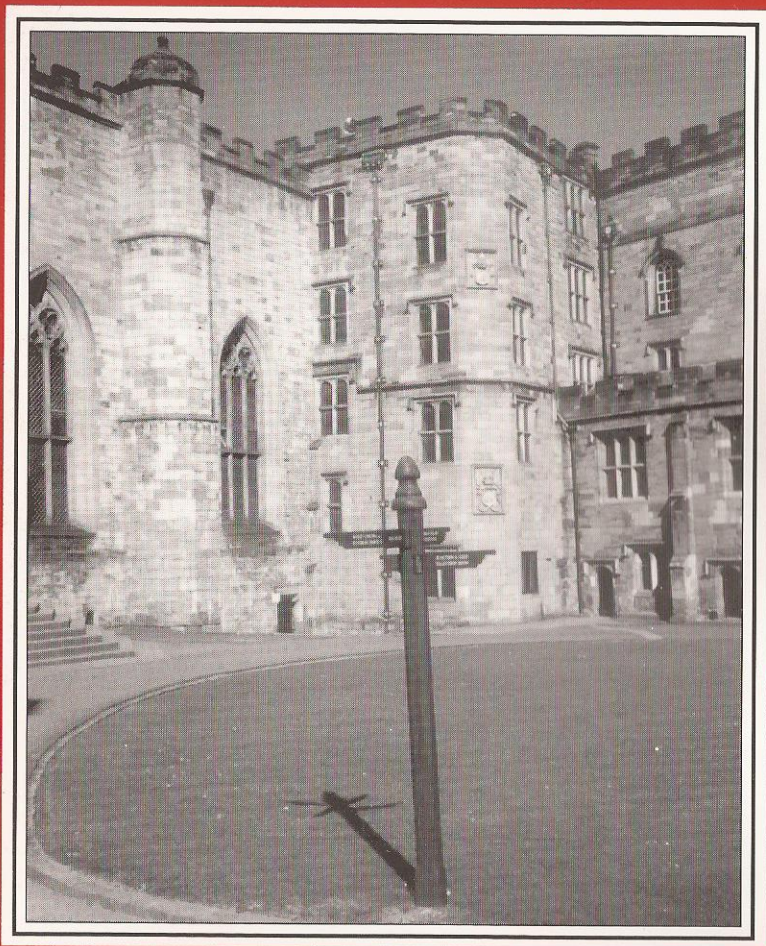


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THE MASTER'S LETTER 1993

When I sit down and think what am I going to say in this annual letter, I wonder what on earth I can write about this year but, as always, quite a lot has indeed happened during the twelve months.

The most important event as far as the College is concerned has been the completion of our new building in the Fellow's Garden and the conversion of the old offices on Garden Stairs into student rooms. At first I was rather concerned at the reduced floor area in the new offices but we have fitted ourselves in and we are all enjoying the new environment. The rooms feel light and airy, it is very pleasant to work in and I at least find it helpful to have everything on one floor. I am not so sure that the Vice-Master finds it quite so convenient as he now suffers more intrusions from the Master than before.

The building fits in well and does not intrude. I think it looks rather well from the garden and we have just heard that it has won the City Trust Architectural Commendation of the Year. They even liked the oriel window which caused concern to some of my colleagues. I am not yet totally used to the new location for the offices and find myself wandering in the general direction of Garden Stairs – indeed I got as far as the first landing on one occasion and wondered what on earth had happened to the place. You can draw your own conclusions. It is worth remembering that this project was first proposed by Len Slater before he retired.

The conversion of Garden Stairs has turned out rather well. There is one don's set and eight double rooms. The don's set is based on my old office which is used as the sitting room. We could not use this as a bedroom, as in the view of the local fire officer, it would be difficult to escape in case of fire. Having spent some 14 years in that room I found his comments quite interesting. Some of you will recall that the carpet had a disconcerting habit of rising and falling when the wind was in the north or north west – particularly interesting for interviewees! It was obvious that there was a space under the

floor and that it exited to the banks, but I had no idea how large it was. We found a square pit some 20 to 25' deep. I am not sure what it was used for originally – it would make a nice dungeon but they are out of fashion.

All the new student rooms on Garden Stairs are doubles and like those in the new building, have en-suite facilities. The provision of double rooms and en-suite facilities for student rooms might be considered debatable but we have to remember that the College is now used for a variety of revenue earning activities – conferences, weddings, vacation schools and so on. This brings in close to 40% of our total income and we certainly could not survive without it. Such activities require a higher standard of accommodation than the traditional student room and we have to try to meet their needs. Nevertheless sharing is not always popular. In recent years a fair number of second and third year students have chosen to share but with the majority of second year students living out there are an increasing number of double rooms being used for freshers – and it is not always possible for complete strangers to make a success of sharing.

The University continues to expand. The intake last October was 198, of whom 191 were first year students and the others were IES or Erasmus students. The total number of students, postgraduate and undergraduate, in College is 572 and 195 are living out. Fortunately the intake will fall next year. This is due to additional rooms becoming available elsewhere in the University, mainly in an extension to Collingwood College, and because the Government has reined in on numbers. In consequence we will not be taking as many students next October as we originally planned. Our entry figure is 170 and if this holds we will be able to have more students with 3 years in residence. However there is another factor. This year saw the first intakes to the new four year degree courses in Engineering and Physics. Once these are established there will be an increase in numbers as there is no drop in the size of the intake. I would like to see students on four year courses having three years in College if possible. At present they are told to expect to live out for two years.

The extra numbers cause increased pressure on the central facilities. Students living out come into College and use the undercroft and other areas. This is to be encouraged as it maintains continuity and collegiality. The undercroft causes the most concern but it is not easy to think of alternative areas which would provide as large or as attractive a common room. With the increased numbers the conflict between its use as a common room and as a bar is more noticeable. Common rooms else where in College have not been used and have reverted to student accommodation after a few years lack of use. We are not well off in this respect, but I do not see an easy solution.

In one way this has been the year of assessment. The University came out of the national research assessment exercise very well indeed with some six departments achieving the highest grading. This was a great boost – particularly as Engineering was one of them! We have also had visits from the HEFC Teaching Quality Assessment Panel and the first three departments to be inspected, Chemistry, History and Law were graded excellent. I doubt if we will do as well in all cases but it is a good start.

Last year the Cathedral celebrated its 900th anniversary with a whole range of events. There was considerable press coverage and at times one was not too sure what was happening on Palace Green. The University contributed exhibitions and conferences. The City is still concerned with the amount of traffic which comes onto the peninsula. I suspect they would like to ban vehicular traffic altogether, but that is not practical. The latest measures include some traffic calming measures in the Market place and a low speed limit is proposed, but this has gone very quiet. There is still a tendency for some to use Palace Green as a race-track, particularly late at night and the area does not escape the wave of car theft which seems to be endemic in the North East at this time.

We had a range of gatherings and reunions last year. Canon Williams held his usual get-together at Whalley Abbey and Stephen Foster eventually got his London meeting off the ground. The latter was well attended and I am pleased to hear from Alex Nelson that it was a very successful evening.

Denise and I had the considerable pleasure of joining the 1973 intake for their re-union, very ably organised by Nick Mercer in the Royal Artillery mess at Woolwich. We certainly enjoyed the event – many thanks to all of you for the hard work involved. I might add that Nick and Douglas Pinnock are hoping to arrange an event in Castle to herald the advent of year 2000. A preliminary booking has been made in the diary.

OLD COPIES OF CASTELLUM

The editor is always happy to receive old editions of Castellum which would otherwise be thrown out, to add to the archive, and fill the gaps in the collections of others. There are two gaps in the editor's collection:

Castellum 17 from 1964

Castellum 40 from 1987/8

If you have a spare copy of these, or wish to dispose of old copies of Castellum, please mail them to Barras House, Front Street, Burnopfield, Newcastle Upon Tyne. NE16 6PY.

