as a corporate transactional lawyer. He trained at Slaughter and May and is now a partner at Fox Williams LLP, which is based in the City of London. Nick has stayed in touch with the College by regularly attending gaudies and Magdalen Society events; in recent years Nick has been one of the main organisers of the Withered Lilies cricket team. This team has annual fixtures against the SCR, the MCR and the JCR, and other Oxford based teams.

**BARTH SCHWARTZ**

Jurisprudence, 1969  
Baltimore, MD

Barth graduated from Harvard College (magna cum laude) in 1969, and from there came to Magdalen as a Rhodes Scholar (Ohio). He took the Juris Doctor at Yale Law School in 1974, joining the California Bar for a brief stint as a corporate attorney. He soon turned to writing—first freelancing for newspapers and magazines, and then as author of Pasolini Requiem, a book about the Italian film director-poet-novelist and social critic Pier Paolo Pasolini. From the late 1970s until this year, he was affiliated with the magazine Scientific American, responsible for the production of published special sections on technology and R&D worldwide.

**ALEXANDER STEWART**

Jurisprudence, 1969  
London

Alexander came to Magdalen as a McKenzie Scholar from McGill University. He had the good fortune to be tutored by Magdalen’s strong law faculty: John Morris, Guenter Treitel, Colin Tapper and John Feltham. His contemporaries will recall that being taught by Dr Morris was an inspiring, and indeed bracing, experience. He stayed on for a BCL in 1971; taught law for a short time; and became a barrister, practising at the chancery bar in Lincoln’s Inn. He is standing for the Magdalen Society Committee because he would like to give a little back to the College whose members have enriched his life enormously.

**FIONA THOMPSON**

PPE, 1993  
London

Fiona’s cover of reading PPE was blown by her tutors’ complaints at the time spent enjoying being JCR President and rowing with the Women’s 1st VIII. Uncowed, she went on to work at McKinsey, the Prime Minister’s Strategy Unit, and most recently JP Morgan, while actually spending too much time as Director of the City Women’s Club (trying to increase the number of senior women in the City) and working with FastLaners, a Young Foundation project to improve the employment opportunities for unemployed East End graduates. If elected to the Magdalen Society committee, she would be interested in strengthening employment links between students and alumni and building on the good work the Committee does on London events.

**GLYN TURTON**

Modern and Medieval Languages, 1963  
Skipton

After a career of nearly 40 years in higher education, Glyn retired in 2005 from the post of Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Chester. Since then Glyn has acted as a consultant for universities in the UK and China. Glyn has taken an active interest in the Magdalen Society and was co-organiser, with John Browne, of the Society’s weekend in Chester in April 2007. He believes that the Society might explore new opportunities for unemployed East End graduates. If elected to the Magdalen Society committee, she would be interested in strengthening employment links between students and alumni and building on the good work the Committee does on London events.

**NATHAN WOOD**

Engineering Science, 1989  
Hull

After leaving Oxford, Nathan started work in industrial research, before moving into manufacturing where he currently manages the Research and Development Department for an engineering company based in Hull in the East Riding of Yorkshire. He spent four happy and rewarding years at the College, an experience which has helped him enormously in both his private and professional life, and he would like to be able to give something back in return. An excellent way to achieve this would be to bring enthusiasm, hard work and new ideas to the Magdalen Society.
Hacks’ Dinner

Old hacks never die, it is said: they just become legends in their own lunchtime – or at dinner, in the case of the 70-odd scribes, broadcasters, and their partners who sat down at High Table on 4th April. It was the first ever Hacks’ Dinner at Magdalen, and most likely in the history of Oxford University.

Magdalen has always had a strong penchant for the Fourth Estate. Perhaps it was the influence of such legendary figures of Fleet Street as A J P Taylor or R W Johnson – former Politics Fellow and still reporting from his native South Africa.

Among those at High Table were witnesses to the rise and fall of Mikhail Gorbachev, the fall of Saigon to the Vietcong, Imelda Marcos’s palace of shoes, the surrender at Goose Green, and the fall of the Berlin Wall. Some of our company were in the midst of the great treasure hunt of misplaced MPs’ expenses.

The tone of jollity, nostalgia and survival was set by James Fenton, former roving South East Asia correspondent and Oxford Professor of Poetry. He said the age of the hack doing his or her thing in remote parts had probably gone – thanks to instant video phones, satellite links, e-mail and Twitter. Perhaps this figure of legend should be commemorated in an action man doll, he suggested, kitted in pink, complete with shades, bullet proof vest and other accoutrements of the trade too delicate to mention.

