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# THE EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

*Alumni* relations have stepped up a gear in Castle with the appointment of a new **Sabbatical Development Officer**, partly funded by the University College Durham Trust. She is **Lindsay Turner**, and her first *Alumni* Newsletter is reproduced in the centre pages for the benefit of those who have not seen it already. The hyperlinks don't work by touching the page, unfortunately, but that technical development might come later.

Structural change in the Society is an inevitable result of both the Master and the Chairman both recognising that the Society has failed to recruit younger members, and there is a database of *alumni* far larger than the Durham Castle Society who will be sent this magazine electronically for the first time. I welcome our new readers. A small committee has been set up to establish the best way to keep existing members happy and embrace a new internet-savvy generation for whom a printed magazine has less appeal. **Douglas Pinnock** writes of his viewpoint, and there is significant crossover between his views and the College team, which should result in solid proposals for change being presented to the membership at the next AGM during September's reunion – another change that bedded in well in 2013.

Obituaries have been moved later in the magazine to allow better distribution of the colour pages. **Albert Cartmell**, former Bursar, invites you to write a poem about your time in Durham, and contribute bullet points about what you are doing now. I know the "Contributions" tear off page can look a bit daunting if you think you'll be the only one contributing, but Lindsay and I are determined to find some more current news.

There have been several requests for new items in recent years, whilst the size of the magazine is limited to about 80 pages plus covers. As a result, space is at a premium and I have elected to pull out the "Castellum News Round-Up" which was introduced in 1987. The choice of news stories in the wider University has always been rather eclectic, i.e. mine, and information about other Colleges, departments, cultural events etc is available on the University website which allows users to search for whatever they are interested in.

All the opinion is that January is still the best time to bring out the magazine, with a review of the previous academic year and the start of a new one covered too. I hope you find items of interest and will consider submitting a few bullet points about yourself for the next edition.

*Alex Nelson, Pelton, Chester-le-Street, January 2014*





# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTARY

**This year the Chairman's Commentary is my contribution to the "working party" set up at the last Castle Society AGM**

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2017, Durham Castle Society (DCS) will celebrate its 70th Anniversary. It was established in 1947 as a means for Castle Graduates and others associated with the College to keep in touch, principally through an Annual Reunion and from 1949 through *Castellum*, its house magazine. Over the years it has grown and evolved in to a support mechanism for the JCR and the College in general, providing small grants and loans to the JCR and establishing, in 1990, UCDDT, which now has over £850,000 of assets producing c.£17k of income reinvested and which has helped fund many major College Capital Expenditure Projects. The University telephone appeal produces some £20k pa for the College allocated at the Master's discretion. Recent reunions have been increasingly well attended but a glance around the Great Hall at the 2013 Dinner and examination of the attendance list, combined with analysis of membership profiles presented by the College to the DCS Committee in September 2013, reveal a startling conclusion – the Society is failing to engage with graduates of the last 30 years – which is also about the same period since the College has been open to both Ladies and Gentlemen Undergraduates and the Postgraduate MCR has expanded.

The Society was established to provide a home for *alumni* but it has always operated with its hands tied – it has never had the money to manage and develop the College's *alumni* list. The College office, through dedicated support of the Master's secretary, has kept the list up to date as far as is humanely possible with limited resources and the list has been used to develop UCDDT in to its present size. The Society has 2,892 subscribing members out of an *alumni* list of 5,931. The Trust has up to 70 regular donors and in many years receives a transfer from DCS. At last, under the direction of the Master, it appears the *alumni* list is to be managed with College funding and a full time **Alumni Development Officer** has been appointed (part funded by UCDDT). The purpose of this is to engage *alumni* more actively in the College and to raise money for the College from *alumni*. DCS must welcome this development and work closely with the College in expanding *alumni* relations and donations. The reality is that the College "owns" the *alumni* list and may put funding in place to manage the list, a responsibility it previously left to DCS with support from the College office. I can see no purpose in resisting pressure for fundamental change and so propose that DCS is reorganised as follows.

## THE PROPOSAL

- ◆ That all Undergraduate, Graduate and Postgraduate members of College are automatically life members of DCS and for no subscription/membership fee. Existing members who continue subscribing to DCS will continue to receive a manuscript edition of *Castellum*, as will any new subscribers to DCS.
- ◆ That the College, in partnership with DCS, administers and properly funds the membership list which shall be called the DCS list. The DCS list will be an electronic list available to all members and accessible through the College website. The chief purposes of the DCS list will be to enable the College to fundraise (through UCDDT and possibly directly for one off "Master's Appeals") and for DCS to contact its members to distribute *Castellum* and promote the annual reunion and other (say local) reunions as appropriate. The DCS list to be of sufficient quality to enable members to readily identify their entry cohort and course and be available as a network for career advice, career database, sport, arts, music and theatre database etc.. Within the constraints of "data protection" all members to be able to communicate with each other singly, selectively or collectively.
- ◆ DCS to remain constituted as a Society and hold an AGM one of whose purposes will be to appoint Trustees to UCDDT. At the AGM, the DCS Chairman, Treasurer and Editor of *Castellum* shall be elected for one year and eligible to be re-elected and (five) members shall be elected as committee members for three years (provision could be made for elected members to come from one of 1940–50's, 1960–70's, 1980–90's and 2000–10's amended going forward). The Master, JCR Senior Man and MCR President shall be non voting members. One voting member must be a Trustee of UCDDT and one voting member must be on College Council. The Secretary (non-voting) shall be the College *Alumni* Development Officer.
- ◆ DCS to hold an Annual Residential Reunion in the College, currently in September, open to all members at an economic cost for attendees. The administration and administrative cost to be (as is at present) for the College and when Lynne approaches retirement to be run by the College *Alumni* Development Officer in conjunction with the officers of DCS.
- ◆ DCS to publish an annual edition of *Castellum* online to be e-mailed to all members. Current and previous editions (over time back to 1949) to be available on line. A quality manuscript version of future editions of *Castellum* be produced and posted to subscription paying members and copies deposited in the Lowe Library to maintain the existing collection.

## RATIONALE

Without adequate resource in terms of funding and management DCS is never going to successfully "tap" the *alumni* membership. Automatic free membership and vigilant management of the database of members will generate much more inclusive activity, especially fundraising. There needs to be a "front of house" for the *alumni* and the College – DCS can continue to fulfil this role through an AGM and annual

reunion and through the publication of an annual magazine, *Castellum*, now available to all members free of charge on line, whilst protecting the interests of the large, but diminishing, number of members who wish to receive a manuscript copy. Most money would flow to UCDDT for disbursement by a high quality team of Trustees elected by the members of DCS at the AGM and who manage the Trust in conjunction with appointed, regulated, professional advisers. The Master, by recognising that serious fundraising cannot be handled in the historic fashion has recognised at the same time that a certain expense is required to achieve an *alumni* community inured to the concept of giving more serious financial backing to their *alma mater*. This has long been recognised by DCS which lacked the resource to promote UCDDT.

## **STRUCTURE POST PROJECT 70**

DCS will remain the only *alumni* association for Castlemen and associates. DCS will publish *Castellum*, hold an annual residential reunion and an AGM at which Trustees for UCDDT will be elected. The UCDDT Annual Report and Accounts shall continue to be presented to members of DCS at the AGM. DCS's Committee will continue to administer the society's funds and transfer them to UCDDT in a timely fashion as approved by the members at AGM. The AGM and Annual Reunion will continue to be a forum for the Master to report to members of DCS and for members to air their proposals and views. UCDDT will be the principal agency for the collection and distribution of funds donated and subscribed by members of DCS. The College to take over the financial and management burden of the DCS list and recognise that DCS is the agency and UCDDT is the principal for *alumni* fundraising.

## **CONCLUSION**

I believe that the proposal outlined safeguards the interests of DCS, UCDDT and The College and provides a clear and concise way to interact with *alumni* in the years ahead. It is a worthy successor to the vision of the *alumni* who founded DCS, the *alumni* who established the UCDDT and secures the contribution of individual members who have given so much, in particular, John Hollier, the late Neville Pearson, Mike Pulling, Kevin Hawes, Alex Nelson, Martin Gunson and many others, supported by the College, in particular, Lynne Carrick.

## **FURTHER OBSERVATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UNIVERSITY AND HIGHER EDUCATION AS A WHOLE**

Durham Colleges are simply glorified "halls of residence". So long as they add value to the Durham experience they will survive but the structure is an expensive way to provide student accommodation and always faces review by University executive and Council members. It is a dream disabused that Colleges should become teaching and research centres. Nationally, residential three-year undergraduate tuition could be starting to decline as funding constraints become greater, local/non residential student cohorts increase, on line/distance learning takes hold and research is concentrated in "elite" Universities such as Durham. I attended the address by John Denham MP in January 2014 in which he outlined a significant shift in public funding

away from student loans to teaching, in return for a reduction in the size of student loans, two year courses for some undergraduates and a contribution by employers to the cost of undergraduate funding. His thinking may be the first step towards a coherent Labour policy on Higher Education in advance of the general election in May 2015.

Durham University is migrating away from the peninsula and City Centre. This is a reflection of access difficulties, City Centre land values and change of use and also buildings being fit for purpose in the forthcoming era. Durham Castle is an extraordinarily expensive luxury for the University to maintain given its 1,000 year old structure and its designation as a World Heritage Site and Grade 1 Listed Building. It cannot have escaped the University Executive and Council Members that a change of use (to exclusively commercial activities) or even a complete disposal, are options.

Durham University has built up a large *alumni* development team of its own and the University must view independent College *alumni* development with some hesitation. It has been observed that the University would dearly like to get its hands on the funds in UCDDT. I think we as *alumni* should be alert to the possibility that in the not too distant future a new University College could be constructed on a site further out of town, that Durham Castle is no longer a College and student hall of residence and that great pressure will be brought to bear on UCDDT to consolidate our *alumni* funds in to a greater University Fund.

*My friends, our union is wondrous!  
Like a soul, it will last for eternity –  
Undivided, spontaneous and joyous,  
Blessed by the muse of fraternity.  
Whatever partings destiny may bring,  
Whatever fortunes fate may have in hand,  
We are still the same: the world to us an alien thing,  
And Tsarskoe Selo our Fatherland*

*Pushkin – Polnoe Sobranie Sochinenii*

**The Chairman is a Governor of London South Bank University, a financially stable post-1992 University serving the diverse communities of South London; he is Chairman of the Educational Character Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. He has spent all his working life in the City, raising capital and debt finance for publicly funded bodies such as Local Authorities and Universities. At Durham he was the last non-sabbatical Treasurer of DSU in 1974 and a candidate for President in 1975. He graduated in 1976 with a Second Class General Arts Degree in Economics, History and Politics.**

# LETTER FROM THE MASTER

## Major News

There is no doubt that this year has been marked by a series of important developments which amount to a game change for Castle. The good news started with the acquisition of two significant properties in Church Street and the provision of the necessary investment to make them into high quality postgraduate accommodation. This development is a real plus. It will create 15 new Postgraduate bedrooms, as well as another Don's set, in the heart of the city.

