

AWARDS

New Year Honours 2012

Four University members were recognised:

Diarmaid MacCulloch, Professor of the History of the Church, was knighted for services to scholarship.

Geoffrey Hill, Professor of Poetry, was knighted for services to literature.

Lionel Tarassenko, Professor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Director of the Institute of Biomedical Engineering, was made a CBE for services to engineering.

Professor Robert Walker, Professor of Social Policy and Intervention, was made an MBE for services to social policy research.

The Queen's Birthday Honours

Two Oxford academics were recognised:

Lorna Casselton, FRS, Emeritus Professor of Fungal Genetics, was made a CBE for her services to research and for her role as Vice-President of the Royal Society.

Ann Buchanan, Director of the Oxford Centre for Research into Parenting and Children, and Professor in Social Work, was awarded an MBE for her contribution to social science research.

Royal Society

Two Oxford academics were elected Fellows of the Royal Society:

Ian Walmsley, Hooke Professor of Experimental Physics and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research, Academic Services and University Collections).

Dominic David Joyce, Professor of Mathematics.

British Academy

Seven Oxford academics were recently elected Fellows of the British Academy. These were:

Oliver Braddick, Emeritus Professor of Experimental Psychology

Vincent Crawford, Drummond Professor of Political Economy

John Darwin, Beit Lecturer in the History of the Commonwealth

Jane Humphries, Professor of Economic History

Martin Stokes, Lecturer in Ethnomusicology

Helen Watanabe-O'Kelly, Professor of German Literature and Chair of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages

Lucia Zedner, Professor of Criminal Justice

Honours:

Encaenia

Aung San Suu Kyi, Chairman of the Burmese National League for Democracy and member of the Burmese parliament, received an honorary doctorate in civil law at Encaenia on Wednesday 20 June, during her first trip to Europe since 1988. Daw Suu, who spent much of the period from 1989 to 2010 in some form of detention as a result of her campaign to bring democracy to Burma, was awarded the honorary doctorate



Aung San Suu Kyi

in civil law in April 1993, but until this year had been unable to receive it in person. She read PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) at St Hugh's College from 1964 to 1967.

Seven leading figures from the worlds of science, the arts, intelligence and business also received honorary degrees.

The following honorary degrees were conferred at Encaenia, the Rt Hon Lord Patten of Barnes presiding:

Doctors of Civil Law

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

'Unbowed champion of liberty, who have given your people and the whole world an example of courage and endurance ...'

Following her degree, and in a break with tradition, Daw Suu was invited to address the ceremony. In her speech she said: 'The most important thing for me about Oxford was not what I learnt there in terms of set texts and set books we had to read, but in terms of a respect for the best in human civilisation.' She also made reference to the other distinguished figures receiving honours in her speech, noting in particular that 'When I was under house arrest I was ... helped by the books of John le Carré ... they were a journey into the wider world; not the wider world just of other countries, but of thoughts and ideas.'

Baroness Manningham-Buller, former Director General of the Security Service

'... a tenacious guardian of the nation ...'

Doctors of Letters

David Cornwell, alias John le Carré, author

'... a most skillful weaver of tales ...'

Professor Drew Faust, President of Harvard University and historian of the American Civil War and the American South

'... a humane historian, a tireless guide of her university ...'

Sir Howard Stringer, Chairman of Sony Corporation

'... a most skillful businessman, a true friend of this University ...'

Professor Charles Taylor, philosopher

'Pattern of wisdom and liberality, who have analysed the nature of human community with keen intellect ...'



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Doctors of Science

Dr Henry Barnett, neurologist

'Eminent master of the medical art, to whose work so many owe health and life itself ...'

Professor William Phillips, physicist

'Great master of little things, whose eye even the tiniest particles cannot escape ...'

Chancellor's Court of Benefactors 2011/12

Eleven new members were admitted to the Court in recognition of their generosity to the collegiate University.

James P Davis, Chairman of the Kennedy Trust for Rheumatology Research, as the representative for the Trust

Professor Raymond Dwek, FRS, Director of the Oxford Glycobiology Institute

David Laing, architect and a director of Eskmuir, as the representative for the Kirby Laing Foundation

Peter Levine, chairman and founder of Levine Capital Management

John McCall MacBain, founder of Pamoja Capital SA and of the McCall MacBain Foundation

Charles Manby, a partner and managing director of Goldman Sachs International

S Krishna Pathak, founder of the ABM Group of Companies in the UAE

Dickson Poon, CBE, founder of the Dickson Group of Companies in Hong Kong

Gareth Roberts, founder and former CEO of Denbury Resources, Inc.

His Excellency Sheikh Ghassan I Shaker, one of the most highly decorated personalities from the Arab world

Sir Mark Walport, FRS, FMedSci, Director and Chief Executive of The Wellcome Trust, as the representative for the Trust



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