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THE EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

First up is news of the excellent awarding of the MBE to John Atkin. It does occur to me that many some less well-informed Castlemen won't recognise the surname of a man they only ever knew as John. (If I mention the nickname ''John the Maid'' the penny is sure to drop.) Now Chief Steward, John started as a boy at the Castle in 1959.

The College would like to commission an oil painting of John Atkin in recognition of over 40 years service to Castle. The estimated cost is the order of £3000 and any donations from Castle graduates would be gratefully received.

It's a packed edition again: if we go over 64 pages the staples will not hold the magazine together! For the past four years I have had to hold over an article on Percy Heawood, the mathematician who raised the money for the underpinning of the Castle in the 1930s. I had never heard of him before I read the piece on the internet, written by some mathematicians at St. Andrews, but he is commemorated by a brass plaque in the Great Hall at eye level as you pass through the door on to the Black Staircase. Indeed, when I enquired if others of the SCR had heard of Heawood, one senior member confessed he found the reflection in the plaque very useful for checking there was no cream in his beard after a meal!

For those who wondered, foot and mouth disease restrictions cancelled the Industrial Archaeology reunion at Edmundbyers youth hostel which threatened to disrupt my attendance at the 2001 reunion. This year I shall not be so lucky. I shall be away in New Zealand for a wedding in March, and get back from a visit to my sister in Singapore on the Sunday night of the reunion, so I shall be missing from the reunion this year. Accordingly I am having to plan ahead for next year without the ability to tap people on the shoulder for contributions.

Finally, I am feeling very guilty that I have mislaid the one response I had to Edward Underhill's controversial piece on the Church of England last edition. Pieces of paper can get lost over a year, although they should not. If you can contribute by e-mail, this saves (re)keying every word and can be stored in my ''Castle'' folder within Outlook Express for onward transmission to the typesetter.

Have a great reunion without me in 2002. As usual, if you elect someone else as Editor in my absence I shall not mind in the least ...

Burnopfield, Co Durham, February 2002

The Master's Letter 2002

Now the Christmas vacation is here, it is time to recover from the hectic Michaelmas term, to relax by doing some research and write this report on the last year in Castle.

The big news is that the West Courtyard project was completed at the beginning of January. It took nearly three months to extend the common room space to create some 50 square metres of TV lounge and sitting area, a place to chill out and read the newspapers. All the toilet facilities in that area have been renovated too and a new wine cellar has been created for the College. In my day here as a student, this is where the laundry was located and bicycles were stored. There is now a toastie bar in the evenings run by the JCR. The project was not without its difficulties and surprises – asbestos was found of course; an old fireplace was uncovered; there were delays in delivery of essential materials and leaks and floods, but in the end it came together. You will enjoy seeing the results of this development I am sure at the Reunion in March. The College and JCR are especially grateful to the members of the Castle Society for their contributions towards this redevelopment – an area of the College that had not been touched for many decades.

Now that project is over, we start another very soon – the renovation of the bathrooms in the Junction and Keep. This should start in the Epiphany term, and the cost for this is coming from the increased Residence Charge which students are being required to pay. The college estate in general across the University is in need of much investment and to the deep concern of the JCRs, the Residence Charge (Maintenance Fee) was increased by 11% this year, so that it is now nearly £900 per term. There has been talk of rent strikes but it all depends on the outcome of negotiations between the University, DSU (student's union) and senior men and women to set the charge for next year.

Another major change for the College is that the Castle will no longer be used for Congregation; degrees will now be

awarded in the Cathedral. This has really come about because of the success of the University in expanding, especially at Stockton. In June 2001 there were 20 ceremonies in Durham and another three at Stockton for the Durham University students who did their degrees at our Stockton campus. In case you did not realise, there are now some 2000 undergraduates who take Durham degrees there on a new campus next to the River Tees, particularly in subjects not taught on the Durham campus, such as in biomedical, medical and environmental subjects, as well as Education, which has moved there from Durham, and Sport Science and Health Studies. In order to make Stockton students feel more a part of Durham University, they will be graduating in Durham from this summer. There would have been nearly 30 congregation ceremonies in the Castle taking a whole week; hence the ceremonies are going to Cathedral, where only 12 will be needed.

Have you seen Harry Potter yet? Part of this was filmed in the Cathedral – especially in the Cloisters – when artificial snow was spread about, and in the triforium. Also watch out for a House Detectives episode on the Castle – featuring the Norman Gallery and Norman Chapel.

The JCR has been very busy on the sports field this year doing especially well in rugby, football and hockey. The Boat Club has been very successful and won 134 pots and took part in the Henley Regatta again. The Boat Club is in need of a new four if anybody fancies buying them a boat and choosing a name for it!

Arts Week was an enjoyable event in February with music in the Great Hall and a performance of *What the Butler Saw*. A variety of paintings and photographs were on display too, and poetry readings and story-telling provided a pleasant diversion. In the summer the Castle Theatre Company performed *A Comedy of Errors* in the Fellows Garden and in November they did *Oedipus* in the Great Hall – blood and all! The June Ball was the social event of the year as it always is with Time the theme. The highlight of course was the singing of the Castle song by 400+ merry castlemen/women in the Courtyard to the accompaniment of fireworks and loud

music. The Informal Ball in November was held at Hardwick Hall, ten miles from Durham near Sedgefield, and a remarkable 250 members of the JCR attended – that is nearly half the college. A wonderful evening was had by all – with a theme of the 1920s and a live band playing music of the time and showing us how to Charleston.

An extremely sad and tragic event for the College last year was the death in March 2001 of one of our second-year students, Patrick Brown, near Durham Railway Station after returning from Newcastle with friends. A local man was found guilty of manslaughter. The funeral was held in the Cathedral with 800 people attending; it was a very moving and traumatic experience.

The MCR continues to flourish and this year nearly 60 postgraduates joined the college. They have dinners, sherry parties, outings, and organise cross-common room debates.

As College fellows (Slater and Pemberton) in the last year, we welcomed Dr Gren from Sweden – a social geographer, Rev Michael Nuttall – a former Bishop of Natal, who wrote a book while here on his time as Archbishop Tutu's right-hand man, and David Cross (former Castleman) who completed a survey of the Castle's paintings.

The University itself continues to do very well indeed, considering its size (big is not always beautiful) and location. We were ninth in the Times survey of British universities, which takes into account many factors. Above us, apart from Oxbridge and three London Universities (IC, UCL, LES) are York, Warwick and Nottingham. In the recent Research Assessment Exercise (results December 2001), many departments improved their grading from the last RAE in 1996. There are now six grade five star departments (international excellence) – Chemistry, English Studies, Geography, History, Law and Maths-Applied, fourteen grade fives, twelve grade four and just one grade three (the Business School!). This is a tremendous result overall and will help considerably to keep Durham near the top of the league. In terms of research the University is now 14th in the Times league table – several places higher than after the last RAE in 1996.

In terms of developments around the University, in Durham new buildings have just been completed for the Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Physics departments, and work has just started on a new building for Middle East Studies at the foot of Aidan's bank (so the sledging slope has gone! – but we rarely get snow these days). New blocks for students are being built at Van Mildert and Grey colleges. Meanwhile down on the Stockton Campus, a new building was opened recently for biological/biomedical research, largely funded by the Wolfson Foundation, and two new colleges, Stephenson and John Snow, have been established there. Medical students are back in the University of Durham – students doing the first two years of their medical degree (and receiving a diploma) at Stockton and then going to Newcastle to finish their training. As a result of the changes in the NHS, Dryburn Hospital has been demolished and a new University Hospital of NW Durham was opened last year.

In Durham City, the Millennium Project is now completed and the centrepiece, the Gala Theatre, now regularly has plays and concerts. Durham has long needed a large hall (500 seats). There is also a new public library, tourist office, restaurants and pubs.

As for me, I continue with my research on limestones in my other life in the Geological Sciences Department; this last year conducting fieldwork in Umbria and the Spanish Pyrenees on Cretaceous rocks and in Egypt on Recent and Pleistocene reefs. I also attended meetings and conferences in Johannesburg, Davos, Croatia, Paris, Paris and Plymouth. Keeps me busy!

The Castle Reunion last March was really a great success with 150 people attending. I hope many of you can come back this year. We encourage those who started in 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982 and 1992 to get together with their friends and contemporaries and come back as a group - but we hope to see many other Castle people too from all the other years. We even welcome partners to come to the Reunion dinner now. The annual Northwestern Reunion in Whalley Abbey organised by Canon Williams in September was also a very pleasant occasion.

The University has its reunion in late September, at the time of Convocation – when the Vice-Chancellor gives a 'state of the nation' address to Durham Graduates. We have instigated a Castle Sunday Lunch for our graduates, their partners and their families – everybody welcome. This is fast becoming a must-attend event in the social calendar. In 2000, three Castle graduates attended (with their families, a total of eight); in 2001 there were 20 (and their families and friends gave a total of 48) – so this year (22nd September 2002) by my calculations we can expect around 300! If you can come – you would be very welcome. Check our website (durhamcastle.org) periodically for details.

The JCR is planning a Reunion for those Castle graduates who have left within the last three years – to come back for a weekend in June, meet friends again, have some fun and maybe play a game or two – of rugby, football or hockey. Put Saturday 15th June in your diary if you would like to come. Details will be sent out and will be on our website.

As always, this letter gives me an opportunity to say thanks to everyone who has helped the College over the last year and given us their support. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Reunion in March.

Durham Castle Society is On-Line!

Check out the Society website for details of the University College Durham Trust, list of members, membership form, covenant form, information on legacies and bequests and registration forms for the reunion.

www.durhamcastle.org

Material for the website can be sent to the Master at Castle

OBITUARIES

D.R.Branson (1944 and 1948–50)

Derek Branson died on 16th August 2001 aged 75. He attended Barnsley Holgate Grammar School before joining No 8 Short Course (October 1944 to March 1945) and then began pilot training in the Royal Air Force. When the war ended, the flying training programme was largely curtailed and he was transferred to educational duties until his demobilisation in 1948. He then returned to Durham and completed his degree in History in 1950. He qualified as chartered accountant and devoted his life to that profession with Hart, Moss, Copley and Co. in Rotherham, becoming a Partner in 1956 and later Senior Partner.

Derek was a keen cricketer, having had trials for the Yorkshire Colts, and later in life developed a passion for ocean sailing off the coast of Scotland. He leaves a widow, Freda, and two sons (Richard and Andrew) and a daughter (Jennifer).

Albert Cartmell

David W. Garrett (1958–61)

Those who were at the Castle between 1958 and 1961 and who knew Dave Carratt will be saddened to learn of his death in late 2000 after a long and determined struggle against cancer, aggravated by heart disease.

After National Service following schooldays at King's School, Peterborough, Dave read Honours Classics. In his first year he lived in Owengate, sharing with Chris Davies, one of the charges of the formidable yet kindly Mrs. F., and so liked the atmosphere there that he earmarked for his 3rd year the 'Eagle's Nest' at the top of the building as the ideal place for the sustained graft he had judged would be necessary to gain a sound degree. Like many others who had endured or enjoyed a two year break from academic labour's, serving Her Majesty he had found the return to the rigours of study a difficult one.

After graduating and marrying in summer 1961 Dave took a P.G.C.E at Leicester University, then taught Classics and, latterly, English in a series of schools in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, eventually becoming an Assistant Head in Sheffield. For a time he was Chief Examiner in Classical Civilisation for the Midland Board. Ill health forced him into early retirement. In his retirement he took great delight in his family – he and Anne had two daughters, Sarah

and Rachel – and kept himself intellectually active by taking a series of Open University courses.

While up at the Castle Dave enjoyed rowing, mainly in his first year, and squash, which he and I taught ourselves and each other – a source of much mutual mirth. To his group of friends he was always a calm, reassuring presence who could be relied on for sound mature advice, usually tempered by his own brand of quiet, measured humour. After not seeing him since his wedding in 1961 I was especially delighted to meet him again at the 1993 Reunion, when I had coerced or cajoled a group of '58ers to gather for a '35 YEARS ON'. Dave enjoyed himself a great deal that weekend – as some delightful photos show – and those of his friends who re-met him then will take comfort from those happy memories of him. They will all sympathise deeply with his devoted wife, Anne, to whom he was equally devoted, and his daughters.

John McCormick 1958–61

E.R. Mercer (1941–49)

Nick Mercer writes:

E.R. Mercer (1941–9) passed away on 30th January 2002. He had been very ill in the nursing home in Cirencester where he lived since my mother Kay died in 1998 (St. Hilds 40-43).

He was an undergraduate 1941–42 reading chemistry, then he joined the SCR and under an Austrian professor he trained a series of staff in uranium production techniques to set up the Burgh Clere/Aldermarston facilities to produce material for the UK weapons programme.

I believe he was a founder member of the Castlemen's Society. I certainly have a fine picture of the Castle with several still legible signatures on its reverse which I think he was given when he left in 1949 to join the UK A bomb team at Monte Bello! He susbesquently ran the teams measuring the yield of the weapons at Woomera and Christmas Island. His study was covered in photos of mushroom clouds. In 1959 he moved to the ARC and ran programs using radio isotopes and mass spectography to develop better crops and fertilisers. If he had been
able to patent them he would have been a rich man!

He never pushed me to go to the College, but I know he was very proud I did and that I was so very happy at Durham. He was Senior Man in 1942–43 when MacFarlane Grieve was Master. Perhaps we are the only father and son to both have had the privilege?