Yet, this news was overshadowed by the excellent announcement by the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Warden about the purchase of the *Three Tuns* by the University. All of the hotel's accommodation – over 50 bedrooms and two suites – has been allocated to University College. It was always of pressing importance to resolve the issue of Postgraduate accommodation at Castle, with the main provision out of town, at Brackenbury. So the *Three Tuns* is a major development and will support, in conjunction with the properties in Church Street, the Castle Postgraduate community into the future. It was always one of my early concerns to balance the thriving Undergraduate community with a well-matched Postgraduate body. We are well on the way to achieve this. It is a massive step forward.

If that was not enough good news, I am delighted to report the approval by the recent University Capital Planning meeting for the £1.4m refurbishment of Owengate. This is a terrific step forward for our undergraduates. The building is almost dilapidated and its redevelopment comes as very welcome news.

## College Communities

The Common Rooms are flourishing. I am particularly pleased with the JCR Castle Community Action programme which has taken off with real vitality. We can now say with confidence that our College motto is more than just words. Nearly 400 members of the JCR are active in CCA. The MCR has benefited from the expansion of student numbers and now has the critical mass required to launch a range of its own initiatives. The SCR has been reorganised a little and has a very active executive committee.

Staff developments at College have strengthened our team. Lindsay Turner, our new and first ever Sabbatical Development Officer, is helping to completely reorganise *alumni* relations and fundraising. Gemma Lewis has joined as the new Curator, working three days a week at Castle and two days a week elsewhere in the University. We now have an excellent overall team working in all areas of the Castle's activities.

The development of the College as a scholarly community continues apace. The *Durham Castle Lecture Series* and *Cutting Edge at Castle* are continuing for another academic year and remain popular. I think it is fair to say that the standard has generally been outstanding. The lectures have brought a lot of major figures to the College and created an opportunity for our staff to present on their work. The lecture series can be downloaded from the College website, which obviously means that the content can be shared by both past and current students.

The Castle continues as a centre of sport, music and drama, and there has been a rich programme of activities in all areas.

### **Arts, Music and Sport**

There has been much development in the musical life of the College and Jonathan Clinch, the Music Secretary to the SCR, has made a significant contribution to putting on a lot of major concerts. We have some way to go to make as much progress on the visual arts. This is a crucial part of our current plans.

Alongside these events, student life across the college was also typically vibrant. Highlights included the Chapel Choir's production of a CD of Christmas Carols, as well as sporting success with the College teams winning the Mixed Lacrosse, Men and Women's Hockey and Badminton leagues. A particular high point was however our own Lily van der Broecke's Gold Medal at the Paralympics, and subsequent MBE. All these events, like to lectures, are also now reported on website, Facebook and Twitter, greatly increasing the College's online presence.

A number of very successful and student-organised college events were as ever important points in the year, including the Great Gatsby-themed *Ladies' Night Ball*, the popular *Charity Fashion Show*, a *Willy Wonka*-inspired *Castle Day*, and the highlight of the year, the spectacular *June Ball*.

### **Communication Infrastructures**

I am delighted with the progress we are making on Twitter, Facebook and the College website. I would like to thank Mark Shaw, doing a PhD in School of Government and International Affairs, for all the work he has done in this area. The podcasts and recordings of the numerous lectures this year are an outstanding resource. We remain limited in our options by the University IT's overall capacity and design.

### **College Governance**

Changes to the Governance structures introduced last year, plus a new code of conduct, have yielded benefits and the College now has sound procedures, lines of reporting and markers of reasonable behaviour (the Code!)

should people need reminding. The point of all this is not, as some say, to change things for their own sake, but just to ensure we have responsive and fair structures to shape everyday life in the College.

I am pleased that our new termly financial meetings have begun generate benefits. There is now a steady flow of financial information about all areas of the College. There is still some way to go but this is important progress.

## **Fundraising Capacities**

I have already mentioned the appointment of Lindsay Turner. She started work in September and aims to transform our communication with former students and to help build a vibrant *Alumni* network. Richard Lawrie, who has been working on a number of major College projects with me, is helpfully preparing the ground so that our fundraising abilities are substantially enhanced in the future.

Apart from our excellent annual reunion this year we held a substantial gathering at Smith and Williamson in the City in December. We had a capacity of 100 for this event but the demand was much greater. We are sorry if anyone was disappointed. However, we take the interest in the event to be a strong sign that we are heading in the right direction, and planning more *alumni* events around the country.

## **Projects and Concerns Ahead**

Against this backdrop, the year ahead seems to be a time of consolidation. It is probably wise now to dwell on new smaller projects. To this end, I am making it a priority this year to expand the working space in the Lowe Library and add computers, to, hopefully, build a new laundrette in Owengate, and to triple the size of the gym.

Of course, there are some concerns. Student selection moves to the new allocation model and as yet we do not know yet how it will play out. I continue to have reservations. The reorganisation of the delivery of University and College services also poses controversial questions. The latter are by no means altogether clear at this stage and I am monitoring developments carefully. There is also the issue of raising University numbers, which is putting pressure on the college system. We now have over 1,000 students and this strains the quality of what we can offer. I am a firm believer in improving the quality of student experience before expanding the community.

*David Held, January 2014*



# Minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 14th September 2013 in the Undercroft, Durham Castle at 5:30 p.m.

## *In the Chair*

Chairman of the Society, Douglas Denham St. Pinnock.

The Chairman recorded the passing of four former members of the DCS:

Dr. R Downing (1946–49) who died on 28th June 2013;

Professor James Bolton (1945–1948) who died aged 89 in July 2013;

Keith Gordon (1955–1959) who died on 3 June 2013;

John Jefferies (1973–76) who died aged 50 on 2nd February 2006 in Melbourne, Victoria. Secretary of the JCR 1975–76.

## *1. Apologies for absence*

Mike Pulling, Robert Hurst, Derek Crompton, Ian Thinthake.

## *2. Minutes of the previous meeting (published in Castellum) and matters arising*

Minutes accepted and duly signed. There were no matters arising.

## *3. Reports*

### *a) The Master*

The Master acknowledged and paid tribute to the contributions made to the College by the previous Master, Maurice Tucker, the Senior Tutor, Eva Schmacher Reid and the College Secretary, Lynne Carrick.

The number of post-graduate students in College for the year 2013–2014 was 230.

The University had acquired the Three Tuns Hotel, which would be used to accommodate them. Once work is completed in 2014, fifty (50) post-graduate rooms will be available.

The intention was to integrate them as full members of the DCS.

The Vice-Chancellor favoured centralisation of administration within the University. The Master considered that this would inhibit creativity within each College.

He emphasized the importance in this context of developing a stronger relationship with the 6,000 *Alumni* of Castle.

He thanked the DCS and UCDDT for the contribution they had made to the College.

b) *University College Durham Trust*

Alistair Gibb reported that in April 2013 the net worth of the trust was £841K. Investment in equities should provide future growth. Twenty per cent of the fund was invested in fixed interest securities. Income and donations were both static. The objective of the Trust was to increase the value of the fund to £1m so that it could be applied to large projects.

The Master thanked the Trustees of the UCDDT and commended the quality of their work.

He reported the appointment of a Sabbatical Development Officer whose function was to promote professional fund raising and hoped that the position would be made permanent.

c) *Editor of Castellum*

Alex Nelson reported that the unit cost of printing copies of *Castellum* was £2.00 and the unit cost of postage and packing was £1.00. The next issue was due in January or February 2014. In future, the publication would be available electronically and in hard copy form.

The Chairman thanked Alex for having edited *Castellum* for 25 years and commented on the quality of successive issues.

d) *Treasurer's Report and presentation of accounts (published in Castellum)*

Martin Gunson reported that Castle Society accounts for the last year ending 31st July 2012 were published in *Castellum* (Number 65) in 2012.

DCS is not a registered charity, but UCDDT is registered, so that donations to the latter qualify for Gift Aid.

The Post Office lost 50 Bank statements, which caused accounting difficulties.

The re-scheduling of the Reunion from Spring to September meant that sets of accounts for 2011 and 2012 had been prepared.

The Chairman thanked Martin for his 15 years of service to DCS as Treasurer.

4. *Presentation of the Accounts*

A proposal to adopt the Accounts was approved.

5. *Business from DCS Committee Meeting*

*Election/Re-election of Officers*

The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of *Castellum* agreed to stand for re-election and were re-elected.

### *Election of Committee Members*

Three vacancies had occurred. Kevin Hawes, Chris Morrison and Kate Howarth (MCR President for 2013–14) were elected.

It was noted that, although fifty per cent of students were female, male students from 1973 and earlier made up the majority of members of the DCS.

### *6. Funding Proposals*

The following expenditure was approved:

a) Donation to Lowe Library (annual)	£1,000
b) MCR Honours Board	£1,000 (buffer of £500)
c) DCS Website	£1,500 (buffer of £500)
d) JCR Outreach Project	£1,500
e) MCR Website	£1,000
f) JCR/MCR Online Booking System	£3,000
g) Staff Gratuity (Staff Christmas Party Fund)	£1,000
h) Online Web Maintenance (annual)	£300
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> £11,300

It was also proposed to fund the travel costs of the JCR/MCR Representatives on the DCS Committee up to a maximum sum of £300 to enable them to attend the Reunion at its re-scheduled date in September. The proposal was approved, provided that the College assisted by providing accommodation and meals free of charge.

Great appreciation was expressed for the work of Lynne Carrick as College Secretary and a suitable gratuity was approved as is the usual tradition.

No proposal was advanced for a grant to University College Durham Trust on this occasion. A proposal for a donation to UCDDT may be made next year.

### *7. Working Party*

A proposal to establish a working party for the purpose of developing *Alumni/Society* relationships, including membership, career support and enhanced web presence, was discussed. It would comprise three members from College and three from the DCS and would circulate draft proposals by the end of Michaelmas Term 2013.

Matters for consideration would be the implications of granting automatic life membership to all new members and the publication of *Castellum* in electronic form.

Under current arrangements there was a decline in membership by new members after the initial seven years.

The Master recommended that the proposal be supported, as several generations of potential members of DCS were missing and there was a need to communicate with current and future graduates. The younger generation would read Castellum electronically. No expense would be incurred at this stage.

Alex Nelson agreed to sit on the Working Party and recommended that a third year female student be included.

The proposal was supported and approved by the DCS.

#### 8. *Any Other Business*

a) There was a shortage of accommodation suitable for those who found the stairs in Castle difficult to negotiate. The ground-floor rooms in the Lodge House were damp and in poor condition. Refurbishment of these rooms would be very expensive, as it was a Grade 1 Listed Building.

The Master agreed to make enquiries to see if external accommodation could be secured, together with transport arrangements.

b) The number of post-graduates in College was increasing. The results of their work are not mentioned in Castellum. One third of students will become post-graduates. It was agreed that the results of post-graduates would be sent to Alex Nelson, the Editor of Castellum.

c) Appreciation was expressed for the opportunity given to members to visit the exhibition of the Lindisfarne Gospels. Alex Nelson was thanked for organizing the visits and the allocation of tickets.

