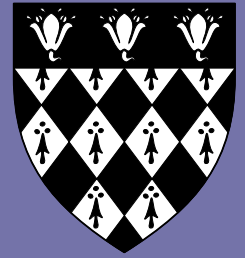
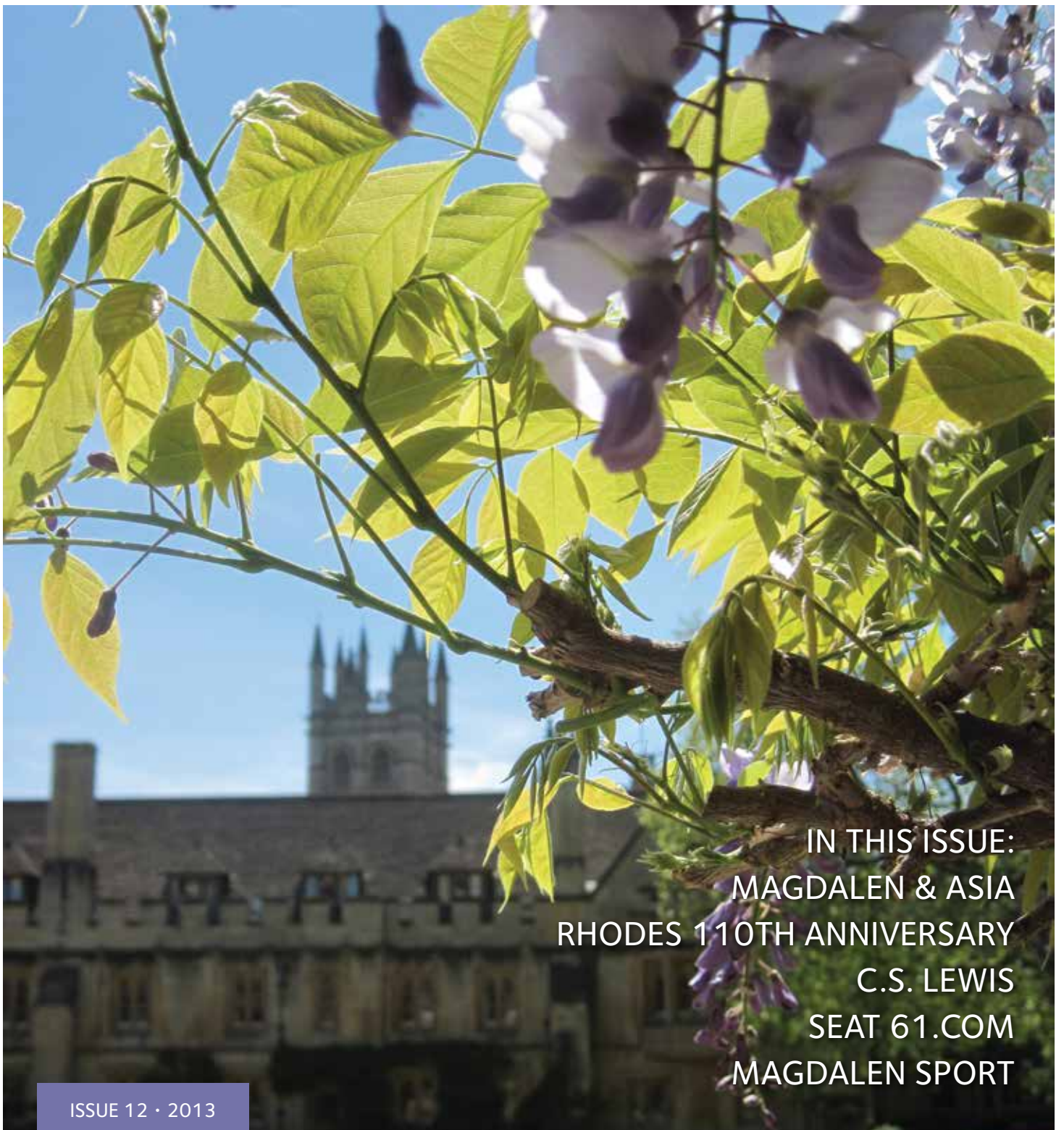


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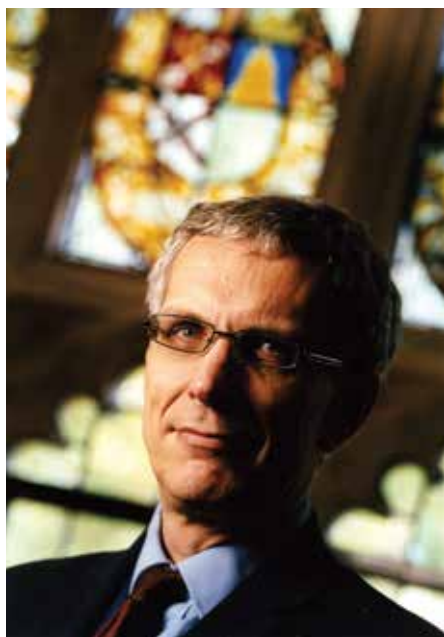


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WELCOME



I should like to warmly welcome you to this edition of *Floreat* which I hope you will enjoy reading. The College is always proud that we welcome students and alumni from all over the world. This edition has a particular focus on Asia where Magdalen has long-standing links, dating right back to Sir Thomas Roe (1593) England's first Ambassador to Mughal India in the early 17th century. One of our current Ambassadors, His Excellency Sebastian Wood (1979), British Ambassador to China, returned to College last year with a Chinese film crew to shoot a documentary exploring British life for a Chinese audience, and a number of articles in this magazine explore Magdalen's other links to China and Asia.