Note to more senior members of the Durham Castle Society: If you have a series of magazines which may be destroyed when you matriculate into the after-life, please ensure your Castellum collection remains safe! There's no need to change your will or anything – just leave a clear note in the midst of your magazines that they should not be thrown out, but sent on to the Editor of Castellum! Sorry if you think it's morbid, but there aren't many old copies of the magazine about, and you can't take them with you when you go. Even if you wanted to. Thank you in advance for planning ahead!



ARNOLD KENDALL GIBSON

Appreciations of Castlemen usually give an account of their activities in Castle. I cannot do that, primarily because I knew A. K. Gibson not as a contemporary but as my maths, physics and careers master in Amersham, Bucks. In any case, it would be impossible to elaborate on his magnificent account of life in Castle when he was in residence from 1926 to 1930: 'It was the Pit – the Lowest Ebb!' (Castellum, No 44, 1994/2, pp. 32–39).

That account mentioned his subsequent teaching in Amersham and headship in Bedwellty, Gwent; but it does not mention the steady stream of students, myself included, whom he directed to Castle from those schools. I do not have his incredible memory for names, but can recall A. W. Tomlin, Max Glasman, Tony Weedon, Geoff Hunt and Bob Stradring from Amersham in the 1940s. We can all be grateful to him for his excellent teaching and for his perception in sending us to Castle – and in those days even school leavers largely did what they were told!

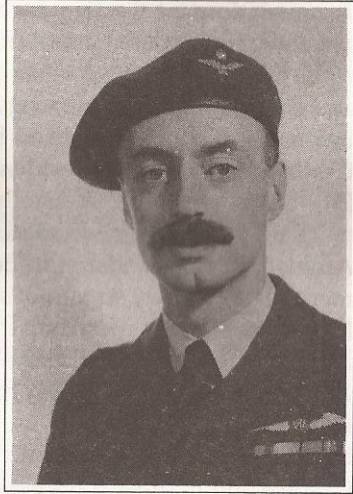
He retained his interest in maths until the end: our annual exchange of letters always included some mention of maths and, even three months before he died, he wrote that he believed that he had proved some new feature of 'Phythagorean Triples'. So it is fitting that he lived just long enough to hear that Fermat's Last Theorem had at last been solved.

He died on 27th October 1993, aged 85, after a short spell in hospital; his wife died just three months earlier and he is survived by two daughters and four grandchildren.

An obituary to Tony Hearson is also published in this edition, to be found in Tom Worswick's notes of the war years on pages 36 to 38.

JIM WIGHTWICK

In October 1941 Jim came up to Castle as one of the small band of RAF Short Course cadets. They founded Durham University Air Squadron, which enabled the College to thrive during the war years. Qualifying in Canada, he flew Hudsons at OTU, and as a natural flyer he tested new aircraft to the limit of their capabilities, and was also an able Instructor. Both activities were vital, though they seldom hit the headlines. Those on "ops" owed a great deal to



unsung heroes like Jim, who worked out training programmes for each new prototype, having deliberately and coolly mishandled it so that fellow pilots would know how far they could push the machine. This took not only a very special skill, but also a determined and calculated courage. In the latter stages of his career he was Wing Commander at the M.O.D. until the onset of chronic ill-health in 1982.

As a fellow member of the RAF Short Course, it was good to see him at Castle reunions, always wearing his maroon College blazer, which he attended despite declining health, for he formed a link spanning fifty years. Jim was 69; he leaves a widow whose grief we share, a grandson and two granddaughters. He was pre-deceased by his only child – a daughter.

R.E.H.

The Bursar writes:

Jim had a great affection for the College and for Durham and usually visited once or twice a year to stay in the Castle, to savour what for him was its unforgettable atmosphere, and chat in a most engaging fashion about his College.

DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY REUNION 1993 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In the Chair

The President, Dr. E. C. Salthouse, Master University College.

Present at the Meeting

59 members of the Society.

Apologies

These had been received from:- J. G. Bridges, A. E. Cartmel, J. Ashworth, L. Slater, J. Oakley, P. J. Jeffreys, D. Holbrook, P. L. Kirby and W. T. Gunstone.

Minutes

The minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting having been circulated in Castellum were confirmed as a true record and signed by the President.

Matters Arising

The London Dinner would take place on 4th November 1993 and the cost would be £30. Full details of venue, time etc. would be sent to all members within easy reach of London.

Boat Club Boards

It was suggested that these might be placed on the blank walls going towards the Keep on the main stairs before the Junction.

The cost of repairing or replacing the damaged boards would be looked at as well as the possibility of placing one board in or near the Master's new office when it was completed later this year.

Correspondence

All correspondence had been dealt with as it arose but the Secretary did refer to the correspondence received from the Alumni Relations Officer which included reports of meetings and the reunion held last June. The Chairman pointed out that despite the vote by the A.G.M. to continue the reunion in the Spring we did realise that there may be some groups who would prefer it to be held in June but would take time to alter dates as the Castle had regular bookings at that time. The meeting indicated that they would be quite happy with a Spring reunion.

Annual Accounts

The Treasurer before presenting this years accounts confirmed that the accounts for the previous year which had been accepted subject to audit had been audited as presented.

He then presented this years accounts and said that all the expenditure had been for running the Society which had allowed the amount at the bank and building society to produce a healthy balance. This would be available for spending on 'other' projects at a later date.

He pointed out that there were two aspects that concerned the Committee the apparent high rate of bank charges and the low rate of interest received from the building society. both items would be looked at in the course of the next week or so and remedied where possible.

He than asked that the year end be amended to 31st December each year so that the A.G.M. would always have audited accounts and that Castellum would have the current accounts printed. The meeting agreed.

Membership

The Secretary said that only 25% of those persons who were eligible to join the Society were actually members of the Society and whilst the Freshers and the Third Year sherry parties would continue he asked members contact the Secretary if they knew anyone who was eligible and not a member and he would try to get them to join or rejoin.

University College Durham Trust Appeal

Mr. John Hollier gave a resume of the progress the Appeal had made. There were almost a hundred covenants and the Trustees had invested £50,000. which was now worth £65,000. He said that the Trustees would earmark some of the interest in providing some feature for the Fellows Garden Project to keep faith with the original appear. He asked members who were not covenantors to consider taking one out and hoped that those persons who had been paying for four years would consider taking out another when theirs expired.

Election of Officers

The President from the Chair proposed that the Secretary/Treasurer, Editor of Castellum, the representative on the governing body and the retiring Trustee for the Trust be re-elected. The meeting agreed.

Secretary/Treasurer	M. K. Pulling
Editor of Castellum	A. J. Nelson
Representative on Governing Body	J. Hollier
Trustee on University College Durham Trust	J. H. N. Pearson.

The retiring members of the Committee Mr. J. W. Nicholls and Mr. K. M. Hawe were replaced by R. D. McKenzie and D. Pinnock.

Any other business

1. Mr. Len Hamer gave news of Mr. John Bridges who was in hospital and reported his progress.
2. The N. W. Dinner would be on 15th October 1993 and would cost £10.25.
3. The Woolwich Dinner would be held later in the year and members would be notified.

Date of next reunion.

Friday 15th to Sunday 17th April 1994 with the A.G.M. on Saturday 16th April 1993.