*Date of next meeting: 13th September 2014*



**67th Reunion Dinner**  
**Saturday 14th September 2013**  
**GREAT HALL**



**Roast Red Pepper and Tomato Soup**  
**with Goats Cheese Tortellini**



**Braised Pork Mini Joint with Sauté Greens**  
**Served with Honey Roasted Baby Carrot**  
**Truffle Mash**  
**Cider Jus**



**(V) Pea and Corgette Risotto**  
**with Poached Northumbrian Duck Egg**  
**Served with Grilled Asparagus and Caponata**



**Lemon Cream Tart with White Chocolate Ice Cream**



**Coffee, Tea**



**TOASTS**

**THE QUEEN**

**THE SOCIETY**

**Professor David Held, Master of the College**

**THE COLLEGE**

**Mr. Douglas Denham St. Pinnock, Chairman of the Society**

**ABSENT FRIENDS**

**Vice-Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence**

# SENIOR MAN'S REPORT

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM



Looking back over 2012–2013, it seems fair to say that the JCR enjoyed another successful year, hosting exciting events, provided a multitude of opportunities for members of the College to excel outside of their academic pursuits, and of course maintained the strong College spirit that has defined the experience of undergraduates at Castle for many years. The **Annual June Ball**, **Ladies' Night** and recent addition **Halfway Hall** added a splash of glamour to each term, and showcased both the students and the castle itself looking their best. After last year's renovations, the first full year of occupation of the newly renovated Keep Rooms gave both first years and finalists beautiful surroundings in which to live and work, which were much appreciated by all those who were lucky enough to enjoy them.

The Michaelmas Term saw the arrival of a new intake of Freshers to College, adding another large year group and maintaining undergraduate numbers within college at above seven hundred. The terms that followed saw a number of outstanding achievements by members of the College, particularly in regard to various sporting pursuits. Following the lead of our very own Paralympic Gold Medalist, the year was one of Castle's sporting best, with the women's hockey team and UCRFC both contesting University League Finals with strong support from Castlemen from the sidelines. In March, the unthinkable was achieved, with **Sam Anderson** completing Lumley in sub one hour, while the inaugural run of the 1987 Club, celebrating 25 years of Women at Castle and involving a run from College to College towards The Undercroft in the order they accepted female students, took place in June.

In honour of Castle's year of sporting success, new awards for Team of the Year, College Sportsperson of the Year and University Sportsperson of the Year were opened for nominations in the Easter term. These were presented alongside at Senior Man formal by the Unions and Societies Officer, which was a new position for this year. Encompassing the previous roles of Team Durham Representative and Senior DSU Representative, this addition to the Executive greatly improved the administration of our college clubs and teams. The Senior Man Formal was also preceded by the awarding of over forty College Colours to members of both the JCR and the MCR for a wide range of achievements and contributions to Castle. The full College photo was held in June on Palace Green, adding another set of faces to the corridors

of College Office.

The JCR Executive pursued a number of projects over the year, which were of course facilitated by the help of numerous members of the College, the College Staff and the Master, whose first full year in office allowed the development of a strong relationship with the Junior Common Room. With the support of the Castle Society, we were able to invest in new furniture and electronics to transform the Junior Common Room into a Cinema and Games Room, which quickly became an extremely popular place to relax and socialise amongst livers in and livers out alike. Just in time for Halfway Hall, we were able to purchase top of the range sound equipment for Castle Tech, which now makes us holders of some of the best equipment for large scale College events in Durham, and we have already had great success in hiring this to other Colleges.

Over the year, I began work on our new JCR website project, with the aim of building a system that will maximise all the opportunities presented by such technology, providing information to current and prospective students, allowing wider access within the students to information about JCR activities, and acting as a digital archive for photos and college related documents. We commissioned the website from local developers **Virtuoso**, and at the end of the year we were able to go live. There is still a long way to go until it reaches the functionality that I envisaged when I began the project, but I am hopeful that over the next few years it will continue to be developed according to the needs of the JCR.

All of these investments were made possible by the much improved management of our financial affairs which has been facilitated by our position as a DSO, and therefore in receipt of support from the University accountancy team. We now have full access to online banking, allowing JCR members to pay for almost anything through bank transfer. The JCR accounts are much more transparent, which we hope will allow us to manage our reserves in a much more financially savvy manner. In addition, the Bar Executive, alongside the Food and Beverage Services Manager, worked hard over the year to untangle the complicated financial affairs of the Undercroft Bar and produce termly accounts. Ultimately, the popularity of the bar over the year was reflected in the high returns to the JCR in profits, some of which we were able to add to the budget of the June Ball, this year inspired by **A Midsummer Night's Dream**.

However, the year was not without its challenges. Most notably, in the early part of 2013, the University decided to radically change the process by which students were admitted to Colleges, sparking much resentment and anger within the JCR, both at the decision itself and the process by which it came about. To briefly outline, historically, prospective students have their applications processed by their chosen department, where a decision is made as to whether they have met the academic criteria required. All successful applications are passed to the College of the student's choice, where the admissions team, led by the Senior Tutor, offer places according to the merits they see within the student's application and personal statement. The University began a review – albeit shrouded in secrecy – of this process early

in 2012, and ultimately opted to replace this system with an automated “blind” allocation system, by which a number students from those who specify, for example, University College, will be selected at “blindly” for places by an automated system, while others will be distributed to other colleges with spaces available.

I need not to go back into a detailed breakdown of the JCR’s dispute with this proposal, and the extent to which we feel it is completely unsuited to Castle, which is by far the most oversubscribed College in Durham and so will feel a much great impact by this change than any other. Working alongside St. Cuthbert’s and Hatfield, we attempted to engage the University management on a number of occasions about this issue, and repeatedly found ourselves dismissed and ignored. Furthermore, the decision to remove the admissions element of the role of Senior Tutor opened up discussion about the future of this position in College, which is in my opinion of utmost importance to the academic and pastoral care of Durham students. This has yet to be concluded, but in light of the secretive nature of the changes to the admissions policy, we should be mindful of the importance of making our opinions heard.

I was particularly disheartened by the reluctance of other student bodies, including the DSU and the JCRs of a number of other Colleges, to become engaged with the University about not just the matter in hand, but the manner of execution, which was without any form of student consultation. Sadly, preconceived views of Castle and the Bailey Colleges held amongst other students in the University led to misunderstanding of the impact of this change on those Colleges which were oversubscribed, and our legitimate concerns fell on deaf ears. Whatever the issue, I would like to hope that the members of Castle JCR would support another College, or at least engage in proper and fair debate, about any issue which came about through such blatant disregard for the opinions of students, alongside that of a number of College Senior Tutors and Masters.

In addition to this University issue, within Castle, increasing numbers of students year on year has meant the College facilities, in particular College accommodation, has become extremely stretched. After an oversubscription for rooms last year, this year saw the large proportion of finalists – who had originally applied to live in – living in private accommodation in Durham City. In December 2012, we again we oversubscribed by those who wanted to live in College accommodation in their final year, and were forced to hold a ballot for only 90 available rooms. Uncertainty over the availability of 26 North Bailey, which we had previously been loaned from Cuthberts, and a large projected intake of Freshers meant that over 60 finalists were again initially not promised a room in College. This was of course a source of widespread disappointment, and meant that many were worried about finding alternative accommodation at late notice. Much debate amongst the JCR as to the best solution to the problem and best way to run the ballot itself has not yet led to any decisive conclusion, and it seems that in the future, Castle can no longer call itself a College where students are able to opt to spend two years of their degree living in our accommodation. What this will mean for the sense of

College identity and spirit in years to come is difficult to predict, but undoubtedly it will make establishing a strong sense of community and comradery between those in different year groups that much more difficult.

And so to the future, which I am certain will be exciting for both the College and for those members which moved on to new opportunities in the summer of 2013. In my year as Senior Man, I hope that I have been able to lead a College which is as vibrant and engaged as it has ever been, and certainly within our JCR, we have had another brilliant year. However, it seems that increasingly University decisions are resulting in changes to our community which cannot be avoided. It is therefore the responsibility of the members of the JCR to make our College identity more resilient than ever, to protect those traditions we hold most dear, and to become even better at those things in which we excel: our fantastic events and balls, our welfare system, our beautiful surroundings, our friendships beyond the limitations of year groups and accommodation blocks. In a College filled with passionate, talented and bright young people, many of which I have been lucky enough to know and work with, I have no hesitation in saying that we are well placed to do just that. *Floreat Castellum*

*Jenny Dell, Senior Man 2012–13*

# DURHAM

“Most of us have often crossed this county of Durham, to and from Scotland. We are well acquainted with the fine grim aspect of the city of Durham, with that baleful dark hulk of castle, which at a distance makes the city look like some place in a Gothic tale of blood and terror. The romantic traveller, impressed by the Macbeth-like look of the city, will be well advised not to get out of his train at Durham station.”

J. B. PRIESTLEY, *English Journey* (London: Heinemann with Gollancz, 1934), 321. The book’s whole treatment of Tyneside and County Durham is comparably gloomy.

Peter Rhodes



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## WHAT DID CASTLE DO FOR ME?

A century ago *Hilare Belloc* wrote of his old College (Balliol) the following:

*Balliol made me, Balliol fed me,  
Whatever I had she gave me again;  
And the best of Balliol loved and led me  
God be with you Balliol men.*

Members are invited to submit a similar homage to Castle in verse: the length, style and format to be the choice of the poet. The winning entry will be printed in the next edition of *Castellum*. Send to alexnelson@dunelm.org.uk

Editor

# LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

Legacies are essential to Castle's development and they place dedicated *alumni* at the forefront of our project to continually enhance the life of the College and our students. Deciding to leave a legacy through the University College Durham Trust, which is a registered charity in England and Wales (No. 1151821) ensures that your gift works to help the College to support its students in whatever way is most appropriate at the time of the gift being received. Legacies enable College to maintain sustainable long-term financial planning, and both the College and our students are very grateful for this kind of support.

It is possible to leave a legacy or a bequest to the University College Durham Trust by including notice of this in your will or by writing a codicil if you have already written a will. Legacies to the Trust fall outside your estate for Inheritance Tax purposes.

We would always encourage you to contact us and share your wishes with us to ensure you are appropriately thanked and that the University College Durham Trust understands your gift. It also allows us to make long-term financial planning for development projects. If you are considering leaving a legacy, please contact our **Sabbatical Development Officer, Lindsay Turner by email, at [castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk](mailto:castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk)**, or by post, at **University College, Durham Castle, Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RW**. We would also like to show our gratitude by inviting legacy givers to an annual dinner to recognise their life-long commitment to the College.

Thank you for considering a gift to Castle in your will.