Chaplain's Report 2000–2001

The Chaplaincy has continued to flourish and draws members of College from all three Common Rooms. Highlights of 2000–01 in the Chapels have included a very successful and well-attended sermon series on 'The Seven Deadly Sins' in Epiphany Term, to which visiting and domestic preachers contributed. The choir performed well under the direction of Elizabeth Robinson, assisted by Charles Wooler and Michael Payne, and sang Evensong in Durham Cathedral on two occasions. The Advent Carol Service was a popular College occasion as usual, and this year was followed by informal carol singing on Palace Green organised by the JCR, a pattern which will hopefully be repeated. Numbers have been down slightly at the Sunday Eucharist, but not to the detriment of the introduction of the new Common Worship services of the Church of England in October 2000. Temporary orders of service were used for the year, with comments and suggestions as to content and layout invited from the congregation. This process has resulted in the printing of new, permanent booklets for Sundays which should last a good few years. Also brought into use was a leather-bound copy of the Altar edition of the new services, given by the Vice-Chancellor and Lady Calman. A new Thurible (censer) was purchased to replace that on loan from St Oswald's Church. Students have acted as readers, leaders of prayers, and servers. The year also saw the launch of the Chapel Website (www.dur.ac.uk/castle.chapel), developed by Clare Quarman, which includes information about the chaplaincy, details of services and events, photographs and an online edition of the termly Chapel Card. More features will be added.

Other activities included two successful Chapel Dinners which raised several hundred pounds for named charities. Canon David Whittington of Durham Cathedral spoke entertainingly at the second of these.

The Chapel was well served by its officers. Clare Quarman was an outstanding Chapel Clerk, fulfilling her duties with

dedication and imagination, in recognition of which she was awarded the Loveday Prize. Kate McGuire was an efficient and reliable Sacristan, preparing for services, running the serving team and keeping the vestry in good order. Kirsten Scothon was an excellent treasurer, bring her business experience to bear and keeping immaculate accounts!

In the Michaelmas Term of 2001 the same pattern has continued. The Thursday Choral Evensong has been attended by record numbers, with a full chapel on virtually every occasion. The choir is being directed this year by James Davy, also Organ Scholar at the Cathedral, and their hard work and the standard of music achieved have been most impressive, not least at the Advent Carol Service. James is being assisted this year by Ruth Gibbins. The other new officers have also made very valuable contributions: Christine Hooker as Chapel Clerk, Sam Venn in the Sacristy department and Andrew Janes looking after the money. A good dinner was had towards the end of term, raising a tidy sum for charity. In early 2002 a retreat to Lindisfarne is planned, and the visiting preachers will include the new Bishop of Lincoln. I will also be supervising an ordinand from St John's College, on placement with us for the term.

Along with the other College Officers, I have had a particularly demanding year in pastoral terms, particularly in the Epiphany Term of 2001 with the tragic death of Patrick Brown, the subsequent care of his family and friends and the organising and conducting of the funeral in Durham Cathedral. I would like to record here my gratitude for the extraordinary sense of solidarity and support for those most closely involved in this tragic event that prevailed in the College over those two weeks, including that offered to me personally by colleagues and students as I attempted to respond. I think many of us realised to an even greater degree what it means to be a College, and University College, in those difficult days. Old members and friends will surely know what I mean.

Benjamin Gordon-Taylor
Solway Fellow and Chaplain, January 2002

55th Reunion Dinner

Saturday 24th March 2001

GREAT HALL

Stilton and Chestnut Paté
with Stout

★ ★ ★

Cream of Tomato and Pepper Soup
Selection of Bread Rolls

★ ★ ★

Duck en Croûte
Peach and Brandy Sauce
New Potatoes
Courgettes
Carrots Vichy

★ ★ ★

Irish Mist
Lemon Coulis

★ ★ ★

Coffee and Tea
After Dinner Mints

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TOASTS

THE QUEEN The Master

THE COLLEGE Nigel Pratt

REPLY and ABSENT FRIENDS The Master

Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 24th March 2001 in the Undercroft, Durham Castle at 5:30 p.m.

In the Chair
The President of the Society, Prof. M E Tucker, Master of University College.

Patrick Brown
The Master told the meeting of the sad news that Patrick Brown, a 2nd year Castleman and DSU Council member had been murdered at Durham Station three weeks ago. The Master reported that 300 people had attended his funeral in the Cathedral. Those present joined the Master in a minute's silence in Patrick's memory.

Present
The attendance register was unfortunately not returned to the Secretary. Over 50 members were present.

Apologies for Absence
Ted Salthouse (Vice President), John G Bridges, Philip Bryan, Carolyn Fowler, Alistair Gibb, Derek Holbrook, Peter Kirby, Nick Mercer, David Moore, Robin Morgan, Jack Oakley, Neville Pearson, R C Pinchbeck, Martin Sexton.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 25th March 2000, having been published in Castellum, were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising
College Flag: The Master reported that the new College flag is now flown on flag days and every Tuesday and Thursday alongside Formal Dinners.

Boat Club Rowing Machine: The Master advised that the purchase of an ergo paid for with £1,000 contribution from the Society was deferred following the death of a woman from St Johns. The University have now given approval for the purchase to go ahead, subject to the JCR meeting additional Health and Safety requirements.

Partners at Reunion Dinner: The Master reported that 16 partners are attending the reunion dinner. This will be continued for a second year in 2002.

Presentation of accounts for the year ending 31st December 2000
Martin Gunson talked through the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2000, as published in Castellum. This shows a healthy balance of £6,760, despite a deficit of £11,038.73 after paying £5,000 to the Len Slater fellowship, a contribution of £10,000 towards the West Courtyard Phase II Project and the purchase of two of the new college flags.

A question was asked about the position of those who, some years ago, paid to become Life Members of the Society. As their subscription has long since been spent, it is understood that they are entitled to attend the AGM, but need to pay a continuing subscription if they wish to receive Castellum. This position to be spelt out clearly in the 2002 Castellum.

Harold Morley proposed that the accounts be accepted. This was seconded by John Hollier and carried on a general aye.

Report of University College Durham Trust
As Chairman of the Trust, the Master reported that the Trustees have met twice since the last AGM, and as at early December 2000 the assets of the Trust were worth approximately £270,000.

The Trustees were approached with a view to linking the Trust to the University Endowment Fund, which has £22m of assets, however the Trustees have decided to keep our trust independent.

The Master gave an update on the status of the West Courtyard Phase II project, which will provide three common rooms, a disabled toilet, and allow for refurbishing the current common room. For the first time, a project in Castle had to follow the University's new fifteen step Project Implementation Procedure. We have now been given approval by the University to go ahead with the project, however the latest cost estimate is £190,000. John Hollier expressed concern at the impact of the University procedure on both timescale and cost, but it was recognised that we are obliged to conform. The shortfall will be funded primarily from the University Telephone Appeal and college reserves.

Castellum
Alex Nelson reported that this year we have produced the largest ever print run for Castellum. 2,075 were printed (the largest print run ever) and it includes a bumper 64 pages.

On behalf of the Society, the Master thanked Alex for his work.

Governing Body
Alex Nelson reported that the College is in good heart, and that he is keeping a careful eye on the Master and the Bursar. He mentioned that Governing Body is considering whether to make rooms available to students from October to June, with no vacation lettings except in the summer vacation, with effect from 2003. If this goes ahead we will need to consider how it affects the annual reunion.

***Senior Man* (*Samantha Beddoes*)**
Sam thanked Castlemen for returning to Durham year after year. Traditions continue, such as the Lumley Run and the Ladies Night Ball in the autumn term (which was established by the First Ladies) where the ladies invite the men. New verses have been added to the college song (although Sam declined a request to sing them to us). The June Ball goes from strength to strength, and this year's College Day saw the Master, Bursar and Chaplain rowing a four against Hatfield. On a more serious note, the University Council has introduced an 11% increase in residence fees this year. A formula has been set of £200 plus inflation in Year One, £400 plus inflation in Year Two, £600 plus inflation in Year Three. This is likely to cause increased hardship for students, and make it ever more difficult for people to come to Castle. Sam urged everyone to write to the Vice Chancellor to protest.

Business from Durham Castle Society Committee
Donation to Trust: £10,000 was paid to the Trust last year, to support the West Courtyard Phase II project. A proposal from the Committee to pay a further £5,000 was approved on a general aye. Reaffirmation of Trustees: Those present voted unanimously on a general aye to reaffirm the appointments of Society nominative trustees made at previous Annual General Meetings of the Society:

David Mallett elected as a Trustee at the 1998 AGM, to serve until 2001. Alistair Gibb elected as a Trustee at the 1999 AGM, to serve until 2002. Nick Mercer elected as a Trustee at the 2000 AGM, to serve until 2003.

Undergraduate Room Proposals: This has already been covered under the Report from Governing Body, above.

Election of Officers
The following officers were re-elected on a general aye:

Secretary	Kevin Hawes
Treasurer	Martin E Gunson
Editor of Castellum	Alex Nelson
Representative on Governing Body	Alex Nelson
Trustee, University College Durham Trust (to serve until 2004)	David Mallett

Nominations for the remaining posts were as follows: Trustee, University College Durham Trust (to serve until 2003) following the resignation of Nick Mercer – John Hollier, proposed by Mr Bryant, seconded by John Robson, was elected unopposed. One member of the committee to serve until 2003 – the AGM ratified the appointment of Nick Delaney, who was

co-opted following the 2000 AGM. Two members of the committee to serve until 2004 – John Robson (1949–52), proposed by John Hollier and seconded by Len Hamer, and Phil Dawson (1998–2001), proposed by Sam Beddoes and seconded by Dominic Larose. There being no other nominations John and Phil were duly elected.

Any Other Business

The Master advised that the College would host a Sunday lunch for Castlemen and their partners at the Alumni Reunion Weekend, 22nd to 23rd September.

We were reminded that the Whalley Abbey reunion would take place on 7th September 2001.

Cliff Long requested that the Christian name/given name be included in the list of those attending, rather than just initials. It would also help to have a code to match room numbers to where the rooms are (e.g. H is Hall Stairs, N is Norman Gallery etc.). The Master agreed to do incorporate these suggestions in next year's welcome pack.

A question was asked about funding for the structural maintenance of the Castle. The Master said that a programme of restoration work to the North Terrace, and to the roofs of the Norman Gallery, Kitchen and Tunstall Chapel had been identified, which would require £2,000,000. Works required in other parts of the Castle require a further £2,000,000. A submission was made to the Heritage Lottery for £4,000,000. Despite initial assurances to the contrary, Castle was deemed to be ineligible as an educational establishment. The College and University are now considering how to proceed.

The Master confirmed that work to the Book of Remembrance has now been completed. It is on display in the Tunstall Gallery while a new display cabinet is being made.

2001 Reunion

The 56th reunion will take place from Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th March 2002.

Rail tickets for the Reunion

Tickets from and to any British Railway Station on the National Rail network may be obtained from Chester-le-Street Station on

0191 387 1387

www.nationalrail.com

The 1951 Entry – Fifty Years on

''Remember him? Of course I do. I pinched his girl friend and married her!!''. Such is the stuff of Reunions. Not many of the 1951 Entry who came to celebrate their half century could produce such startling revelations. But, I suspect that most dredged their memories for such long forgotten nuggets. For a day or so, and particularly at the Dinner, vague recollections masqueraded as reality. There was endless speculation about those not present and their many ingenious reasons for staying away. Keith Bennett in Penzance (fairly) pleaded distance, Owen Cole had trouble with his knees and Bill Hobman just couldn't make up his mind :but the prize goes to Jack ''Squire'' Oakley who telephoned to say that his aircraft had burst a tyre on the runway!! We felt sorry for Squire (but not for very long).

The Dinner in the Great Hall was another splendid feast. We ate and we drank in the Great Hall and listened dutifully to the Master. But mainly, we talked and we remembered. The Castle,with its splendid Bar, seemed a bit more ''userfriendly'' than it was in 1951, and many remembered their year at Lumley with affection. But talk of College days, and of the staff and students who shared them with us, was never far away. And the characters and the villains of our era were singled out for special mention. But I, at least, felt disappointed that we could not have shared the occasion with more of the Entry. Still, we drank a toast to their memory. It was their loss.

Above all the weekend revealed our great curiosity about our erstwhile colleagues. You cannot live in a community with the same people for three years without having some slight pang of interest in what happened to them. Or can you? Some, like Bill Bryant brought, photos which caused gasps of disbelief. Snippets of news supplied from a variety of sources created foggy pictures, like sepia photographs, of the careers of young eager men last seen in maroon blazers. Men who had courted primly dressed girls who wore gloves to the College garden party, and who were vigorously ushered out of College at tea time by Mrs Shaw. Men who, though now mainly retired, had passed their lives (perhaps with a girl from Marys or Aidans) in a variety of worthy occupations with varying levels of success. Age had played its tricks on waist lines,

faces and hair style. But the boys who attended dances in Room 5, or played on the Wing for the 1st XV, or got up at six each morning to break ice with oars on the River were still recognisable: as were those who went to DICCU, sang in the choir or just swotted in the library. And it only seemed yesterday that we waltzed at the Flannel Dances, or did the quickstep at the Formal Informals. Of course, student life wasn't necessarily all beer and skittles despite the grandure of our surroundings. But over the weekend we wanted only to savour the good things.That is what Reunions are all about, isn't it?

Finally, the statistics are interesting. The 1951 Entry List had 72 names on it. Of these, only 39 could be traced including, sadly, five who had died. Sixteen sat down to Dinner. So, where are the 33 who could not be found? How is it possible for so many to just disappear? If anyone has any information about the ''missing persons'', perhaps they will let me know. Those attending were: Frank Asti, Sandy Baker, Alan Buckley,Bill Bryant, Albert Cartmell, Derek Crompton, Matthew Graham, Douglas Hogg, John Harrington, Des Kime, Peter Mitchell, John Nicholls, Dan O'Connor,Dick Simpson, David Robinson, David Silvester . See you all in 2002. OK?

Albert Cartmell

Members of the 1951 entry at the Reunion.

Senior Man's Report 2000-2001

2000–01 has had plenty of highs, a few lows, and the inevitable unmentionables that characterize life in Castle ...

From the arrival of the freshers to the aftermath of the June Ball (complete with broken foot) there are many stories to be told – but perhaps best not here! As ever, the dignified procession of new Castlemen emerging from matriculation to the amplified sounds of the Castle song evolved slowly, but surely, into the more familiar sight into the Undercroft. Over the course of the year, those nervous freshers became valued friends, contributing to all spheres of Castle life. Freshers week ents ranged from 'Stars In Their Eyes' fancy dress karaoke with our very own Mathew, to the 70's night bop for which we, once again, found ourselves scrounging in our parents' wardrobes.