**47th Reunion Dinner
Saturday 17th April 1993
GREAT HALL**

Bishops Fish Pie

★ ★ ★

Cream of Leek Soup
Croutons

★ ★ ★

Roast Pheasant
Madeira Sauce
Roast Potatoes
Courgettes
Baby Carrots

★ ★ ★

Fresh Fruit Salad
Raspberry Sorbet

★ ★ ★

Coffee with After Dinner Mints

★ ★ ★

TOASTS

The toast to the College was proposed by John McCormick, and replied to by the Master, Dr. E. C. Salthouse.

The Toast to Absent Friends was unfortunately omitted.

Published in "Country Life", January 25th 1908. The display above the Minstrel's Gallery has been rearranged since and the chairs at the end of the tables are more grand. The apparent width of the Hall was obtained by pushing the outer-most rows of tables against the walls. The Bursar was sent this picture and offered it for £30. He haggled and got it for £5. ➤

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"COUNTRY LIFE."

THE 1993 REUNION: '35 YEARS ON'

Sitting at the 1992 Reunion Dinner and seeing the fairly large group of 1962 Castlemen who were marking their THIRTY YEARS ON, I idly tried, with the aid of Peter Atkinson (1959–62), who sat next to me, to list as many contemporaries from 1958 as I could. I continued this memory exercise on the train-journey back to London the following day and eventually reached about forty. It was then, I suppose, that, recalling what an obviously enjoyable and nostalgic time those from the 'Year of '62' had had, I conceived the idea of trying to do the same for those of '58, for a '35 YEARS ON' in 1993. Like the young of today I needed the 'instant gratification' and anyway 40 YEARS ON was rather dauntingly in the future. At that stage I hadn't realised (and I didn't discover until much later, in fact) that the 'Movers and Shakers' for the '62 group (chiefly David Shepherd) had given themselves two years to do their detective work. By the time I'd got my act together I had about six months (it wasn't entirely my fault), but in blithe and hopeful ignorance I set about what became an increasingly interesting, almost obsessive, process. Eventually, with the aid of the College Office I had the full list of seventy five Freshers of '58 – I'd never have guessed that there were so many of us. Then came the difficult task of finding up-to-date addresses. Only a very small number of '58 Castlemen were still in the Castle Society address list, but in a variety of ways I had contacts through which to trace quite a few more. After that it was down to the 1958 addresses and Directory Enquiries – 192 took quite a pounding on our 'phone!

To cut the story short – it's only of interest to some others of 1958 and perhaps really only to me! – the following fourteen made it to the Reunion, for a longer or shorter time: Terry AVEYARD, Mick BARRY, John ('Jim') CHAPMAN, Scot BAYFIELD, Dave CARRATT, (I'd last seen him on his wedding day in Peterborough in August '61!), Peter CROSS, Ian HARRISON, David HEDLEY, Sid KING, John LLOYD,

Malcolm RACE, Darryl WHITCHER, Tony WOODCOCK and myself, not a bad turnout after only six months 'tracing', compared with about thirty from 1962, who took four times that long. Had B.R. not had a strike on the Friday of that weekend, Geoff BOXALL and John ABBOT would have swelled the number. John ROWCRAFT, another old mate from Lumley days, especially, in '58/59, whom I'd last seen at Castle Day in 1963 and whom I'd traced living down in Seaford, Sussex, not too far from where I am living now, dropped out at (almost) the last minute, the counter-attraction of a trip to his beloved Spain proving too strong. A fairly significant number of others, who would have liked to come, had prior arrangements – as I say, it *was* short notice! Perhaps, 'FORTY YEARS ON' or 'THIRTY FIVE YEARS FROM GRADUATION' will work for them. I know that Ian THORN and (was it?) Dave PRINCE agreed to meet again in Durham in 2000 AD!

Those I received letters from or had 'phone conversations with were Brian KIRBY (last seen in 1962, now 'holed up' in a Retirement Home near York – no, he's not an inmate, yet(!), he and his wife run it!), Dave PODMORE (no longer married to YVONNE, ex-Castle Maid) and Nigel SAVIGNY (the last two both teaching in the same school in Stafford), Ray HOODLESS, Neil HASSALL (retired from Headmastering in Derbyshire), Philip BRYAN (Rector of St. Bees on the Cumbrian Coast and Chaplain of St. Bees School), Dave SAUNDERS, Brian HOWSON (working in Education Dept. at York University), Ron DONEY (Maths. Dept. at Salford University), Dave WHITFIELD, Peter VARNEY, Ian THORN (teaching Science in Surrey) Edwin YEATS (parted company with the English Dept. at Leeds Univ. for political reasons, no doubt!), Martin SEXTON (whenever you see UNISYS coming up on your TV screen with sports statistics and information, that's Martin), Ian HARKER (working with the homeless in London) and George THOMSON, Lumley Senior Man 1958/9 (teaching in Yarm, Cleveland). To cap it all, a week after I returned from the Reunion, who should turn up at my wife's school, where I now live, as one of a General Inspection team, but Barry KNOX,

J.C.R. Secretary of 58/59? Talk about small world and coincidences! He had news of Bob HARGREAVES, who is an HM in Berkshire. Bob had stalwartly refused to reply to mail-shots and is ex-Directory.

Those of us who made the Reunion has a most pleasant time – much talking and reminiscing, almost as much drinking (of a gentle sort), some visited Lumley and were given a guided tour by the hotel Management (some old haunts proved difficult to identify, though Scott did slink quietly up on of the towers, despite them being out-of-bounds as they're now too dangerous) and the Dinner was very enjoyable, though my enjoyment was tempered by the fact that I had to deliver the Speech proposing the toast of the College. It served me right for posing as an organiser. However, some of the jokes seemed to go down quite well!

*John McCormick 1958–61
Blubery House, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3JJ*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DURHAM TRUST

From time to time the Society receives requests on behalf of members for a wording to use when making their wills. For anyone wishing to leave a legacy in their will to the University College Durham Trust the following wording is suggested:

“I BEQUEATH to the University College Durham Trust the sum of free of all tax payable at my death and I DECLARE that the receipt of the Bursar of the said College or other proper officer for the time being of the said Trust shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees.”

"1973" LONDON REUNION

A 20th reunion dinner for the 1973 year of Castlemen, their spouses, and contemporary friends, was held in the Central Officers Mess of The Royal Artillery, at Woolwich, London, on 16 October 1993, that being the closest that we could get to the anniversary of our going up to Durham.

The focus gradually widened to include years above and below 1973, as well as non-Castlemen, who were mutual friends. The Royal Artillery Mess is renowned for the standard of its food, wines and very splendid surroundings (circa 1793). We had the unique silver collection of The Royal Artillery on show and their orchestra to entertain us.

In total, 78 attended, including partners and 38 Castlemen, which was about one third of our year. It was a memorable occasion and fascinating to see who had and had not changed. The Chancellor was never traced, but several former members of the Senior Common Room of the day were also present, including the present Master as Guest of Honour. People came from Australia, Europe and all over UK.

A small amount of money was raised for the University College Trust.

Nick Mercer



Missing Castlemen

The following are still members of the Society but appear to have moved from their last known address and have not notified their change of address. We do not wish to lose contact with them and would ask members to peruse the list and see if they know their latest address. They must be on someones Christmas Card list at least. Replies to Hon. Secretary at the Castle.