*Lindsay Turner, Sabbatical Development Officer*

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## RESEARCH CONFERENCES COMING TO DURHAM

*Many research conferences take place at Durham throughout the year. Some forthcoming conferences include:*

- **London Mathematical Society Northern Regional Meeting "Dynamics and Analytic Number Theory"** – March 2014
- **British Liquid Crystal Society Annual Meeting** – April 2014
- **Cognitive Futures in the Humanities 2nd International Conference** – April 2014
- **13th International Conference on Probabilistic Methods Applied to Power Systems** – July 2014
- **Collegiate Way Conference 2014 – Conference** – 18th to 22nd November 2014 – Durham University, a Collegiate University, is delighted to announce the first international conference on the collegiate model of university life and community

# MY DURHAM

The now in my title above has to be immediately declared redundant because I don't know very much at all about the now. What I do know, who could not, is that getting accepted for Castle or any other Durham college now is a rat race of gigantic proportions conducted in the full glare of media interest. And that when you get there, or at least when you leave burdened with a student loan, it is more expensive. I would imagine also that living in Castle and enjoying Palace Green is as marvellous an experience as it ever was. After that I am stumped, apart from recognising that Freshers now arriving from school, perhaps after a gap year, have probably grown up almost from birth with a sophisticated awareness very different from that of the we of the then in my title, despite a common experience then of life the services.

When I became a Castleman in 1948 the Men's Colleges were populated almost entirely by students who were ex-service, either post-war National Service or some with actual wartime combat experience.

The first secretary of the Old Castlemen's Society, **Dick Spedding**, had commanded pathfinder squadrons in bombing raids over Germany. **Len Culcheth** had trained as a fighter pilot. **Brian Scrivener**, Castle Senior Man in 1952 piloted planes in the Berlin airlift, and these are just a few I remember from many. **Harold Evans** who edited Palatinate in 1951 had worked as a journalist and started a newspaper on his RAF station. **Brian Levick**, Senior Man in 1951 had done his service on the land rearing prize cattle. He had photographs of himself standing proudly by huge prize beasts with admiring land girls looking on.

The mass arrival of these "veterans" blew away age-old rules and restrictions of student life. Before and during the War the Colleges themselves were like fortresses as far as opposite sexes were concerned. A master at my school when at St. John's fell in love with a Mary's girl and they had to marry secretly in Newcastle to have any relationship away from lectures.

By 1948 in Castle the hours of 2.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. were allowed for entertaining, and there were no rules at all about other social activities. All ex-servicemen with a university place qualified for a Further Education and Training Grant, as well as fees paid, which afforded a useful amount of high living, or to put it more precisely, lots of drink. There was a general air of release, exuberance and optimism. Helped by the climate persisting still from wartime solidarity social distinctions had no place and within Hatfield and Castle (Cuthbert's being non residential might have been different) there was real camaraderie. In that atmosphere and with **Ralph Appleton's** showman genius the first Castle Day took place. Empty Castle rooms in the

late War years had been filled by men on RAF Short Courses who were on their way to full RAF service and they were back now as enthusiastic and energetic full time college members. It has to be remembered that differently from now people in demanding roles such as Senior Man, Union President, and President of the Students Council were given no academic or time privileges even though they were usually in their finals year.

My own mundane experience of life was greatly extended by my neighbour in Lumley, **Habeeb Jung**, an Indian Prince who was a nephew of the **Nizam of Nyderabad**. The Nizam was reputed at the time to be the richest man in the world and he was the source of Habeeb's income and expensive life style. Unfortunately the Indian Government fell out with the Nizam over money and froze his assets leaving Habeeb without resources. He had an opulent wardrobe and he persuaded me to buy from him two suits of a heavy tweed variety, more substantial and a little more classy than my demob suit. The suit transaction might have briefly relieved his financial crisis but didn't save him from a second year of complete exam failure – not at all surprising given the total absence of academic work from his hectic activities and he went down taking all the colour of his life with him.

However, though Castle and the world might change **Mrs. Shaw** in the Gatehouse went on forever and still she firmly barred the Castle doors at 10.30 p.m., leaving only the perilous, and illegal, "crack of doom" for a late entry. Special permission, an exeat, was still required for any night away from College in term time. One hears now about trains crowded with students at weekends but then no-one thought of other than staying in Durham. Visits from parents or girl friends were virtually unknown. No-one, including most parents, had a car. **Dennis Holden** bought a Morgan three-wheeler in Doncaster, drove it up and parked it on the Green. It had a fault and never moved again under its own power. It stayed on the Green in splendid isolation, unquestioned and ignored for a week or more – a long way from today's congestion charge.

Compared with now, even post credit crunch, life was austere in that not a lot of anything was available to anybody. At Lumley Castle, the first year residence for most Castlemen, afternoon tea was provided but our butter and jam rations were kept individually in the Dining Hall in wooden honeycombs, the butter getting slowly rancid. Without today's rigorous systems or public watchfulness there was a pleasant atmosphere of informality and trust, greatly helped in Castle by the understanding and wise management of the Master, **Macfarlane-Grieve**, himself a distinguished serving officer from World War One. My Castle and Durham interviews were in 1946 and as my demob from National Service approached I wrote to Mac and received back a personal friendly letter reminding me to bring my own sheets and soap and towel when I came up. As far as I remember that was my entire

induction process. I see now on the web site there is a week's induction programme and a host of requirements, all on line, for identity proofs and documents to be read. When I lived in Owengate neither the front door or our room doors were ever locked.

Even a Fresher's travel to Durham was different. Judging now by my experience with my own kin, indulgent parents take days off work, load a car and deliver their progeny to College complete with all the musical and electronic equipment necessary for a sophisticated existence. In 1948 I said good-bye and clutching a suitcase caught a bus into Warrington, walked to the station, arrived in Durham, caught the bus to Chester-le-Street then another bus, after a considerable wait with a gaggle of others, to Lumley. Fortunately for the books we needed a kindly British Rail would, for the sum of 2s 11d, once you had bought a travel ticket, collect your trunk from your house and deliver it right into Lumley Castle. So we had our compensations.

Nobody told me about the Freshers Conference, which was a miss because I arrived expectantly at the Freshers Ball only to find all the girls already firmly welded to male partners. Some of those pairings lasted through three Durham years and into marriages after that.

The girls of course were largely straight from school but they coped remarkably well with us more mature and somewhat predatory ex-service types. The tables were turned however by the members of Wynyard Hall Training College who were all ex-service women. They would be invited by the bus-load to provide partners at College Dances and I remember them storming ferociously into a Lumley Dance. There were certainly no wallflowers among them. A return fixture at Wynyard Hall was even more scary. We turned with relief to the gentler, if more resistant, girls from school. Boys straight from school, virtually all of whom were scientists allowed to do their degree before national service and tied to dense lecture schedules and laboratories, did not get much of a social look-in.

Of course everything then was small scale compared with now. Castlemen numbered 200 or less and the total number of university students in the whole country was fewer than at some single universities now. This must have greatly enabled informality and intimacy and perhaps a greater sense of adventure. In Castellum many years ago I described how **Dennis Holden** and I, sharing a bedroom on the top floor of Owengate, heard thunderous footsteps on the stairs. Dennis peered through the keyhole on to the landing and declared: "I can see boots, and firemen." The floor joists in **John Robson's** room opposite had caught fire. John, somewhat pointlessly, dashed down to the floor below to tell a third year, nominally senior in the building, who dressed and legged it up Owengate to the Master's House to tell the Master, who rang the Fire Brigade. Throughout this extended procedure no-one chose to alert us about the fire and no-one bothered to get out of

the building while the firemen did their stuff. I am sure now that there are yard-long instructions in every building covering these contingencies.

Another illustration of changed times since then is the way the authorities handled the splitting of the Newcastle division away from the Durham Colleges so that it became a full university in its own right.

After graduation I was a reporter on the *Newcastle Journal* and was still quite frequently with Castle friends in Durham. One Sunday afternoon I spotted on the notice board on Palace Green a formal announcement of the statutory change creating a separate Newcastle University. This announcement was some days old but had attracted no publicity either in Durham or Newcastle. It was big news for a Newcastle paper. I was working that Sunday night and arrived at the office wielding the one and only scoop of my career. I was instructed to ring the university Chancellor, **Lord Trevelyan**, who lived in Cambridge, for a comment. I received nothing except a flea in my ear for interrupting his supper. But the *Journal* had my scoop.

One can only speculate about the amount of hype and media preparation an announcement of that kind would call for today.

*Then* or *Now*, take your choice. I plump for the *Then* because it's what I know and remember with great affection. The *Now* I leave to whatever comes next.

Derek Holbrook



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# CASTLE COMMUNITY ACTION

This year, for the first time, University College is proud to have its very own community outreach project, Castle Community Action (CCA). This is a project that has been set up to provide additional support to the most vulnerable in Durham, narrow the gap between the age-old chasm that is “town and gown” and most importantly, put Castle back at the heart of the Durham community.

With one hundred active members already and many more itching to get involved, this project has captured the hearts and of course, the minds, of its Castle students. There are four autonomous divisions each with their own unique set of objectives and aspirations. Primary Education have been providing extra learning support to a local primary school via a regular reading and writing group. Secondary Education have been doing weekly performing arts sessions, aiming toward an end of term production; Michaelmas term gave us *Cinderella*, a great Christmas treat in the Great Hall that could have put Castle students to shame! Elderly Care has been organising daily activities with the local care home, from Christmas Carols to Bingo to Darts! Homelessness has provided daily support to Durham’s largest soup kitchen as well galvanising huge support for the Durham Foodbank.

This is, of course, only the beginning and there is a long way to go. This will be an exciting journey that Castlemen will be responsible for shaping and I am confident that this project, with the hard work, determination and energy of our students, will continue to grow for a long time to come. It is with great pleasure that I believe for the first time, with one hundred percent confidence, I can say loud and clear, *Non Nobis Solum*: Not for ourselves alone.

Best Wishes,

*Simon Galloway, Senior Man 2013–14*



# VICE-MASTER & SENIOR TUTOR REPORT

Instead of providing a touch of entertainment in the form of another speech from one of the student balls, I have been asked by Alex Nelson to give an update of what is happening in my area of work.

The largest part of my working days in term-time is allocated to student issues, covering academic, health, finance, discipline, family and other problems. Some of those are extremely serious especially since mental health issues have risen. We deal for example with a few suicide attempts every term. Other issues border on the hilarious; my most bizarre request last term was dealing with a postgraduate student's house that, with the help of her cat, she had successfully managed to infest with cat-fleas. Many of my problems appear to start with the letter A: anorexia, assault, anxiety attacks, autism, Asperger's syndrome, abusive relationships, anti-social behaviour, academic progress notices, appeals and, of course, alcohol. As to the last one – unfortunately the student body is resisting my attempt to introduce public flogging in the courtyard on a Saturday morning. I believe it may do wonders for discipline!

The stress impact on students nowadays caused by increased tuition fees and difficulties to enter the job market is noticeable, often manifesting itself in physical and mental health issues. Apart from providing as much pastoral support as our small support office can, there is little College can do. I have several small bursaries to help out in the areas of travel (e.g. for field work and conference attendance) and employability (for work experience and internships) but despite the SCR's continuous financial support and some money from invested funds we are talking about just a drop in the ocean.