We are delighted to have contributions from Members as diverse as Sir Vernon Ellis (1966) Chairman of the British Council writing on the Council's ongoing work in Asia, Vikram Mehta (1972) talking about the energy challenges currently facing India and Gabrielle Jaffe (2005) describing life as a *Time Out* journalist in Beijing.

This year is the 110th Anniversary of the Rhodes Scholarship, which Magdalen has been involved with at an early stage. Founded in 1903, Rhodes is the oldest and perhaps most prestigious international graduate scholarship program in the world. Indeed the first US Rhodes Scholar to Oxford, William Fleet, came up to Magdalen in 1904 and Magdalen has a Fellowship in economics funded through the generosity of his niece Julia Fleet. Magdalen is proud to have several hundred Rhodes Scholars amongst its alumni; indeed we look forward to welcoming over 50 Magdalen Rhodes Scholars and their guests back to the College in September. We are also celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Marshall Scholarship and in this edition of *Floreat* we examine the impact that both these Scholarships and their Scholars have had at Magdalen.

The magazine also contains a fascinating recollection of C.S. Lewis from one of his former students, Donald Whittle (1943). Lewis was a Fellow here from 1925 to 1954 and later this year we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of his death. On 22nd November there will be an unveiling of a memorial stone to Lewis in Poets' Corner at Westminster Abbey and on the following day we are hosting an afternoon of lectures in College to include Lewis Scholar, Lord Williams of Oystermouth, former Archbishop of Canterbury and current Master of our sister college in Cambridge. I hope you will be able to join us for this occasion.

Elsewhere in *Floreat* we bring you news and updates from various areas of the College and its alumni community. I hope from reading this magazine you see that Magdalen is a college fully engaged with the world at large. Today, more than ever, Magdalen is in a global competition for the brightest students and the best academics from across the world, and given our international outlook and heritage, we believe ourselves well placed to continue to attract the best.

Floreat Magdalena!
David Clary



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MAGDALEN'S MARSHALL SCHOLARS

Marshall Scholar **Andrew Klaber (2004)** writes about the 60th anniversary of the Marshall Scholarships for US students.



Andrew Klaber (right) and friends.

Founded by a 1953 Act of Parliament, the Marshall Scholarship, which is named in honour of soldier-statesman George C. Marshall, commemorates the humane ideals of the Marshall Plan and expresses the continuing gratitude of the British people to their American counterparts. Prince Charles currently serves as the

honorary patron of the Association of Marshall Scholars.

Celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2013, the Marshall Scholarship – which funds up to three years of study at any university in the United Kingdom – has been particularly beneficial to the Magdalen College community.

Magdalen Marshall Scholars include:

- U.S. Supreme Court Justice **Stephen Breyer** (1959)
- Magdalen Honorary Fellow **Harold Koh** (1975), former Chief Legal Adviser at the US Department of State and Sterling Professor of International Law and Dean Emeritus at Yale Law School
- **Michael Klarman** (1984), Harvard Law School Constitutional Law scholar, and author of *From the Closet to the Altar: Courts, Backlash, and the Struggle for Same-Sex Marriage*
- **Niko Canner** (1994), Founder of management consulting firm Katzenbach Partners
- **Angela Duckworth** (1994), creator of the Grit score for personality traits
- **Bryan Leach** (2000), CEO of Ibotta, a mobile phone application that has had 35 million offers viewed since its 2012 launch
- **Krishanti Vignarajah** (2002), Senior Advisor to the US Deputy Secretary of State Thomas Nide
- **Zachary Kaufman** (2002), Founder, President, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Friends of the Kigali Public Library – Rwanda's first public library and the country's national library – and editor of *Social Entrepreneurship in the Age of Atrocities*
- **PG Sittenfeld** (2007), at 27 years old, the youngest person ever elected to the Cincinnati City Council

RICHARD RIVE

Fellow Librarian **Dr Christine Ferdinand** talks about South African writer and Magdalen Rhodes Scholar **Richard Rive** (1971).

One of our most intriguing alumni is Richard Rive, the South African novelist and short-story writer. Born in 1930 to an African-American father and 'coloured' mother, Rive grew up in working-class Cape Town (Rive's *Buckingham Palace, District Six* discusses the community before and after the forced removals of the 1970s). His early education and teacher training was in South Africa.

Later, encouraged by Bill Johnson (Fellow 1965–95) among others, Rive came to Magdalen after his Columbia University MA to complete his DPhil on another South African author, Olive Schreiner. Rive

was proud of his time at Oxford, and remembered Magdalen in his will: after his murder in 1989, the College received an important part of his library. Aside from his own novels and a sub-library of works by and about Olive Schreiner, most of the books now in Magdalen's Richard Rive collection are presentation copies.

These many signed books are a testimony to Rive's international reputation and to the esteem in which he was held by his contemporaries. Notable among them is the well-known American writer Langston Hughes (1902–67), who was introduced to Rive's work in 1954, when he helped judge the *South African Drum* magazine's third international short-story competition. Rive won the prize for



his short story "The Bench". The two entered into a long correspondence after that, which included Hughes's gift of his *The Weary Blues* signed "Especially for Richard Rive – my first book" and dated "New York, July 24, 1954". They met nearly ten years later and that event is commemorated in a copy of *Ask Your Mama*, "Inscribed especially for Richard Rive, on our first meeting... London, August, 1963."