D. J. C. Adams
Aldridge
E. P. Anthony
M. R. Ball
B. J. Botcherby
K. N. Brunt
C. Burdett
Dr. Burns
R. C. Burtle
D. W. Bygott
D. N. Bramwell
J. W. D. Clark
S. Connolly
F. T. Coulthard
H. Coxell
E. H. Croft
R. R. Dixon
T. R. Dabbs
J. Dockrell
J. T. Edmunds
G. K. Fenn
P. Godden
P. L. Hancock
R. J. Hargeave
D. A. Harrison
J. Harrison
M. E. Harrison
J. S. Head

I. M. Helps
M. P. Higgins
M. A. Hinton
F. R. Hoooway
J. P. A. Hurt
R. H. A. Hanssen
M. G. Knight
M. R. Lambert
I. D. Logan
A. J. McMurdo
V. S. Markham
A. J. Martin
A. R. Marshall
A. A. H. Molloy
R. T. Nunn
M. J. Orrick
A. C. V. Palmer
M. L. Parry
C. S. Pilkington
D. J. Pook
A. G. Power
M. R. Pinkney
E. Rivers
M. R. Robinson
J. Rootham
A. A. Reed
J. Salisbury
M. R. Sellar

P. J. Soulsby
P. R. Spiers
W. A. Stavely
B. Smythe
E. W. Swatman
C. Todhunter
R. M. Underwood

W. K. Whitehead
D. G. Watkinson
M. H. Winter
S. Woodward
Rev. R. E. Young
L. H. Young

DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY NEWS

The LONDON DINNER organised by Stephen Foster actually took place on Thursday 4th November 1993, and was a highly successful evening. It was held at the Royal Overseas League off Pall Mall, SW1, attended by Castlemen, Castlewomen (a delight to see the "First Ladies" there in force), many members with partners. It was a black tie event, and members and guests enjoyed salad of Mozzarella, Tomato and Smoked Ham, Medallions of Duck with Pink Peppercorn Sauce and vegetables and Chocolate Rum Truffle. John Hollier, the Society's representative on Governing Body, acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Alex Nelson, Editor of *Castellum*, proposed the toast to the College, which was replied to by Hunter Davies, author, journalist and Castleman, in a witty and enjoyable speech.

Amongst those attending was Rev. E. C. Leigh-Hunt (1940-42 and 1946-48) who reports "a very convivial gathering, at which I was asked to say the College Grace in Latin. I attended with Nigel Hill, a Castleman of the 1960s, who is a churchwarden at present of the church I attend." He also reports the death of Revd. Mervyn Spenser Underhill (1947-50) in January 1994, having been Vicar of St. John's Church, Hedge End, Southampton 1961-94. Both the Bishop of Winchester and his suffragan were present at the funeral. Both came up to Castle from the same home town, Ealing in West London, and had been friends for sixty years.

A few weeks previously in October, on Friday 15th October, the same weekend as Nick Mercer's Reunion in London, Canon Geoffrey Williams held his regular dinner at the WHALLEY ABBEY Conference House, set in the midst of the ruins of the ancient Cistercian Abbey of Whalley, and a dozen members enjoyed a convivial evening.

Geoffrey Williams' reminiscences of the 1930s published in the last *Castellum* brought forward a letter from Evelyn Robinson, now living in Framwellgate Moor. She writes: "Reading Canon Williams' article certainly did bring back happy memories. I remember Eric Hargreaves (the talented dance musician) very well. One day as a child I was playing with a ball which went into his room through the open window. He came to the window and told me I'd broken his teapot. I went to confess my sin to my mother, who immediately made up a tray of tea and freshly-baked buns and cakes, which she carried up to his room. I was taken to him to apologise. He confessed that

I hadn't broken his teapot and that he'd just been pulling my leg. Quite often after that he would ask me if my mother had baked that day. If the answer was "yes", he'd tell her that I'd broken his teapot, and he got his tray of tea, etc. I also remember him dressed in a false shirt front, bow tie and Castle blazer, carrying his saxophone on his way to play at one of the dances. He always told me that he was too poor to afford a whole shirt!

I was saddened to read of the death of Canon John Wallis. He was very supportive on the death of my father, and arranged for the funeral service to be held in Hatfield College Chapel. I believe it was he who sought and received permission from the Dean and Chapter for the cortege to pass over Prebends Bridge to Bow Cemetery, which permission, owing to the unsafe condition of the bridge, was not given lightly in those days." Evelyn Robinson has kindly donated £50 to the University College Durham Trust, in appreciation of the kindness shown to her family by the University in the past and the present.

New College Offices and Accommodation Open

The building works in the area of the Fellows Garden are now complete, with new student rooms now available in Garden Stairs and guest rooms above the gatehouse. The two storey building alongside the Fellows Garden sits behind the wall on the way to the Lodge, and is invisible from the pathway. The building itself complements the Fellows Garden well, and accommodates the Master, Bursar and College office staff on the upper floor, with student rooms below. The scheme cost a total of £561,580 which was invested in refurbishment and new building – an impressive result for such a sum. Of this sum, £280,038 was paid off from the Durham Castle Provision Fund which was built up over recent years to provide for additional building work, and the remainder has been financed from a loan from the University which is to be paid of at 10% fixed on the outstanding sum per annum. This was the first objective for the University College Durham Trust when launched, and has led to a much more efficient arrangement for the office staff, and an increase in desperately needed student accommodation. The new offices are now reached from the Porter's Lodge down several steps: quite a surprise for those used to the Lodge being a crowded cul-de-sac!

University College Durham Trust

The Trust has now grown to be managing funds in excess of £60,000 which will provide a good capital sum for both current and future expenditure for the benefit of the College and its students. The College was pleased to receive a substantial legacy of £5,000 from the estate of the late George Bowes Donaldson, born on 15th August 1923 who attended the College between 1942 and 1946, obtaining a BA Honours in Geography in 1946 and a Dip.Ed. in 1946. He came to Castle from Stanley, Co. Durham, and organised Students Representative Council dances during his time in Durham. The legacy has been divided between the Durham Castle Trust £2,000 for the fabric of the Castle), and £3,000 for the University College Durham Trust.

The National Association of Flower Arranging Societies will be organising a Flower Festival in the Castle in aid of the two Trusts. Entitled "Castle in Bloom", the event will take place between 19th and 22nd August 1994.

The College continues to raise money for other causes. College Chapel

Treasurer James Robey reports that the College Chapel has donated 100 to the Anglican Durham-Lesotho diocesan Link. Lesotho is an independent kingdom in southern Africa, formerly the British protectorate of Basotholand. Castellum's Editor is amongst those from the Diocese of Durham visiting Lesotho in March 1994 to see the progress of the Link, and develop friendships between parishes made when visitors from Lesotho came to Durham last summer and enjoyed, amongst other things, a tour of the Castle.

The College has hosted several weddings of Castlemen during the year, amongst them that of Rob Beckley (Senior Man in 1980), attended by Dave Porter whose laugh is now, apparently, only slightly less raucous than it used to be. Other reunions include the "31st Club" of recent graduates: Castellum will carry any reports submitted.

RAF Short Course Reunions

Returning to reunions, Julian Dalrymple also advertised his RAF Short Course No. 6 Entry reunion in September in the last Castellum, to celebrate the 50th anniversary in Castle. He thanks the College staff for being so helpful in doing everything to ensure a successful reunion, and although the weather was appalling, it did not put a damper on the occasion. Short course members and their partners attended, including Bill Iveston, Andy Stobart, Stuart Phassey, Ron Imms, Martin Foulger, Brian Gibson, Mike Chudley, Eric Lane, Squadron Leader Daulby, John Smith, Bob Dalrymple, Don Baker, Doug Tyson, Maurice Murphy and Andy Hutchison. The group expect to hold in future a 60th or even 75th anniversary, looking forward to receiving the same warm welcome at Durham as they had in October 1943 and September 1993.

Meanwhile the other Short Course members have also been active. Mr. Wilfred Jones writes:

"In January 1993 I set about to try and contact all former members of the Durham University Air Squadron Short Course No. 4 with a view to organising a reunion. Mission was accomplished, with the reunion held at Durham at the end of August. Accommodation and meals were at Castle, the Reunion Dinner itself was at Hatfield. The occasion was so successful that I have been volunteered to do an encore in 1994. Lucky me! I have to date accounted for 86 former colleagues (alive or dead as they used to say in Western films). There are, however, nearly 20 I am still searching for. Our course members were allocated approximately half each to University College and Hatfield."