A fantastic job was done by Lisa Gallimore, our Social Chairman, who organized our social lives throughout the year: from ents to Ladies Night, the Informal Ball and a certain ball in June that needs no introducing. Ladies Night was set in the 1920s American gangster era, although the Prohibition was not strictly adhered to that night, whilst a more mysterious approach was taken towards a masquerade Informal Ball in the Newcastle Assembly Rooms. The now infamous BeerFest (sorry VC and other university bods – I mean the '*Bavarian Cultural Exchange*') once again saw the obligatory blonde plaited wigs, dodgy bratwursts (yes, you know who you are Hoggy) and beer spilling along with the Oom-Pah band. The theme of this year's June Ball, as ever a closely guarded secret until the night, was Time. Castlemen and women were whisked from ancient Greece to Camelot, from the Stone Age to Egypt, from the Ice Age to the present day, to the now timeless playing of the Land of Hope and Glory in the courtyard to the fireworks display. The theme also reflected our own castle's history. It is easy to forget that it has actually been around for over a millennium and was not, as is popularly believed, built just to house the

Undercroft bar. If the walls could talk they would tell tales of old, from William the Conqueror to John the Maid!

I have *almost* given the impression that us Castlemen do all play and no work (heaven forbid!). We do have sports and societies to keep us busy too. Rowing is still very much at the centre of Castle sporting life, this year doing very well as those trophies stacked up. Despite the flooding at the beginning of the year recruitment was at a high, even forming an entertaining rugby Klute IV and culminating in Steve Redgrave himself signing up on the nominations sheet for Boat Club Captain. Amongst many victories, the Redgrave 'Supersprints' proved that the Castle Men's 1st IV were the fastest college crew of the day. Hockey teams have battled in all weathers resulting eventually in a successful year, as the men admit that their performance improved throughout the year.

Men's football was disappointed as the league, in which they stood a good chance of promotion, was declared void due to weather permitting only half of the scheduled games to be played. The bad weather also affected our rugby boys, who instead turned their hands to darts, rowing and netball, I'll say no more! Unfortunately, the planned trip to Dublin for the Doxbridge Tournament (Durham, Oxford and Cambridge Universities) subsidised by BRAC, had to be cancelled due to foot and mouth, but I hope our teams have better luck in going next year. Although I can't mention them all in detail, the endless work by all of the captains and sportsmen does not go unnoticed, so thank you all for your dedication.

Our thespian Castlemen have been busy within both college and the university culminating, as ever, in the spectacular Shakespeare in the Fellow's Garden, this year *The Comedy of Errors*. Despite battling our glorious English weather, the performances were fantastic, leading to a successful tour of the south of England.

We have had some productive and lively debates in JCR meetings this year, particularly surrounding the contentious and on-going issue of dramatically increased residence charges imposed on students by the university. For those of you unaware of this issue, the University's initial proposal

was to raise battels every year by £200 in a rolling plan over five years, resulting in students paying an extra £1000 in battels in the year 2005 (an entirely separate issue to tuition fees). Whilst everybody appreciates that the University desperately needs vast amounts of funding, students and (some) staff alike objected to the entirety of the funding being supplied by the students in residence charges. We believed that it would alter the character of the colleges, forcing more students to live out and subsequently raising the town accommodation prices. This would irretrievably alter the nature our college and create the stereotype we all work so hard to dispel. JCR meetings have been invaluable in the sharing of all information and progress on this issue, and crucial in the gathering of Castle student opinion. (So in hindsight, Old Shire Hall helped to boost JCR attendance figures at last!) College execs. have worked closely with each other and DSU, succeeding in delaying the five year plan, although the first £200 increase has already been implemented. The issue is unresolved and up for discussion again so please lend your fellow Castlemen any support you can and make your opinion known to the University.

On a lighter note, the most popularly attended JCR meeting in history took place as we said goodbye to the infamous 'Roy the Porter' on his retirement. Anyone lucky enough to have known him will tell you that his smiling face and helpful hand made many a Castleman's day. Unfortunately made to retire due to his age and 'University regulations', our loss is undoubtedly Chads' gain who, being an independent college, have gained a wonderful member of staff. The JCR made Roy and Honorary Life Member and presented him with a Castle tie and crest. The standing ovation he received said it all. Also leaving us was Martin Leyland, for whose unending help to the JCR we are very grateful. Despite shouting at us from the recesses of 'R' block we know you loved us really! Best of luck Martin in Bath and in all that you do.

The year has not been an entirely happy one due to the tragic loss of Patrick Brown in March. A second year Castleman, a valued friend to so many, an outstanding sportsman and

young army officer, the college and university mourned him and still miss him. The spirit within college, although incredibly sad, was one of strength and support, as everybody assembled in the courtyard for moments of silence with our flag at half-mast. The moment demonstrated the collegiate system at its best, showing us what a special place we are lucky to live in with each other. Our thoughts are still very much with Patrick's family and friends, and we invite you to think of him whilst on his memorial bench in the college garden, a gift jointly from the SCR and JCR in his memory.

The Castlemen reunion in March was a gathering of generations of Castlemen altogether – you can imagine the rest! I hope to see many many of you all there in the years to come.

Talking of the bar (!) the improvements made throughout the year have all been thanks to the tireless work of the Bar Executive: Phil Dawson, Simon Charters and Ben Hovell. With bar profits souring they have continued to fund college activities, societies and sports through BRAC, with the bar this year matching the JCR fund for travel bursaries for Castle students. A regular jazz duet has been introduced performing live every Sunday evening, a popular innovation that I hope shall continue. A new sound system, Sky TV and Big Screen have been introduced, adding to the impressive (but not surprising) Palatinate award as 'Top College Bar'. Plans have been made for new bar furniture and bar re-fit, which shall be completed sometime next year. The carefully laid plans for the long-awaited West Courtyard development into a comfy common room, pool room and toastie bar have been continually waylaid by the powers that be. However, the green light has been given (albeit flickering) so fingers crossed.

Interspersed with all that work I have mentioned (?!) were Arts Week and Duck Week. Now a popular and established Castle tradition, this year's Arts Week involved more Castlemen than ever, ranging from student art exhibitions on the Norman Gallery, to candlelit poetry recitals in the Norman Chapel, to the Castle Theatre Company play and culminating in a celidh in the Great Hall, whilst for the first time stylish pin badges marked the occasion. I would like to

thank Matt Harris and Joe Taylor and all who helped them for a fantastic week. Likewise, Victoria Rubin and Dom Collett organized a DUCK Week to remember, getting us up to no good at all in the name of charity. All of this is captured in possibly the best yearbook ever, compiled by Robin Peel, which captures many a moment you thought had long since been buried.

Formals are still very much a part of Castle life, and the permission this year to include themed accessories for certain occasions definitely went down well. We wore red noses for charity and Santa hats for Christmas, although I'm not sure what the Master thought when I bowed out on a broom stick.

The past year would not have been the fantastic and rewarding experience it has been for me had I not had the help of a team of ten fabulous people. My executive committee have worked together as a team throughout the year – and they're still smiling. I would like to thank Anna Clarkson (JCR Secretary); Michael Hillary (Treasurer); Louise Cronborg (Welfare & Liasons); Lisa Gallimore (Social Chairman); Kim Franzen (Services Manager); Dom Larose (Livers' Out Rep.); Emily Gaunt (Senior DSU); Phil Dawson (Bar Chairman); Simon Charters (Par Vice-Chairman) and Ben Hovell (Bar Treasurer) for all of their hard work and laughter throughout the year, and I wish Stephen Withnell and his exec. all the very best for next year.

Lastly, the help and support of the Master, Bursar, Senior Tutor and Chaplain has been invaluable and they have been a continuous source of advice – excluding post-formal chats! The college is very lucky indeed to have them.

Being Senior Man of University College has been a privilege and a pleasure. Every year has been so completely different and I have come away with so many memories that really will always make me smile.

Castle, thank you for all the good times.

Floreat Castellum.

Samantha Beddoes
Senior Man 2000-2001

Castellum

NEWS ROUND-UP

DURHAM AWARDED FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL TEACHING

Lee Elliot Major of Education Guardian writes:

The University of Durham is the first recipient of a national award for entrepreneurial teaching in the academic sector.

The university's science faculty won the award for familiarising science students with commercial and business issues during their degrees.

The £25,000 award was handed out by the Centre for Enterprise. It is the first of its kind in the UK and is offered to universities and colleges. The award is intended ''to widen and deepen the spirit of enterprise through encouraging radical innovation in the teaching of enterprise in higher education''.

The centre aims to stimulate an enterprising culture among undergraduates, some of whom may become future entrepreneurs, and run their own businesses.

The Enterprise Teaching Award was won by the foundation for small and medium enterprise development at the university. The winning proposal aims to benefit undergraduate and masters-level students in the university's natural science departments.

Christina Hartshorn, from the foundation, said: ''The University of Durham wants to offer its science students an enhanced learning experience linked to the commercial environment, and the Enterprise Teaching Award will help validate entrepreneurship as a legitimate career choice for a science graduate. A key innovation is that the science faculty themselves will be actively involved in the enterprise learning process in their curricula.''

Martin Henry, chairman of the Leicester-based Centre for Enterprise, said: ''Too often, teaching enterprise is regarded as a separate academic field of study, or the preserve of the business school. The Centre for Enterprise hopes that in making this award to the University of Durham, national best practice in embedding enterprise teaching into the mainstream curricula will be developed and shared with other institutions around the UK.''

DURHAM UNIVERSITY RESEARCH: UP WITH THE STARS

Research staff at the University of Durham have boosted their star ratings in the latest national assessment of university work, published on 14 December 2001. Quality rose impressively in the last five years, according to the findings of the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

The assessors have given Durham six star-rated top scores and a cluster of other high-flying departments. They put 20 of Durham's 33 subject areas into the top grade 5 and 5-star categories – making it one of the national ''winners''. It puts Durham firmly in the premier zone of university research in Britain and confirms its standing as the overall leading research university in the North region.

This close examination of work by just over 600 Durham research staff was the first re-grading since 1996 and the results will have a major influence on funding and the development of research in universities for the foreseeable future.

Key points in Durham's 2001 results include:

- six subjects with a 5-Star grade for excellence (only one in 1996)
- a further 14 subjects with a straight grade 5 (10)
- 12 subjects at grade 4 (11)
- 97 per cent of staff in work of predominantly international quality (82 per cent).
- the 5-star successes show not only the quality but also the range of strengths across the University: Chemistry, History, English, Applied Mathematics, Geography, Law.

Law, for example, gained a 5* rating alongside only eight university law schools in the U.K., meaning that the Department's research is of a ''quality that equates to attainable levels of international excellence in more than half of the research activity submitted and attainable levels of national excellence in the remainder.''

The Law Department has particular expertise in European Law and Human Rights, with flourishing research centres in both fields, the European Law Institute and the Human Rights Centre. It also has considerable strength in International Law and a strong focus on current issues in areas as diverse as Criminal Law, Law and Medicine, and Environmental Law.

That list in full ...

5 International excellence in more than 50% of submitted research areas and national excellence in all remaining areas*

Applied Mathematics; Chemistry; English; Geography; History; Law.

5 International excellence in up to 50% of research and national excellence in virtually all remaining areas

Accounting and Finance; Anthropology; Archaeology; Biological Sciences; Classics; Education; Engineering; French; Linguistics; Philosophy; Physics; Psychology; Pure Mathematics; Theology.

4 National excellence in virtually all research submitted, plus some evidence of International excellence

Computer Science; East Asian Studies; Economics and Econometrics; Geological Sciences; German; Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies; Music; Politics; Statistics; Sociology; Social Work; Spanish.

3a International excellence in some areas and national excellence in others together in the substantial majority

Business and Management.

ROYAL VISIT TO DURHAM CASTLE AND STOCKTON CAMPUS

HRH the Duke of Edinburgh is to be welcomed back to the University of Durham, Stockton Campus (UDSC) as students, staff and regional partners prepare to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the pioneering Campus.

The Duke will stop off in Stockton on 8th May as part of the Royal Golden Jubilee tour of the region to witness the substantial progress which has been made since his last visit nine years ago when the first academic building was formally opened by Her Majesty the Queen.

Earlier in the day the Queen and the Duke will attend a lunch at Durham Castle also part of the University. The guests will be representatives from the places and organisations the royal couple visit during the day.

The Stockton Campus student population has risen to 1700 full-time and 800 part-time students and with over £35m invested in new research facilities, additional teaching, social and residential accommodation the Campus has now come of age.

LOTTERY CASH SAVES IMPORTANT CHINESE ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY FOR THE NORTH EAST

A collection of Chinese art and archaeology on loan for 30 years to the Oriental Museum, Durham, recently came under the hammer at Sotheby's.

Thanks to grants totalling £42,715 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Resource/V&A Purchase Grant Fund and the Friends of the Oriental Museum, the Museum was able to beat off stiff competition from dealers in Hong Kong, mainland China and Britain, to purchase 18 out of 22 lots (over 40 objects) at auction.

Star pieces are on display again at the Museum, which is part of the University of Durham. They include Neolithic jade sceptres (over 4000 years old), a bronze sword and chariot fittings from 1600 BC (Shang Dynasty), 8th century AD pottery tomb figures (smaller versions of the Terracotta Warrior Army as well as ladies of the court and attendants of the Tang Dynasty), and imperial ceramics from the 18th–19th centuries (Qing Dynasty).

The collection was originally made by Dr Henry de Laszlo who was born in Budapest, but came to live in England around 1908. In 1941, in order to preserve what he could from the destruction of war, he began collecting objects similar to those that he had appreciated in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

DURHAM ASTRONOMERS ENJOY A FEAST OF NEW GALAXY DATA

Durham University astronomer Professor Roger Davies and his colleagues are setting new milestones in observations of the universe.

The team, members of Durham's world-class Department of Physics, are playing a key role in the development and operation of the new state-of-the-art instrument at the Gemini North Telescope on Mauna Kea, Hawaii which has captured a sensational first light image of a large galaxy in Pisces.