Nevertheless, the demand for a place at Castle remains as high as ever. To put this into a statistical context, in the first application round which goes to the various departments the University receives about 3,600 applications for Castle for about 200 places – in comparison the college at the bottom of the table receives about 380. The demand varies between subjects; quite a number of scientists prefer the proximity to science site, for example, but apart from computer studies and chemistry we are heavily oversubscribed in every subject area. I can't help feeling that we must get a few things right at Castle. The popularity cannot be solely ascribed to the Rapunzel effect of the Keep. After the departmental selection process we usually receive around 1,700 potential applications.

In the past, together with three admissions tutors mainly with a scientific background, I would work through those UCAS forms. We would concentrate more on the personal statement, as academic suitability had already been established by the departments. We would try to ensure a balance of gender, educational background (Castle's intake of state school candidates is above that of the university) and interest in extracurricular activities, and we

would strive to give preference to candidates from non-academic homes and strengthen the local intake. I am confident that in the past this has enabled us to lay the foundation for a strong Castle community based on a broad intake, enabling all students to fulfil their potential. I am not denying that very occasionally we would get it wrong; unless one personally interviews all candidates there is always a danger deciding on statements that are very liberal with the truth.

For reasons of fairness and transparency the University has now changed this long-standing system of allocation and moved to a centralised allocation process for colleges. The effect on undersubscribed colleges or certain subject areas will be minimal as there are often many more places than applications. It is too early to say whether it will effect colleges like us or St Chad's. What we do hope, though, is that we will be allowed to keep a number of places for *alumni* relations, on the condition of course that the application is as strong as any other application. Maintaining family links through parents, grandparents or siblings has always been important to us. I still remember my first Freshers' Sunday when a couple approached me, Fresher in tow, and announced that they were dropping off their fourth child at Castle. Unfortunately child number five had applied to Bristol, and they profoundly apologised.

Talking about Castle's popularity converted into student numbers, for the first time ever we have broken through the 1,000 student barrier. We have around 750 Undergraduates (when I started in 2008 we had 600) and a staggering 260 Postgraduates (compared to 50 in 2008). This means we have serious room problems which are only partly alleviated through the most welcome acquisition of *The Three Tuns*. Those of you who occasionally visit will have noticed that neither The Great Hall, nor the Library or the Undies have increased their capacity. Despite increased numbers we still work with the same dedicated staff in the support office. I would be completely lost without Linda Beighton and above all Lynne Carrick and Hannah, the Chaplain. In the absence of additional two-legged staff we had to resort to the four-legged variety for support. Otto, the Senior Welfare Dog, together with his team of Blackjack and Teal as Assistant Welfare Dogs, Rory with special responsibilities for ecclesiastical matters and Melisende, Top Cat of the History department as feline adviser, we just keep our heads above water.

On the academic side we are very high on the Durham league table by college. 197 students graduated last summer, 42 of those with a First, our best result ever.

Although I now know more about plagiarism, police procedures, relationship break-ups, self-harm and 'vom' (if you don't know what I am referring to, you are definitely of the older generation) than I ever wanted to, let me assure you that Castle is still vibrant, exciting, rewarding and a pleasure to work in!

*Eva Schumacher-Reid*

# DOYLE ET AL REMEMBERED

My reminiscences about Dr. Doyle and his own piece invoking memories of his time at Castle triggered a response from John Davies (1954–60) now resident in California. John's letter links his own experience of the "Doyle era" with that of his son's stay as an American exchange student at Castle and recalls the commanding presence of the unofficial university photographer of the time, one **Daisy Edis**. John writes,

"I didn't know Dr Doyle, but I knew who he was and read his "*Sixty Years as a Member of University College*" in the 2010 edition. I enjoyed the piece because he described so well the Durham and Lumley experiences that I remember. I spent my first year on the top floor of the Keep under the watchful eye of Dr. Atkin, my second at Lumley with Dr. Prowse and my third on Hall Stairs. My interest in Dr. Doyle was piqued when my son spent his junior year from the University of Oregon in Castle on the old IES programme. He came home in 1981 with a College photograph very similar to one of the old Daisy Edis masterpieces – but with students sans college blazers – and what caught my eye was Dr. Doyle seated to the left of the Master looking very much the same as he did in the 1957 picture which adorns the wall in my study. Different students, different dons and a different Master, but the same Dr. Doyle. Indeed, he doesn't look much different in the picture accompanying your article."

In the same letter John also remembers the distinguished career of David Sylvester whose obituary was in the same edition. He writes:

"I knew David Sylvester quite well after doing postgraduate studies in radiochemistry a couple of years behind him. My career took a different path but I met him at Reunions and enjoyed his conversation. I sent David's obituary to Dr. Roy Tibury, a friend who worked at the Sloane-Kettering Institute. Roy had collaborated with David at MRC – and spoke very highly of him".

John's letter illustrates the sense of belonging felt to a greater or lesser degree by those of us who have had the privilege of enjoying the Castle experience. Members of the Society like to read about and be proud of the achievements, the contributions, the publications, the discoveries and the travel of Castlemen, contemporaries or not, whilst they are still with us: and also in the sense that we belong, in loose way, to a vastly extended family, many would like to know of their passing. I hope John's letter will encourage many more members to contribute to *Castellum*.

Albert Cartmell

# THE THREE TUNS HOTEL



The Master was pleased to announce in 2013 the acquisition of the *Three Tuns Hotel* by the University, which will provide accommodation in the centre of town, a short walk away from the Castle, for University College's postgraduate community. The hotel itself is a part of Durham's history, as a Grade II listed building, with

parts of the hotel dating back to the 16th Century.

The Editor of *Castellum*, Alex Nelson, has joked that the new postgraduate accommodation at the *Three Tuns* will be known as "T-Block", owing to the fact that the Moatside accommodation blocks run through "Q" to "S" Block. Many names have been considered by the *Three Tuns* postgraduates, but so far the dreaded "T-Block" has been avoided. In addition to postgraduates, the accommodation provides two suites for visiting fellows, aptly named the *Cathedral Suite* and the *Prince Bishop Suite*.

Housing 28 new postgraduate students, a mix of Masters and PhD students from around the world, a part of the iconic *Durham Hotel* on New Elvet has now been transformed into high-quality, modern accommodation. Although the renovations are still a work in progress, the work that has been done so far is to a high standard, providing exceptional living space for our postgraduate students, right in the heart of the city centre. All rooms have double beds and en-suite bathrooms, each with a bath tub. The shared kitchenettes are modern and clean.



This year, the postgraduates are fully

catered during term time, eating their meals in the Great Hall alongside the undergraduates. A continental breakfast is also delivered daily to the *Three Tuns*, for those who cannot face the 8.00 a.m. walk up to the Castle!

Once completed, the accommodation will be self-catered, although students will of course have the option to buy meal tickets to eat in College, as all students who are living out do. Those who are living in the *Three Tuns* this year have become actively involved in College life, with many representing the College in sports and societies, including several residents now rowing for UCBC. The new Vice-President, Host and Social Secretary of this year's Middle Common Room Exec are all *Three Tuns* residents too. This highlights the importance of having our postgraduate community living in College accommodation, enabling them to play an active role in College life.

It is hoped that future developments will allow other parts of the College to be brought up to the high standard of the *Three Tuns* accommodation. The support of our *alumni* in investing in projects such as these is very much appreciated.

*Lindsay Turner, Sabbatical Development Officer*



# CASTLE AFC OLD BOYS

In 2009, a group of then not-so-old boys, yearning to relive the weekly wade through the waist-high mud patch that was college football at Maiden Castle, founded *S.S. Ladzio*, a Football Club primarily for Castlemen in London, with the help of some seed money from the Castle Society.

Playing in the Central London Sunday Super League (“Central” and “Super” being superfluous and arguably misleading), the team plays around 25 games over the course of a season – each season runs from September through to April. Every few months, we have team socials that range from the uncivilised to positively raucous. In 2012 the Club had its first ever “Tour”, bringing 15 ex-Castlemen, and a few new friends, up to Durham for a grudge match against the Castle AFC A-Team (this made us feel old) followed by a trip down memory lane at Bierfest (this made us feel even older).

Our members range from those who graduated in the past couple of years to those who turn up once a season when their wives agree to look after their two kids and dog.

We tend to play our home games on at Regents Park and our away games at Clapham Common (with the occasional trip somewhere slightly more exciting), and always on Sunday afternoons. All ages and talents welcome – you don’t need to have played for Castle AFC back in the day, and you certainly don’t need to be in any way match fit.

Don’t hold back, contact [bambos\\_patsalides@hotmail.com](mailto:bambos_patsalides@hotmail.com) or [damienj-gomez@gmail.com](mailto:damienj-gomez@gmail.com) if interested.





The University "Burger Van" outside the Castle during the Lindisfarne Gospels Exhibition.





*Refurbished Study Bedroom in The Keep.*



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# MCR REPORT

Six months after election, I am pleased to be writing this report for *Castellum*, highlighting a number of successes in the MCR so far this year.

Now with over 250 postgraduates, making up 25% of University College, the MCR is a distinct and thriving community. With the addition of **The Three Tuns** as Postgraduate accommodation, and resident Postgraduates dining in College, MCR members are part of everyday life inside the walls of the Castle.

In addition to the expansion of our fantastic and dynamic community, the MCR is developing further: The MCR has set up a monthly “Sunday Seminar Series”: an inter-disciplinary medium for short talks and discussions in the comfort of the sofas with a glass of wine. In the New Year, we will also be launching the **MCR Lecture Series** – part of the “*Cutting Edge at Castle*” Lectures. These larger, wider-reaching talks will be complemented by postgraduate research poster sessions on the **Tunstall Gallery** – a fantastic opportunity for current postgraduates and early-stage academics to showcase their work, reflective of the research prestige of University College.

Further to this, an MCR Scholarship Fund has been set up for travel to conferences (and similar academic events), currently inviting applications for 2014. The hope is that this fund will develop into a substantial resource for postgraduates in the future, furthering the identity of Castle as a research-rich environment.

Another area of progress, working alongside the Senior Tutor, is the *Mentor System*. Currently, we are setting up office hours for our new postgraduate mentors so that any of the three of them can be easily approached by mentees. We are also revisiting the “*PG Buddy*” system; new “*Junior Mentors*” will be introduced to Undergraduates of all years, and easily contacted via an “*Academic Help Database*” to be added to the College website.

Tentative discussions have also been held regarding the optional inclusion of Fourth Year Undergraduates (i.e. integrated Masters Students) to form part of the MCR, bridging the gap between their undergraduate life and potential postgraduate, and academic, careers. This is in the early stages of discussion for implementation later this, or next, year.

During the *Durham Castle Society (DCS)* reunion in September 2013, the MCR was generously allocated money for the development of an improved website and inclusion in the sophisticated sign-up system the JCR are implementing.

