



WILSON COLLEGE

1994 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Booklet

**Simon Anam (1994)**

**Sarah Bradley (Prof Sarah Dance) (1994)**

After Clare, I went to Brown University in the USA where I carried out a PhD in Applied Mathematics. I came back to the UK in 2002 and joined the University of Reading. I'm now a Professor in Reading, jointly held in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics and Department of Meteorology. I am also one of the Directors of the National Centre for Earth Observation (NCEO). My research is in the mathematics of hazardous weather and flood prediction. I'm lucky enough to work on problems that make an impact on operational forecasting and warning using satellite data and ground-based remote sensing.

I married my husband Chris Bradley in 2006, and we have a fantastic 13 year old son, Simon.

I'm sorry not to be able to join you for the reunion this year, and hope that I will nevertheless be able to catch up with some of you in other ways!

**Kate Caroe (1994)**

Hi everyone,

This photo is of me and my daughter Emma who graduated from Clare this year! It's been

really nice to be back in C (onT(r)3 (, a)4 a)-1 (o)- 0 Tw 5.16 0 TdD[be)4 ( a)v1 ( of)3 ( m2 (h s)-1 (o)10 ( )10



### **Charlie Ferrero (1994)**

After graduating from Cambridge, I spent a happy summer as a research assistant in the UCL Geology Department. Initially based in London, my highlight was an extensive period of fieldwork in the Spanish Pyrenees. During the day I assisted with the drilling of the famous Ainsa turbidite deposits, and balanced this with evenings spent sampling the local specialities of rioja and wild boar stews.

The following year, I started a Masters at Imperial College London, focusing on petroleum geoscience. This was followed by a PhD in computational geology, an opportunity to drill down (pun intended) into some of the minutiae of oil and gas exploration. Completing my PhD in 2003, I decided that an academic career was not for me and ended up going into management consulting. I spent ten years - in London - in that role, with many enjoyable trips around the world to places I would not normally have visited, including memorable visits to Juneau in Alaska, Luanda in Angola and many many trips to Riyadh and Manama. Towards the end of that period I relocated to the Middle East and after a decade in consulting, I transitioned from consultant to client and joined the energy company offshoot of Abu Dhabi's sovereign wealth fund Mubadala, where I continue to work to this day.

### **Peter Gray (1994)**

Unlike most bios, all of us reading this booklet probably already know everyone in it, and many of us have caught up at past reunions, even if we have not managed to stay in touch in between them. As such, the below is a brief summary of what I've been up to so we can talk about more interesting things than my career when we get together.

After around 10 years working for a US firm in the City, in 2010, I moved with same firm to Dubai. I have lived there ever since. That firm became insolvent in 2012, after which I moved to another US firm with an office there. I suffered an ignominious exit from there in 2015 (I can tell you about it if you're really interested) which amounted to a major career setback. I decided to remain in Dubai and set up my own firm there.



I merged with an Emirati friend's firm in 2017, creating ADG Legal, a Dubai firm which practises both local and international law. Initially, we focussed on disputes, but have since added other specialisations, so we are now what is known as a full-service practice. Today,

ADG Legal is one of the largest independent firms in Dubai, and now also has offices in Abu Dhabi and Alexandria, Egypt.

I spend my time travelling around the Middle East and Africa, including less travelled destinations, such as Somaliland and DR Congo. I work on complex disputes and white-collar crime, as well as helping with other partners on transactional matters.

I have two lovely children, a son aged 14 and a daughter of 11, both of whom are at school in the UK.

### **Graham Hazel (1994)**

Post-Clare, Graham continued studying Maths for slightly too long, and has a PhD certificate signed by Arnold Schwarzenegger. Returning to the UK, he spent several years at a start-up creating lighting algorithms for video games, collaborating with NVIDIA, Disney, LucasArts and EA among others, resulting in an acquisition by a large tech company. After bouncing around various roles in R&D, VR and AI, a side-project got out of hand: he is currently CEO of RealBridge, the first online bridge platform to integrate Zoom-style video calls into the game experience. Initially inspired by the mission to bring social contact back to bridge in the time of COVID, RealBridge now has thousands of regular players aged 6-106 in over 50 countries, and in 2021 received the EBU Tony Friday Award in recognition of its pivotal role for the bridge community during lockdown. When not at real or virtual tables, Graham can often be found dancing to, singing or playing the blues, funk or swing music at various locations around Cambridge, where he lives with his wife Katherine and two children. He is a named inventor on eight granted patents, in the fields of Computer Graphics, Internet-of-Things and Artificial Intelligence.