Now they have a wealth of new images and data to help explain the growth of the Universe.

Together with an international network of academic partners, they are exploring previously unseen details with GMOS or the Gemini Multi-Object Spectrograph, the instrument which was designed and built over a seven period in which the Durham scientists played a major part.

Professor Davies, leader of the UK's GMOS team, is now analysing early scientific demonstration data. He used GMOS to analyse the light from the individual galaxies in the distant, massive swarm of galaxies called Abell 383 that is 2.5 billion lights years away.

John Atkin MBE

Freshers at Castle learn very quickly that if you don't want to go hungry, you comply with John's very clear requests for politeness and civility in the Servery. Over the years he has become something a legend among students. The first question they ask on returning to their *alma mata* is, ''How's John?''. This is then followed by seemingly less important questions about the health of the Master, the June Ball and the success or otherwise of various sports teams. It has therefore come as no surprise to learn that John was awarded the MBE in the New Years Honours List. Coupled with the same award to David Watson in a recent List, the immense efforts of the Castle Catering staff over the last twenty years have been justifiably recognised.

John is no ordinary mortal. Mercurial and quixotic, often unorthodox in his approach to problems and people, distinguishable by his jewellery, he is a man you cannot forget. From management's point of view he is man you have to have on your side. For the student and tourist, his immense good humour, unfailing kindness and concern for those in distress (particularly the ladies), his command of the local dialect and his ability to rub shoulders, literally, with princes and plebs without outwardly recognising the difference, create an unforgetable aura. For the Servery Staff, he is an inspiration as well as a hard task master.

Above all John has the ability to charm people and to create, often unwittingly, an atmosphere of fun and bonhomie. That memorable sparkle he gives to so many occasions is well illustrated by his invitation to a set of rather grand people to take their seats for Dinner in the Senate Room. The arrangement was that he would stand on the steps of the Norman Doorway on the Tunstal Gallery, bang the gong, wait for silence and then say, ''Ladies and Gentlemen, dinner is served''.

It was a glorious summer's evening. The guests drank white port on crushed ice and there was a polite if slightly

restrained babble of conversation. At 7:30 John walked up the steps, perspiring gently. He appeared slightly flushed. The gong was banged with gusto. The diners turned. It was suddenly very quiet. The cathedral clock in the distance chimed through the silence. The words did not come. John's face reddened. Diners began to shuffle. For what seemed an age he stood there. Then suddenly, his face burst into a smile. In exasperation he shouted to the grand assembly in his best geordie accent, ''Ohhh,come and get yer dinner''. With a wave of his arm he disappeared into the Senate Room.

Thunderous applause and prolonged peals of good humour errupted from the diners. They trooped up the stairs, laughing and calling to each other. The starchy evening was transformed into an entertaining and relaxed occasion. There who was no doubting who was the star of the show. They fussed around John and showed him great affection. He responded in kind. That is the sort of effect that John can have on people and the sort of magic he can weave. He creates a sense of excitement by being what he does best. Just being John. That is why Castlemen are proud to say, ''I know John Atkins''. It is why we are all so pleased about the richly deserved MBE.

Albert Cartmell

The Castle Picture Collection – and John Atkin, MBE

Firstly, two votes of thanks: one to all those Castlemen who helped to fill in some of the gaps in our ever-growing archives by generously donating or allowing me to copy group photographs; and the other to a particular Castleman, David Cross, who has spent a year (as Len Slater Fellow) researching the Castle's collection of paintings. David has not only produced a huge volume of work, but has also succeeded in rekindling a general enthusiasm for the artworks preserved and displayed in our college. Since pressure of work prevents him from contributing to Castellum at this time, I will instead pen a few words on more historical aspects of the collection (and the meaning of my title will become clear in due course …).

I suppose all of us, as undergraduates, were aware of the existence of oil paintings hanging in the Great Hall and galleries of the Castle and (visible on the rare occasions we ventured there) in the State Rooms as well. For most of us, however, it would probably be fair to say that they were little more than fancy (and rather gloomy) wallpaper. Nonetheless, a fair proportion of them do, I am glad to say, reward closer inspection.

The collections are made up in part of landscapes and portraits bequeathed to the University along with the building, i.e. they were part of the collection put together by successive bishops since the Restoration, namely Bishops Cosin (1660–72) and Crewe (1674–1721) and their eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century successors. Of the portraits some (but by no means all) are 'second copies' of bishops whose portraits can also be seen in the throne room of the Bishop's Palace at Bishop Auckland. One or two others (e.g. a very fine portrait, of Judge Jeffreys, the notorious 'Hanging Judge', now himself hanging in the SCR) might have been left to us because they were no longer considered quite appropriate for a modern bishop's walls.

In the last year or so I have brought out from the State Rooms portraits of several bishops so that they can now be seen on the route of the guided tour: Bishops Chandler and Butler (during whose time the present State Rooms were being created within the shell of the old Constable's Hall) now grace the north wall of the Tunstal Gallery; while Crewe and Tunstal himself now hang in the latter's Chapel.

The Durham landscapes include some (artistically) poor but (architecturally) fascinating pictures of the Castle and Cathedral from c.1700 onwards. Now mostly hanging on the Black Stairs, they reveal all sorts of interesting details, such as the form of the keep before and after it became ruinous (the present keep dates from 1840, rebuilt to provide student accommodation); and the presence of a balcony at the east end of the Great Hall in the eighteenth century (at which stage there was a large room, demolished by the University in c.1840, that formed an 'inner room' at the North end of a truncated Great Hall). Similarly, two nineteenth-century interiors (one recently conserved and hung on the Black Stairs; the other currently being cleaned) show the Great Hall in transition: one shows the eighteenth-century panelling still in situ (c.1836), while the other (c.1850) shows the walls stripped bare (prior to the installation of the present, later nineteenth-century, panelling).

Other pictures from the bishops' collection give something a 'snap shot' of the sort of thing you might expect to see on the walls of any eighteenth/nineteenth century country gentleman: we have a number of pleasant landscapes (of nowhere in particular); several small seascapes (two now hanging in the Bishop's Suite); a 'classical landscape' (in dire need of conservation and thus not on display); interiors (of, for example, a probably-imaginary Flemish cathedral); as well as a huge canvas of farmyard birds (formerly in the Senior Common Room but now relegated to the Black Stairs); and the (still larger) White Peacock (still in the SCR, where some members love it but others make a point of sitting with their backs to it!).

With a few notable exceptions, paintings added to the collection during the life of the University have been portraits: the Great Hall houses portraits of many of the founding canons of the University, including Thorp, the first Warden (the original title of the Vice-Chancellor; hanging in pride of place behind the dais), and also (in the south-east corner of the Hall) John Cundill, whose name appears in the University Calendar as the University's very first student (though he was painted only in later life). These portraits may not strike you as very exciting, but they do include some interesting characters: my favourite is Temple Chevallier (the bearded gentleman high up on the north wall above the high table), first Professor of Maths and Astronomy, one of whose various experiments led him to hang an enormous pendulum down the middle of the Black Stairs (I'd love to replicate it, but I'm afraid it might bring the roof down …).

The painter of Cundill was a County Durham man, Clement Burlison (1815–99), who was also responsible for my absolute favourite in the collection: a wonderfully-characterful portrait of Joe Bainbridge, Castle Postman in the mid-nineteenth century (which you can see now in the Octagon Room). Our only other portrait of a Castle servant (hanging on the stairs to the SCR near the watercolour of MacFarlane-Grieve) is a sketch by W.A.Prowse (Vice-Master 1953–65) of Arthur Robinson, High Table Steward from c.1932–1977.

We may, however, soon have another portrait to add to the 'servants gallery': plans are well underway to find a (preferably reasonably-local) artist to record for posterity John Atkin (awarded a well-deserved MBE a few days ago). For the record, John started work here in June 1959, and remembers, as just about his first duty, serving at the Congregation Garden Party of that year. I imagine both award and portrait will please everyone: John is always invariably the first person asked after by anybody re-visiting the Castle. The picture, which was mooted long before we heard about the MBE, should be a fine addition to the Castle 'wallpaper'! It is likely to be financed jointly by the Society, SCR and JCR (as was the portrait of Ted Salthouse), and an appropriate place

Joe Bainbridge, Castle Postman, by Clement Burlison (1850).

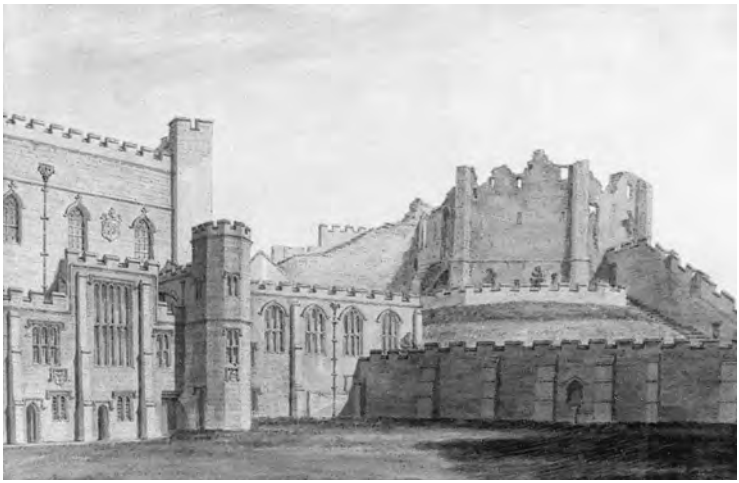
to hang it might be the College library, where it would be visible to Castlemen past and present.

The Castle collections contain about two hundred paintings (mostly oils, but a few watercolours and some prints and engravings). Our latest acquisitions are the portrait by Andrew Ratcliffe of Dr. Salthouse (Master 1979–98), which hangs close to that of Len Slater to the left of High Table; and a print of the Great North Gate, which straddled Saddler Street until demolished in c.1820 (the kind gift of Dr. Doyle, and intended to complement a very different view of the same structure already in the collection; you should, by the date of

Dr. Edward Salthouse, Master 1979-1998, by Andrew Ratcliffe (1997).

the reunion, be able to see both hanging in the Octagon Room).

Despite the size of the collection, there are still gaps which, ideally, one would like to fill: in particular, with the exception of two fine nineteenth-century views by Hastings and Carmichael, we are sadly lacking in representations of Durham and its Castle dating from the University years. This is perfectly understandable, since money has almost always been short and acquisitions other than portraits have almost always been by bequest or gift. However, I intend (if and when the Curatorial budget allows!) to begin plugging this



The Courtyard and ruined Keep of Durham Castle, by John Buckler (1808).

particular gap (with prints if necessary) and also to commission occasional new works.

Equally important, however, is the condition of our existing collections, and a steady programme of cleaning and conservation of landscapes and portraits has been underway for some time with the aim (again, finance permitting!) of restoring as many as possible to their full glory. In this respect we already owe a debt of gratitude to the Fine Art Department of the University of Northumbria, whose M.A. students, guided by excellent tutors, have undertaken conservation of a number of paintings for us in recent years and have surface-cleaned many more. In addition, some more complicated conservation projects have been undertaken by Elizabeth Wigfield (herself a graduate of the same department): she has just returned to us our portraits of Charles II and his Queen, Catherine of Braganza (now visible in the Octagon Room), and is currently working on two splendid landscapes of Jerusalem and Constantinople. The latter are just two of about 30 large canvasses and 22 coats of arms all recently brought back from the Bowes Museum (where they had been in storage since 1949!). The coats of arms hung for

many years high up in the Great Hall between each pair of beams above a third layer of pictures: I would love to restore that layout, but that will almost certainly require a lottery grant….

Richard Brickstock, Curator.

The Annual Miracle of Admissions

When I went to visit Mrs. Paula Stirling, the Senior Tutor, after a Governing body meeting earlier this month, I felt compelled to find out more about the black art of admissions. I left feeling informed that here was a fair system to whittle down the 2,000 applications now received for 200 places, to fill the College and its quotas for each subject/department, with an eye to the ratio of state school and independent school admissions. Specifically, the College and University as a whole is tasked to improve the admission of young people from poor and deprived backgrounds, without lowering the standards. The system is ''sex blind'', so that no direct account is taken of whether candidates are male or female, although the final balance usually works out about equal, with a slight bias to females who apply more to Durham, and the fact that girls do better at A Level.

Things have changed in the system from 20 years ago. As always, admission to Durham is to one of the colleges. It is necessary to satisfy the entrance requirements of the university and to be accepted by a College or Society. It is not necessary to express a preference, but that's not a way to get into Castle, the most applied-to of the Colleges. If the selected college is unable to consider a candidate, the application will then be passed to any other college which has vacancies to be filled. The previous UCCA system had five choices, in order of preference. The current UCAS system has six choices, which are in alphabetical not rank order, which makes it more difficult for the Durham colleges (and indeed all the other

choices) to work out what the preferences of the candidates are. Clearly if Oxford and Cambridge are shown, they may be assumed to be higher preferences, but there are few other clues.

Twenty years ago it was the college which made the decision whether to make an offer, in consultation with the academic department, and most candidates were interviewed with a night in college to show the candidate something of life in Durham. Now, many candidates are invited to an Open Day, after an offer has been made, but are not formally interviewed by the college or department. It is also the department, not the college, which determines the offer to be made. Colleges will not change offers made by departments. In Durham now, all the Colleges are mixed, with the exception of the all-female St. Mary's College which languishes at the bottom of the league for applications, and which may be forced to go mixed if its fortunes do not improve. Castle went mixed in 1987.

The Admissions team at University College comprises seven people for whom it is only part of their responsibilities. The applications are reviewed by the Master, the Senior Tutor, the Chaplain and two other tutors, and administration is handled by the Master's Secretary with one of her colleagues. Just as students start in October, the next cohort's applications start to arrive so the process is virtually continuous. For the current year 2002, there are 189 vacancies, broken down by subject: five for Psychology, nine for Biology, twelve for Law and so on. Some of these places will have already been filled by students who have deferred their entry (for going on a Gap year, for example), and whose results are already known. So for Geography with a quota of nine, three places have already been allocated, leaving six places for students facing examinations in summer 2002 whose results will not be known before August. In January 2002, 48 of the 189 places had been preallocated to deferred entry candidates, leaving 141 to be filled.