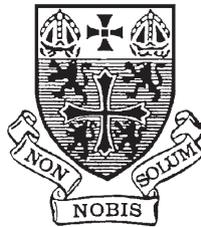
Whilst still in the formative stages of development, this will be a huge asset to the progress of the MCR, for which we are very grateful to the DCS.

This year has so far seen a pleasing level of cooperation between the MCR, the JCR and College Office. It is my sincerest hope that this atmosphere persists, and that we can finally resolve some of the most contentious issues surrounding representation that have troubled successive Presidents and Senior Men. One ongoing concern for all parties is the issue of proportional inclusion for postgraduates, inherited from our predecessors, and amplified each year. With once-again increased numbers, the composition, and therefore focus, of College is shifting, and it is important that we progress accordingly. Naturally, this is a sensitive issue, and one that the Senior Man and I are coordinating on.

In summary, I genuinely feel that both the MCR community and inter-common room relations within College have made a great start this year, and I look forward to working with College Officers and the Senior Man for the remainder of my Presidency, coordinating the progression of our increasingly dynamic college community.

*Floreat Castellum.*

*Katherine A. Howarth  
President, University College Middle Common Room, 2013–2014*



# TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP 2013

## TENERIFE

As part of the Year 3 Geology BSc I took a module studying magmatism. Within this module, we travelled to Tenerife to explore the magmatic systems on the islands during Easter 2013. The fieldtrip started from Newcastle airport with a five hour flight to Tenerife in the Canary Islands. We were very tired by the end of the journey.

During the field trip we explored various geological structures on the island, primarily focussing upon the Las Canadas volcanic formation. We were encouraged to take extensive notes and I took a lot of photographs (mostly of the Geology). During the field days we answered questions and worked in groups to investigate certain features. One day we climbed to the top of Mount Teide to look at the Caldera from several perspectives. The days in the field helped me to really cement my understanding of volcanic activity. It was also quite challenging mentally and physically, often working above 2,000 metres.

The weather was sweltering all week and keeping cool in the field was certainly a challenge. We all raced to the pool in the evenings to get the first dip. As for the final day of the trip we were given free rein to explore the local town. We all enjoyed the local food and bought souvenirs to take away with us. I nearly got to take something I didn't want to, when one of the street vendors took a fancy to my ponytail and tried to braid it enthusiastically, I ended up running away down the seafront clutching my hair!

*Iain Morris*

# TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP 2013

## FRENCH ALPS

Over the summer I had the exciting prospect of completing by Geological Mapping Dissertation in the French Alps. I was part of a group of four staying in a hostel in the beautiful town of Bourg St. Maurice from the start of August to mid-September.

We were to map the Les Chapieux area, an area filled with excitement for the Structural and Sedimentary Geologists within us. We spent six days a week in the field, come rain or shine we were out for eight hours walking with notebooks, field slips and colouring pencils at the ready.

I shall not bore you with the finer details of what I was studying, but I will say this, if you want to see some serious amounts of shale and limestone, head there!

I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to do my dissertation in the Alps. The scenery was spectacular and every day was an adventure. From the blazing sunshine, fields of butterflies, alpine flowers and marmots, and the danger of a herd of cows with a protective bull, to the beauty of the first snowfall of the season.

I will not only have completed one third of my degree, I will also have memories of an amazing summer. I would like to thank the *alumni* for their generous donations and for the support that it provided to me. I also want to urge future students to apply for these scholarships, after all, what better classroom is there than the world beyond the lecture theatre?

*Sophia White*



# DURHAM UNIVERSITY ICELAND EXPEDITION 2013

Since October 2012 a group of 15 BSc Geographers (including myself) have spent a year fundraising and applying for grants (including the University College travel Bursary) in order to fund a two week expedition to Iceland (27th of August – 14th of September). The overall aim was to complete 15 separate dissertations on multiple outlet glaciers from Europe's largest ice cap, *Vatnajökull*, and produce an overall report of our findings.



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My dissertation is using a holistic approach of land system mapping at *Svínafellsjökull* (pictured left – it is one of the many *Vatnajökull* glaciers in South East Iceland) to assess the spatial and temporal changes of the environment, and the impacts climate change has had. *Svínafellsjökull* is a temperate glacier land

system which is characterized by relatively thick, debris rich basal ice, due to the freeze on of water and sediment. This is a result of glaciohydraulic supercooling which occurs as the glacier ascends the down glacier slope of overdeepening. This feature particularly interests me as an area of study and is an aspect of glaciology that had not been previously considered when mapping *Svínafellsjökull*.

The key aims within my dissertation were:

1. To use the land systems approach and knowledge of process-form relationships to identify the important features of glacial evolution at *Svínafellsjökull*, and to produce a fieldwork and digitalised geomorphological map (*Evans & Twigg, 2002*).

2. To compare the geomorphological map with past DEMs and aerial photographs to assess the spatial and temporal landscape evolution of *Svínafellsjökull*.

3. To interlink the landscape evolution of *Svínafellsjökull* with the climatic history of the area using secondary data – for example, the extent to which natural and anthropogenic climate warming have impacted and will impact this glacial landscape.

4. To compare research with literature and other Icelandic glaciers (e.g. *Kvíarjökull*, *Breidamerkurjökull*) to fully assess how factors such as glacial overdeepening and glaciohydraulic supercooling at *Svínafellsjökull* have influenced land system evolution (*Swift et al, 2011: Bennett, 2010: Cook et al, 2011: Cook et al, 2007: Evans & Twigg, 2002*).



On arriving in Iceland, we set up at *Skaftafell* campsite. The next day I went straight to work and started mapping *Svínafellsjökull* foreland, locating important erosional and depositional features (moraines, pro-glacial lakes, kettle holes etc). I also produced transects of moraines to understand their shape and size. I drew a lot of sketches and used a GPS to waypoint significant landforms or memorable locations that will enable me to better visualise the glacier foreland when using the stereoscope in the Durham labs. These preliminary sketches were mapped onto tracing paper in the evenings using



an aerial photograph of the glacier produced in 2007. Now that I am back in Durham I plan to rework this map to include more detail so that eventually it can be digitilised onto *ArcMap*. This process, and comparisons with past aerial photographs (collected over half a century), will enable the

recognition of spatial changes in the glacial behaviour of the landscape. Changes of the glacier are an extremely important part of my dissertation as they are one of the most reliable proxies of climate change. I have e-mailed the Icelandic MET Office and obtained meteorological data from the climate station at *Fagurhólsmýri* (1949–2008) and an automatic daily station at *Skaftafell* (from 1995 until now) and am now using this data for further on going analysis work.

Overall, preliminary data for my dissertation has been extremely successful and I am looking forward to spending the next 7 months producing the final map of *Svínafellsjökull*. This will hopefully be in a different format to previous similar projects, thus providing a new land system mapping view. As a whole, the expedition was a fantastic experience. Not only has it helped me to better conceptualise the key processes within glaciology, but I also got the opportunity to do some fantastic exploration within a country that has always fascinated me.

Overall, the trip has enabled me to undertake important research and data gathering which will significantly underpin my dissertation.

My sincere thanks to all who have helped the team and me.

*Lucy Haley*



# 2014 JUNE BALL

Dear Castlemen,

I'd like to invite you to participate in the production of the upcoming **2014 June Ball** which promises to be spectacular and original. Though the theme is confirmed, as tradition it remains undisclosed until the night itself. However with the Social Chairman's visionary ideas it is imperative that we raise as much sponsorship for the night as possible this year. With such original ideas lined up the JCR needs as much support as possible this year from *alumni* and *alumni* contacts so that our undergraduates can put on a spectacular ball for the whole college to enjoy.

We'd very much like to keep the June Ball in the UK's top summer events so any donations or corporate/entertainment contacts would be greatly appreciated. Any monetary donations and or business contacts would help make the Social Chairman's visions an actuality and would be recorded and published in the individual handbooks given to every guest as a guide and memento of the evening.

*If you'd like to be involved please contact **Daisy Cummins** at*

**d.a.cummins@durham.ac.uk**

*Floreat Castellum*



# THE “SWINGING BLUE JEANS”



*A group with a sense of humour, the Swinging Blue Jeans were reading Shakespeare in their fashion (March 1964)*

The **Swinging Blue Jeans** were a four-piece 1960s British Merseybeat band, best known for their hit singles with the HMV label; *“Hippy Hippy Shake”*, *“Good Golly Miss Molly”*, and *“You’re No Good”*, issued in 1964. Subsequent singles released that year and the next made no impression. In 1966, their version of **Burt Bacharach** and **Hal David’s** *“Don’t Make Me Over”* peaked at number 31 in the **UK Singles Chart**, but the group never charted again.

The group had its origins in 1956, when **Bruce McCaskill** formed a jazz influenced skiffle sextet group called the **Blue Genes**.

By 1962, they were working full-time and playing skiffle at venues in Liverpool and at the **Star Club** in Hamburg. However the German audiences booted them off the stage, and the group rapidly changed direction and focus.

They switched to rock and roll, and with a name change to reflect their attire, to the **Swinging Blue Jeans**.

The **Swinging Blue Jeans** performed on many popular TV shows in the United Kingdom and Europe, appearing with **The Beatles**, **Gerry & The Pacemakers**, **The Searchers**, and **The Merseybeats**. The **Swinging Blue Jeans** had the standard **Shadows** line-up of two guitars, a bass guitar and drums and achieved local fame with their appearances at the **Mardi Gras Club** and the **Cavern Club**. They had a three-year spell of success, rising and falling with Merseybeat itself.

An album *Blue Jeans a-Swinging* was released in 1964 by HMV; a contemporaneous American LP composed of 45 and EP tracks, *Hippy Hippy Shake* included the released-in-the-US-only instrumental, *“Wasting Time”*. After 50 years as an active member, **Ray Ennis** continues to be the sole original member of the band and still tours.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY  
1964 RAG APPEAL  
WITH DURHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# RAG BALL

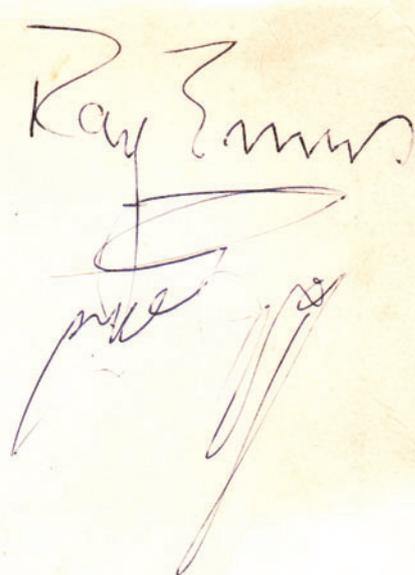
DURHAM CASTLE  
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21st FEBRUARY, 1964  
8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

FANCY or FORMAL DRESS

DOUBLE TICKET—40 SHILLINGS

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Ray Evans

\*DURHAM UNIVERSITY 1964 RAG APPEAL WITH DURHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
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THE ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH  
MAYOR OF DURHAM'S CHARITY FUND

## *The Swinging Blue Jeans*

## *The Bob Potter Showband*

8-9.30	.	.	.	.	.	Bob Potter
9.30-10.15	.	.	.	.	.	The Swinging Blue Jeans
10.15-11.30	.	.	.	.	.	Bob Potter
11.30-12.15	.	.	.	.	.	The Swinging Blue Jeans
12.30-1	.	.	.	.	.	Bob Potter

9 - 12 BUFFET SUPPER

8 - 12 LICENSED BAR

# OBITUARIES

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## PROFESSOR JAMES T. BOULTON (1942–43 & 1946–49)

Jim Boulton's family and friends were saddened to learn of his sudden death at home in Nant Peris, Caernarfon, on Thursday 18th July. His funeral service was held on 29th July at the parish church of St. Peris in the village.