Following the natural instinct of our trade, like swallows heading south in the autumn most migrated to the Old Kitchen Bar for post-prandial libation, severely challenging the beer reserves – old hack habits die hard.

From the notes and calls I have received, most seem to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly. I know there were a lot who wanted to be there, but couldn’t. We are therefore minded to have another Hacks’ Dinner in a year or so, either in Oxford or London. Be warned.

Robert Fox MBE, 1964

Spitfires over the Spires

Oliver Wrong, Emeritus Professor of Medicine at University College London, commends the wartime efforts of the College kitchens.

I came up to Magdalen in Trinity term 1942 with seven other students, one of whom was Peter Brook, the theatre and film director. Most Magdalen undergraduates at that time were destined for the forces after a truncated three terms in the Oxford humanities. They were a cheerful lot, almost all from public schools and not academically inclined, but enjoying a pleasant interlude before they became involved in the serious business of war. Medical students, chemists and physicists were exempt from call-up, unless they conspicuously failed their exams, as the government had decided they would be more useful to the war effort when qualified.

Magdalen in the 1940s seemed a very civilized place after the cultural starvation of a Scottish boarding school. No-one tried to break up one’s room, as happened in some other colleges; there was no pressure to indulge in any sport; a group of enthusiasts put on open-air Shakespeare in the Grove, with accompanying Mozart. Intellectual refugees from the Third Reich tended to gravitate to Oxford, and added much to the cultural and musical life of the city, though the connection of most of them to the University was tenuous.

The war had little effect on Oxford, other than the takeover of many parts of colleges by sections of the war effort: Keble became a dormitory for Bletchley Park workers, and the Potato Board was based in Balliol. Students in the liberal arts were largely absent, and with them had gone much of the Evelyn Waugh type of hedonistic lifestyle that was fashionable in the 1930s. Many foods were rationed, but the College kitchen managed to produce quite good meals, though one had to keep one’s ration of milk and butter in one’s room, where mice tended to leave their delicate tooth marks on the latter. The city organised “British” restaurants in town that were useful for mid-day meals; these consisted largely of potato but cost as little as sixpence.

Although Oxford was not bombed, most colleges had trailer pump crews that were expected to deal with fires caused by incendiary bombs. The team at Magdalen, organized by the fellow in Chemistry, Leslie Sutton, usually won the intercollegiate competition for efficiency. Spitfires often flew low over Oxford, some performing victory rolls; later, Dakota aircraft hauling gliders were seen practising around Oxford in preparation for the invasion of the Low Countries. Many students volunteered as subjects for the anti-malarial drug Mepacrine, a substitute for the quinine which was now in short supply; this drug turned students a sickly yellow colour, though without other serious side-effects.

Celebration of the eventual European victory in May 1945 was enthusiastic, with dancing and bonfires in the High, but the shortage of alcohol made it a more sober occasion than it might have been today.

Oliver Wrong, 1942

Daniel Hyde joins Magdalen as Informator Choristarum

This term we have had the privilege of welcoming Daniel Hyde into the Magdalen fold, watching (and listening) as he takes up the reins in the wake of Bill Ives’s departure. Following in the footsteps of Magdalen’s long line of Informators must seem a daunting task, but Daniel is ready to rise to the challenge. “There is a great Magdalen tradition,” he says, “started by Bernard Rose, of competing at the top of our game.”

Daniel’s vision of the choir’s future, however, is not to attempt to emulate outside influences. Magdalen’s choir is, as he puts it, “Magdalen-shaped”, but within that there is ample scope for new and interesting projects. Daniel seems particularly enthused by the idea of associating with old members of Magdalen to produce concerts and recordings, and experimenting with accompanying media such as film and drama.

And what about the experience of joining Magdalen itself? Daniel mentions that he used to visit his sister in Oxford, and always thought that Magdalen was the most beautiful of the colleges. He has long found its history and choir heritage fascinating, but adds, “I never thought I’d come to Oxford – being a Cambridge man!”

In addition to his post as Informator Choristarum, Daniel Hyde is a Fellow in Music and Lecturer in Music for the University.

Helen Burt

Photographs by Simon Tottman

Summer Eights 2009

Training began this term with a very productive camp in Marlow, which saw all oarsmen and women improve and also boosted morale. Back in Oxford, training progressed both at Radley and on the Isis, and we were fortunate enough to get some early racing experience at Bedford, where both the men and women performed well against crews they would come up against at Eights.