These subject quotas are determined centrally by the university, and are evened out across all Colleges. No bias is

given to allow students to live close to their subject departments, so all Colleges have a balance of all subjects. Of course, not everyone offered a place at Durham who makes the grades offered will take up a place. Paula and her colleagues have to overbook to an extent that even a skilled airline yield manager would baulk at! The average number of offers made per place is three, which is known as the offer factor. The offer factor (OF) is decided by the Senior Tutor in discussion with the departments, and the lower the OF, the more popular the subject. Differential offer factors are also used for those who have applied too for Oxford or Cambridge, since fewer of these will accept a Durham place if they get their required grades. Higher offer factors are reserved for less popular subjects, where more offers have to be made to draw in the required number of students.

Indeed, Departments in Durham may be broadly divided into two groups: the ''selecter'' departments which are overwhelmed with applicants and have no problem filling their places, and the ''recruiter'' departments that struggle to fill their quotas. There is no necessary correlation between popularity and academic reputation, since Chemistry is a 5* department which is a recruiter. Physics, Engineering, Business Studies and Computer Science, along with other recruiters, encourage applicants to come to Durham and stay in a College, as a sales tool to woo potential students. They even pay the colleges the cost of accommodation. Other selecter departments simply rely on the Open Days in January and March where students visit for the day.

Since the departments see the UCAS forms first, they decide on academic quality, and if there is to be no offer from the department, then the college will not see the form at all. Hardly ever is an interview conducted in the College any more. Throughout the year each College keeps a running tally of its target number (offer factor multiplied by net quota) against the number of offers made. If the net target is positive, more offers can be made, and if it is zero or below, more offers are unlikely to be made since the College is oversubscribed. For popular colleges like Castle, it is wise to apply

early before all the targets for offers have been met. By Easter the bulk of the work has been done, with each potential student being able to hold only two offers: one plus an insurance offer. Depending on the grades achieved, the student has to take up one or other offer, and the university is obliged to take them.

The busiest week for the Senior Tutor is when the A Level results come out. Universities get the results before the students do, on the third Sunday in August, whilst the students wait until the following Thursday. For each subject, the Senior Tutor must work through the lists, calculating who has qualified and who are the ''near misses''. A department may accept a student, but the College might not, leading to some ''horsetrading'' of students between colleges. On the Tuesday of A Level results week, a meeting of the Deans and Senior Tutors will decide whether or not departments can exceed their quotas, and all colleges will normally be full by that Tuesday afternoon. Adjustments may be made to ensure there are no empty beds, but overall the admissions are sewn up within a week, so that by the Thursday when the school pupils get their A Level results the College will know whether their place has been allocated or not. Sometimes it is very handy where a student wants to drop out of the process. In consultation with the departments, it will have been decided whether to admit the near misses, which should be balanced out by those holding insurance offers.

Clearing is used by UCAS to fill empty places at universities and colleges throughout the country. As a whole Durham does not go through the clearing process, although the Stockton campus does, since as a matter of policy Durham believes it should not recruit through clearing, and most colleges will be full before that process begins. There might be a case for some subjects to get better candidates through clearing. So whilst other admissions tutors elsewhere are taking phone calls and filling quotas in late August and early September, Paula can take her annual holiday! It's clearly never an exact science, but each year with adjustments to offer factors in the light of experience and close liaison with depart-

ments and other colleges, the "annual miracle" of admissions takes place to produce a new crop of freshers every October just as the first of the next round of applications roll into the Castle.

Alex Nelson

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The National Scene: 18,000 more students enter higher education in 2001.

The number of students who took up university and college places in autumn 2001 was the highest ever – up by over 18,000 on 2000 entry, according to final figures released today (11/1/02) by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

A total of 358,041 people accepted places on full-time undergraduate courses, compared with 339,747 in 2000 – a 5.4% increase. Applicants to higher education increased in 2001 by 2.7% to 453,833 on final 2000 entry figures.

Accepted applicants to degree courses increased by 5.6%, from 311,635 in 2000 to 329,218 for 2001. The final figures for 2001 show overall increases in the number of accepted applicants from England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and other overseas (excluding EU) countries. Eire and other EU countries show a decline in people taking up places in UK higher education.

The number of mature students (people aged 21 and over) taking up places in UK universities and colleges has also increased by 9.7%, from 69,876 for 2000 entry to 76,643 for 2001.

UCAS Chief Executive Tony Higgins said: ''The part UCAS plays in supporting people through the application process is an important one. We are continuing to simplify the application process to make it as hassle-free as possible for applicants. For example, we have recently introduced an on-line application system. Once an applicant has a password, they can apply 'anytime, anywhere', as long as they have access to a computer. We have also improved our tracking service, so that when students apply through UCAS they can now check their records on-line to see if they have received any offers. Soon they will also be able to accept or reject offers on-line.''

Degree subjects showing the biggest increases in recruitment include other topics in education (up 43.2%), media studies (up 22.1%), cinematics (up 16.5%), nursing (up 15.8%), and music (up 15.3%). Subjects showing a decline in popularity include town and country planning (down 10.6%), environmental and other physical sciences (down 9.4%), chemistry (down 7.6%), civil engineering (down 5.3%), and mechanical engineering (down 5%).

The Mystical Eden of Aldabra

Adam Moolna, University College

The islands of the Seychelles harbour some remarkable facets of nature and geology that make them of disproportionate interest and importance to the natural historian. Mahé is the main island, hosting some 90% of the Republic's population, and is the largest of the inner cluster of granitic islands at the northwest end of the archipelago. These are the World's only granitic mid-oceanic islands, betraying their unique origin as continental remnants from the break-up of the Pangea supercontinent.

'Classic aerial image of Farquhuar Atoll in the southern Seychelles.'

By contrast, the outer Seychellois islands that stretch down towards Madagascar are coral atolls at varying stages of development – they helped provide inspiration for Charles Darwin's famed theory of coral atoll formation during the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle, which passed through Seychelles on the famed voyage that led to 'the Origin of Species'.

'The inner granitic island of Moyenne – one of the most beautiful of Seychelles' 115 islands – is the home of Brendan Grimshaw, modern day Robinson Crusoe and gifted amateur nature enthusiast – photo © unknown.'

'A space shuttle view of Aldabra reveals its classic atoll shape – photo © NASA.'

Today, the Republic of the Seychelles can lay proud claim to the fact that it is the only nation on Earth to protect over

50% of its entire land area as designated nature reserve. This is matched by per capita spending on nature conservancy exceeding that of any other country.

At the southwest extreme of this myriad island group lies the World's largest raised coral atoll – and one of the World's most important nature reserves. Aldabra is its name, a derivation of the Arabic term for 'the Following', as with reference to the Pleiades, and the star Al-dhabaran of the Taurus constellation. The atoll has certainly lived up to its name; it is now the best-known atoll natural history in the World thanks to a period of ecological study of unmatched intensity during the early second half of the twentieth century.

The key ingredient in this ecological gourmet is the Aldabra giant tortoise – the high profile star representative of the islands' paradise. The tortoise today features proudly on the highest denomination banknote, the red Rs.100, and has taken pride of place on the Seychelles Coat-of-Arms since the inception of the island group as a political entity over two centuries ago. The tortoise outshines even the Coco-de-Mer, World's largest fruit and legendary double-coconut of Kings throughout the Indian Ocean rim and Middle East – where all nuts, found washed up on remote beaches once in a blue moon and believed to be magical seed of trees that grew under the sea, were long ago automatic property of the King on pain of death.

'Moyenne Island hosts a small but important roaming population of tortoises – the smaller tortoise pictured here was named ''Adam'' after the author, who joins the likes of King Abdullah of Jordan in such an honour.'

Once a myriad of related gigantic tortoise species were scattered across the web of islands that make up the Seychelles and Mauritius – but extinctions went hand-in-hand with the destructive devastation of nature brought about by European colonisation. Aldabra stands as the last refuge of Indian Ocean giant tortoises – and hosts a population something in the order of 100,000 individuals that greatly overshadows the mere 15,000-strong population of the more famed, but less gigantic, Galapagos tortoises.

It is the unique situation whereby a large herbivorous reptile (the tortoise) dominates the ecosystem – almost all other ecosystems in the world are, by contrast, dominated by large carnivorous mammals – that makes Aldabra such a fascinating enigma to the ecologist.

For me, a young Mauritian studying Biology at Durham, the Aldabra tortoise had, of course, always been important as a key aspect of the islands' natural history. This importance was transformed through a succession of opportunities and periods of study to the stage where an invitation came from the organisation that manages Aldabra, the Seychelles Island Foundation, to spend two months at the Aldabra Research Station on a study of giant tortoises during the 2001 university summer vacation.

'Successful giant tortoise captive breeding centre set up on the Marine National Park island of Sainte Anne – one of the pieces of work that led to earning the chance to study on Aldabra.'

On Aldabra we are offered a unique opportunity to study a basic system of natural environmental controls over patterns of behaviour.

Temporal and spatial distribution patterns of tortoise behaviour in response to its environment are not distorted by predation (as adults) or competition effects – thanks to its large size and ecological dominance. As a reptile its behaviour is closely linked to its environment particularly by requirements of body temperature controls. The tortoise is a primary consumer (herbivore) and thus feeding controls impact through just one trophic level and are not complicated as for example by the additional consideration of prey behaviour phenomena that would be observed in a secondary consumer (carnivore).

We can identify three main areas of function for the giant tortoise: thermoregulation; feeding and drinking; and reproduction (mating and nesting). The role of tortoise behaviour is to act towards fulfilling the requirements of these functions. However, the actual behaviour necessary to fulfil these requirements, and to some extent the actual function, depends on the weather that the tortoise experiences and/or the type (and condition) of habitat available.

Habitat condition and weather vary through time, affecting the

pattern of behaviour (activity budget and diurnal cycle) required to maintain thermoregulation and satisfy feeding and drinking requirements. The actual reproduction function – mating and nesting – varies with time of season, which is itself a temporal property of cycling variation of meteorological conditions and habitat state. Habitat, and the activity pattern required to satisfy the behaviour functions, vary by location – and with it the effect and implication of different meteorological conditions.

'Rainfall during the nesting season of the dry SE monsoon triggers a nesting free-for-all among the giant tortoise.'

Different spatial manifestations of tortoise function, activity patterns and weather impact with habitat type act to drive local movements between microhabitats, and cause tortoise densities to vary across space within a local population. Then as behavioural patterns vary through time, so do the complementary density distribution patterns.

A hypothesis is generated in which diurnal patterns of both tortoise behaviour and density vary across time and space. It is proposed that the observed variations result from interactions between habitat, seasonality and the tortoise activity budget acting to produce a processed response to meteorological conditions. A model is further proposed to illustrate the main components to this behavioural system and their interlinking pathways. The aim of the work under this project would be to form an understanding of these systems, to evaluate the above hypothesis, and develop potential applications of this knowledge in management issues for Aldabra – such as the ecosystem response to long-term climate change.

'A large female green turtle needs rescuing upon being trapped after nesting by the falling tide.'

Aside from the tortoise, there is: a phenomenally high standing biomass resultant from the unique ecological organisation; a

unique natural community of 24 genetically dwarfed herbs and sedges of profound interest to the population geneticist; some of the World's most important seabird breeding colonies; one of the World's most important turtle nesting grounds; the last remaining flightless bird in the Indian Ocean, contemporary of the extinct Dodo; and the most vibrant stalwart coral community to emerge from the infamous 1997 coral bleaching event in the western Indian Ocean.

'This large male tortoise demonstrates a curious tall erect posture – evolved as a behavioural response to the Aldabra Flightless Rail that aids the feeding of the bird on ectodermal parasites.'

Today a new wave of science is developing on Aldabra – such as ongoing avian population genetics pioneered by Cape Town University, and the Aldabra Marine Programme as a collaboration of world experts led by Cambridge University. Even just during my stay, there was the important discovery of the dugong in the mangroves of this isolated atoll – a rare species in decline in its limited previously known populations. Over June and July there were unprecedented levels of green turtle nesting observed at the Settlement.

'The welcome relaxation of sunset, after another long day's toil at the Aldabra Research Station.'

Remote Aldabra is a mystical Eden within Seychellois and Mauritian folklore – and it can at the very least be quoted as the same within the scientific world. Study of Aldabra is not simply a pleasure, nor just a scientific essential, but a labour of love for anyone fortunate enough to be touched by it… I am grateful to the Castle Society for a travel grant to visit Aldabra in the summer of 2001.

Adam Moolna
Second Year Castleman

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PROJECT IFOTAKA

RESEARCH EXPEDITION TO MADAGASCAR

The Indian Ocean's Big Red Island – Madagascar. The imagination conjures up the exotic and the extraordinary, and without doubt the country's vast and semi-arid South fills the senses. The South's unique forest of unyielding thorns and spines is a habitat that challenges as it tempts, conceals as much as it reveals, and allows only glimpses of its exclusive contents. I am privileged to have been a part of Project Ifotaka; it has allowed me to experience and appreciate a captivating place and its people. The project gave me the opportunity to spend a period of three months that I could never have anticipated.

Project Ifotaka is a conservation initiative created by Castleman Barry Ferguson; it combines the conservation ideals of ecologists, educationalists and social scientists. Such a project's value is reflected in its being awarded British Petroleum's most prestigious conservation project grant. The Project's goal is to construct a development plan that facilitates a compromise between protecting the Ifotaka region's exceptional biological diversity and ensuring the survival of its integral and precious Antandroy culture. As a part of Project Ifotaka's research team, made up of ecologists, zoologists and anthropologists, I was one of seven Durham students carrying out fieldwork in the spiny forest in the Commune d'Ifotaka.