AIR SQUADRON SHORT COURSE No. 4

(October 1942 - March 1943)

Second Reunion to be arranged for Summer 1994. Contact Wilfred H. Jones, 10, Dylan Road, Killay, Swansea, West Glamorgan. SA2 7BN (Telephone 0792 204172).

JCR REPORT 1992-93

The JCR was very active during the year and not surprisingly considering another record breaking intake of 1st Years. The increase in numbers added weight to our achievements both in the arts and in sport, but had stretched the JCR amenities to breaking point and sometime beyond. In a year which saw the Fellows Garden Project come to fruition it was a shame that no extra space could be found for Laundry or Common Room facilities. Despite the problems of living out and increased pressure on facilities the JCR managed to keep a very cohesive spirit; one need only look at the turnout for the Hatfield Cup in the first term to confirm this view. Our sporting success was not in rowing or rugby though, despite some notable performances, but in football, netball and hockey. The girls won the trophy at netball and the football team narrowly missed defeating Hatfield in the final of the trophy refereed by a World Cup referee. The hockey teams built on last year's success to take the major college honours again this year.

Individual sporting performances were numerous and the roll of honour too long to list here. Achievements which stood out though were Caroline Furniss' continued success at rugby and the UAU gold medals achieved by Catherine Taylor and Clare Bland in rowing.

The performance in the Arts was not outshadowed by this sporting success. An outstanding Arts Week, organised by Eli Campbell, provided the opportunity for many JCR members to display talents up until then hidden.

The social side of life in the JCR was busy, at times frantic, although some of the smaller events lacked support. The June Ball was once again a spectacular occasion, with much flair, creativity and hard work behind the scenes. One occasion which does stay in my memory was the tutors' formal, where enthusiastic members of the SCR joined members of the JCR for a meal. This, I believe, is a good idea and was an important step to maintaining a collegiate atmosphere.

The Executive struggled through another year with one

addition to the team. The post of Livers' Out Rep was created to try to solve accommodation problems and problems in finding accommodation. This proved successful and was copied by other Colleges. The rest of the committee fulfilled their familiar roles and in this they were successful. There were many people not on the Executive who made a huge contribution to the College. Space precludes me from mentioning them all, so I feel it only fair to mention none. The JCR owes thanks to those members.

A first for the JCR was election of a female senior man, so as I step down a new era has begun. I trust it will be successful.

The Executive Committee this year were: Mark Braley, Liz Breedon, James Butterworth, Anna Cope, John Curtis, James Dawes, Graham McGowan, Buy Pitt, Justin Rippon, Ruth Silvester and Louise Wilde.

Russell Findlay, Senior Man (1992-93)

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The Master requests that any old Castleman whose sons or daughters are applying for admission to the College should let him know the name of the applicant by June of the year in which the application form is submitted.



Castellum

NEWS ROUND-UP

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

DUS has a new constitution, adopted at its June 1993 AGM. It is open to all alumni of the University including Kings and Armstrong Colleges in Newcastle. Its aims are "to assist the University of Durham and to further the interests of past and present members of the University, and to keep members of the Society in touch with the University and with one another". From 1993, all graduates will become members automatically. Recent events have included a Dinner hosted by Lord Henley in the House of Lords, a day trip to Boulogne and the annual Durham lunch at the Alumni weekend. Anyone interested is invited to contact the Chairman, Patrick Salaun (Hafield 64-7) at 30, Hillcroft Crescent, Ealing, London. W5 2SQ.

FRIED SPUDS AT TEN

Peter G. New has stocks of his childhood memoirs, *Fried Spuds at Ten*, available for £12.95 from 19, Yeomans Avenue, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 3EH (0582 761130), which deal in the later chapters with his time on No.8 Short Course, his spell in the RAF at the end of the war and undergraduate days at Castle afterwards.

SCIENCE PARK UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Durham City Council approved plans for the 30m Science Park by the University and Dysart Developments Ltd. The first phase covers 6.25 acres of the 17 acre site next to the Mountjoy Research Centre.

RESEARCH INCOME GROWS

Durham has been given a boost to research income, now exceeding 12m per annum, by the national assessment exercise which gave the University six outstanding Grade 5 ratings. 65% of the subject areas came in the top two grades.

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE UNDER CONSIDERATION

A new 600-bed College is being actively considered to cope with the expansion of the university, with a purpose built conference centre next door. Meanwhile, work proceeds on an extension to Collingwood College, the youngest of the Durham colleges which opened in 1972. Student numbers in the University are set to rise to about 8,000 by 1995/6, but not increase significantly above that. Pressure on local housing stock can only be avoided by construction. The new College has the working title of Howlands College, given the site at Howlands Farm on South Road, but a formal name has not been decided.

PASSWORD FORGOTTEN

Members of the Durham Castle Society who receive *Password*, the University's own newsletter, will have noticed an interruption in supply since no. 38 in June/July 93. Further editions have been suspended during a review of the University's information service following the closure of the internal Print Unit at Old Shire Hall. The mailing list will be retained, so former readers of *Password* will eventually receive its replacement, due to be published at Easter 1994.

CASTLE'S SENIOR MAN

Anna Cope from Poole in Dorset was elected Senior Man during 1993, and is now half way through her term of office. Anna, 20, is reading Theology and is one of four ladies on Senior Men and Women's Committee, but is Castle's first female Senior Man. Whilst breaking new ground, the J.C.R. decided it would like to keep the title of Senior Man for the present. Castellum's Editor stepped back into the Senior Man's room to interview Anna about her job and the issues facing the College in 1994.



John Atkin with the new Senior Man, Anna Cope, at last year's June Ball.

I'm really enjoying it – though it's very challenging. I sometimes think I'm doing too much in the job, but I do try and get the balance right, but it's difficult: you close your black door and you think "Right, a couple of hours just to study", and someone will knock on it, and you just can't turn that person away. I think Senior Man fluctuates so there are some weeks where I'm very busy, and the next week I'm able to do quite a bit of studying. In my particular case, I was pretty sure what class of degree I was going to get, and unless some sort of disaster happens between now and June, I should still get my 2:1, and therefore I felt I was not going to lose out, and I would have spent my time doing something else if I wasn't doing this job.

Our Executive is eleven people at the moment: the Senior

Man, Secretary and Treasurer form the senior positions, then the Bar Exec: Bar Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. There's a Services Manager, Social Secretary, Senior D.S.U. Rep, a Liaison officer who deals with all the Freshers. Our new position is the Livers Out Rep. which was created last year because we have so many livers out, nowadays over 120 undergraduates living out. It's very important to keep up communication with those people, to mail information to them, and help them to feel part of Collège, and also in helping the new freshers who are going to be living out in their second year.

It has been suggested that the change in the number of livers out has altered the College in its atmosphere much more than going mixed.

Yes, the community is so much larger now, and at the moment we are a majority of first years and third years and we're missing the continuity because so many of the second years are living out, and I think the danger was it would become almost a first year and third year Hall of Residence as opposed to a College. Having said that, the present second year are very good at coming into College and getting involved: a lot of them are sports captains and players, and you do see a lot of them around the College, so that at big events the College is together as a solid community, and I think what keeps us together is everybody's dedication, because when you walk through these doors you know you're a Castleman, whether you're living in or out.

Yes, having this focal point of the Castle must make a little easier than in other colleges where the same situation' applies. So what are the main issues for the J.C.R. at the moment? I see the Differential Maintenance Fee has appeared for debate.