I first met him aged 12, at Lady Lumley's Grammar School, Pickering, and in due course we shared rooms together for three years in Owengate while studying English under Professor C. C. Abbott, and after graduation, for a Diploma in Education. He had come up to Durham in October 1942, when under the conditions of deferred service, students were required to join either the STC or ATC. Having been an ATC corporal in Pickering, Jim naturally chose the University Air Squadron. He and colleagues from other colleges thus combined first-year academic studies with pre air-crew training, which included navigation, morse code, dinghy drill in the local baths, and the inevitable "square bashing" on Palace Green. This was overseen by the University Policeman, Mr. Grey, a formidable character who had previously served as RSM in the Durham Light Infantry. Somehow in the course of this busy life Jim managed to win his College tennis colours, and more importantly at a Castle Ball during this year met and fell in love with the girl he was later to be happily married to for almost 64 years: Margaret Leary, a student at St. Hild's College.

Called up in July 1943, Jim trained as a pilot in Rhodesia and saw service flying Thunderbolts in Egypt, India and Malaysia, where he also served as Welfare Officer. He was demobilised as a Flight Lieutenant in 1946 and returned to Durham, graduating in English in 1948. Following his marriage to Margaret in 1949 he studied for a BLitt. at Lincoln College, Oxford, where his Director of Studies was the Dickens Scholar, Humphrey House. The Bodleian Library also played its part in instilling the passion for research that remained with him for the rest of his life. His last book, a selection of letters written on the Grand Tour, was published shortly before his death at 89. Over the years there had been noteworthy studies in the work of *Dryden*, *Defoe*, *Burke*, *Dr. Johnson* and *James Boswell*. His edition of *Lawrence in Love: Letters from D H Lawrence to Louie Burrows* led to the multi-volume Cambridge Edition of *Lawrence's* letters and works for which he was General Editor for forty years, with personal responsibility for the eight volumes of letters. This edition has been described as a landmark in modern scholarship.

Simultaneously, of course, he was involved in University teaching, between 1951 and 1973 successively as Lecturer, Reader and Professor at

Nottingham, with six months in 1967 as Visiting Professor of English at Hofstra University, New York. In 1975 he was invited to become Professor and Head of the English Department at the University of Birmingham, a post he held for 25 years, serving also during that time for some while as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and for four years as Public Orator. Several well-deserved honours came his way. His own PhD. from Nottingham (1960) was followed by Fellowships of the Royal Society of Literature (1968) and the British Academy (1994), and the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from both Durham and Nottingham. When in due course he and Margaret moved to their final home in North Wales, Jim was appointed Honorary Professor at Bangor University.

The qualities of character underlying his achievements were emphasised at his funeral service. Former students and colleagues wrote appreciatively to the family, impressed by his diligence and the erudition of his lectures which were noted for a blend of seriousness and teasing irony. They appreciated his availability as a friend and teacher, his ready humour and keen eye for the pretentious. One former colleague wrote: "He was always, for me and many others, the epitome of a caring and demanding Head of Department." A man of steadfast religious faith, Jim was always concerned to encourage the highest standards of achievement in others.

Finally, a personal reminiscence. When we last met, on the day before his 89th birthday, conversation as always ranged widely: school day memories; Castle experiences and friendships; church affairs; his pride in the achievements of his son Andrew, Professor at Manchester and an authority on Diabetes, and of his daughter Helen, Professor of English at Bangor. He was grateful for the constant support they gave to him and Margaret, particularly during their time in Wales. As our last remarks concerned a mutual admiration for some of *Wordsworth's* poetry, it seems appropriate to end by quoting a few lines from one of his sonnets which could well be applied to Jim's philosophy of life and his career:

*Enough if something from our hands have power  
To live, and act, and serve the future hour;  
And if, as towards the silent tomb we go,  
Through love, through hope, and faith's transcendent dower  
We feel that we are greater than we know.*

**James Thompson Boulton**

Born 17th February 1924; died 18th July 2013  
Castle 1942-43 and 1946-49

*D. J. Lyddon (with thanks to Angus Wood,  
Harold Morley and Helen Wilcox)*

# DR. W. OWEN COLE (1931–2013)



## Scholar of Sikhism

Owen Cole whose academic career began with a degree in History (1954) followed by a PGCE and who became one of the most well known and widely respected commentators on the Sikh religion in the UK, died on 15th October 2013 aged 82.

The son of a liberal minded Congregational Minister from Heckmondwike he was a devout, strongly principled Christian of the non conformist persuasion and as an undergraduate a staunch member of the then very active Durham Inter-collegiate Christian Union. As a confirmed pacifist, he elected to serve in the Friends Ambulance Service rather than undertake the then obligatory National Service. He went on to become a pioneering educationist committed to transforming religious education from instruction in Christianity to a subject that would develop in students an appreciation of world faiths.

After experience in primary and secondary schools and at the Northern Counties College, Newcastle (now Northumbria University), and then at James Graham College, Leeds (now Leeds Metropolitan University), he was appointed head of Religious Studies at the West Sussex Institute of Higher Education soon to become the University of Chichester. Whilst at Leeds he co-founded the Shap Working Party on World Religions in Education and it was here that his commitment to multifaith religious education blossomed in partnership with the Sikh scholar, **Piara Singh Sambhi**, with whom he co-authored many substantial works on Sikhism. Separately, Owen published other works, including recently, *Cole Sahib* (2009); and *The Jesus Diary* due to be published shortly.

Owen will be best remembered as scholar of Sikhism, the subject of his Doctorate: though he modestly always described himself as a “populariser rather than a scholar”. His role nationally and internationally in furthering an informed understanding of the Sikh tradition was recognised at the highest level. He was appointed Honorary Anglican Interfaith Consultant to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; and in 1983 was Visiting Professor in Religious Studies at the University of Punjab, Patiala, India.

Owen loved Durham. He was proud of the fact that as an undergraduate he had lived in two castles: Lumley and Durham. Above all he was a scholar, a dedicated teacher and a man of integrity, compassion and determination; and a passionate supporter of things Welsh. His wife, Gwyneth, died two months before him. He leaves two daughters (Eluned and Sian) and two grandchildren.

*Albert Cartmell*

# JOHN JEFFRIES (1973–76)

John Jefferies was born in 1955 and came up to Castle from Sherborne School in 1973 to read Geography. His Father worked for Sime Darby in Malaysia and John returned home in the long vacations.

John, known as Jumbo during his days in Castle, took a lively interest in College and was a first class JCR Secretary in Nick Mercer's year as Senior Man, researching and privately publishing a light-hearted guide to the College demystifying some of the rituals and obscure JCR officers such as the College Pill, Violet and Dung Disposer. His bearing and poise sometimes made him the target, along with the JCR Treasurer David Goody, of pranks organised by a close and large circle of contemporaries. These he took in good heart and he thoroughly enjoyed his three years in Durham. After Durham he returned to the Far East although shortly thereafter the family was forced to leave Malaysia as Sime Darby was acquired by the Malaysian Government. John settled in Melbourne and completed his Masters at Trinity College, Melbourne University. Melbourne was to remain his home for the rest of his life and he became a leading light amongst a large circle of friends amongst whom he was known as JJ.

John's career is something of a mystery but he maintained a business, Bailey Court Financial Services, offering pensions advice and financial planning. He was a regular tennis player and member of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club around which a large part of his social life revolved. He was President of the Melbourne 4x4 Club and regularly drove off in convoy in to the outback guided by a battered GPS on his dashboard.

John was a most generous host when I visited Melbourne in early 2005 and gave up a week of his time to show me the City and state of Victoria of which he was justifiable very proud. Melbourne friends have told me he had ambitions to run for the State Legislature for the centre-right Liberal Party; they have also said that John twice came close to marriage but in the end remained a bachelor though with eight god children and two nephews on whom he doted.

John passed away, suffering a fatal heart attack, over the Australia Day weekend in 2006 upon returning from a kayaking expedition in remotest Gippsland. It was only in seeking him out to join us for our cohort's 40th anniversary in Durham in September 2013 that I discovered news of his tragic early death at the age of 50. The funeral took place at Trinity College Chapel before between three and four hundred mourners and afterwards at Kooyong. He is remembered at the Club through the annual JJ Mixed Doubles Social Tennis Day and is survived by his sister Anne-Marie, brother in law Bob and their two sons Yorran and Ian.

*Douglas Denham St Pinnock*

# MICHAEL McCARTHY

I'm planning to establish a trust to provide a travel bursary for a Castle postgrad student to visit the US (where Michael was from) in the summer holiday. If we raise enough money, we might extend this to providing two bursaries.

Michael gained two postgraduate qualifications at Castle between 2000–2002 and then returned to Maryland where he qualified as a Lawyer and passed his Bar exams. He died suddenly last year of an undiagnosed heart condition. He and I became good friends while I was doing my MA in International Studies at Castle 2001–2002 (having also completed my BA at Castle, 1993–1996).

Michael studied and was deeply interested in foreign policy, and indeed his mother was on Presidents Bush (George W.) and Clinton's National Security Council in the White House. Mike and I often discussed foreign policy issues and especially the importance of the Trans-Atlantic Alliance. I thought it would be particularly appropriate to commemorate his life by doing something positive, internationalist and that strengthens the US–UK relationship.

With Lindsay's expert help, I'm organising a Dinner in Michael's memory on the 25th of January (provisionally) 2014, in the Senate Suite of Castle. I'm in the process of securing an American speaker. The purpose of the Dinner would be to raise enough money for the first grant of a bursary in summer 2014. It would be wonderful if, when we have finalised the details, you might be able to email an invitation to the *Castellum* mailing list.

*John Slinger*



# PROFESSOR DAVID MORESBY MOORE

David Moore died on 29th June 2013. Perhaps unusually for a Botanist, however distinguished, his particular specialist knowledge was sought in the preparations for one of the most remembered and important military campaigns of the post WWII era. In 1982 he was called upon by The Ministry of Defence to provide key information about the flora, terrain, topography and local conditions of the Falkland Islands in preparation for their invasion and the subsequent reoccupation. An additional product of his work on the islands was the discovery a new species, *Plantago moorei*, of the *Plantaginaceae* family, which was named after him (*The Daily Telegraph*, Friday 23rd August 2013).