We arrived in Antananarivo, Madagascar's capital, in the middle of July to embark on a challenge that I was to relish. The dry air sitting above the runway's tarmac was heavy with city fumes and, having passed through the relative calm of the airport authorities, the swarm of taxis and their drivers enveloped us. Our first encounter with Madagascar was the shouting, the smiling, the dirt, the intense sensation of a jumbled, developing city. Our second comprehensive experience of the real Madagascar was by the infamous taxi-brousse that was to take us southwards. This is a large and old truck that jolts and rolls its way through the craters and furrows that the rains of the previous season have conspired to sculpt in the dirt track, winding through the hills to the coast. A

taxi-brousse is not full until its passengers must sit on each others' knees and it is not acceptable until its radio is so loud that it distorts its speakers. Sixty-nine unbroken hours of continual bumping, propped upright by ungenerous, rigid metal seats and the incessant radio provided us with three things: sleep deprivation, cramp and an appreciation of a country of great beauty, peculiarity and a people of enormous friendliness. I will not forget the moving exchange of British and Malagasy songs with our fellow passengers whilst we fought through another pothole-jolted night.

On arrival at the south coast, we were met by the roar of the Indian Ocean. Fort Dauphin sits at the feet of steep, green mountains and its palm trees lean dismissively away from giant azure blue waves. There on the white beach, the seven Malagasy students from the University of Tulear joined us. After a week of preparation – from budgeting for sacks of rice and beans, to designing the T-square method for establishing tree density – we were ready to leave for the 'field'. Would our twelve months of preparation be sufficient? Our two phases of research were to be broken by a week of 'Rest & Relaxation' in Fort Dauphin and by an unscheduled departure for some of us due to acute food poisoning on my part. Our research took on the following pattern: the entire team took part in education sessions, by working with children from local villages, to exchange and highlight information based around conservation; ten of us camped by a water hole deep in the Forêt d'Ifotaka in order to carry out the ecological research of indigenous animal and plant populations; and two of us documented the use of medicinal plants by local healers, or *ombiasys*. With Christale, my Malagasy colleague, my briefing was to design and carry out anthropological fieldwork to assess cultural habits and to investigate how they influence forest resource use. This involved us living in a small village, named Amboetsy, on the periphery of the Commune d'Ifotaka.

This captivating place is a recognised priority conservation area and interest in it is multi-disciplinary. Every natural history book about Madagascar provides the enthusiastic scientist and amateur with a feast of matchless diversity and endemism of fauna and flora. Madagascar supports an estimated 7,000 to 12,000 plant species (many of which have medicinal properties), 109 mammal species, 250 bird species, 260 reptile species, and 150 amphibian species. Madagascar is perhaps best known for its lemurs, many of which are

endangered, rare or vulnerable due to habitat destruction. In the Commune d'Ifotaka one can find ring-tailed lemurs, Verreaux's sifaka, lepilemurs and mouse lemurs.

Towards the end of July, Christale, and I arrived in Amboetsy on foot with a lot of luggage and some trepidation. We had trekked about 15 kilometres north through the dust and spines from Ifotaka, but I forgot my tiredness as my breath was quite taken away as the dense spines of the forest opened up to a wonderful panorama. The remote village of Amboetsy is perched on a cliff, its wooden huts peer out between large cactuses and preside over a wide sandy river bed that winds its way through the still expanse of the silvery spiny forest. Christale and I were welcomed to Amboetsy and embraced as family by Toriazy, our hostess, and her relatives. Her home was ours and her family was ours also. What seemed like the entire village gathered around our hut on the afternoon of our arrival, to introduce themselves and find out what we planned to do during our stay. Within ten minutes I was trying to learn the name that belonged to each face in the crowd and being taught the words in Malagasy for all the parts of the body. We had the opportunity to explain that we hoped to learn as much as we could about how the Antandroy lived and to ask them to be our teachers. My 'mother' and all our rapidly established friends were very keen to show us, and explain everything and let us join in their everyday lives. My jaw never ceased to drop over the generosity, the warmth, the humour and the courage with which our neighbours lived. Basic survival involves a great deal of labour, and for Christale and I, the essential workload of Tandroy women was striking – and humbling. Full buckets of water have to be regularly carried on the head up the cliff from the river (after a hole in the sand has been dug to filter the water clean). Dry firewood has to be chopped, collected and returned from the forest from several kilometres away. To establish some indication of forest resource use in quantitative terms, we needed to weigh and measure loads of firewood brought back to the village – the wood carried on each woman's head often weighed over 25kg! The family has to be cooked for three times a day and the clothes must be washed. These everyday household tasks must be completed as well as cultivating the family's crops – back-aching digging, weeding, watering and harvesting.

The Antandroy are cattle-herding people, specifically, zebu herders (a type of cattle thought to have Middle Eastern origins). Tandroy culture centres on the male ownership and management of

zebu, and it is principally this that shapes the many rich and fascinating features of the culture of the people in this area. The rituals, ceremonies and beliefs surrounding major life events, particularly birth, marriage, illness and death, are the most striking forms of cultural expression. Music and dancing, decoration and design, the ritual killing of zebu, displays of wealth and reciprocity all demonstrate how people relate to one another and also are a means of seeing how and to what extent modernity impacts traditional life and attitudes. However the everyday habits, gossip and fashions were just as valuable for me to begin to understand how my friends and neighbours related to their environment and to outsiders. I am honoured to be able to claim to have participated in a fragment of Antandroy life. I have been woken in my tent for several mornings by the haunting wail of a neighbour mourning his brother's death. Before breakfast I have been taken to the sacred forest to watch the rare and fascinating sifakas leap from tree to tree. During one afternoon I participated in a witchdoctor's healing ceremony. Each evening we prepared our supper of rice cooked over the wood we had collected earlier. Afterwards, while I brushed my teeth the Milky Way swept across the black sparkling skies.

The environmental threat that human population expansion poses in Ifotaka echoes many world regions. The poverty and socio-economic imbalance that exacerbates this is often overlooked. Commonly, the blame put on local people overshadows the need for consideration of how a development plan to help and stabilise such populations can also protect the environment. The villagers themselves recognise the degradation of the forest and the pressures that have lead to this – but Christale and I felt we had to explain that we were merely there to offer our help; not to solve, but to set in motion the facilitation of their own solutions. Who is to judge that saving rare and unusual animals and plants should take precedence over the population being able to use that environment to survive? Is that the choice that such conservation initiatives have to make? I have seen that ecology and anthropology cannot be separated – conservation applies to human beings as well as the rest of the planet.

During every second of my research I learnt, re-learnt and explored the art of anthropological fieldwork; how to react to interactions in order find out more, the value of informal as well as formal interviewing, the cunning of systematic data collection disguised and incorporated as ordinary discussion. The anthropolo-

gist must juggle this whilst enjoying making a whole bunch of new friends! My self-consciousness was rapidly dissipated as I discovered the personalities behind the faces. In addition I can cook a respectable Malagasy meal, I can carry firewood on my head – but I haven't quite mastered it without hands! I have started learning basic Malagasy; I can ask you how long your firewood will last and tell you how much it weighs, but the grammar is another matter... In managing all this I have a wealth of information and I am horribly aware that I have only scratched the surface of the situation. Project Ifotaka is a great inspiration attempting to address an enormous situation. I hope that in being forced to be very selective in what information I use to write my report that will prove to be merely the start of something bigger. Thank you Project Ifotaka for this summer and for what's to come! I am grateful to the Castle Society for the travel grant to participate in this project.

Caroline Hotham

Harry Evans writes from New York...

I am writing a memoir, which will include my days in Durham at Castle (1949–52), and later association when I was editor of The Northern Echo in the sixties when I organized a *son et lumiere* that financed the permanent floodlighting of the cathedral, hitherto in amazing darkness. It occurs to me that here may be some members of the Durham Castle Society who have published their own accounts of Durham or who may have marvellous defamatory memories of my own time there. If so, I would love to hear at this email in the U.S.: hevans@usnews.com. Or via fax at 212.754.4273. Or by letter to 447 East 57 Street, New York, 10022.

I haven't written anything yet, but I imagine I will be writing about such grave matters as the day Freddy Mobbs' trousers were hoisted on the flagpole, to the fury of the judge in his bedchamber at the end of the Norman Gallery; and my campaign to have table tennis – ping pong! – recognized for Colours. And the editorial I wrote for Palatinate over the banning of our Ice Hockey team visiting Communist East Berlin, an editorial I thought was a masterly indictment of craven bureaucray but which, reread a generation later, is just a whimper of callow youth.

Appeal for Information for Castellum 55 (2003 edition)

HAVE YOU DISCOVERED FRIENDSREUNITED YET?

We're planning an article on this mainly schools reunion site, but colleges can also be registered and several hundred Castle graduates have registered, the most senior being a 1956 graduate. If you have used the site to keep in touch with College friends, to send us a note. The Editor will also be writing to a selection of Castlemen listed for comments. It's one of the internet phenomena of 2001!

FriendsReunited.co.uk is run from Caterham, Surrey, by Happygroup Ltd.

By the way, there is also a fledgling university alumni site at www.dunelm.org.uk. Reports of using this service would be most welcome.

WERE YOU AT LUMLEY CASTLE?

We're planning a return visit to Lumley Castle at Chester-le-Street, a former satellite of University College from the early fifties until Bailey Court opened in 1970. Did you run down the drive for the bus to Durham every morning, and have you been back to Lumley since, which is now No Ordinary Hotel? The building is still owned by the Earl of Scarborough, and rented to the hotel company. We have not carried Lumley reminiscences in many years, so contributions are welcome.

Please write to the editor at anylex@lineone.net. Snailmail/Postal address inside front cover.

NEWS OF CASTLE PEOPLE

John Harrington (1951–54)

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I have no tales of great excitement to tell, though living and working in Gibraltar during the Spanish blockage (1966–69) had its moments. My mainstream career there and in the UK was in educational administration, where I gained expertise on the role of school governors. After falling foul of a local government reorganisation I began an enjoyable second career with MAFF, serving for six years and gaining promotion at the age of 63! This career pattern kept me almost permanently close to controversies and crises – not of my own making.

Now with two sons and a daughter married and prospering in their careers I am living in active retirement with my wife Enid (Wynyard Hall 1951–53). She is in constant demand as a supply teacher and I work as a clerk to governors with some lecturing on governor training courses. We are both involved with our church as Readers and doing voluntary work for the Portsmouth Diocese helping people whose marriages have been less happy and durable than ours.

Dan O'Connor (1951–54)

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Have just published the new official history of USPG, *Three Centuries of Mission: The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel 1701–2000*, Continuum (London/New York) 2000.

Nick Patchett writes: email: nick@nickpatchett.co.uk

… I was browsing the Castle Society site tonight and noted that Mike O'Loan is still a member. I used to bump into Mike in the City – usually in pubs – the last time in 1995, when he was working for Lloyds in foreign exchange trading.

I also used to meet Nick Bernard (1979–82) who lived near Clapham South; Rob Beckley (1978–81) who was a policeman based at Brixton and Matt Andrews (1979–82) who had moved into recruitment.

My more regular contacts are John Trafford (1979–82) who is now a Director of Unilever and was my best man, living in Walton on Thames; John (Fred) Hobson (1979–82) who lives near Twyford and is at ICL – who I see regularly for a beer; Murray Robbins (1979–83) the Geography teacher who I see about once every two years; Julian Evans (1981–84) who I see every two months allowing our numerous children to play over Sunday lunch (we have seven between us!); and occasionally Terance Parker (1978–81) Murray's teaching mate. Fred Hobson has had the privilege of receiving a change of address card from Charles Ross (1979–82) who has managed to pursue an altertnative career as editor of the Wolves fanzine.

I now have my own consulting business and am kept very busy with five other mouths to feed.

Jonathan Pearson (1987–1991)
Joanne Cobham (1990–1994)

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Jonathan Pearson and Joanne Cobham were married in the Tunstall Chapel of Durham Castle on 3rd August 2001.

Attending the wedding numbered Howard Hopkins (1987–91), Peter Carne (1987–90), Mick Kelly (1987–90), Neville Pearson (1959–62) and John McCormick (1958–61).

The wedding service was conducted by Revd Peter Atkinson (1959–62). Master of ceremonies was (of course) John Atkin.

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I am happy to help current undergraduates with career advice and networking on IT in the Civil Service.

