

Bridget Wheeler (1977)

Proposed for election at 2026 AGM.

Bridget was among the first intake of female undergraduates at Trinity Hall in 1977.

She was inspired to study law by the example of a second cousin, the first woman barrister, who made it seem an exciting possibility. Like so many others, she studied under the legendary John Collier. She was called to the Bar and then moved into a career as a City solicitor. Law has remained something of a family tradition, with her husband and elder son also being solicitors, while Bridget still consults for a boutique law firm and she's delighted to mentor young people at the firm.

Athletics was a huge part of Bridget's time at Trinity Hall. She became the first woman from the College to earn a Blue, and her 200-metre Varsity Match record stood for 45 years. John Collier never forgot it and delighted in reminding her of the fact at his 80th birthday celebration—a testament to his remarkable memory. Bridget continues to coach Cambridge athletics and currently chairs the Joint Oxford and Cambridge Alumni Athletics Association.