Yes, there's been a lot of issues bounding around, I feel we're in a real period of transition with government reforms, voluntary membership, cutting of the grants externally, and internally within the university we had a referendum about the Differential Maintenance Fee, with a result heavily against the proposal, about 80%. I know the Master and Bursar are quite

keen to see some differential between colleges brought in. There's a mixed feeling, because whilst students want to think of the future of the College, their purse strings are tightened, and the policy was seen as potentially very socially divisive throughout the university. The whole problem with the idea is that there's nothing concrete. We're all talking in terms of principle, but there's no facts: would Castle be a couple of hundred pounds more expensive to come to? How big would the range between colleges be, and would it widen?

The Maintenance Fee is £580 this term, which is the same for all colleges. Livers out pay the standard J.C.R. levy, library and charities levy, but nothing else, unless they want to join in other things passed by the J.C.R. For example if they want an Arts Week Magazine they have to sign in, whereas livers in have to sign out, and charges go on their battels.

Another big issue is alcohol abuse. The university issued a report at the end of last summer on the problem and it's had implications for the way we manage our bar: should there be professional bar stewards or not? The opinion of the Master and the students is that it should be kept in student hands, but we're thinking more closely about the management of the bar here. There were incidents in the local press on students getting riotously drunk and causing offence to locals, and the university to uphold its name had to be seen to take the problem seriously.

Castle v. Hatfield rivalry is thriving. Our big triumph was last summer at Durham regatta when a group of College heroes got into Hatfield boathouse in the middle of the night with a carefully hatched plan and painted all their oars in Castle colours. There were people hanging around at the entrance to the boathouse so no-one would suspect what was going on inside. The Regatta was amazing: you had Castle racing "Castle": Hatfield were ashamed of themselves.

But this couldn't have gone off without some revenge attack...

They threatened to paint our floodlights blue for the June Ball, but that was never carried out, but then at the start of this term

some enthusiastic freshers here D-locked (using a really strong bicycle lock) the Hatfield gates together in the early hours of the morning, so each loaf of bread had to be individually passed through the gates before breakfast, and we got up to their flagpole with a Castle flag. So they were not too pleased about our two triumphs, and we were waiting for the revenge.

One night I was studying and the phone rang from the Porter's Lodge, and the Secretary reported that Hatfield had stolen one of our boats and four blades from the boathouse, so I went down there to find a few irate Boat Club people, and we visited Hatfield and demanded the boat back. They gave the oars back, but assured us we'd get the boat back in the morning. Come the morning it's not back in the boathouse, and then I have a phone call from Van Mildert President saying we had a boat on Van Mildert pond, and Hatfield had carried our boat "Raffy" all the way up, so they were quite proud of themselves. "Raffy"* was retrieved undamaged.

The Senior Man of Hatfield also thought it would be very amusing if he advertised my phone number as "Castle Cab Company", so on the last day of term I was inundated with calls asking for a taxi, and in the end I was not answering the phone.

Sounds like Castle has the upper hand. So, it's a few years since Castle went mixed. I'm sure many members of the Society have wondered how it actually works. Taking it down to brass tacks, are the toilets now unisex, and is room selection done floor by floor, or is there a free-for-all?

I don't think that contemporaries here really think about it, to be honest. Yes, it is free-for-all completely mixed. When you first arrive in Moatside, it's one corridor of blokes on top of a corridor of girls etc., so you're on a single-sex corridor with a single-sex shower, and toilets, which are marked as such, but once you get into the Castle, and elsewhere away from the public areas (because the tours etc. have to have public male

*Named after Ralph Appleton, previous Secretary of the Society.

and female toilets), it's completely unisex. It's practical, and I think people are OK about it.

Just as well on the Norman Gallery with just the one loo on the stairs, or you might have a very long walk from here! It was described to me the other day that there's no real difference about Castle going mixed, it's just that the women are on draught rather than in bottles. Presumably, though, male and female sharing rooms are out.

I don't know of any cases of it. I know of one couple last year who are now actually married, but were third years last year, who were lucky enough to get rooms next door to each other, one of which was a bedroom and one was a lounge, but I think that's completely unofficial.

Room selection must be very difficult, especially to decide who lives in and who lives out.

It's all done on a ballot system. The living out is done on a system of choice, and people can choose whether they want to live out in their second or third year, which they decide in their first year, because the university has a policy that after your first year you must live out for one of two other years. The room allocation is done on a fair ballot, and everybody goes into a hat and is pulled out, and you can choose your room in order of priority. You tend to find rooms in the Junction, Hall Stairs, etc. go first. The ballot has to be reconsidered because in the past it's been inverted for the third year, which is fine where there's three years living in. But when you have a system whereby in one year you must live out, and the next year you can live in, it's not fair to say third years get priority over second years because the fundamental basis is that a second year who lives in and a third year who lives in must have an equal chance of getting a good room.

What's the food like now?

Well, it's not the Ritz. I think that the kitchen staff do very well considering the amount of pressure they're under with the increase of numbers, they are having to cater for more

students. It's not the best, and there are logistical problems like sometimes it's cold, and we seem to have chips every day, but there has been a food survey amongst students to let the kitchen know what they like, and then the kitchens can provide that rather than turning out what they think we'll like. There are a lot of vegetarians now, and not just the ladies. Apparently the range of vegetarian food has increased dramatically since ladies came to the College.

How do you ensure the JCR Executive has people with the right skills for the job?

The Bar Exec. and Social Secretary are selected by a Selection Committee, which the J.C.R. has the opportunity to ratify or not, but it is important to get the right people because they are handling so much money. With the emphasis on bar management being serious, because of the alcohol abuse initiative, it's best to have an interview system which reassures the university that we don't just have the person who shouts loudest at hustings. The Social Chairman has the responsibility of the June Ball so that it's important to get the choice right too.

The elected Services Manager looks after the laundry, photocopier, T.V. and video, television room, sewing machine, typewriter, microwaves. We're trying to invest in more fridges at the moment. Our cookers were taken away because of the fire and health and safety risk. We make profit on the clothing we sell: college tops, track suits, training tops especially rugby tops. We now have a special clothing rep because people like to buy College merchandise.

Amongst the non-executive officers, there's a very noseey Preventions Officer, he gets all the right gossip, and at a J.C.R. meeting there are always "preventions", but ladies can't be "prevented", so they can be as promiscuous as they like.

This is fascinating. The idea of the Preventions Officer is that he upholds the College morals: surely, it should include everybody.

Well threats have been made against some of the ladies, but we

generally find the gentlemen are more troublesome. We have a College Flag, Pretensions Officer, "Ping and Pong" who are the most "coupliest" couple (but they tend to split up in their year of office), we have the Master of the College Musick, who looks after the College record library, a College Toupee (a new position for a member who doesn't have much hair): we find a number are added to the list each year.

And presumably others drop off: you won't have a College Dyson any more I suppose?*

Oh no! We do have a Dyson. He's very serious, he likes to say that he's not boring but he always makes the very serious comments at the J.C.R. meetings, and the poor bloke gets booed down a lot, but he is very serious. We have a College Tool who looks after the tools and a College Tampax and (let me check the J.C.R. Handbook) College Durex, the College Seamstress who looks after to sewing machine - lending it out rather than taking work in. The College Punt was sunk without replacement last year, so no punt, and the tandem has been lost after the music rooms got refurbished.

We ought to talk a bit about academic work: it must be less convenient now that the Main Library is on the science site.

There's a good computer system so you can go into Palace Green and check whether the book you want is in the Main Library, and if they are then you can toddle up there. For the scientists it makes no difference because they are always up there, and quite a few people go up to the Library because it's more conducive than College to get some academic work done, and walking round Durham is taken as part of life. The Lowe Library in College is funded by a J.C.R. levy of £6 per person per year which goes to buy books, and we have a reasonable stock depending on subject and people can put in requests for books they want.