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Admissions, Subject and School of Entry
Undergraduates Michaelmas Term 2001

Name	*Subject*	*School*
Mr JEA Adams	M Chem	Wells Cathedral School
Mr. PJ Adams	Art Intell	Dollar Academy, Clackmannan
Miss AJ Allen	Soc	Wood Green High School, Sandwell
Mr A Apostolides	Econ/Hist	The English School, Nicosia
Mr JN Atkinson	Law	Bradford Grammar School
Miss S Austin	Nat Sci	Sutton High School, Sutton, Surrey
Miss CC Baker	M Geol	Nonsuch High School for Girls, Cheam
Mr RD Barber	Geol	Pates Grammar School, Gloucester
Miss S Barr	Psy (S)	Cookstown High School, Tyrone
Mr KS Beecher	Comp Sc	Thomas Rotherham College
Mr AG Bell	Phil	Burnside High School, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear
Mr M Bentham	Comp Sc	City of Sunderland College
Miss SJ Bernard	Pol	James Allens Girls School, Southwark
Miss RP Berry	Music	Lancaster Girls' Grammar School
Miss MJ Best	Econ	St Swithuns School, Hants
Miss AC Bloor	English	Godalming College, Surrey
Miss FE Boag-Munroe	Psy (S)	Wolgarston High School, Staffs
Mr PJ Bolton	CSH Arts	Crompton House School, Oldham
Miss EJ Bramhall	Nat Sci	Clifton High School, Bristol
Mr AN Brockett	Law	Barnard Castle School, Co Durham
Miss J Brown	Anth	King Edward VI School, Leicestershire
Mr N Brown	Anc Hist	St Dunstan's College
Mr NL Brown	Bus Mgt	City of London Freemens School
Miss SA Brown	Psy (S)	Stockton VI Form College
Miss EME Browne	Geog (S)	Tiffin Girls School
Mr WR Bryant	Geog (SS)	Eton College
Miss ZE Burkett	History	Sir John Deane's College, Northwich
Mr DJ Burwell	M Maths	Strode's College, Egham
Mr JSE Busby	Anth/Arch	Christ's Hospital, Horsham
Miss EH Campbell	Comp/Maths	All Saints Roman Catholic School, York
Mr J. Catelin	Erasmus	
Miss EH Clark	Psy (S)	Stockport Grammar School
Miss RE Clements	Biol/Zool	St Bees School, Cumbria
Mr R Coatalen-Hodgson	Mod Lang	Tavistock College
Mr TW Coates	Law	Queen Elizabeth Grammar School
Miss K Colley	Soc Sc CSH	Fakenham College, Norfolk
Mr AJ Collinge	Engng/Mech	Blue Coat C of E Comprehensive
Miss DC Collis	Nat Sci	Notre Dame High School, Norwich
Mr SB Connor	Eng Lan/Ln	Shrewsbury VI Form College
Miss LO Cooper	Anth	Pates Grammer School, Cheltenham
Mr NP Coppendale	M Phys	King Edward VI School, Kings Lynn
Mr RJC Corin	Engng	Worthing VI Form College, West Sussex
Miss AS Cork	Phil	Kings School, Ely, Cambs
Mr TR Cox	Plant Sci	Notre Dame High School, Norwich
Mr A Crawley	Arab Stud	Verulam School, St Albans
Miss S D'Ambrosio	Biol	St Marys VI Form College, Blackburn
Mr M Dawes	Anc Hist	Ilford County High School, Essex

Name	*Subject*	*School*
Mr AP Dickinson	Classics I	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School
Mr AP Dongworth	History	Haileybury College, Hertford
Mr TAJ Drury	Maths (S)	Driffield School
Miss K Eden	M Phys	Ockbrook School, Derbyshire
Miss AF Edgley-Smith	Nat Sci	St Edwards School, Cheltenham
Mr BD Ellins	Maths (S)	St John's College, Portsmouth
Miss SV Farndale	Arts CSH	St Leonards School, Fife
Mr SM Fazey	Jap Phil	Chester Catholic High School
Mr SM Ferguson	Eng/Phil	Worthing VI Form College, West Sussex
Mr M Fox Boudewijn	Nat Sci	St Bartholomews School, Newbury
Miss RE Fryer	Music	Barrow-in-Furness VI Form College
Mr MI Fuller	Law	Banbury School
Mr JS Gate	Comp Sc	Gordano School, North Somerset
Mr JM Gomme	Jap Stud	St Olave's Grammar School, Orpington
Miss JL Gray	Jap Stud	Dereham VI Form College, Norfolk
Mr SJ Greaves	Phil	Guisborough School
Mr JTW Green	Comp Sci	Ermysteds Grammar School, North Yorks
Mr MD Green	M Chem	Knutsford High School
Mr WT Griffiths	M Phys	Deanery High School, Wigan
Miss JA Hall	Geog (S)	King Edward VI Camp Hill School
Miss LEK Hallett	Nat Sci	Biddenham Upper School
Mr D Hancock	Law	Queen Elizabeth Grammar School
Mr R Harcus	Law Econ	Eton College
Miss SEF Hardwick	Arch (BSc)	New College, Swindon
Miss ALN Harris	Class Stud	Hills Road VI Form College, Cambridge
Miss K Harris	Geog (S)	Wellington School, Somerset
Mr ML Harris	M Chem	Kings School, Chester
Miss BRA Harrison	Geog (SS)	Tormead School, Guildford
Miss JM Hart	Eng Lng/Ln	Hardenhuish School, Chippenham
Miss AE Haynes	Soc Sc CSH	King Edward VI Community College
Mr NS Hays	English	Oundle School, Northants
Miss E Heath	Maths (S)	Bolton School Girls' Division
Miss KF Hemming	Phys/Ast4	Ridge Danyers College, Marple
Mr JP Hirst	Engng	Stamford School, Lincs
Miss JA Howard	M Maths	Parkstone Grammar School, Poole
Miss Z Howells	History	Porthcawl Comprehensive School, Mid Glamorgan
Miss EJS Hubbard	MB/Bioch	The Mount School, York
Miss EC Hughes	English	Maiden Erlegh School, Reading
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Mr A Hunter	Arts CSH	Fettes College, Edinburgh
Mr MJ Hunting	Engng-Cv	Hills Road VI Form College, Cambridge
Mr C Ingleton	Engng	Hall Cross School, Doncaster
Mr F Jadayel	AnHs/Arch	King Edward VI Five Ways School, Birmingham
Miss CD Jasper	Arts CSH	Maidstone Grammar School, Kent
Miss DA Johnson	History	Durham Sixth Form Centre
Miss A Jordan	English	Bungay High School, Suffolk
Mr P Joshi	M Maths	Stamford School, Lincs
Mr PJK Jourdier	Maths (S)	Ampleforth College, North Yorks
Mr PC Karadia	Geog(Euro)	King Edward VI College, Stourbridge
Miss SH Kelly	M Chem	Wath upon Dearne Comprehensive
Mr SK Kemp	M Phys	Landau Forte College, Derby
Mr K Kimis	Engng	Taylors College, Selangor, Malaysia
Miss CR Kinchen	Mod Lang	St Swithun's School, Winchester

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Mr IPE King	Econ/Hist	Charterhouse, Godalming
Miss JM Kingsley-Smith	Music	Watford Grammar School for Girls
Mr MA Lamb	M Phys	Kings School, Canterbury
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Mr SJ Langton	Law	Stockton VI Form College
Miss AR Lawson	M Chem	Wolfreton School, E Yorks
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Miss RA Leach	M Chem	Lancaster Girls Grammar School
Mr NTD Lehmann	Pol	Wilsons School, Wallington
Mr CEA Levy	Econ/Pol	Bristol Grammar School
Mr LM Li	Mod Lang	Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne
Miss R Livesey	Mod Lang	St Edward's School, Oxon
Miss BL Lock	English	Northgate High School, Ipswich
Mr JRB Long	Law	St Johns College, Harare, Zimbabwe
Mr PR Long	Nat Sci	Bishop's Stortford High School
Miss ML Lund	Theology	Hills Road VI Form College, Cambridge
Mr CG Lynne	Nat Sci	Eton College
Miss IJ Mainds	Mod Lang	St George's School, Ascot
Miss SA Major	Nat Sci	King Edward VI School, Northumberland
Miss RE Marshall	Music	Burford School, Oxon
Miss CS Matthews	Phil/Pol	Birkenhead High School
Mr DC Maughan	Geog (S)	John Fort School, Etwall, Derbyshire
Miss SJ Meadows	Soc	Peter Symonds College, Winchester
Mr C Mezger	English	Radley College, Abingdon
Mr AJ Mitchell	Law	Wisbech Grammar School, Cambs
Miss L Mol	Geog (SS)	Goais Lyceum, Bussum
Mr GLK Morgan	M Phys	Richard Hall School, Hertford
Mr JDG Morgan	Theol	Winchester College
Mr JK Morrell	Law	Oundle School, Northants
Miss RMS Murphy	Mod Lang	Our Lady's Convent School, Loughborough
Miss VMD Murray	M Chem	Bolton School Girls' Division
Miss LM Nicholson	Psych (S)	Blackburn College
Mr AJ Nicklin	Law	Hall Cross Comprehensive School
Mr C Nicolson	M Maths	Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School
Miss L North	Soc Sc CSH	Wycombe Abbey School, High
Miss M O'Shea	M Geol	Our Lady's Convent High School
Mr DI Osborn	Geog (S)	Tiffin School for Boys, Kingston upon Thames
Miss ALM Pakes	Sport	Queenswood School, Hatfield, Herts
Mr GR Palmer	Comp Sc	Magnus C of E School, Newark
Miss HC Patrick	Pol/M East	Lytchett Minster School
Mr GEC Pattison	Bus Mgt	Barton Court Grammar School
Mr A Perfect	Comp Sc	Dame Allans School, Newcastle upon Tyne
Mr MD Phillips	Phys/Ast4	Collingwood College, Surrey
Miss SN Pickles	English	Skipton Girls' High School
Mr MRC Pigott	Pol/Hist	Bryanston School, Dorset
Miss JC Potts	M Chem	Dame Allans School, Newcastle upon Tyne
Mr MHA Rahmat	Bus Econ	Telok Kurau Secondary School
Miss APM Rands	Classics I	King's School, Gloucester
Miss A Reeder	M Geo Sc	Southend High School for Girls
Miss J Regan	JEng Lan/Ln	Queen Margaret's School, York
Miss CME Rhind	Law Pol	Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen
Mr AW Rider	M Chem	King's School, Macclesfield
Mr D Robinson	English	Tuxford Comprehensive School
Miss LGG Robinson	Jap/Euro	Hall Cross Comprehensive School

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Mr PJ Robson	Maths (S)	Oakham School, Rutland
Miss AR Rogers	Mod Lang	Reigate Grammar School
Miss CE Room	Geog (SS)	Manshead School, Beds
Miss V Rosen	Law	Cavendish School, Hemel Hempstead
Miss CH Ruffle	M Maths	Queensbury School, Dunstable
Miss HV Rutter	Pol/Hist	Chepstow Comprehensive School
Miss EM Ryan	Econ	King George V Sixth Form College, Southport
Mr KR Ryan	Comp/Maths	Bolton Catholic VI Form College
Miss J Scott	Cl Stud Gk	St Peter's School, York
Miss C Serenyi	Soc Sc CSH	Cheltenham Ladies College
Miss JE Seth-Smith	Nat Sci	Alton College, Hants
Miss I Sildmae	Econ	Cheltenham College
Mr GE Simmons	Jap Stud	Austin Friars School, Cumbria
Mr HP Skottowe	M Phys	Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, London W14
Mr J Smith	Law	Edinburgh Academy
Miss JL Smith	Nat Sci	Repton School, Derby
Miss JM Spicer	Eng/Phil	Bungay High School
Miss NA Starkey	Geol	Collyers VI Form College, Horsham
Miss FI Stenke	Engng	European School, Luxembourg
Miss KE Stephenson	Nat Sci	Pocklington School, York
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Miss SL Stuart	Mod Lang	St Catherine's School, Bramley
Mr D Swainston	Bus Mgt	Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham
Mr MS Tansley	Bus Econ	Spalding Grammar School, Lincs
Mr EJ Tapp	MBio/Bioch	Homewood School, Tenterden, Kent
Miss HI Taylor	Eng Lan/Ln	Rastrick High School VI Form Centre
Mr H Thesing	Erasmus	Westialische Wilhelms Universitat
Mr IC Thomas	Comp Sc	Trent College, Derbyshire
Miss IA Thompson	Comp/Maths	Hereford VI Form College
Miss SJ Topp	Music	Holt School, Wokingham
Mr VW Tribello	Arts CSH	Runshaw College, Lancs
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Miss M Van Den Berghe	Erasmus	Nanterre University, Paris
Mr RJ Wallen	Classics 2	Derby Independent Grammar School
Mr PGH Walters	Anth	Sherborne School, Dorset
Miss FE Watts	Exchange	University of California
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Miss K Williams	M Maths	Winstanley College, Wigan
Mr SR Williams	Geog (S)	Sandringham School, St Albans
Mr MR Wilson	Engng	Beauchamp College, Leicester
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Mr AJ Wood	AHist/Arch	Barnard Castle School
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Mr AR Yeates	M Maths	Ilford County High School

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FINAL DEGREE RESULTS
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Name	*Subject/Result*
Abbott, VCE, Miss	Anc Hist 2(1)
Aitchison, AJ, Miss	Hist/Econ 2(1)
Amjad-Ali, SE, Miss	Theol 2(1)
Anderson, JWR	Econ 2(1)
Anderson, RM	Nat Sci 2(1)
Andronikashvili, G	Econ 2(2)
Armitage, RM, Miss	Theo Phys 1
Ashurst, AJ, Miss	Nat Sci 2(1)
Atkin, NM	Nat Sci 2(2)
Atkins, CL, Miss	Nat Sci 3
Baltzer, R	MMaths 2(1)
Barclay, I	Engng 1
Barnafo, A	Ord Comp Sc Pass
Bartlett, GM	Engng 2(2)
Beddoes, SG, Miss	Eng/Mus 2(1)
Benson, HC	Engng 1
Berry, JA	Phil/Pol 2(1)
Betts. COJE	English 2(1)
Billyard, JB	Theol 2(1)
Birch, A, Miss	Geog (SS) 2(2)
Bladon, LM, Miss	Geog (SS) 2(1)
Blissett, A	Nat Sci 2(2)
Bloomfield, RA	M Ma/Phy 2(1)
Bradshaw, T	History 2(1)
Brewer, HM, Miss	Psych (S) 2(1)
Brooks, PM	Theo Phys 1
Brown, MDP	Law 2(1)
Brown, ORD	Chem
Brown, RM, Miss	Mod Lang 2(1)
Burrell, MA	Law 2(2)
Campbell, JPG	Arts CSH 2(1)
Carberry, GS	Eng Lan/Ln 2(1)
Carter, NA, Miss	Cell Biol 2(1)
Charles, D	Maths (S) 1
Charters, SJ	History 2(1)
Clarkson, AC, Miss	Arts CSH 2(1)
Cooke, SE, Miss	SSP 2(2)
Cork, EG	Arch BA 1
Croneborg, L, Miss	Geog (S) 2(1)
Cumming, JA	Nat Sci 2(2)
Cummins, CC	Mod Lang 2(1)
Curnew, MC, Miss	Classics 1 2(2)
Cutler, AH, Miss	Anth 2(1)
Davis, OP	Comp Sc 2(1)
Dawson, RM, Miss	Phil 1
Dawson, PT	Law 2(2)
Dean, J	MMaths 1
Dickinson, J, Miss	Mod Lang 2(1)
Diver, EK, Miss	Education 2(1)
Dixon, JRB	Arch BA 2(1)
Donnelly, JM, Miss	Nat Sci 2(1)
Dunlop, JE, Miss	Geog (S) 2(1)
Evans, VLM, Miss	Anthrop 2(1)
Everson-Davies, TAS, Miss	Biol 2(1)
Fergus, P, Miss	Eng/Phil 2(2)
Fisher, JK	Maths (S)
Ford, JV	Zool 1
Fox, EA	History 2(1)
Franzen, KT, Miss	Arts CSH 2(1)
Fulton, JJV	Geol/Geoph 1
Gallimore, LM, Miss	Psych (S) 2(1)
Gascoyne, E, Miss	Anthrop 2(1)
Gaunt, E, Miss	Soc 2(1)
Gilmore, TY, Miss	Arch B.Sc 2(1)
Goddard, EA	Engng 2(1)
Goodyer, MC, Miss	Law/Soc 2(1)