Educated at Barnard Castle School, David came up to University College in 1951 to study Botany. Despite “*Ration books and Norman plumbing*” he enjoyed Castle. “*I don’t think we realized how privileged we were*”, he wrote, reflecting later on his undergraduate days. David was a keen sportsman: rowing regularly in the College Senate crew; and representing the College at athletics. After his first degree he took a PhD in 1957 on “*Experimental Taxonomy of Viola lacteal*”, under Professor David Valentine, which used plant cyto-genetical techniques to study the taxonomic relations between species.

His career spanned five decades and six continents. Two years at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation in Canberra were followed by a further two years as a research fellow at the University of California. In the 1960’s he was in Chile, Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands collecting plants and honing his expertise on the flora of this part of the world. In 1961 he was appointed Lecturer at Leicester University, joined the Flora Europaea group; and later became Secretary General of the Editorial Group which published a ground breaking five-volume account of all the flowering plants and ferns of Europe.

In 1968 he moved to Reading University, then the leading centre for research and training in plant taxonomy and systematics in Britain. He remained there for the remainder of his career. Appointed Reader in Plant Taxonomy, in 1976 he was awarded a Personal Professorship.

David published widely, including *Plant Cytogenetics* (1976), and *The Vascular Flora of the Falkland Islands* (1968), followed by a similarly comprehensive account of *The Vascular Flora of Tierra del Fuego* (1983) and he edited *Green Planet: the story of plant life on earth* (1982) and *Garden Earth: an Encyclopedia of Plant Life* (1991). He is survived by his wife Ida and their two sons.

Albert Cartmell

# SUMMARY OF RESULTS

As at June 2013, the final examinations candidates achieved the following results:

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Total Graduates 196 (Men 90, Women 106)

	<i>No. of First</i>	<i>2.1's</i>	<i>2.2's</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Pass</i>
All	42	134	17	2	1	–
Men	23	55	10	1	1	–
Women	19	79	7	1	–	–
Arts	13	47	2	–	1	–
Science	18	34	13	1	–	–
Social Sciences	11	53	2	1	–	–

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Contributions to **Castellum** on any subject of interest to Castlemen are very welcome at any time. These are best sent by electronic mail to [alexnelson@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:alexnelson@dunelm.org.uk)

Please quote **CASTELLUM** in the subject line.

*The Editor acknowledges that his former email address, [burnopfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:burnopfield@yahoo.co.uk), was quite convenient when he lived in Burnopfield, less so now that he lives in Chester-le-Street. He has therefore obtained a new [dunelm.org.uk](mailto:dunelm.org.uk) address from the University Alumni Office, which is available to all members of the Society*

# DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society continues to thrive and prosper, with many loyal members retaining their membership, whilst each year, most Freshers are happy to sign up. The changing demographics of the College, especially at postgraduate level, and the general University move to engage with the *alumni* community have prompted the Society to review the part it can play, but we nonetheless intend to continue to support both the undergraduate and postgraduate communities in College wherever we can.

Consequent upon the move to an Autumn Reunion, no major projects arose in the 2013 Accounts, but we have continued to support the **Lowe Library**, and sponsor one Formal each term. At the current time we have given support to the JCR's splendid Community Project, and will be working closely with the College, as well as giving financial support, as we see more digitalisation of Society activities.

Members may be interested to know that the office still has a small supply of Prayer Books embossed with the College crest available for twenty-five pounds (including post and packing) and cheques payable to the Society should be sent to the College Secretary.

Despite the joys of an English summer (i.e. rain) which forced a move into the Great Hall from the Master's Garden of the College Luncheon, we again hosted a reception in the Senate Suite for Graduands, and this is always a good occasion to remind them about the Society, and all that it does.

As a Chartered Accountant, may I again remind members that still the best and most tax efficient way they can offer further financial assistance to their College is by a (regular) donation to the University College Durham Trust (which has charitable status) Contact the College Office (or see the website) for the necessary forms to make such donations and to enable the reclaiming of tax under the Gift Aid provisions.

The job of Treasurer is made so very much easier with the considerable assistance of Lynne Carrick and all in the College Office, to whom I again extend my most grateful thanks.

*Floreat Castellum!*

*Martin E. Gunson, F.C.A., F.R.S.A., F.C.M.I., F.F.A., F.F.T.A., F.I.A.B.,  
Honorary Treasurer*

## DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31st July 2013

	31-07-2013	31-07-2012
	£	£
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Subscriptions	19,514.00	19,206.50
Interest Received (Net)	12.69	10.34
Prayer Book Sales	-	25.00
	<u>19,526.69</u>	<u>19,241.84</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>		
Castellum	6,540.00	6,340.00
Postage and Distribution	3,969.70	3,338.99
Miscellaneous	35.00	35.00
Internet	223.08	-
Reunion Expenses	-	1,287.10
Secretarial Costs	-	700.00
	<u>11,767.78</u>	<u>11,701.09</u>
	<u>8,758.91</u>	<u>7,540.75</u>
College Trophies	470.40	-
Graduand Hospitality	101.15	-
Formals	700.00	-
Lowe Library Books	-	1,000.00
Hymn Books	-	1,400.34
College Crests (MCR)	-	250.00
University College Durham Trust	-	5,000.00
	<u>1,271.55</u>	<u>7,650.34</u>
	<u>£7,487.36</u>	<u>£(109.59)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		

## DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2013

	31-07-2013	31-07-2012
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Sundry Debtors	5,000.00	5,000.00
Business Base Rate Tracker Account	28,411.18	17,898.49
Business Community Account	10,273.52	13,238.85
	<u>£43,684.70</u>	<u>£36,137.34</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Subscriptions in Advance	15,610.00	15,550.00
	<u>15,610.00</u>	<u>15,550.00</u>
	<u>£28,074.70</u>	<u>£20,587.34</u>
Represented By:		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>		
Opening Balance	20,587.34	20,696.93
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	7,487.36	(109.59)
	<u>£20,074.70</u>	<u>£20,587.34</u>

**Note:** Expenditure authorised and unspent at the Balance Sheet date amounted to £10,850.00, but up to half may be funded from other sources, including central Alumni donations.

**Martin E. Gunson, F.C.A., F.R.S.A., F.F.A., F.I.A.B., M.C.M.I.**  
Honorary Treasurer

# COLLEGE OFFICERS 2013–14

## MASTER

Prof. David Held

## VICE-MASTER and SENIOR TUTOR

Eva Schumacher-Reid, B.A., M.A.

## BURSAR

Michelle Crawford

## SOLWAY FELLOW AND CHAPLAIN

Rev. Dr. Hannah Cleugh

## DEPUTY CURATOR

Ms. Gemma Lewis

## LOWE LIBRARIAN

R. I. Higgins, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

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### Dates of 2014 Reunion

Friday 12th September to Sunday 14th September 2014.  
The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 13th September 2014.

### Dates of 2015 Reunion

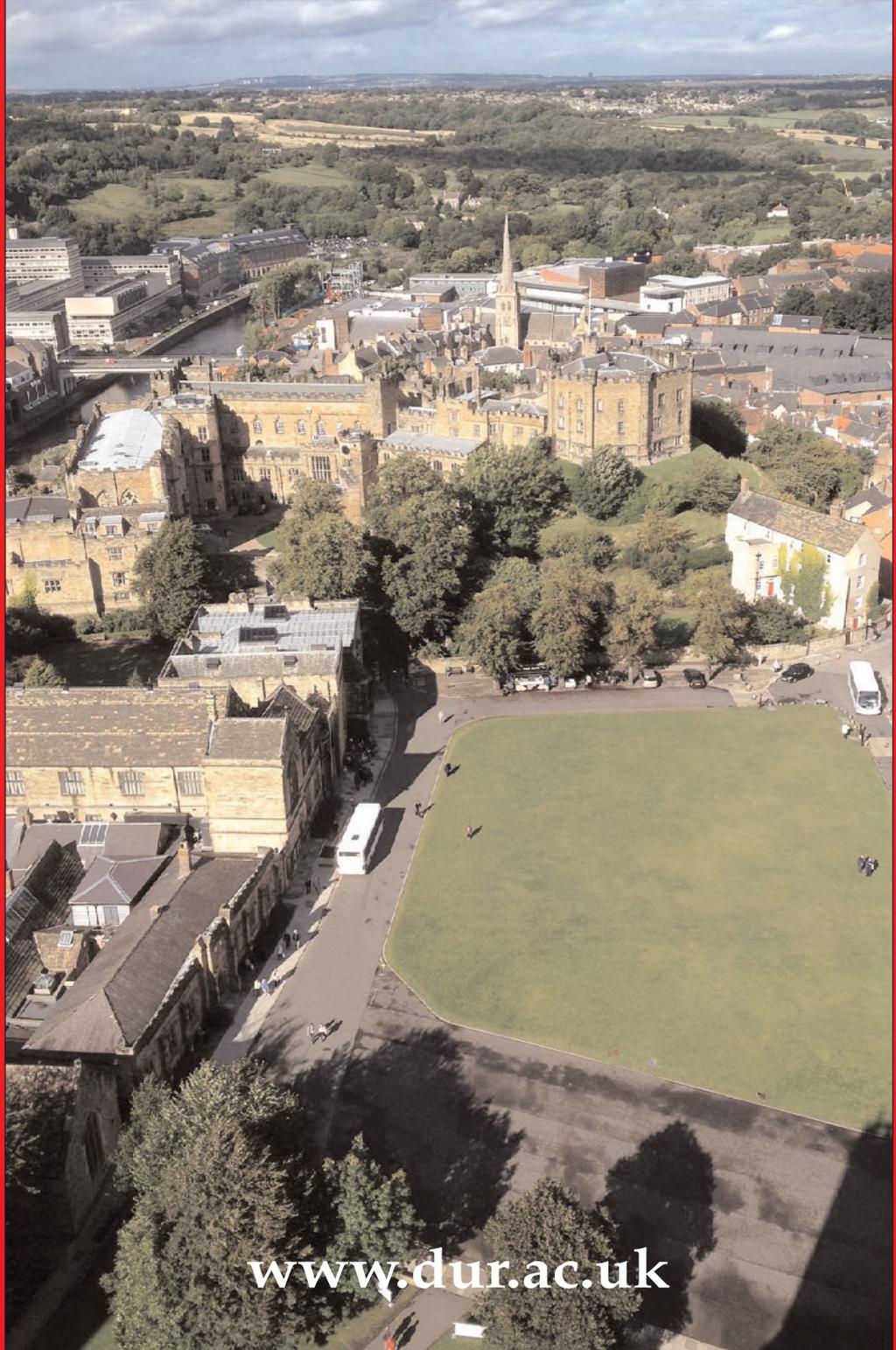
Friday 11th September to Sunday 13th September 2015.  
The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 12th September 2015.

### Dates of 2016 Reunion

Friday 16th September to Sunday 18th September 2016.  
The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 17th September 2016.

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