*College Dyson was introduced in 1983 to perpetuate the serious activities of John G. Dyson (1981-4). John, where are you now?

And the College Tutor system?

Every student has their academic tutor in their Department, and then in the College we're all given a "moral tutor" to give moral guidance etc. I think the average student doesn't see their moral tutor that often, it's mainly up to the individual to go and seek help or advice, rather than the tutor to go to the pupil. Sometimes I think it would be beneficial if the tutors took it slightly more seriously, because often a student has problems and needs to know the person he has to go to. We had a tutor and tutees Formal last year, and I think the students enjoyed meeting their tutors and they enjoyed dining at Low Tables - it worked well.

If you were talking to an Old Castleman who was thinking of recommending the College to his children or even grandchildren, would you encourage him, and if so why?

Yes, I'd definitely recommend Castle. It has changed, inevitably, over the last years with the integration of women and the change in attitudes of young people, but the tradition behind the College is very much there, and the spirit of Castle is very much alive. There's nothing like going to a rugby match or the Hatfield Cup where there's a big crowd of people, or a social event, and there's definitely more of a community spirit within the College than in others. Although we're big rivals with Hatfield, we're the two colleges which have a big sense of community spirit which I think a lot of the other colleges are very envious of. We have a good mix of people here, but everyone mucks in, even though some are living out, not only in the City but in outlying villages. It has changed: we have to thrive on the fact that so many live out, but when they come back in it's a special place. Perhaps people who live out from the hill colleges don't feel so much loyalty. I understand we're still the College which is most applied to, one of the highest in Europe. College patriotism is riding high and community spirit is unbelievably strong.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: Behaviour in 1916

Edgar Jones, in researching for his history of the College, unearthed the following letter in the Durham University Journal, penned only a month before the infamous assault on the uncut wire of the Somme.

29th May 1916

It is with great regret that I find it necessary to rush into print at a time like this, and on a subject which is not a particularly pleasant one, namely, the apparent ignorance which is constantly being exhibited of the traditions of our University. Surely, in spite of the war and all that it means to the 'Varsity and to us as individuals, we are still gentlemen; but I must say some of us seem to have forgotten that. There are, of course, very few men up, but that it is all the more reason why each and every one should do his best to keep the old place going, so that when at last we have peace again, and the gallant fellows come back, they may find the habits and customs of 'Varsity men very little changed.

It is not my intention to particularise to any extent, as there are so many things going on which, to say the least of it, "are not done": this last phrase, by the way, in the good old days, was very significant, but now that the Sphinx is no more, it is hard to strike home to individuals who do not conduct themselves as they ought. But one or two things which one sees every day are so glaringly, shall I say "vulgar", that one cannot ignore them. For instance, what are the townspeople to think when they see a 'Varsity man going down to the playing fields in flannels, blazer (I do not care to say of what colour) and a tweed cap! Or another coxing a College tub with a pipe in his mouth!! or another sculling on the river arrayed in a black vest and shorts!! Such things as these stamp a man at once as a tout, and it really is surprising that we have not a more instinctive sense of what is bad form. Then again, we constantly see men going about the streets of Durham wearing

a blazer with ordinary clothes, not flannels, as a rational being would do; it is more ridiculous, if possible, than playing at tennis in dark grey trousers.

And, Mr. Editor, what on earth is this 'Varsity coming to when a man leaves a game of tennis to go and talk to some tout girl on the towpath! Why, such a man would have been boycotted in the pre-war days. I cannot imagine that anybody could so lose his self-respect, and not only that, which, after all, does not matter so very much, but respect for his university. It is a great mistake to make ourselves so cheap. Perhaps the misguided fellow knows no better, but I hope that if this letter meets his eye he will learn that this sort of thing is taboo. We are not women haters or celibates, let us hope, but there are times and seasons for all things. Finally I should like to draw attention to a matter which is not so much a question of bad form as of rank foolishness, that is, the craze for sliding seats in college tubs, exhibited by men who hardly know which end of an oar to hold. It is crass folly to imagine one can row on a sliding seat without having been coached by somebody who, at any rate, knows something about rowing, and there is naturally a shortage of such men now. It does neither the men themselves nor the boats any good, and is fatal to the great sport of rowing, which we hope will some day be in full swing again.

Sir, may I appeal, through you to the men of Durham, to stir themselves, and remember that there are traditions attached to our Alma Mater; let us be 'Varsity men in the true sense of the term, and conduct ourselves at all times and in all ways as such. It is distinctly lowering to the caste to indulge in punting clad in ordinary clothes, and making an ass of oneself generally; it also savours too much of the "townee" to walk out after dinner with a hat and walking stick. Such things were never done before, and we do not want the old order to change, giving place to new, for the old one grew from the habits and customs of hundreds of finer men than there are here now, and we cannot do better than imitate them.

"Sirius"

Cambridge/Halley

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= P E R S O N A L =

22.12.93 - Halley Base at last!!

Arrived here 12th, this is my first chance to sit down and rest properly. Relief now over after seven days of shifting cargo, 540 tonnes and 2000 drums of fuel. I've been driving a Sno-Cat on 12hour night shift, doing the 14km in 1hr, 4 runs per shift. All been very hectic and seen nothing of the base let alone VLF stuff until today! Today spent changing to days and work starts again tomorrow. Been shown around by Richard (present VLF-man) today, and gradually I'll get familiar with things.

Skidoos are great, I've driven them a little - much fun to be had in future! ACB much more spacious than I thought, both lounge/bar and dining room quite large. I'm sharing room at the moment, small but adequate I'll be there for winter. Has no window but will be fine.

Darkroom facilities pretty good and after last call will develop most of my films. SSB not far away, I've only stuck my head in door of my lab so far. Signy was quite nice, but base itself was bit run-down and in a way I'm glad I'm not wintering there in spite of wildlife etc.

Relief there was by FID-power with no machines, only 43 tonnes of cargo though. The scenery was superb and the ice amazing. We saw some big bergs and going through ice was awesome, big detour to avoid worst, but still got stuck at times. Russian ice breaker came to clear path for us in return for some medical supplies we gave them. American tourists were on board and were flown around in two helicopters! In clear water after that (shore lead by the ice cliffs of the continent), it took relatively short period of time to reach Halley.

It is completely flat here, only on coast is some ice protruding above horizon. Everything very stunning all around; I'm glad to be here. Temperatures not too bad, has been cloudy for most of time. Today it is sunny and -6C (-25C with wind chill) coldest so far.

Hard to get used to 24hours daylight, and room with no window makes it easier to sleep. First job will be raising masts starting tomorrow if weather fine. Now work 12hour days through summer, but do get Christmas day off when we'll go to coast to see penguins.

Ship leaves soon with post, have sent 6 slide films and details as before. Will send journal next call via Stanley for safety, and my apologies for not writing much else so far, will get more time now that relief is over.

Have a good Christmas and New Year - we might get some time to celebrate! This is one hell of a place and from what I've seen so far it looks as if I'm going to have a great few years!

That will be all for now, I've now got the opportunity to do some skiduring ie being towed behind a skidoo on skis - could be interesting!

John Digby, in residence 1990-3, is a physicist with the British Antarctic Survey. This was his VAX letter sent after arriving at the Halley Base after sailing on RRS Bransfield via Uruguay and the Falkland Islands on 19th October 1993. He arrived in Antarctica on 12th December, and this letter was sent three days before Christmas.

TOM WORSWICK'S REMINISCENCES

Tommy Worswick penned the following article to mark the death of Antony (Tony) Hearson, born 3rd June 1921, who died on 27th November 1993.