Name	*Subject/Result*
Gopi, G	Engng 2(1)
Goram, CI	Theo Phys 2(1)
Halkerston, VL, Miss	History 1
Hall, E, Miss	Geog (SS) 2(2)
Harris, M	Law 2(1)
Henaghan, C, Miss	Law 1
Hillary, MJ	Maths (S) 2(2)
Ho, ABK, Miss	Chin/Euro 2(1)
Hogg, J	Geol 2(2)
Holcroft, S, Miss	Music 2(2)
Hotham, CS, Miss	Anthrop 2(1)
Hu, BCJ, Miss	English 2(1)
Hume, SW	Soc 2(2)
Isherwood, JA	Phys 2(1)
Jarvis, EC, Miss	Mod Lang 2(1)
Jones, DHP	Inf Sys Man Pass
Jones, EH, Miss	Eng Lan/Ln 1
Jones, OM	Cell Biol 2(2)
Jubert, NV, Miss	Bus Econ 2(1)
Kabir Sheikh, A	Law 2(2)
Kay, LC, Miss	Education 2(1)
Keefe, PS	M Phys 2(2)
Kendall, JF, Miss	Music 2(1)
Ketteley, E, Miss	Arts CSH 2(2)
King, AE, Miss	Education 2(2)
Knowles, IRC, Miss	Econ 2(2)
Laiq, N, Miss	Arab Stud 2(1)
Lanfear, RM	Ecol 2(1)
Larose, DM	Engng 2(1)
Lewen, DM	Nat Sci 3
Lewis, DC Arts	CSH 2(2)Dis spoken French
Liptrot, ER, Miss	Geog (S) 2(1)
Lomax, JD	Pol 2(1)
Loveday, B	Phys/Ast4 2(2)
Lynch, GD	MMaths 1
Makin, NJ	Sport 2(2)
Manassei, NJ	Soc Sc CSH 2(1)
Marriott, MJ	Phys/Ast3 2(2)
Martindale, AJ, Miss	Eng Lan/Ln 2(1)
Matthews, GW	Sport 2(2)
Maynes, HEJ, Miss	History 2(1)
Mazur, R, Miss	Music 2(2)
McColl, , SMD, Miss	Pol/Hist 2(1)
McCrum, DTO	Econ/Pol 2(1)
McGuire, KL, Miss	History 2(1)
Micklem, EJ, Miss	English 2(1)
Milner, ATH	AncM&M Hs 2(1)
Minoprio, JGC	Psy (SS) 2(1)
Molloy, AM	BSC Eng 3
Morleo, MJA, Miss	SSP 2(2)
Morris, A	Theo Phys 1
Mosse, MC, Miss	Soc Sc CSH 2(2)
Mudd, NJ	Maths (S) 2(2)
Naumann, BA	Law 2(2)
Nelson, MPJ	Pol
O'Neill, CP, Miss	Geol 2(1)
Page, VF, Miss	Geog (S) 2(1)
Painter, IM, Miss	Classics 1 2(2)
Palmer, HA, Miss	Psy Arts 2(1)
Paterson, IT	Geog (SS) 2(2)
Peel, RG	Sci Ord Pass with merit
Peterson, J	Nat Sci 2(1)
Petty, WOC	M Lang/Ln 2(1)
Pocock, K, Miss	Phys/Ast3 2(2)
Porteous, SJ	Phys/Ast3 3
Potter, JVA	Engng 2(1)
Rana, M, Miss	Econ/Pol 2(1)
Robinson, E, Miss	Music 2(2)
Rogers, EAB	Econ 2(2)
Rose, TJ	Nat Sci 2(1)
Sansum, RK, Miss	Anthrop 2(1)
Sapsford, TD	Zool 2(1)
Saunders, MK, Miss	Arch BA 2(1)

Name	*Subject/Result*
Saunter, C	M Phys 2(2)
Saxby, RFJ, Miss	Geog (SS) 2(1)
Scothon, KM, Mrs	Soc Sc CSH 2(1)
Scothon, RDE	Theol 2(1)
Sewell, RS	Education 2(2)
Shapiro, VE, Miss	Geog (S) 2(2)
Shepherd, JW	Theo Phys 1
Side, NE	Econ with Fr 2(2)
Simpson, CJ	Geol 2(1)
Simpson, KE, Miss	Phil 2(1)
Slater, LC, Miss	Phys/Ast3 3
Smith, JDC	Env Geosc 2(2)
Smith, REC, Miss	MMaths 2(1)
Snuggs, HS	Chinese 2(1)
Spencer, MWB	Cell Biol 2(1)
Sturgess, JG	Engng 2(2)
Suffield-Jones, SS, Miss	Maths (S) 2(2)
Swainbank, AD	Env Geosc 2(2)
Symington, ADR, Miss	Law 2(1)
Talbot, AC	M Chem 2(1)
Taylor, JA	Phys/Ast3 3
Teale, C, Miss	History 2(1)
Tedd, LG	Engng 2(1)
Thomas, AL	Pol/Hist 2(1)
Thornton, TW	Psy (SS) 2(1)
Traynor, TL	Phil 2(2)
Tsalikis, JA	Nat Sci 2(2)
Tuckey, SKJ, Miss	Econ 2(2)
Turnbull, EM, Miss	History 2(1)
Turtle, RD	Nat Sci 2(2)
Ullman, ED	Geog (SS) 2(1)
Unwin, CD	Psych (S) 2(1)
Varley, L, Miss	Class Stud 2(1)
Walker, AAB, Miss	Econ/Pol 2(2)
Wardell, JMO	Geog (S) 2(2)
Warfield, NG	Phys/Ast4 2(2)
Whelan, A	Econ 2(2)
Whewell, SL, Miss	Phil/Pol 2(1)
Wilson, GP	Phys/Ast3 2(2)
Wong, AHP	Earth Sci 2(1)
Young, LR, Miss	History 2(1)

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

As at June 2001, the final examinations candidates achieved the following results:

No. of First	*2.1's*	*2.2's*	*Thirds*	*Passes*
16	98	54	6	3

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Name	*Date of Res.*
Acklam, N.	1978-81
Arnold, R.	1947-48, 49-51
Asti, F.	1951-56
Atkinson, P.	1959-62
Aubin, D.	1955-58
Baker, S.	1951-54
Barnett, R.J.T.	1962-65
Beddoes, Miss S.	1998-01
Bramwell, D.	1976-80
Broomhall, T.	1950-53
Broster, D.	1978-81
Buckley, A.	1951-55
Burn, D.	1955-58
Bryant, W.W.	1951-54
Cartmell, A.	1951-54
Chambers, B.W.	1959-62
Chipp, G.	1978-81
Clarkson, Miss A.	1998-01
Cliffe, M.	1964-67
Coats, R.	1949-52
Cobham, Ms. J.	1990-94
Coleman, P.	1955-59
Cook, C.B.	1986-89
Cowlin, F.	1961-64
Crisp, B.	1986-89
Crompton, D.	1951-56
Dawson, P.T.	1998-01
Dixon, P.	1954-60
Eaton, D.	1952-59
Elliott, D.	1955-58
Ensor, H.L.	1952-55
Evans, R.	1955-58
Fisher, M.	1955-58
Forman, E.	1950-53
Name	*Date of Res.*
Forster, I.	1952-56
Gibbons, R.W.	1952-55
Gibson, K.B.	1934-38
Golden, P.	1968-71
Graham, M.	1951-54
Green, S.I.E.	1956-62
Gunson, M.	1973-74
Hall, J.	1962-66
Hamer, L.	1948-51
Harper, R.P.	1959-64
Harrington, J.	1951-54
Hastings, W.	1942-43, 47-50
Hawes, K.	1977-80
Head, J.	1978-81
Hill, N.	1963-66
Hodgeon, G.	1959-63
Hogg, D.	1951-54
Hollier, J.	1949-52
Hovell, B.	1998-02
Hunt, M.	1986-89
Ibbotson, P.	1976-79
Ingle, R.	1949-52
James, N.	1972-76
Jeffreys, P.	1949-52
Johns, B.	1957-60
Jones, D.	SCR
Jones, E.r	1947-51
Kemp, J.	1960-63

Name	*Date of Res.*
Kime, D.	1951-56
Kottwitz, S.	1994-97
Larose, D.	1997-01
Lawes, J.S.	1944-45, 48-52
Long, C.	1962-65
Mallett, D.	1962-65
Martin, K.	1961-64
Mather, B.	1947-51
Matthew, I.	1955-59
McCormick, J.	1958-61
McKeating, D.	1955-59
McKenzie, R.D.	1945-46, 48-51
Metcalfe, C.S.	1949-53
Metcalfe, E.	1956-60
Methven, P.	1976-79
Minshall, S.	1978-81
Mitchell, P.	1951-57
Morgan, D.	SCR
Morley, J.	1942-45
Morris, D.A.	1997-2001
Morrissey, J.E.	1964-67
Nelson, A.J.	1980-83
Nicholls, J.	1951-54
Noble, H.D.	1960-63
Oakley, J.R.	1951-55
O'Connor, D.	1951-54
Ogston, M.	1976-79
Pallister, M.	1950-55
Pearce, D.	1986-89
Pearson D.E.V.	1968-71
Pearson, J.	1987-91
Pinnock, D.	1973-76
Pratt, N.	1976-79
Pulling, M.	1950-52
Rainford, A.	1976-79
Rawson, G.	1942, 1947-50
Richardson, D.	1976-79
Robinson, S.	1992-95
Robinson, W.D.	1951-54
Robson, J.A.	1949-52
Rowley, J.	1994-97
Rudden, H.	1978-81
Sands, N.	1976-79
Sawers, J.	1986-89
Scrivener, B.	1944-45, 50-53
Silvester, .D.J	1951-58
Simpson, R.C.	1951-55
Stobbs, A.	1947-50
Thompson, J.E.	1949-52
Thompson, N.C.N.	1959-63
Thorley, R.	1978-81
Thurlby, R.	1967-70
Timmins, B.C.	1954-55, 56-60
Titman, D.J.	1967-70
Tobin, B.	1961-64
Todd, R.	1956-60
Townley, P.	1960-63
Wagstaffe, C.	1971-77
Walter, R.	1959-63
Walton, R.	1956-60
Waterhouse, J.	1967-73
Waters, M.	1967-71
Watson, I.	1967-70
Westhead, L.	1960-63
Wilkins, D.	1961-64
Williams, G.	1935-39
Williams, J.N.	1967-70
Wood, A.	1968-72
Worswick,T.	1940-42, 46-47
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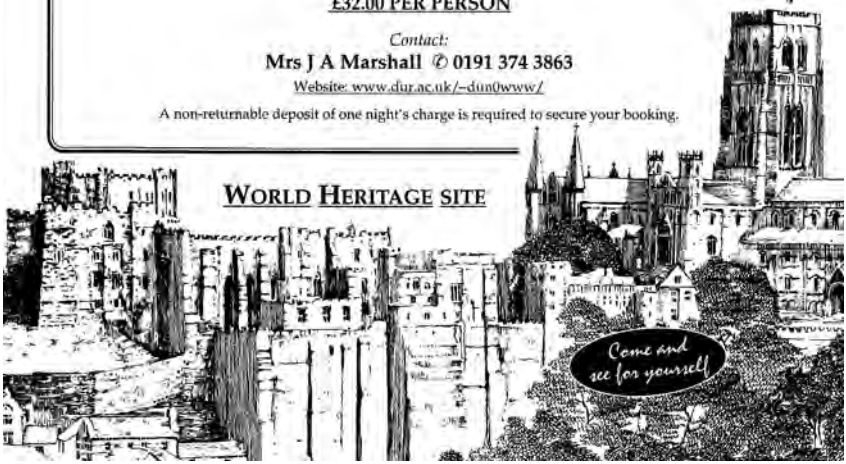

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2001

	2001 £	*2000* £
INCOME:		
Subscriptions	**13,347.50**	9,221.00
Interest Received	**572.37**	1,103.13
	13,919.87	10,324.13
EXPENDITURE:		
Castellum	**3,065.00**	2,942.70
Reunion Expenses	**282.13**	367.51
Postage	**1,050.26**	934.49
Other Printing & Stationery	**40.45**	181.44
Miscellaneous	**41.00**	50.30
Secretarial Costs	**250.00**	108.00
Membership List (Booklet)	**–**	1,067.54
	4,728.84	5,651.98
	9,191.03	4,672.15
West Courtyard Project	**5,000.00**	10,000.00
J.C.R. – Gym Equipment	**750.00**	–
Leonard Slater Fellowship	**–**	5,000.00
University College Flags (2)	**–**	710.88
	5,750.00	15,710.88
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	**£3,441.03**	£(11,038.73)

DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2001

	2001 £	*2000* £
CURRENT ASSETS:		
High Interest Business Account	**19,358.63**	18,845.54
Business Premium Account	**10,587.80**	729.86
Community Account	**5.00**	100.00
	29,951.43	19,675.40
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Subscriptions in Advance	**19,750.00**	12,915.00
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	£10,201.43	£6,760.40
REPRESENTED BY:		
Accumulated Fund:		
Opening Balance	**6,760.40**	17,799.13
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	**3,441.03**	(11,038.73)
	£10,201.43	£6,760.40

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Dates of 2002 Reunion

Friday 22nd March to Sunday 24th March 2002.
The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 23rd March 2002.

Dates of 2003 Reunion

Friday 28th March to Sunday 30th March 2003.
The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 29th March 2003.

Applications for admission to University College

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

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