### **Owain Johnson (1994)**

In the sooty *Midlands* is born a child,

Endow'd with Wit and Temperament mild.

*Owain* by Name, A Sprig of Proud *Johnson*  
Blood,

The Graces with their Virtues do him Flood.

A comely Youth, deep reader of Letters,

He chafes to break dread *Walsall's* Fetters.

Now paid Employment is our Hero's Goal.

A spell in *Peckham's* Job Centre? He quails,

Works in Bookshops and – alas – in Telesales.

An Analyst in *London*, in *Chile* a Reporter,

A Move to *Caracas*, Chaos at Close Quarter.

*London's* Siren Call Brings this *Owain* Home,

allegations of financial impropriety and/or business crime across WTW. Before joining WTW in 2018, Yasmin worked in the compliance and investigations team of a global law firm. As a Clare linguist, Yasmin has enjoyed the opportunities over the years to use her languages in these global roles. In her spare time, Yasmin enjoys learning new languages, travelling, singing in the local choir and playing the castanets.

**Emilie McMeekan (1994)**

Emilie McMeekan: I am a journalist with more than 24 years' experience, as former features editor of the Evening Standard and former deputy editor of Tatler and ES Magazine. In 2017 I went freelance and it's been a rollercoaster. I am the co- founder of The Midult, an online movement for grown-up women, co-



With the perspective that a family brings and the realisation that I had outgrown the office in

evacuated BBC staff from Afghanistan, Ukraine and Gaza in recent years. I moved from London to work from Salford in 2021, and now live in West Yorkshire with my partner, son and twin daughters who are heading towards A-Levels and GCSEs next year, as well as supporting Arsenal men and women's teams. They also put up with my continued support for Shrewsbury Town, interrailing and modern architecture.

### **Jan Waszink (1994)**

I am very sad to miss the Reunion dinner in Clare this September, due to a conference appearance planned a long while ago. From the study of Classics in Leiden, the Netherlands I came to Clare in September 1994 for the M.Phil in European Literature, with Dr Philip Ford as my supervisor. My focus was on early modern Latin, with a future PhD in mind. I remember that academic year in Thirkill Court with a bunch of other international graduate students as one of the best and most memorable in my life: with unmanageable reading loads, endless talks over mugs of tea, and the Friday dinners in Hall and subsequent enjoyment in the MCR defining the weeks. Also I learned that random leftovers from yesterday, mixed in a bowl, constitute a salad. I continued in Cambridge for a second year, starting the work towards my PhD under the supervision of Richard Tuck in Jesus. In the autumn of 1996 I moved back to Amsterdam for a position as a PhD student studying the reason of state-theory of Justus Lipsius (1547-1606). I finished this book (a study and edition) in 2001. Not very long afterwards I married, and in subsequent years two children were born, one of whom is already in university herself. I have worked in various academic teaching and research roles in the Netherlands since my PhD. I have spent much time studying and editing the historical works of Hugo Grotius (1583-1645), culminating in another edition-plus-study in 2023. At the moment I am the principal investigator of a larger project on the reception of the Roman historian Cornelius Tacitus in early-modern political thought, based at the Historical Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw -- research definitely does take you places.

### **Richard White (1994)**

Richard completed a PhD in developmental biology in 2002 and married Kate in May of the same year. They went to live in California and Richard worked for 5 years at the University of California, Irvine and tried to learn to surf. Returning to the UK in 2007, he has worked at the Sanger Institute, the University of Cambridge, and is now at Queen Mary, University of London in Mile End. In 2010, Richard took some coding courses and switched from doing lab experiments to working as a Bioinformatician. Kate and Rich have 2 kids and outside of work, Rich spends a lot of his time organising and coaching kids' cricket.