

# TRIN65 Newsletter – August 2024

## Welcome to our third newsletter

We are looking forward to the All Member Zoom Call (AMZC) on **Wednesday 11 September** in which Dr Michael Banner will talk about his role as the Fellow who heads up the College's Alumni Relations and on his own research activity. Following questions and discussion, there will be opportunities for more informal groups to chat in "break-out rooms" or carry on in the main "plenary" session. If you have not yet registered for the event, please email [TRIN65@w2c.co.uk](mailto:TRIN65@w2c.co.uk).

Thank you to everyone who has sent contributions for this Newsletter, particularly the fascinating piece of family history from Alasdair Darroch on the death of Napoleon. (see below.)

We would be delighted to receive any stories which you may have, either of events in your own life or those of your ancestors. And please let us know what you are up to now. Nothing will be published without checking with you first. Please send contributions to [TRIN65@w2c.co.uk](mailto:TRIN65@w2c.co.uk)

## Recent events

The last event to which all members were invited was the Trinity Carol Concert in London, December 2023, preceded by a pub meal. It was well attended and very enjoyable, to the extent that we forgot to take a group photograph. But here is one taken in the church.

Front row (from right) Richard Ashton, James Bradley, David Hunt, Nigel and Margi Kingsley, with Tony Seddon in the second row.

A number of members have exercised their MA dining rights over the past 12 months, sometimes in collaboration with others from the Group, all providing memorable occasions to keep in touch.



## Statement on Slavery

December 2023 also saw the culmination of efforts by a small group of Trin65 members to produce a "Statement on Slavery" in response to the College's (and University's) initiative on this subject. The statement can be found [here](#). It states clearly that it does not represent the views of the 1965 Year Group as a whole, for the simple reason that the Group does not exist to make statements on any issues whatever, but we acknowledge that the existence of the Group has made it possible for us to come together and share our thoughts.

## Our next "Annual" Gathering?

We understand from the College that the next annual gathering to which our year group will be invited will not be until 2028. This is not a surprise, since we were fortunate to be the first year group to be invited following the Covid pandemic. However, given that none of us is getting any younger (to put it mildly), we would like to explore the possibility with the College of arranging an interim "mini-gathering", perhaps next Summer. This would probably be a lunch, with something arranged before and after, and it would not be free. If you would be interested in principle in attending such an event, please let us know.

## Death of Napoleon

Alasdair Darroch has sent us this story of his great great grandfather, Ensign Duncan Darroch [1800/1889] who was in the 20th Regiment on St Helena during the captivity of Napoleon.

He arrived on the Camel on 29th February 1820 and left shortly after the death of Napoleon in May 1821. Over that period, he wrote a number of interesting letters to his mother in Scotland recording the end of Napoleon's life, his death and the funeral, which he helped to arrange.

He took as keepsakes some of his hair and a piece of lint dipped in his blood. Sadly the keepsakes and the original letters do not survive. His son also Duncan Darroch [1836/1926] studied at Trinity and rowed in the boat race in 1858 when Cambridge won and in 1859 when they sank. His name is on a board in the First and Third Trinity Boat Club. Read a fuller article [here](#).

## The way we were (1)

Over the past year, we have been able to put more names to the faces on the [photograph](#) of the Trinity 1965 Matriculating Class. But there are still many which we have not identified, and no doubt we will never finish the task, but please take another look and let us know if your memory is jogged, with reference to the [Coordinates](#) and the [numbered version](#) of the photograph.

## The way we were (2)

Our collective arrival at Trinity was not the only memorable occasion of 1965. We are grateful to our quizmaster general, Hyder Khalil, for reminding us that:

- Alexei Leonov of the USSR became the first man to walk in space
- UK's strategic missile (the TSR2) was cancelled
- Club 18-30 was launched in Lloret del Mar
- The average house price was £3,660! (and now.....?)
- Petrol was approx. 5.5 pence per litre – in post decimal currency
- A pint of beer was approx. 8 to 9 pence – equivalent in post decimal currency
- The death penalty was abolished in Britain
- The Post Office Tower was opened
- Myra Hindley and Ian Brady – the “Moors murderers” – were charged with the murders of several children
- Winston Churchill died

## Trinity 1965 Website

Our website ([trin65.org.uk](http://trin65.org.uk)) is coming along nicely thanks to the efforts of Nigel Duffin. Please take a look and let us know your thoughts on it. Even better would be contributions of old photographs and other memorabilia.

## In memoriam

Happily this year, we have no reports of any of our members dying. However, we sadly report the passing of Penny, the wife of Tony Seddon, on 9 June. We hope to build a library of obituaries on the Year Group website. We would be grateful for any contributions for members who have already departed this life.

## Trinity 1965 Group Information

Membership of our Group now stands at a record high of 64. It remains our hope that this number will increase before it starts to decrease. Here is the [latest list](#). Contact us [here](#) if you need the password.

In order to function, the Group has a Committee and some officers. As we are all pretty much retired, and our personal priorities are to take things easy and enjoy ourselves, there is not much formal business. We meet by Zoom three times a year. If you would like to attend as a guest, you are most welcome – let us know [here](#).

Our main agenda is to stimulate events. We maintain the Group Website and the list of members, and we act as a link between the Year Group and ARDO. The current members of the Committee are:

James Bradley, Alasdair Darroch, Nigel Duffin, Alex Hankey, John Hinch, David Hunt, Alan Kershaw  
Hyder Khalil, Clem McCalla, Mark Menhinick, Tony Seddon, John White, Tudor Wynn-Williams

We are on constant lookout for new members, so PLEASE get in touch if you are willing to play a more active role. For unmentionable reasons, we need to ensure that every role is duplicated.

## The future

Some have asked what can Trinity 1965 Year Group do, which is not already covered by the excellent communications from the College, with the frequent news from the College and the various Subject Groups (eg, Music, Law, Banking)

Here are some examples. Keeping in touch, mini-gatherings, Our website - with shared photographs, memorabilia, news and obituaries, together with sharing of news about each other which is not of such outstanding interest as some of the achievements of fellows and star alumni.

## List of URLs

Below are the URLs for the links given in the body of the Newsletter, in recognition that some members may have hardware and software for which simple click links will not work. If this happens to you, then copying and pasting the full URL into your browser software should function for the foreseeable future.

Email to Trin65 Year Group: <mailto:TRIN65@w2c.co.uk>

Trin65 Group Website: [trin65.org.uk](http://trin65.org.uk)

Trin65 List of Members: <https://trin65.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Trinitym1965-2408-protected.pdf>

Recording of AMZC on 23 March 2023: <https://trin65.org.uk/video/1965March2023.mp4>

1965 Freshmen Photograph: <https://trin65.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/1965-matriculation-photo-scaled.jpg>

1965 Freshmen Photo with numbers: <https://trin65.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/1965-matriculation-photo-numbers-scaled.jpg>

Coordinates: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jcpQVoMimzFwKLSfqxYtWiGDKCsPbRmqR\\_SG7C0m\\_qY/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jcpQVoMimzFwKLSfqxYtWiGDKCsPbRmqR_SG7C0m_qY/edit#gid=0)

Trin65 Constitution: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N8pTGQvtPFFvVR2G8WXvfTlFGA9ftu\\_1/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N8pTGQvtPFFvVR2G8WXvfTlFGA9ftu_1/view?usp=sharing)

Statement on Slavery: <https://trin65.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Statement-on-Slavery.pdf>

Death of Napoleon: <https://trin65.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Death-of-Napoleon.pdf>