For over fifty years Tony and I had been in "irregular" contact, and in recent years we had enjoyed attending several Castle reunions together. In early November he phoned to say he had been unwell, diagnosed as terminal cancer of the pancreas. I was able to attend his funeral on December 1st at Stanington Church, near Morpeth, Northumberland. It was very well attended by family, friends and colleagues from the paint industry. Although Tony's religious affiliations were as dubious as mine, I was glad to represent those from Castle who are now few and fragile.

Tony is survived by his wife Beryl (née West, of St. Mary's), his son John and daughters Rachel and Diana. After the 1993 Reunion Dinner, Tony and I promised to write something for Castellum, but now I will not have the benefit of his memory and mine is fading.

The Castle freshers intake for Autumn 1940 was about a dozen. Tony had the Open Scholarship in Chemistry, George Bloomfield the Pemberton Scholarship in Physics and I had the Open in Physics. I think I can remember most of the others if only because of the characters they played in our Freshers Concert performance of the "Mechanics Scene" in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It must have been one of the set books. I will not mention the rest of the "40" intake by name in case I make a mistake or cause offence by omission.

The total number of students in Castle that autumn was between 36 and 39. It was before the first intake of RAF cadets. The Master was that nice eccentric A.A. Macfarlane-Grieve, the Censor was that also reputedly eccentric (but I have no proof of that and always liked him) Prof. Claude Collier Abbott. The Senior Man was Gordon (later Canon) Berriman.

Gordon was of tall, upright stature compared with Tony and myself who were somewhat shorter, but he was quite tolerant of the lack of respect we showed him – especially in the second term when I “bust” my battels before he did. It had been traditional that the Senior Man was always always the first to “go bankrupt”. I don’t think dear old Bryce the Bursar was pleased either.

It was also traditional that scholars, begowned if bedragged, had to take turns to read the grace at Dinner. All dinners were formal if sometimes not very edible.

New scholars were coached in reading the grace by two rogue classics students, Jacques and Slack, from, of course, Doncaster Grammar School. I believe I had, and am open to challenge, the record for speed of delivery, but then I hadn’t a clue about what it was about, and even less respect.

But let me return to Tony who had intended to participate in these reminiscences. He won his scholarship from Wolstanton Grammar School at Stoke-on-Trent where he held the record for the mile for many years. He also ran for Castle, but mainly on the rigger field in a position I think is known as “hooker”. With a College population of under 40, including the lame and the unfit, we all had to volunteer for some games. I won my Castle colours, and the right to wear that extremely useful tie, for hockey, without possessing the slightest talent for the game – which I painfully discovered when playing against ex-Indian Army “wallahs” in the R.A.F.

Trusting to my memory, at that time Arts undergraduates were allowed one year (plus) before being called up. Maths and Physics students were given two years before being allowed to opt for the Armed Service of their choice. Chemistry students were allowed three years to graduation and then directed into industry. Other disciplines didn’t seem to exist except Theology and God knows what happened to them.

Tony, in 1943, was directed to some chemical company in the north east attempting to extract some chemicals from the North Sea. Afterwards he joined a paint company and moved to Ripon where he again played rigger. He became part of the Courtaulds paints division and eventually, with Beryl at his

side, managed their factory in Portugal and then in Korea. He seemed devoted to producing treatments to keep ships bottoms barnacle free.

Perhaps my most endearing memory of Tony is, from my vantage point on hall Stairs, seeing him (always a Keep resident) scurrying across the Quad looking unnaturally rotund. He was off to keep an assignment with Beryl in Houghall Woods. The course of true love was very frustrating for the fastidious in Durham in the early '40s. His rotundity was caused by the blanket and groundsheet wrapped under his overcoat.

Tony was always a charmer in the nicest sense and my wife, who came up after I had been called-up, and others, remember how he, by then a senior student, was always helpful and reassuring in conversation with younger students in Mrs. Plunkett's Union coffee bar.

At another time, dear Editor, if you can stand it, I will write about the immediate post-war period. We would not have missed the early '40s for the world – a world we think we helped to save. We remember Tony with the greatest affection.'



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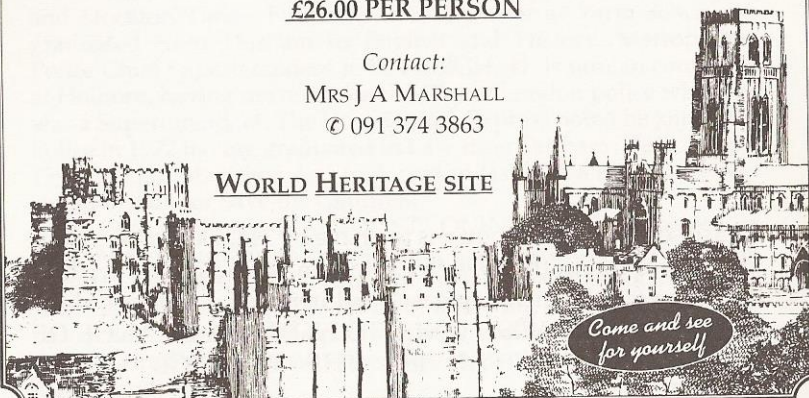
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THE DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31st December 1993

EXPENDITURE	£	INCOME	£
Reunion Expenses	3316.90	Reunion 1993	3306.05
Postages	100.80	Subscriptions	4807.60
Bank Charges	229.19	Donations	49.40
Assistant Secretary	48.92	Interest	150.42
Students Reception	10.25		
Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure	4607.41		
	£8313.47		£8313.47

Balance Sheet 31st December 1993

LIABILITIES	£	ASSETS	£
Capital Account as at 31st March 1993	7815.92	Investments:	12131.35
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the period	4607.41	Barclays Bank Business Premium Account	291.98
	£12423.33	Cash at Bank	£12423.33

THE DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY
Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31st March, 1993

	1991-92	EXPENDITURE	£	1991-92	INCOME	£
	£			£		
	2977.90	Reunion Expenses	3904.25	2973.85	Reunion, 1992	3918.00
	1129.37	Printing: Castellum, 1992	1161.09		Subscriptions and Contributions	4688.08
	225.47	Stationery etc.	509.33	4183.00	towards Castellum	107.42
	555.69	Postages	501.68	226.41	Interest on Investments	
		Miscellaneous Expenses				
	69.50	Reception for students	119.55			
	22.75	Presentations etc.	—			
	92.99	Bank charges	216.17			
		Assistant Secretary				
	530.92					
	1778.67					
		Balance being excess of Income				
		over Expenditure, for the period				
	<u>£7383.26</u>			<u>1625.67</u>		<u>£8713.50</u>
				<u>£8713.50</u>		<u>£8713.50</u>

Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 1993

LIABILITIES		ASSETS
Contributions towards Castellum received in advance	11.41	Investments
Sundry Creditors	49.43	Northern Rock Building Society - Preference Shares
University College Capital Account	6079.41	As on 1st March, 1992
As on 1st March, 1992	6079.41	Interest
ADD Excess of Income over Expenditure for the period	<u>1675.67</u>	
		<u>5857.58</u>
		<u>107.42</u>
		5965.00
		Cash at Bank
		1850.92
		<u><u>£7815.92</u></u>

AUDITORS REPORT

I have examined the books of account of The Durham Castle Society and confirm that the foregoing Statements are prepared in accordance therewith.

K. Delaney, FCCA

Old Shire Hall, Durham

April, 1993

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Friday 15th April to Sunday 17th April 1994.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday 16th April 1994

Dates of 1995 Reunion

Friday 17th March to Sunday 17th March 1995.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday 18th March 1995.

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