We thus approached the competition in 5th week with confidence. On Wednesday the Men’s 1st boat rowed strongly but were caught just before the finish by Pembroke, who ended the competition 2nd on the river. This meant that on Thursday we were starting from bungline five, ahead of Univ. What followed were three days of exhilarating racing, powering down the whole course rarely more than a quarter of a length off Univ’s bows. Thanks to some brave rowing and audacious coxing, we were able to hold them off on all three days to finish 5th overall.

Not to be outdone, the Men’s 2nd VIII showed that they too were masters of the close race, holding their spot in the 3rd division. For four nerve-racking days they rowed over ahead of a crew from New College with rarely more than a few feet to spare.

The Women’s 2nd VIII put in a powerful performance over the week, consolidating their status as a fixed division crew and moving up a position with a solid bump on Merton on Thursday. They finished 7th in the 4th division – a best for the crew, who are well placed to make further gains next year.

Following their outstanding performance at Torpids, the stars of the show were once again the Women’s 1st VIII. On Wednesday they were denied a bump by the klaxon but on subsequent days, they swept aside the crews in front of them, never having to row past Donnington bridge. They finished the week 7th on the river – their highest position ever.

Overall, it has been a great year for MCBC and, with hard work and a little luck, we will be mounting a challenge for the double headship in 2010. I hope to see you there!

James Thom, Men’s Captain 2009-2010
Events for Members in 2009

Sat 5 September
Subject Gaudy: Physics and Engineering.

Sat 19 September
Celebration of 30th Anniversary of Women at Magdalen.

Sat 19 September
Annual Alumni Dinner in College (and Magdalen Society AGM).

Sat/Sun 26/27 September
Oxford University Reunion Weekend – for all Oxford alumni.*
See Oxford Today or www.alumniweekend.ox.ac.uk.

Sat 26 September
Gaudy for Year Groups 97-96. Alumni only.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 06 November
As places are limited, alumni may bring one guest only. Provisional Cost: £95.00
(to be confirmed at the start of September)

Wednesday 25 November
There is no charge for this event, but please note that it is 
alumni only.

The winner of crossword No. 6 was Dr Robert Arthur Sladden (1940).

Please send your entries to:
The Development Office,
Magdalen College, OX1 4AU.

The Floreat Crossword No. 7

Prize for winning entry...
A beautiful colour print of the College in snow, taken by Andrzej Sokolowski (2004), a winner of the 2008 Magdalen Photography Competition, will be sent to the submitter of the first correct solution opened after 1st October 2009

Solution to No. 6

ACROSS:
1  King sees article on Douglas following apertif containing top hock (7,3,5)
8  Reminder of noisy crowd is hard to forget (9)
9  Short study that is a lever (5)
11  General died outside conflict downwind (7)
13  Press (though not yours truly) rough about scientist (7)
14  Message on loan is most accommodating (10)
15  President of disrupted ecolle has no energy (4)
19  Expressionless foreign character puts on pounds (4)
20  Suspend Parliament in favour of 13 (8)
21  To an extent, stop economic cartel (4)
24  Ring sun god – but look out for monster (7)
27  Girl’s mother on drugs (3)
28  Get cover for extremity (4)
29  Bank has French name and half a planet (6)
30  Gem of a street unit (5)
31  Newcastle on alphabet is mad origin of ideology (3-6)

DOWN:
1  Ruined mausoleum under first state residence formed city’s foundations (7,3,5)
2  Leftie intelligence chief (not current) gets delivery at June event(6,4)
3  In the sea, spasm comes after emperor has head and feet chopped off (8)
4  Posh girl upside-down in four-poster (3)
5  Shade has Hefner in the audience (3)
6  Irish member has honour, said Sleepy-head (2,3)
7  Doctor is around for Cockney – sounds gloomy (5)
10  Pig plant (3)
12  Ruin of teaching to lose home to 50% debt (11)
13  Rogue Irishman around state (8)
16  Big old boy eats Scotch egg for starters (5)
17  Character of terrorists? (3)
18  Governor of silver state with soft drink (8)
21  Earl has no resistance to economist (6)
26  Note inside weapon causes panic (5)
31  Some of the clues have a Magdalen theme.

Some of the clues have a Magdalen theme.

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Are you a former editor of Cherwell?
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